

Blue Jay Nation,

Hello and welcome to the 2026 Livonia Blue Jays football season! Although I know many of you already, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to those who may not know me. My name is Joe Hosking and I am one of the football directors for the Livonia Blue Jays, along with Hans Heiman, Shawn Hawkins, and Leann Rigley. This is my eighth full season as a director and I have a daughter in our amazing cheer program and one Blue Jay alum who plays football for Franklin! Our goal as directors is to run a safe, fun, and competitive football program that prepares our players not only for football at the next level, but also to be responsible, upstanding members of our community.

Each week, you will receive a communications email that will summarize the games that weekend (once they start) and will inform you about the upcoming week. These emails will have all important information and will be the main thread of communication, so please take the time to read through them so you don't miss anything this season. This initial email will be lengthy and contain a lot of information. You can also find forms and information on our website and don't forget to follow our Facebook page for communications and updates.

[Livonia Blue Jays Website](#)

[Livonia Blue Jays Football Facebook Page](#)

And now to the good stuff...

2026 Head Coaches

Flag - Kevin Murawsky

Freshman - Matt Rigley

JV - Chris Rigley

Varsity - Nick Dedeluk

Practice - Days & Times

Monday 8/3 - NO FLAG - Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday 8/4 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

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

Thursday 8/6 - Flag, Freshman, JV, & Varsity 5:30-8:00pm

Friday 8/7 - 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.

Practice Attire

Monday 8/3 thru Wednesday 8/5 - Practice pants, t-shirt or old practice jersey, socks, cleats, cup (if you choose for practice, mandatory for games), mouth guard, and helmet (once it's issued).

Thursday 8/6 and Friday 8/7 - Full pads: 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. If you are missing any equipment, we will reach out to those players/parents to get them the necessary equipment before the start of full pads practices on Thursday.

Helmets have been reconditioned and are in! They will be issued during the first three days of practice, 8/3, 8/4, and 8/5 by team.

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

Annual Livonia 3-Way Scrimmage

Save the date! This year, our annual Livonia 3-way pre-season scrimmage will take place on Saturday, August 15th at Bentley Field. More information about game and arrival times, attire, etc. will come in the next weekly email.

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 out 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/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 begin turning in raffle tickets to any Blue Jay football or cheer director beginning August 3 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

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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!

If you made it this far, congratulations you're all caught up and ready for the 2026 Blue Jays football season! 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 season! We will see you at the practice fields and Go Blue Jays!



Joe Hosking
Livonia Blue Jays Unit Director

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