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Welcome

to Minnetonka High School

Greetings Skippers Fans,

Nothing is more exciting to me than feeling the first cool snap in the air, the leaves changing color, the sound of the marching band and the roar of the crowd at MHS football games. It's a perfect example of the community coming together to support Minnetonka High School Activities and the Minnetonka Football program.

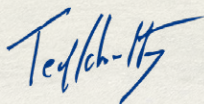
Minnetonka Football is committed to developing quality individuals – not just on the field but in the classroom and in the community. Our coaching staff is among the best in the nation and provides a quality experience for all participants.

There is no question that extracurricular activities are integral in shaping a positive school culture. At MHS, we believe that participation in activities plays an important role in the academic, social and emotional growth of students. We encourage all students to participate in at least one extracurricular per semester. Football, along with our other activity programs, allows students to have a sense of belonging and personal responsibility which are key elements for student success.

A high-quality activities program is essential to being a world-class high school. We have high expectations for student success in our programs. Many values are important, but **RESPECT** is the foundation of the Minnetonka activities culture. **We expect respectful interaction between all individuals involved in our programs – students, coaches, advisors, parents, spectators and officials. Anything less will not be tolerated.**

So as you travel to other communities and host them here, please remember to **be humble in victory, gracious in defeat, and represent Minnetonka in the best way possible – with ultimate sportsmanship, character and class.**

Best wishes for a great season and school year,



Ted Schultz
Minnetonka High School Activities Director



MHS Quick Facts:

Superintendent: David Law

Principal: Jeff Erickson

Activities Director: Ted Schultz

Activities Coordinator: Paul Twenge

Enrollment (9-12): 3500

Year Founded: 1952

Nickname: Skippers

School Colors: Royal Blue & White

Song: Go, Skippers, Go!

Section: 6, Class 6A



Conference: Lake

District: Metro Gold North – Blaine, Centennial, Champlin Park, Maple Grove, STMA, Totino-Grace, Wayzata

Head Coach: Mark Esch

PROGRAM DESIGN/LAYOUT BY:
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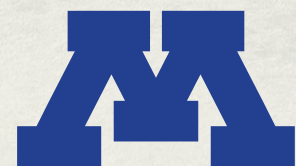
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2023 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thu, Aug 31	7 PM	VS	White Bear Lake Area
Fri, Sep 08	7 PM	@	Wayzata
Thu, Sep 14	7 PM	@	Edina
Fri, Sep 22	7 PM	VS	Prior Lake (Homecoming)
Fri, Sep 29	7 PM	@	Shakopee
Thu, Oct 05	7 PM	VS	Eden Prairie
Fri, Oct 13	7 PM	VS	Buffalo
Thu, Oct 19	1 PM	@	Maple Grove

Home games in **BLUE**

Schedules subject to change. For the most accurate schedule scan the code at right or visit lakeconference.org



