**SENIOR MENTOR PROGRAM**

Our athletes need to have stability and realize they have coaches who care about them and their successes on and off of the field. I feel the most important thing I do as a football coach is try to develop young men to become good people as adults. I believe the true worth of playing the sport of football is teaching our children to be motivated in every aspect of their entire lives.

This mentor program will pair Juniors and Seniors with Incoming Freshmen and 8th graders and the goal is to establish a relationship between team mates that will be based on trust, respect and will create a desire to wear a varsity ***TEAM*** jersey.

Players will be paired up in the spring and will communicate and interact all summer. (This is not a hazing scheme) any abuse of this program will be grounds for removal from the program.

Responsibilities of a mentor:

* Accompany coaches to MS
* Help with anything on and off the field
* Keep them on task with grades
* Cheer them on in their Jr. ***MASCOT*** Games.
* Look out for them during school and summer camp, make them feel welcome.

This program will help the 9th graders transition from middle school to high school. It teaches responsibility; we have been come so concerned with rights and privileges that we forget to about teaching our young people about responsibility and create an environment of acceptance and openness for new comers to join.

Emerson defined success as “Knowing that one life has breathed easier because you have lived. Isn’t that why we coach? Once you learn it, it will have a miraculous effect on them.