



AMHERST JR. COMETS

NOVEMBER 2018 - NEWSLETTER

Amherst Jr Comet Family,

On behalf of the Amherst Jr Comet Board I would like to just take the time to say thank you to everyone who helped create the amazing year we had in 2018! We saw growth on many different levels and it started with our coaches. Back in January, we set out to provide our coaches with every opportunity available to learn how to teach our players how to play the game the right way and how to have fun doing it. Through coaches meetings all winter and spring to USA Football Coaches Clinic at Cleveland Browns Training Facility, we invested in our leaders and what we saw in return was GROWTH. Growth in numbers in participants, growth in number of volunteers, growth in number of teams and most importantly, growth in good football players! We introduced a new structure to the divisions and created a stepping stone approach to full contact 11 on 11 football and the feedback provided has been very positive, from both parents and coaches. What helps us now is we can look at what 2018 was and work even harder to get 2019 where we want it to be.

The future is bright for this organization and a lot of that is because of the support we have from you guys, the parents! As the kids get older the practices get longer (and more frequent) and the season starts earlier and earlier. We know how much running around parents can do to make sure your player is at practice on time and because of that we are very thankful! But its commitment like that that will ultimately lead us in the right direction with our group of boys. They are learning much more than just football on the field. They are learning about life, responsibilities, commitment and how to deal with the ups and downs of a season. This will help shape them into the football players we will be watching on Friday nights under the lights!

Stay tuned to social media in the coming weeks as we start to iron out what is sure to be one heck of a 2019 season!

Go Comets!

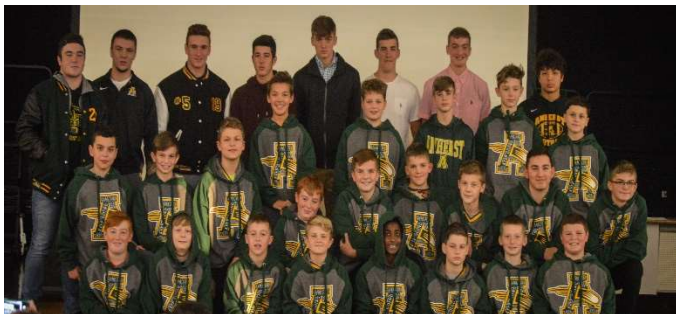
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Phil Vedda

AJC President

THANK YOU: PARENTS

As parents of youth athletes ourselves we know and understand the sacrifices that are made to make multiple weekly practices, games all over the place and all the other functions that go along with having a child in youth athletics. Our kids don't recognize these sacrifices right now in their lives but hopefully someday they will and will tell you "Thank You" but for now take one from us. Thank you, parents, for all that you do.



We were lucky enough to have some of our Varsity Comets attend our banquet and take this photo with our graduating 6th Graders! Thanks guys!

THANK YOU: COACHES

Football is a competitive sport; no if's, and's or but's about it. From our flag league through our tackle teams, competition is present and the pressure we as parents put on our youth coaches is sometimes unfair. Playing time, game time decisions, coaching philosophy are just a few of the things coaches struggle with daily. We ask a lot of our coaches and often forget that our coaches are first and foremost volunteers who give up more time than anyone in the league planning and preparing for every players success. Wins are great, but player development is what we strive after as an organization. Creating quality football players is secondary to creating quality members of society and this begins with great coaches. Thank you, coaches, for your time, your sacrifices and your passion to do what is best for our athletes.

“A COACH’S WORTH ISN’T FOUND ON THEIR WIN/LOSS RECORD OR THEIR RESUME, BUT IN THE IMPACT MADE ON THE GAME AND THEIR PLAYERS’ LIVES”

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➤ LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be selling Super Bowl Squares as our Late Fall/Winter Fundraiser for the 2019 Season. They are \$50 per square. Please contact Coach Tommy Tollett for more information at 216-214-0127 and to claim your squares now!
- Interested in our fundraising committee? Email us at amherstjrcometts@gmail.com and we'll be in touch in 2019.
- Spring Flag is right around the corner! Be on the lookout in January for updates!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**