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Administration

Jeff Erickson • Principal



David Law • Superintendent



MEET THE SKIPPERS

#	NAME	GR	HT	WT	POS
0	Lucas Knox	12	5'9	170	RB
1	Dylan Hudgens	11	6'2	215	LB
2	Andy Simonsen	12	6'2	175	QB
3	Keagan Zabilla	12	6'1	185	K/P
4	Kody Chou	12	6'2	190	DB
5	Joran Thomsen	12	6'2	185	WR
6	Tobias Williams	12	6'0	175	DB
7	James MacDougal	12	6'3	195	WR
8	Will Hairston	12	6'1	155	WR
9	Roman Johnson	12	6'0	190	RB
10	Milos Spasojevic	12	6'5	220	QB
11	Caleb Hager	12	6'3	185	WR
12	Cooper Odegard	11	6'2	185	QB
13	AJ Fider	11	5'10	165	DB
14	Logan Koltz	11	5'11	180	QB
15	Jack Yerhot	11	5'10	170	DB
16	Charlie Sander	12	6'0	170	DB
17	Hunter Peterson	12	6'1	200	LB
18	Duke Richardson	11	6'1	165	WR
19	Josh Hoch	11	6'2	185	WR
20	Jack Taddy	12	6'0	178	DB
21	Hudson Poole	12	5'10	165	WR/DB
22	Sam Shiff	12	5'10	170	DB
23	Malachi Boadi	11	6'1	197	DB
24	Zachary Alstrin	12	6'1	180	DB
25	Devan Riedel	11	5'11	175	RB
26	Sam Williams	12	5'7	172	DB
27	Joseph Brett-Labouchere	12	6'1	195	DB
28	Antonio Zullo	12	6'0	210	LB
29	JD Holler	12	5'9	165	DB
30	Brady Botten	11	6'0	175	DB
31	Caleb Taylor	11	6'0	230	DL
32	Mason Serk	11	5'11	168	DB
34	Arjen Thompson	11	5'11	160	WR
35	Daniel Shelstad	11	6'0	165	WR
36	Philip Nartey	12	5'8	140	DB
37	JJ Hunter	11	5'11	161	DB
38	Patrick Cavanaugh	11	6'2	190	DB
39	Griffin Carver	11	6'3	180	WR
40	Bennett Gunderson	11	6'5	200	DL
41	Hunter Stockham	11	5'10	170	WR
42	Lance Hoglund	12	5'9	160	DB
43	Kennedy Fowler	11	6'2	165	DB
45	Joshua Pretasky	11	5'11	181	RB
46	Joseph Matachek	11	5'11	168	DB
48	John Mueller	12	6'1	178	LB
49	Drew Diede	11	6'2	153	WR
50	Lukas Poppen	11	6'0	193	LB
51	Dakota Hamblin	12	6'1	200	LB
52	Mateus Cullen	12	6'2	215	DL
53	Max Vanchugov	11	5'10	160	WR
54	Addison Wang	12	5'10	183	LB
55	John Boberg	12	6'0	220	DL
56	Garret Horneck	12	6'2	210	LB
57	Tyson Stewart	11	6'1	195	DL
58	Joel Velure	12	5'10	195	OL
61	Reece Carlson	11	6'1	210	OL

#	NAME	GR	HT	WT	POS
62	Cal Worley	12	6'3	275	OL
63	Adam Weight	11	5'11	185	LB
66	Elijah Zapzalka	12	5'11	260	OL
69	Caelan McKean	12	5'10	175	DL
70	Casey DePass	11	6'2	200	OL
71	Aiden Zapzalka	10	6'0	250	OL
72	Tanner Smith	12	6'0	220	OL
73	Cason Copley	11	6'4	260	OL
74	Dominic Ciaccio	11	6'0	227	OL
75	Bruce Merry	12	6'2	245	OL
76	Thomas Guggisberg	12	6'1	277	OL
77	Luke Speedling	12	6'4	260	OL
78	Jacob Sims	12	6'3	265	OL
79	Nikita Novikov	12	6'3	270	OL
80	Ashaz Chaudhri	12	6'3	210	WR
81	Vinny May	11	5'7	161	WR
82	Charlie Frank	12	6'3	220	DL
83	Ben Bader	11	6'0	160	WR
84	Charlie Schulman	11	6'1	180	WR
85	Chase Conrad	11	6'0	180	WR
86	Zach Steingas	12	6'3	215	WR
87	Tony McAuley	11	6'3	180	WR
88	Pearson Sturgeon	11	5'10	150	WR
89	Jake Benbow	11	5'10	145	DB
90	Luke Larson	12	6'2	225	DL
91	Brady Bergquist	11	6'1	180	DB
92	Aidan Becker	11	6'2	218	DL
93	Brogan Snyder	12	6'4	180	DL
96	Milan Bobda	11	6'2	225	DL
97	Fletcher Olness	11	6'3	225	DL
98	Xavier Lewis	11	6'3	205	DL
99	Shawn Johnson	12	5'11"	220	DL

Captains in **bold** type.

CAPTAINS

Roman Johnson, Luke Larson, Hudson Poole, Milos Spasojevic, Cal Worley

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Esch

Assistants: Jon Christenson, Bryan Dammann, Rodney Francois, Matt Gorman, Everson Griffen, Ismail Karon, Ryan LaCasse, Bubba Moore, Jason Opsal, Jon Pytlak, Josh Stephan, Rodrick Tolen, Connor Wilkie

STUDENT MANAGERS

Kyliah Carter, Giana Eisenbarth, Milla Gonzales, Cassandra Mattson, Joey Tadros, Laura Torbenson, Dulce Torres Diaz, Cali Trapnell, Claire Ward, Tianna Wheatley

Cheer Head Coach: André Brewer

Performance Dance Head Coach: Kelsey Verducruys

Athletic Trainer: Cassie Arrington

Marching Band Directors: Paul Rosen, Kevin Kleindel

Rosters subject to change.

