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This handbook is designed to introduce parents to the Treasure Coast High Football Program and provide you with the necessary information that players and families will need during the season. Although this handbook is comprehensive, players and parents will receive regular on- going communication (via direct player communication by coaching staff, team meetings, parent emails and/or TD Club communications) throughout the year. While academics are the top priority at Treasure Coast High School, athletic participation is an integral part of a high school student's education. The main objective of the Treasure Coast High School Football Program is to encourage participation, teamwork and enjoyment of the sport. The values learned through commitment to a team effort are numerous and beneficial to all individuals as athletes and as students.

We recognize that the success of the program will require a strong commitment in partnership between the players, coaches, administrators, families and our local community. Although great strides have been made in the program over the past years, continued vision will be necessary to take it to the next level. We strive to build a better program and model our goals in achieving a "**Commitment to Excellence**" and wearing our school colors of black and gold proudly.

## **The dedicated coaching staff is committed to:**

- Providing an atmosphere that is conducive to developing athletic skills, enhancing the learning process and building friendship.
- Allow the players the opportunity to cultivate the values intrinsic in football: self-discipline, physical toughness, a strong work ethic and perseverance.
- Promote an environment that encourages sportsmanship, respect for teammates and self-improvement.
- Build and field competitive programs at all levels.
- Advocate the health and safety of student athletes with desirable training methods, prevention treatment of sports injuries and the utilization of sound safety practices.
- Provide a quality Program that will represent our school and our community in a positive light.

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The Touchdown Club is **not** a membership club. It is an organization which complements the Football Program , and is comprised of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other adult sponsors of each and every player on the team. The Club performs activities such as fundraising, pre-game player meals, Senior Night, award banquets, and the numerous player and family activities held throughout the year. The TD Club raises nearly all the funds required to manage the Football Program. Unfortunately, it is not enough to support the team simply by cheering at the games. Without active participation and financial support, from all of our Titan Families and the local community, it is impossible to maintain the football Program.

**The participation of every family is needed to make the Football Program a success. Each family is required to get involved with the TD Club's fundraising efforts and participate in some capacity as a adult volunteer.**

The TD Club works year round to support the Program. Every parent/guardian is welcomed and encouraged to become involved in the TD Club. There are many jobs to do and many ways you can help make a difference in the Program and show support for your player. Participation is a great way to support your player, make new friends and make a crucial contribution to the success of the program. Each team will have parent **Team Representatives**. These parents play a major role in keeping families informed of activities during the year.

Varsity Team Rep:

JV Team Rep:

Your cooperation in responding when they call is absolutely necessary. Their work will be more successful if they can count on every family being responsive. If you have an interest in working with the Parent Volunteers, or just want to know more about what is involved, please call any of the Parent Volunteers listed in this Handbook.

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## Fundraising

### GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The cost of running the football program is very high. Only about 10 % of operating expenses of the program are provided by TCHS. The majority of the funding is generated by the TD Club and the activities organized by parent volunteers. The operating budget for the 2013 football season includes the following:

Team Development  
Team Management  
Team Equipment  
TD Administration  
Senior/College Development

There is a misconception that the ticket fees charged at the football games go to the Football Program. In fact, football does NOT receive any of the ticket fees (gate) collected at the games or monies from concessions. Those monies go directly to the General Athletic Fund, and are used for general athletic needs for all sports. Also, the St Lucie County Athletic Processing Fee paid at the beginning of the season; do not cover many of the expenses that are needed to insure the safety of the players.

Since football **does not** receive any of the gate fees, it must raise money through variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Just as fees and fundraisers are needed to run other youth sports programs (e.g., Pop Warner, PSLAA, Mako Soccer), football at Treasure Coast High School must be largely self supported. Therefore, we must look to our own Titan Family to raise the funds required to properly operate the program. The Football Program depends, almost entirely, on donations and fundraisers. In order to reach the goals of the program, we need the participation and generosity of families, friends, and businesses in the community. It is our strong desire that every family will participate in helping the football program reach its goals.

