

Blue Jay Nation,

I hope everyone had a wonderful first day back at school!

The first week of the 2026 season is in the books! It was a beautiful, fall-like day for football! I am proud of every single athlete that wears the Blue Jays uniform for how hard they worked throughout these first few weeks of practice in preparation for this season! A couple of the games went in our favor, a couple of them did not, but all four game were hard fought contests and really proved that the Blue Jays will be a team to be at every level this season! And an additional congratulations to JV coach Chris Rigley on his first win as a Blue Jays head coach!

We are back at the friendly confines of Bentley Field as the home team this week, so let's have a restful day off today and come back Tuesday ready to prepare for the Livonia Falcons!

FLAG

Broncos 34 – Blue Jays 6

FRESHMEN

Blue Jays 7 – Broncos 0

JR. VARSITY

Blue Jays 18 – Broncos 8

VARSITY

Broncos 38 – Blue Jays 14

REMINDER: Beginning this week, practice will end at 7:30pm for all squads and we go down to practice 4 days a week for tackle and 2 for flag.

[Livonia Blue Jays Website](#)

Livonia Blue Jays Football Facebook Page

Practice - Days & Times

Monday 8/24 - NO PRACTICE FOR ALL SQUADS

Tuesday 8/25 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 8/26 - NO FLAG, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 8/27 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-7:30pm

Friday 8/28 - NO PRACTICE FOR ALL SQUADS

Saturday 8/29 - Walkthrough - Time TBD by coaching staff

Practice BEGINS at 5:30, so please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to ensure your player is ready for the start of practice.

Practice Attire

Helmet, mouth guard, shoulder pads, practice jersey, practice pants, socks, cleats, and cup (if you choose)

Please bring a water jug full of water to practice every day. Early season practices can be hot, so be prepared with plenty of water and weather appropriate attire.

Equipment

There are still some players who need some equipment, either because we didn't have it at the time of uniform handout, or they missed the handout dates. If you missed uniform handouts, please see a director so that we can assist you in getting your player fitted.

MHSAA Sports Physicals

If you haven't uploaded the required physical form to SportsEngine, I have attached a copy of the form needed and the instructions to get them uploaded to SportsEngine. Per our SMYFA rules, they need to be completed before our first football game which is August 23rd. However, I'd love for this to be completed prior to our first practice in pads or mid-August at the latest (just to be on the safe side). Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this process.

Week 2 Game Info - Livonia Falcons @ Livonia Blue Jays - Sunday, August 30rd

Flag - Game time 9:00am

Freshman - Game time 11:00am

JV - Game time 1:00pm

Varsity - Game time 3:00pm

Game Location: Bentley Field, 31971 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

***Early Weigh-In is at 9am. Required attire for early weigh in is game jersey and shorts. Please check with coaches for early weigh in time later in the week.**

****Game attire: Game jersey, helmet, mouth guard, shoulder pads, rib guard/girdle, game pants and pads (the one with the Blue Jays logo), socks, cleats, and cup. If you have any questions regarding game attire, please see a coach or director during the week BEFORE GAME DAY.**

*****All squads - please check with your coaches on when to arrive for warm ups and weigh-in for your games. Failure to do so may impact your child's eligibility for the game.**

Game Schedule



2026 SCHEDULE

8/23 SUN: NORTHVILLE BRONCOS [AWAY]

8/30 SUN: LIVONIA FALCONS [HOME]

9/12 SAT: BYE WEEK

9/20 SUN: LIVONIA EAGLES [FAMILY DAY]

9/27 SUN: NOVI BOBCATS [AWAY]

10/3 SAT: DEARBORN LIONS [HOME]

10/10 SAT: WALLED LAKE BRAVES [PINK OUT]

10/17 SAT: CHEERFEST

10/18 SUN: LIVONIA ORIOLES [AWAY]

NO GAMES LABOR DAY WEEKEND

OCT 24/25: 1ST ROUND | OCT 31: SEMI | NOV 7/8: CHAMPIONSHIP

Mandatory Volunteer Sign-Up

This season, each family must fulfill a mandatory 4 volunteer spots during the football season. This helps ensure each game runs smoothly and all our fans, coaches, and players have the best game day experience possible! We are completely volunteer run and couldn't do it without the help and support of our Blue Jay family! Below are the links for the first four games of volunteer opportunities. The other three games will be released later down the road, to give everyone an opportunity to find volunteer opportunities that work for them.

Game #2 - 8/30 HOME vs. Livonia Falcons

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BAAA82AA2FD0-livonia>

Game #3 - 9/20 HOME vs. Livonia Eagles

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BAAA82AA2FD0-64920458-livonia>

Game #4 - 9/27 AWAY @ Novi Bobcats

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BAAA82AA2FD0-64920825-livonia>

Raffle Ticket Turn-In and Drawing Information

If you have not yet picked up your raffle tickets, please contact us or see a director at the practice fields ASAP to ensure you have an opportunity to sell or fill them out and turn them on time.

Families may turn in raffle tickets to any Blue Jay football or cheer director at the practice field. All tickets must be turned in by August 24. If you have not turned in your tickets to a director at the practice field by August 24, you will be responsible to turn them in at the drawing location by 5:45pm on the day of the drawing. **ALL THE STAPLES MUST BE REMOVED!** The raffle drawing will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00pm at Bentley Field on 5 Mile Road (next to the Livonia Rec Center). Participants are not required to be present to win. The drawing will stream live (or be recorded) and on the public Livonia Blue Jays Facebook page.