For the most current roster, scan the QR code or visit the Varsity Team page at

MinnetonkaFootball.org





0 Lucas **Knox**



1 Dylan **Hudgens**



2 Andy **Simonsen**



3 Keagan **Zabilla**



4 Kody **Chou**



5 Joran **Thomsen**



6 Tobias **Williams**



7 James **MacDougal**



8 Will **Hairston**



9 Roman **Johnson**



10 Milos **Spasojevic**



11 Caleb **Hager**



12 Cooper **Odegard**



13 AJ **Fider**



14 Logan **Koltz**



15 Jack **Yerhot**



16 Charlie **Sander**



17 Hunter **Peterson**



18 Duke **Richardson**



19 Josh **Hoch**



20 Jack **Taddy**



21 Hudson **Poole**



22 Sam **Shiff**



23 Malachi **Boadi**



24 Zachary **Alstrin**

MEET THE SKIPPERS



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27 Joseph **Brett-Labouchere**



28 Antonio **Zullo**



29 JD **Holler**



30 Brady **Botten**



31 Caleb **Taylor**



32 Mason **Serk**



34 Arjen **Thompson**



35 Daniel **Shelstad**



36 Philip **Narthey**



37 JJ **Hunter**



38 Patrick **Cavanaugh**



39 Griffin **Carver**



40 Bennett **Gunderson**



41 Hunter **Stockham**



42 Lance **Hoglund**



43 Kennedy **Fowler**



45 Joshua **Pretasky**



46 Joseph **Matachek**



48 John **Mueller**



49 Drew **Diede**



50 Lukas **Poppen**



51 Dakota **Hamblin**



52 Mateus **Cullen**



53 Max Vanchugov



54 Addison Wang



55 John Boberg



56 Garret Horneck



57 Tyson Stewart



58 Joel Velure



61 Reece Carlson



62 Cal Worley



63 Adam Weight



66 Elijah Zapzalka



69 Caelan McKean



70 Casey DePass



71 Aiden Zapzalka



72 Tanner Smith



73 Cason Copley



74 Dominic Ciaccio



75 Bruce Merry



76 Thomas Guggisberg



77 Luke Speedling



78 Jacob Sims



79 Nikita Novikov



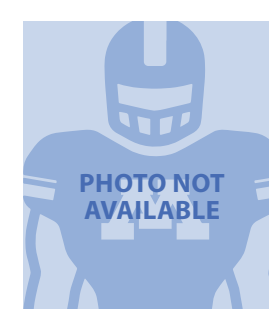
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81 Vinny May



82 Charlie Frank



83 Ben Bader

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93 Brogan Snyder



96 Milan Bobda



97 Fletcher Olness



98 Xavier Lewis



99 Shawn Johnson



2023 VARSITY CAPTAINS



Roman Johnson, Milos Spasojevic, Hudson Poole, Cal Worley, Luke Larson

TIGHT ENDS & FULLBACKS



Back: Ashaz Chaudhri, Dylan Hudgens, James MacDougal, Coach Bryan Dammann; Front: Hunter Stockham, Zach Steingas, Griffin Carver, Tony McAuley

CORNERBACKS



Back: Coach Matt Gorman, Zachary Alstrin, Kody Chou, Tobias Williams; Front: JJ Hunter, Jake Benbow, AJ Fider, Charlie Sander

WIDE RECEIVERS



Back: Coach Jon Pytlak, Will Hairston, Josh Hoch, Charlie Schulmann, Drew Diede, Dan Shelstad, Chase Conrad, Coach Jason Opsal; Front: Joran Thomsen, Duke Richardson, Hudson Poole, Caleb Hager, Vinny May, Pearson Sturgeon, Arjen Thompson; Not pictured: Ben Bader, Max Vanchugov

RUNNING BACKS



Coach Rodney Francois, Lucas Knox, Roman Johnson, Devan Riedel, Caleb Taylor, Joshua Pretasky

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN



Back: Coach Michael "Bubba" Moore, Tanner Smith, Cason Copley, Jacob Sims, Cal Worley, Luke Speedling, Casey DePass, Coach Jon Christenson; Front: Reece Carlson, Aiden Zapzalka, Joel Velure, Bruce Merry, Dominic Caccio, Thomas Guggisberg, Elijah Zapzalka; Not pictured Nikita Novikov

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN



Back: Coach Josh Stephan, Brogan Snyder, Charlie Frank, Bennett Gunderson, Aiden Becker, Fletcher Olness, Luke Larson, Xavier Lewis; Front: Mateus Cullen, Caelan McKean, John Bobba, Milan Bobda, Caleb Taylor, Tyson Stewart, Shawn Johnson