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**EACH PLAYER** has a fundraising commitment of \$700 per player for the 2013 football season. Although we recognize this fee seems high, it is not unlike other sports (such as baseball). The monetary commitment can be attained by full participation in the fundraising events planned for the 2013 season. In an effort to make each fundraising event a success, it requires each player to participate in our 4 mandatory fundraisers with some fillers to help reach their goals.

**Note:** Fundraiser Incentive: Players who fundraise \$800-\$900 will be entered in a drawing for X-360. Players who fundraise more than \$1000 will be entered in a drawing for a Laptop.

## **Parent Involvement: Do I Need to Volunteer?**

The TD Club is comprised entirely of unpaid volunteers. Volunteers are vital for the Club to operate properly. We request every parent/guardian or sponsor to volunteer a minimum 10 hours during the season. These hours will directly benefit your child and enhance his football experience. Senior parents are not required to volunteer.

Attached is a Volunteer Form with various options for volunteering. A description of each volunteer opportunity will be available on our website so that you can carefully decide which position is best for you. Once you have determine how you can help the program, theTD Club will consider this a firm commitment and call upon you, during the season to fulfill it. We understand that most are working parents, which is why many of our positions are flexible around work hours. This is a required form that must be turned in before the start of Fall Camp (Senior Parents are exempt).

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## The following are ways to get involved:

### **Titan Football Merchandise**

Titan clothing items (hats, sweatshirts, T-shirts etc.), are available at home games and at other team activities. This merchandise is a great way to identify yourself as a member of the Titan family, while supporting the team. They also make very nice gifts for family and friends. These items will be on display at the stadium during JV and Varsity games, and at all major team events.

### **Spirit Tunnel Set-Up**

The Varsity team show their team spirit as they enter the field through our custom designed inflatable helmet tunnel. The tunnel is put up during all home games and special events. All persons that volunteer for tunnel set up and takedown are required to maintain sportsmanlike conduct at all times, as you will be required to be on the field, station with tunnel for the duration of use. Please understand, this is a major commitment.

### **Pre-game Meals**

Varsity players are provided with a pre-game meal before each away and home game. The meals are sponsored by the TD Club and players are fed in the TCHS Cafeteria. Volunteers will assist with pick up of meals, service and clean up.

### **Post-game Snacks**

Varsity players are provided with a post-game snack after each away game (distance of the game is a factor). The meals are sponsored by the TD Club and players are fed upon boarding the bus to return home.

### **Website**

An interactive website dedicated to the Titan Football Program has been created to offer another form of communication for our parents, players, families and our community. The website contains forms, game information, scrimmages, 7 on 7's, and any other important dates and information. The website is [www.titanborntitanbred.com](http://www.titanborntitanbred.com) we also have a Facebook Page for Photos. The Facebook page is TCHS Football Photography. Become a fan and like us!

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## **Awards Banquet**

At the end of the season, we recognize the efforts of every player at the annual Awards Banquets. These events have become a tradition. Each Varsity player will receive a season highlight DVD, a certificate of participation or letter. Some student/athletes will be recognized for achieving academic success. Players will receive invitations after the conclusion of the season BUT it is highly recommended that you save the following dates:

## **Logistics**

The logistics crew's job is to prepare, transport, and set up equipment for JV and Varsity games as well as provide the chain crew for all home games. It takes 2-3 volunteers per game for equipment (a truck for transportation) and 4 volunteers for the chains. The logistics crew currently seeks volunteers as well as someone to train for the logistics lead to make sure all of the logistics team responsibilities are handled.

## **Dining Out Nights**

The TD Club organizes "Cook's Night Out" fundraising events for the entire team. This is a great opportunity to allow the "Cook" a night off, hang out with the team and show support to the local restaurants in Port St. Lucie. The respective restaurant donates a portion of the receipts collected that night back to the Program. This is a win-win partnership as it allows an opportunity for a local establishment to increase their business, the Football Program benefits from a percentage of the proceeds and the "cook" that gets the night off!