- o First Prize: \$1000
- o Second Prize: \$750
- o Third Prize \$500
- o Fourth Prize: \$250

Athletes will still have normal practice on this day at MIES PARK (Grant Elementary). Practice WILL NOT be held at Bentley Field.

Spirit Wear

If you are in the market for some new Blue Jays gear for the 2026 season, we have two spirit wear stores that are open for business and have so many amazing options for all your spirit wear style needs! Visit the links below to browse the various style selections to choose the gear that fits you best!

BSN Store is [HERE!](#)

Blue Jays Shopify Store is [HERE!](#)



Family Day and Pink Out Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear for our Family Day and Pink Out specific games are available for purchase! The store will be open until September 13 to ensure we have all our great gear in time for game day!

Family Day and Pink Out spirit wear can be purchased [HERE!](#)

Event Spirit Wear

Throughout the season, we host two special games, Family Day and the Pink Out Game.

Event Spirit Wear will be sold to families who are interested in purchasing one.

NEW: The store will be open until September 13!





Family Day Information

Family Day Pep Rally

Monday, September 14

5:30 - 8PM

@ Bentley Field

Instead of practice the week of Family Day, we will have our annual Pep Rally!

During the pep rally, our cheerleaders will learn how to play football (two hand touch) with our football coaches and the football players will learn cheers and will cheer them on from the sidelines.

All teams will play on the field. Parents/Guardians, please stay and watch! The bleachers will be open for you to watch it all happen!

At Pep Rally we will:

- Cheer Performance
- Powderpuff (Play Football)
- Squad Gifts (More to Come from Team Moms)
- Group Picture with Program
- Pie a Coach / Director / 8th Graders
- Food Trucks





Family Day Posters

For our new families - we are so excited to bring you into this tradition! While more examples will come later in the season, for Family Day we line the fences with posters/banners of the athletes in the unit. These posters are turned in by the family (you will get them back). While they can be created with love (and lots of time and trips to the craft store), we have the opportunity to have someone make banners for athletes if families are interested.



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For anyone interested in ordering a banner (approx. 2ft x 3 ft) from Kelly Fay, please see the below:

Please TEXT Kelly at (734) 578-3634 with your athlete's name and team they're on. Example: (Cohen Rigley, Blue Jays, JV Football) and include the date and time they're hoping for, then she will confirm.

The price is \$45 CASH ONLY but that includes a digital copy of the poster photo emailed to you AFTER posters are complete.

Available Dates & Times Available:

August 22 & 29 | 10 AM - 5 PM



Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities

Spirit Wear - New designs by Christie Rajt! Looking for new spirit wear? Look no further! You can order online below and she will also be on site at our first home game on August 30 for spot orders of shirts, sweatshirts, and small items. A portion of her proceeds will be donated back to the Lincoln Blue Jays.

the Livonia Blue Jays!

You can order items to be delivered at the game, as well!

Purchase Spirit Wear [HERE](#).

Blankets - It may still be 90 degrees now, but we all know how quickly Michigan weather changes and before you know it, those chilly game days will be here! Check out our blanket fundraiser to purchase a Blue Jays blanket for those cold game days!

Cost: \$35 - **DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 28!!**

Purchase a Blanket [HERE](#).

****Please allow around 50 days for delivery after the store closes****

The advertisement features a black background with blue and white text and graphics. At the top, the Livonia Blue Jays logo is on the left and right. The main title "BLANKETS FOR BLUE JAYS" is in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below the title, there is a QR code and the text "SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE!". To the left of the QR code, there is a paragraph of text: "Support the Livonia Blue Jays by purchasing one of our Blue Jay themed blankets! These cozy blankets are the perfect way to show your team spirit while helping support our athletes. Every blanket purchased helps provide resources for players & cheerleaders to continue building skills, confidence & unforgettable memories." Below this text, it says "ORDER BY AUGUST 21ST!". At the bottom, there are two images of blankets. The left blanket is blue and white with the word "LIVONIA" and a Blue Jay logo. The right blanket is black and blue with the word "LIVONIA" and a Blue Jay logo. Both blankets are priced at \$35, as indicated by the price tags above them.

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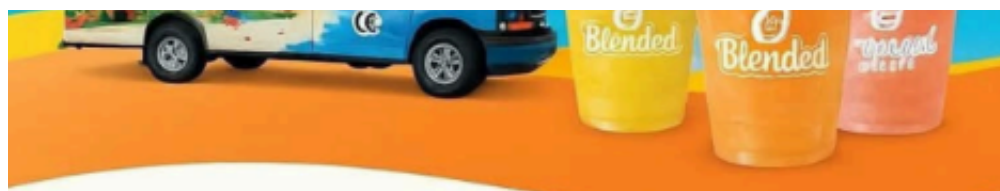
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Game Day Vendors

Make sure you stop by our vendors at the game!





If you made it this far, congratulations you're all caught up and ready for the week! Again, additional information will be coming soon and every week you will get a weekly communication. We want to thank you for your commitment and involvement in making the Livonia Blue Jays the best youth football program in Livonia. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and we will be glad to assist!

Let's have a great week! We will see you at the practice fields and Go Blue Jays!



Joe Hosking
Livonia Blue Jays Unit Director