LINEBACKERS



Back: Coach Ismail Karon, Hunter Peterson, Dylan Hudgens, Lukas Poppen, John Mueller; Front: Antonio Zullo, Adam Weight, Dakota Hamblin, Addison Wang, Garret Horneck

QUARTERBACKS



Coach Mark Esch, Andy Simonsen, Logan Koltz, Cooper Odegard, Milos Spasojevic, Coach Connor Wilkie

DEFENSIVE BACKS



Back: Coach Rodrick Tolen, Mgr. Joey Tadros, Brady Botten, Patrick Cavanaugh, Kennedy Fowler, Joseph Brett-Labouchere, Joseph Matachek, Lance Hogland, Mason Serk, Coach Ryan Lacasse; Front: Jack Yerhot, Jack Taddy, Hudson Poole, Sam Shiff, Malachi Boadi, Sam Williams, JD Hollar, Philip Nartey; Not pictured: Brady Bergquist

KICKER/PUNTER



Coach Connor Wilke, Keagan Zabilla, Coach Bryan Dammann

MANAGERS



Back: Cassandra Mattson, Giana Eisenbarth, Joey Tadros, Claire Ward, Cali Trapnell; Front: Kylaiah Carter, Laura Torbenson, Dulce Torres Diaz, Milla Gonzales, Tianna Wheatley

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SENIORS



Back: Joey Tadros, Giana Eisenbarth, Claire Ward, Tianna Wheatley, Cassandra Mattson, Milla Gonzales

Row 4: Tanner Smith, Thomas Guggisberg, Luke Speedling, Jacob Sims, Ashaz Chaudhri, Charlie Frank, Zach Steingas, Luke Larson, Brogan Snyder, Bruce Merry, Shawn Johnson

Row 3: John Mueller, Dakota Hamblin, Mateus Cullen, Addison Wang, John Boberg, Garret Horneck, Joel Velure, Cal Worley, Elijah Zapzalka, Caelan McKean

Row 2: Charlie Sander, Hunter Peterson, Jack Taddy, Hudson Poole, Sam Shiff, Zachary Alstrin, Sam Williams, Joseph Brett-Labouchere, Antonio Zullo, JD Hollar, Lance Hogland

Front: Lucas Knox, Andy Simonsen, Keagan Zabilla, Kody Chou, Joran Thomsen, Tobias Williams, James MacDougal, Will Hairston, Roman Johnson, Milos Spasojevic, Caleb Hager

Not pictured: Nikita Novikov, Philip Nartey

Welcome to Minnetonka High School

At MHS, sportsmanship
is an expectation.

So please...

- ▶ Be a **good sport**.
- ▶ Let the players **play**.
- ▶ Let the coaches **coach**.
- ▶ Let the officials **officiate**.
- ▶ Let the spectators be **positive**.

Thank You!

SOPHOMORE TEAM

#	NAME	GR	HT	WT	POS
2	Peter Jewett	10	6'0	155	WR/DB
3	Carl Simonsen	10	5'11	155	WR/DB
4	Caleb Francois	10	6'1	180	QB/DB
5	Garrett Hultgren	10	5'10	175	WR/DB
6	Quin Eyman	10	5'10	165	WR/DB
7	Jacob Gendreau	10	6'1	195	QB/LB
8	Cael Oppegaard	10	5'11	170	WR/DB
9	Nilay Premkumar	10	5'9	155	WR/DB
10	Ryan Remick	10	6'3	180	WR/DL
11	Eric Denhardt	10	6'0	155	WR/DB
12	Drew Fleming	10	5'7	125	WR/DB
13	Matthew Gibney	10	6'1	155	WR/LB
15	Carter Storts	10	5'11	165	WR/DB
16	Graham Kerr	10	5'9	145	QB/DB
17	Quinton Restrepo	10	5'9	185	RB/LB
18	Matthew Sander	10	5'9	150	WR/DB
19	Solomon Erickson	10	5'9	125	WR/DB
21	Nick McBain	10	5'11	165	WR/DB
22	Eli Fernandes	10	5'7	135	WR/DB
24	Spencer Sommerfeld	10	5'7	170	RB/LB
25	Garrett Wheeler	10	5'11	155	WR/DB
27	David Carter	10	5'5	160	RB/DB
28	Alex Schneider	10	6'0	180	TE/LB
31	Rowan Fossey	10	5'8	115	WR/DB
33	Blake Bisson	10	5'10	155	WR/DB
34	Jack Elvecrog	10	5'11	170	RB/DB
35	Beckett Schoshinski	10	6'0	135	WR/DB
37	Brady Young	10	5'7	140	WR/DB
38	Henry Hiller	10	6'3	185	WR/DL
39	Tommy Hilyar	10	5'11	190	TE/LB
40	Will McKinney	10	5'8	130	WR/DB
41	Henry Gustafson	10	5'10	165	WR/DB
42	Lance Gareis	10	5'9	140	WR/DB
43	Nick Graf	10	5'11	175	TE/LB
45	Drew Simington	10	6'2	170	TE/DL
46	Ben Wonhof	10	5'11	165	TE/LB
47	Soren Castelein	10	5'11	140	WR/DB
48	Jack Crandall	10	5'8	150	RB/DB
50	Kingston Hamblin	10	6'4	265	OL/DL
55	Grant Varner	10	6'5	205	OL/DL
61	Michael Wiberg	10	5'11	225	OL/DL
63	Henry Brandt	10	6'4	200	OL/DL
64	Joe Vitale	10	5'10	185	OL/DL
65	Josh Dahlstrom	10	6'0	215	OL/DL