## **Meet the Titans Night Spaghetti Dinner**

The TD Club program will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner with Door Prizes on Tickets to the dinner are \$25.00 and may be purchased in advance from any Titan Football player or coach Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the event.

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## Junior/Senior Recruitment

The Recruiting Coordinator, Aaron Sheppard, will be focusing on recruitment and promotion of Varsity players that desire to compete at the next level. There are numerous opportunities for players to compete at the Division I, II and III level and receive scholarship awards while continuing to pursue their passion of football in college.

The Titan Football Staff working in conjunction with the TCHS guidance offices, will be working closely with players to ensure proper class enrollment, timing of testing requirements, application preparedness and how to maneuver the clearing house requirements. Even if sports are not desired at the next level, college preparedness is vital to every player. Because we believe that providing our players with the necessary tools to compete at the next level is critical we have invested in video software called HUDL. HUDL allows our game film to be directly uploaded to a computer. It gives each player the opportunity to create a personalized highlight video for FREE by using this program. Each player is given their own sign in information by Coach Jones. The TD Club is proud to offer this opportunity to each of our players and coaches.

## Equipment and Clothing

Players will be provided with a helmet and shoulder pads. There is no additional charge for these items. These items of equipment must be returned at the end of the season. Parents that wish to purchase a helmet or shoulder pads for your player can order them through Coach Jones. Coach Jones will provide you with costs for items you wish to purchase.

**Spirit Pack:** Each player **MUST** purchase a spirit pack. It includes: Payment for the spirit pack is due at orientation.

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## Program/Parent Communications

The TD Club and Parent Team Rep, as necessary, will communicate with parents via email. We have found this form of communication most efficient and very effective when providing information to our parents. Although, information is often given to the players, often parents did not get the message. A contact sheet will be distributed at the parent information meeting.

## Practice, Passing League and Games

All practice times and game schedules are on our website. [www.titanborntitanbred.com](http://www.titanborntitanbred.com) Different positions might have different schedules; we will try to get an updated position schedule on the website shortly. Summer practice is mandatory. While family vacations, illness, summer camps, church or religious outings or other pre-planned events will not threaten a player's position on the team, going to the beach, or other non-essential activity, are NOT acceptable excuses for missing practice.

## Camp 8/ Two-A-Days Practice Schedule

Two-A-Days will begin on August 5th and end on August 10th. These practices will consist of Instructional/Board Time and Walk Through and Field Time. Please make it a point to look at website often for schedule. Check Facebook for updates or emergency changes. ***Summer practice break (Dead Period) is from July 29th to August 2nd. Please try to plan family vacations during this time.***

