

Blue Jay Nation,

You made it through the first week! This week we will be preparing for our upcoming Livonia City Scrimmage on Saturday, August 15th at Bentley Field! It's also the first full week of full pads practices for most of our players, so it's going to be a little more demanding. The first week was a great start to the season and we're looking to build on that momentum! There's a lot of good information in this week's newsletter, so be sure to read through everything to stay informed and on top of what's happening this week!

[Livonia Blue Jays Website](#)

[Livonia Blue Jays Football Facebook Page](#)

Practice - Days & Times

Monday 8/10 - NO FLAG - Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday 8/11 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Wednesday 8/12 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Thursday 8/13 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Friday 8/14 - NO FLAG - Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

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

2026 Livonia City Scrimmage

This weekend, August 15th 2026, is our annual Livonia City Scrimmage to kick off the season! The scrimmage is our first chance to run through some plays against live competition and to evaluate, teach, and develop our young athletes. This is a fun event that is meant to unify our community and be a positive experience for all.

The scrimmage will be held at Bentley Field on Saturday, with Flag and JV scrimmaging during the morning session from 10am-12pm, and Freshman and Varsity during the afternoon session from 12:30pm-2:30pm.

Additional details will be communicated later this week and through the individual squads.



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2026 LIVONIA 3-WAY SCRIMMAGE MISSION AND GUIDE

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Livonia Junior Athletic League and the youth of our community. We are excited to kick off our season with the 3-way scrimmage

and foster an environment of a positive season.

For this weekend, please ensure your units keep their focus on teaching, developing, positive attitudes, team work and community. There are no scoreboards, let's have fun and set the tone for a memorable season!

Parking –Please instruct families to utilize the south parking lot at the rec center if there are no spots available at Bentley or the senior center.

Schedule for August 15th, 2026:

Time	Bentley Location	Squad	Match Up
10am – 11am	Main Field #1 N/S	JV	Blue Jays/Eagles (N) & Falcons/Orioles(S)
11am – 12pm	Main Field #1 N/S	JV	Blue Jays/Orioles (N) & Falcons/Eagles (S)
10am – 11am	Back Field #2/#3	Flag	Blue Jays/Eagles (2) & Falcons/Orioles(3)
11am – 12pm	Back Field #2/#3	Flag	Blue Jays/Orioles (2) & Falcons/Eagles (3)

Time	Bentley Location	Squad	Match Up
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Main Field #1 N/S	Varsity	Blue Jays/Eagles (N) & Falcons/Orioles(S)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Main Field #1 N/S	Varsity	Blue Jays/Orioles (N) & Falcons/Eagles (S)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Back Field #2/#3	Freshman	Blue Jays/Eagles (2) & Falcons/Orioles(3)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Back Field #2/#3	Freshman	Blue Jays/Orioles (2) & Falcons/Eagles (3)

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 are 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.

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 #1 - 8/23 AWAY @ Northville Broncos

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/400054DA4A00A405D0-Bookin4>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4BAAA82AA2FD0-livonia4>

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.

Picture Day

This year, picture day will be Friday, August 14 at Bentley Field! Coaches will communicate uniform and attire requirements

Preorder online at thepicturedaypros.com/order/ to receive discounted pricing that is available online only. ***If at all possible, please print your confirmation email and bring to picture day! If you can't print it, please bring the online order number with you for the photographer.***

ORDER NOW! Discounted pricing is only available up to and including Picture Day.

Please select **Livonia Football and Cheer Blue Jays** in the league field.

*Please note, when ordering for more than one child or placing orders for buddy pictures, a separate order must be completed for each pose.

Simply bring printed confirmation of online order or completed order form (attached) with payment on picture day. [Click here](#) for full product offering and discounted pricing online!

PICTURE TIME	BLUE FLAG	WHITE FLAG

5:30 PM	Varsity Football	JV Football
6:05 PM	Freshmen Football	Flag Football
6:40 PM	JV Cheer	Freshmen Cheer
7:10 PM	Flag Cheer	Varisty Cheer

Family Day Posters

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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.

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

the price is \$10.00 per poster, but that includes a signed copy of the poster photo emailed to you AFTER posters are complete.

Available Dates & Times Available:

August 22 & 29 | 10 AM - 5 PM



Yard Signs & Car Decals

Get your yard signs! Store open till 8/14, so we get them in time for the first game.

Purchase your yard signs and car decals [HERE!](#)

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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!





Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities

Spirit Wear - New designs by Chistie 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 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 - Store closes on Friday, August 21.

Purchase a Blanket [HERE](#).

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



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.

SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE!



TEAM
THROWS

ORDER BY AUGUST 21ST!

\$35



Large 60"x70" Blanket

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LARGE SIZE

Super Soft Micro-Plush

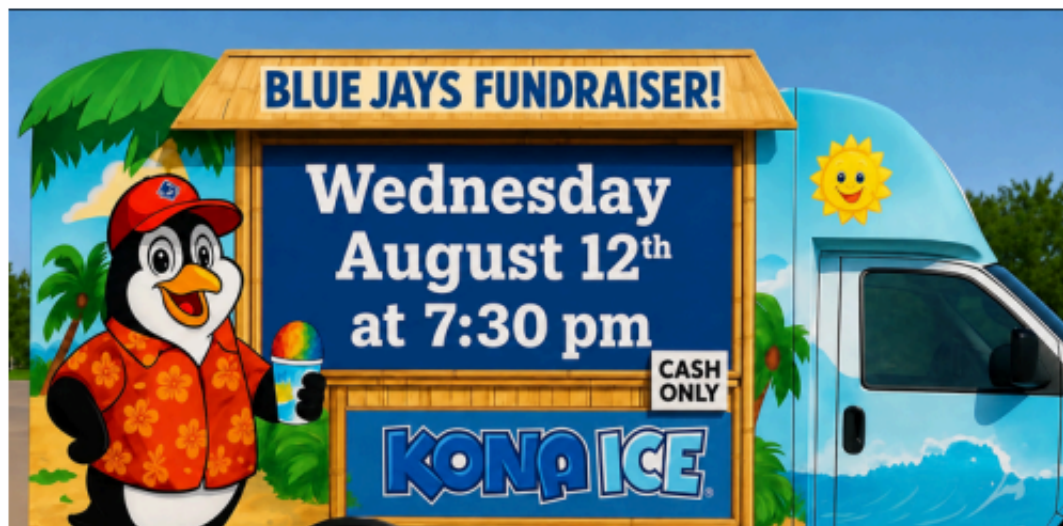
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If you made it this far, congratulations you're all caught up and ready for the week! Again, additional information will be coming soon and every week you will get a weekly communication. We want to thank you for your commitment and involvement in 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