#	NAME	GR	HT	WT	POS
66	Zion Brolsma	10	6'1	185	OL/DL
67	Louis Ripple	10	5'10	205	OL/DL
70	Landen Noon	10	6'2	200	OL/DL
72	Baergen Johnson	10	5'11	185	OL/DL
73	Gavin Surbrook-Anderson	10	5'8	185	OL/DL
75	Griffen Moore	10	6'4	265	OL/DL
77	Joseph Donnelly	10	5'9	235	OL/DL
80	Noah Baerenwald	10	6'2	190	TE/DL
81	Jordan Ronia	10	5'8	145	WR/DB
82	Deaglan Mayers	10	5'11	150	WR/DB
83	Devin LaMontagne	10	5'8	125	WR/DB
84	Anders Moore	10	5'11	175	TE/LB
85	Tej Shirole	10	5'5	145	WR/DB
86	Oliver Ellingson-Shuster	10	5'9	170	WR/LB
87	Winston Hommerding	10	6'2	185	TE/DL
88	Tate Eisenbarth	10	6'0	185	DL/TE
89	Cameron Deno	10	5'10	140	WR/DB
90	Trask Wolfe	10	6'1	135	WR/DB

SOPHOMORE COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: John Croyle

Assistants: Colin Beil, Jason Bell, Mitch Benson, Joe Carlson, Brennan Dickinsen, Careino Gurley, Joe Sherry

STUDENT MANAGERS

Mya Firkus, Clara Birr, Kalyanni Saldana, Megan Villet

Athletic Trainer: Cassie Arrington

Marching Band Director: Paul Rosen, Kevin Kleindel

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Back: Coach Mitchell Benson, Coach Jason Bell, Coach John Croyle, Coach Joe Sherry, Clara Birr, Kalyanni Saldana, Oliver Ellingson-Shuster, Winston Hommerding, Tate Eisenbarth, Cameron Deno, Trask Wolfe, Megan Vilett, Mya Firkus, Coach Joe Carlson, Coach Careino Gurley, Coach Colin Beil; Row 5: Baergen Johnson, Gavin Surbrook-Anderson, Griffen Moore, Joseph Donnelly, Noah Baerenwald, Jordan Ronia, Deaglan Mayers, Devin LaMontagne, Anders Moore, Tej Shirole; Row 4: Soren Castelein, Jack Crandall, Kingston Hamblin, Michael Wiberg, Henry Brandt, Joe Vitale, Josh Dahlstrom, Zion Broisma, Louis Ripple, Landen Noon; Row 3: Blake Bisson, Jack Elvecrog, Beckett Schoshinski, Brady Young, Henry Hiller, Tommy Hilyar, Will McKinney, Henry Gustafson, Lance Gareis, Nick Graf, Drew Simington, Ben Wonhof; Row 2: Carter Storts, Graham Kerr, Quinton Restrepo, Matthew Sander, Solomon Erickson, Nick McBain, Eli Fernandes, Spencer Sommerfeld, Garrett Wheeler, David Carter, Alex Schneideran Fossey; Front: Peter Jewett, Carl Simonsen, Caleb Francois, Garrett Hultgren, Quin Eyman, Jacob Gendreau, Cael Oppegaard, Nilay Premkumar, Ryan Remick, Eric Denhardt, Drew Fleming, Matthew Gibney; Not pictured: Coach Brennan Dickinsen, Grant Varner

