

Hello 7th & 8th Grade Bison Football Families.

As we are entering my 2nd season as the Head Coach at Buffalo High School, an area of emphasis has been creating an **#A11IN** culture of unity and togetherness between the 3 different levels of our football program: **Youth** (Jr. Bison), **Middle School** (BCMS), and **High School** (BHS). In order to make this happen, it is going to take action and a lot of hard work — and this is something that we are committed to doing! I am excited to share with you all the first steps that we are going to take this fall.

When attending Jr. Bison Football games last fall, one thing that stood out to me was the variety of helmet and jersey colors our players were wearing. At the middle school level last fall, all of our players were wearing purple helmets. And, lastly, our high school level was wearing white helmets.

VISION: As we move into the future, I would like to see all levels of our football program wearing the same helmet style as our high school - white helmet shell with black facemasks. To help promote "tradition", we want every player feeling like they are a Bison football player!



Helmets will start "blank" in Jr. Bison football. As players progress through the program, we will start adding decals (helmet stickers) at different levels culminating in what our Varsity helmets will look like (view here).

NEXT STEPS: Collaborating with Mr. Hayden, our BCMS Activities Director, he is committed to taking this step with BCMS Football this year to help us bring this idea to life!

To be transparent, purchasing helmets is a very expensive task! In an attempt to help us bridge the gap, we would like to offer all our middle school players that may already own their own white helmet (from youth football) the opportunity to wear it again this fall. We are understanding that not all of these helmets may have a black facemask — that's okay! As long as the helmet shell is white, we are okay with different facemask colors this year (black, gray or white). If you do not own one and would like to purchase one you can get one anywhere, but we will also provide some options with different price points to accommodate all families.

To help us make an informed decision on how many new helmets our BCMS Activities Department will need to purchase this fall, please fill out this **FORM** as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with me, Coach Litterer (<u>ilitterer@bhmschools.org</u>) or Mr. Hayden (<u>ihayden@bhmschools.org</u>).

Go Bison! #A11IN

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