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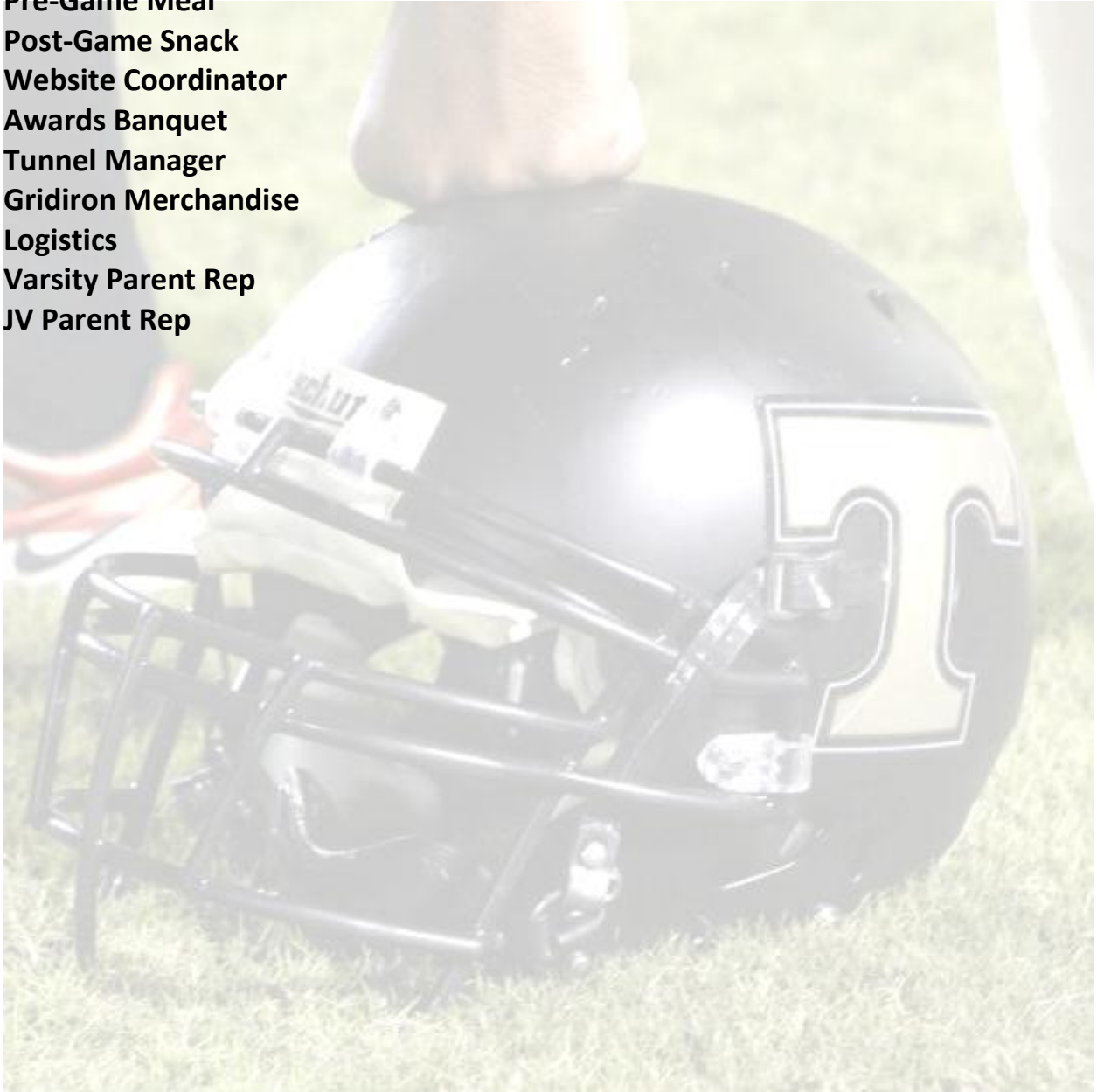
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**TD Club President**  
**TD Club Secretary**  
**TD Club Treasurer**  
**Dining Out Night**  
**Pre-Game Meal**  
**Post-Game Snack**  
**Website Coordinator**  
**Awards Banquet**  
**Tunnel Manager**  
**Gridiron Merchandise**  
**Logistics**  
**Varsity Parent Rep**  
**JV Parent Rep**



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## Important Summer Dates

- **Offensive & Defensive Line** Lifting Starts on June 10th from 8am-9:30am Mon thru Fri
- **Skill Players** Summer Lifting Starts on June 10th from 9am-10:30am Mon thru Fri
- **Incoming Freshman** Summer Lifting Starts on June 10th from 10am-11:30am Mon thru Fri
- Titan Youth Football Camp July 13th
- 7 on 7 Battle by the Beach June 21 & 22
- Pay to Play \$100 Fee Due by June 7
- Fall Parent Meeting August 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Camp 8** August 4-7
- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of JV Practice August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Varsity Spirit Pack Payment Dates: June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>
- JV Spirit Pack TBA

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## JV Football Game Schedule

**9-3-2013** at Port St. Lucie High School 6pm (Jaguar Stadium)

**9-10-2013** at Vero Beach High School 6pm (Citrus Bowl)

**9-17-2013** vs Vero Beach High School 6pm (South County Stadium)

**9-24-2013** vs Fort Pierce Westwood High School 6pm (South County Stadium)

**10-01-2013** vs Fort Pierce Central High School 6pm (South County Stadium)

**10-15-2013** at St Lucie West Centennial High School 6pm (South County Stadium)



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