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FRESHMAN TEAM

#	NAME	OFF/DEF POS
2	Caden Gutzmer	QB/S
3	Brooks Henriksen	QB/S
6	Nolan Carr	QB/S
8	Kaden Anderson	WR/CB
9	Sam Godsave	RB/S
10	Jonah Cummings	WR/CB
11	Myles Augustyn	TE/LB
13	Keian Prokosch	WR/CB
14	Kirion Vogel	WR/CB
16	Grady Giebenhain	WR/S
17	Donovan O'Brien	WR/CB
18	Noah Wallace	WR/CB
19	Andrew Robertson	WR/CB
20	Charlie Hegwood	TE/DL
21	Cody Braun	WR/S
22	Caleb Ronning	RB/LB
23	Riley Battani	RB/S
24	Lincoln Call	RB/LB
25	James Bolduc	RB/DL
26	Grant Burgum	WR/CB
27	Fin Stenberg	QB/S
28	Max Martin	WR/CB
29	Max Watson	RB/S
30	Anders Thompson	WR/LB
31	Caden Irving	WR/CB
32	Zuriel Rios	RB/LB
34	Connell Flemming	WR/CB
35	Kai Coenen	RB/LB
36	Tomas Jakubauskas	RB/S
37	Cameron Sisko	WR/DL
38	Nate Baumel	WR/CB
39	Gavin Perry	WR/CB
40	Dylan Sandberg	WR/CB
41	Leo Browne	WR/CB
42	Jack Storts	WR/S
43	Tristyn Walker	TE/DL
45	Luqman Abdulwali	WR/S
47	Ethan Staubly	TE/CB
48	Blake Viger	TE/LB
49	Caden Collatin	WR/S
51	Jackson Rick	OL/DL
52	Kaden Sanders	OL/LB
53	Eric Skarohlid	OL/DL
54	Kian Donovan	OL/DL
55	Pierce Fogarty	OL/DL
56	Bryce Clarke	OL/DL
58	Logan Petersen	OL/DL
59	Calvin Velgersdyk	OL/DL
60	Will Perry	OL/DL
62	Lukas Kehagias	RB/DL

#	NAME	OFF/DEF POS
63	Erik Boos	OL/DL
64	Mac Pfeffer	OL/DL
65	Mac Koland	OL/DL
66	Alex Weinheimer	OL/DL
68	Colin Wickett	OL/DL
70	Emilio Corona	OL/DL
72	Daniel Richards	OL/DL
73	Wade Vorland	OL/DL
74	Zachary Smith	OL/DL
75	Sam Cheever	OL/DL
78	Carl Nicks	OL/DL
79	Nicco Scherado	OL/DL
80	Tate Thompson	WR/CB
81	Evan Haines	TE/LB
82	Will Keenan	WR/S
83	Brady Mortell	WR/CB
84	Owen Nodsle	TE/CB
85	Jack Mettner	WR/CB
86	Chip Scott	TE/S
87	Grady Chapman	TE/LB
88	Henry Aulick	TE/S
89	Chase Meeden	QB/S
90	Jackson Joaquin	WR/CB
91	Reese Barnheiser	WR/CB
92	Maximus Hawks	WR/S
93	Kamari Richardson	WR/S
95	Owen Sandberg	WR/CB
97	Noah Farnum	WR/LB
98	Owen Robertson	WR/DL

FRESHMAN COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jon Westmeyer

Assistants: Dave Bierly, Mason Chartier, Fred Cornely, Nick Doble, Sam Forster, Alex Griffith, Jesse Nelson, Joel Newman

STUDENT MANAGERS

Kindra Cheely, Ellie Jandro, Maggie Sayers

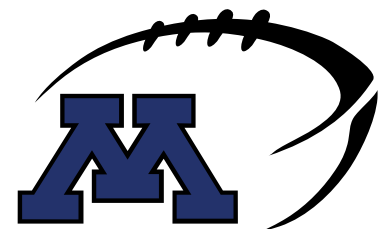
Athletic Trainer: Cassie Arrington

Marching Band Director: Paul Rosen, Kevin Kleindel

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Back: Coach Nick Doble, Coach Alex Griffith, Coach Sam Forster, Coach Jesse Nelson, Reese Barnheiser, Maximus Hawks, Kamari Richardson, Owen Sandberg, Noah Farnum, Tomas Jakubauskas, Coach Jon Westmeyer, Coach Mason Chartier, Coach Dave Bierly, Maggie Sayers; Row 6: Nicco Scherado, Evan Haines, Will Keenan, Brady Mortell, Owen Nodsle, Jack Mettner, Chip Scott, Grady Chapman, Henry Aulick, Chase Meeden, Jackson Joaquin; Row 5: Will Perry, Erik Boos, Mac Pfeffer, Alex Weinheimer, Colin Wickett, Emilio Corona, Daniel Richards, Wade Vorland, Zachary Smith, Sam Cheever, Carl Nicks; Row 4: Ethan Staubly, Blake Viger, Caden Collatin, Jackson Rick, Kaden Sanders, Eric Skarohlid, Kian Donovan, Pierce Fogarty, Bryce Clarke, Logan Petersen, Calvin Velgersdyk; Row 3: Zuriel Rios, Connell Flemming, Kai Coenen, Owen Robertson, Cameron Sisko, Nate Baumel, Gavin Perry, Dylan Sandberg, Leo Browne, Jack Storts, Tristyn Walker, Luqman Abdulwali; Row 2: Charlie Hegwood, Cody Braun, Caleb Ronning, Riley Battani, Lincoln Call, James Bolduc, Grant Burgum, Fin Stenberg, Max Martin, Max Watson, Anders Thompson, Caden Irving; Front: Caden Gutzmer, Brooks Henriksen, Nolan Carr, Kaden Anderson, Sam Godsave, Jonah Cummings, Myles Augustyn, Keian Prokosch, Kirion Vogel, Grady Giebenhain, Donovan O'Brien, Noah Wallace, Andrew Robertson; Not pictured: Coach Fred Comely, Coach Joel Newman, Lukas Kehagias, Tate Thompson, Kindra Cheely (mgr), Ellie Jandro (mgr)

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Love,
Mom, Dad, Grayson

**#52
Mateus Cullen**
Mateus, we couldn't be more proud of the young man you have become.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Mel



**#21
Hudson Poole**
We have loved every moment of your football journey.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Carsyn and Kinsley

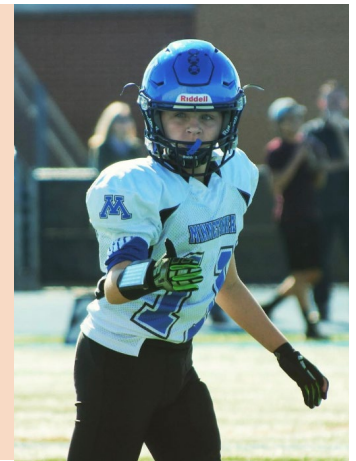


**#6
Tobias Williams**
I've loved every moment of every year of football since you started.
I'm so proud of all your hard work.
I love you,
Mom

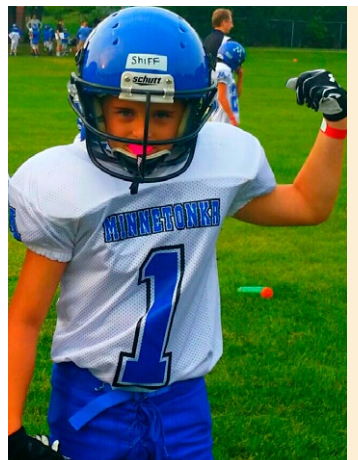


**#9
Roman Johnson**
We're so proud of your hard work and dedication to the sport you love so much!
Have a great season!
With love,
Your Family

**#29
JD Holler**
We're so proud of you and are so excited for your future!
Have a great senior year!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Finn



**#90
Luke Larson**
We thank God for the years we have gotten to see you play the sport you love.
We love you!
Your Family XOXO



**#22
Sam Shiff**
We couldn't be more proud of you, Sam.
We love you!
Mom and Dad



**#78
Jacob Sims**

We are so proud of the great player you have become!

Dedication and kindness make you a great person.

Love
Dad, H & Fam

**#10
Milos Spasojevic**

We are so proud of you buddy! We can't wait to continue to watch you do what you love.

We love you!
Spasojevic Family



**#2
Andrew Simonsen**

Hope you have a fantastic senior season.

We love you and are so proud of you.

Go Tonka!

Dad, Kris and the family



**#77
Luke Speedling**

We are so proud of you! It's been amazing watching you play from flag football in 1st grade to senior year.

Love,
Mom and Dad



**#5
Joran Thomsen**

Wishing you a victorious season and great successes in your senior year.

We love and are proud of you #5. Enjoy this time!

Love,
Your family

**#8
William Hairston**

Have an incredible year Will. We are proud of you for all that you are, not just all that you do.

We love you!
Mom and Dad



**#28
Antonio Zullo**

We are so proud of you Antonio! Enjoy your senior year and season!

Love,
Mamma & Babbo



**#3
Keagan Zabilla**

It's hard to believe you've played football for 9 years.

We love watching you and cheering you on. You rock!
Your Family



**#54
Addison Wang**

We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Elina, MeiLan,
Grandma Joyce and
Grandpa Don

**#41
Hunter Stockham**

Passion. Attitude.
Effort.

So proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad



**#27
Joseph Brett-
Labouchere**

Thank you for
making us always
proud!

Love, Mom & Dad



**#86
Zach Steingas**

We're so proud of you! It
has been a joy to watch
you play football.

Have fun and enjoy
your senior year!

Love,
Mom & Dad



**#20
Jack Taddy**

Jack with humility,
passion, perseverance
and grit you are
destined to create
greatness!

Love,
Mom, Ethan & Sawyer

**#72
Tanner Smith**

Proud of you on & off
the field.

Thanks to all of your
Tonka coaches through
the years!

Go Tonka '23!

Dad, Mom, KC & Miranda



**#17
Hunter Peterson**

We are so proud of the
dedication, passion and
drive you show on and
off the field Hunter.

Love you tons!
Mom and Dad



**#55
John Boberg**

We are all so proud of
you! Enjoy your senior
season!

Clear eyes, full heart,
can't lose.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily
and Mathew

#66 Elijah Zapzalka
#71 Aiden Zapzalka

May you always make time to play and have fun together.
 Have a great year!



#4 Kody Chou
 Way to go Kody!

GO SKIPPERS!

#82 Charlie Frank

We are so proud of you 82. Win one for Nanny!

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Ally, Sophie and Willow



#75 Bruce Merry

We are so proud of you both on and off the field.

Have a GREAT senior year!

Love,
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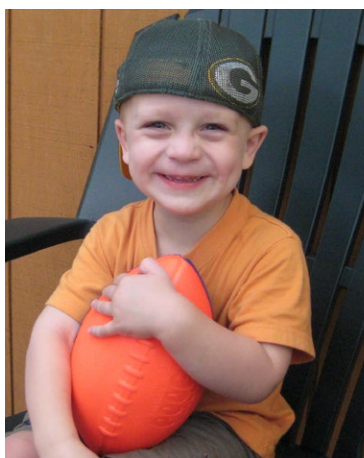
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MARK ESCH

Varsity Head Coach, Quarterbacks

Alma Mater(s): Caledonia High School (MN), University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of South Dakota

This is Mark Esch's 5th year as a Minnetonka Football coach and his 4th as Head Coach.

Mark is a graduate of Caledonia High School and played one year of college football at UW-La Crosse. He began his coaching career at UW-La Crosse and then coached for a year at White Bear Lake High School. Mark's college coaching career began at the University of South Dakota, where he spent one season before getting back into teaching and coaching at Austin High School.

Mark was the head coach at Mankato West High School from 2006-16 where he led his team to 9 state appearances in 11 seasons while winning two state championships.

Mark is a PE teacher at MHS and lives in Victoria with his wife Sarah and their three daughters.

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VARSITY COACHES



JON CHRISTENSON

Offensive Line



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School, University of Minnesota

2023 marks Jon Christenson's 4th season coaching the Skippers.

A former Skipper, Jon played on Minnetonka's offensive and defensive lines. He believes there are few things that shape a young person for success like high school football. His time at Minnetonka was profoundly formative.

Jon went on to play for the Gophers, where he started on the interior offensive line for four years, accumulated numerous awards, and was named a captain his senior year.

He is currently an associate pastor at Grace Church in Eden Prairie. He and his wife Erika reside in Minnetonka with their two children.



BRYAN DAMMANN

Tight Ends/Kickers/Punters

Alma Mater(s): Mayer Lutheran High School, Gustavus Adolphus College

Bryan Dammann enters his 21st season at Minnetonka.

Bryan previously coached at Brooklyn Center High School, serving as an assistant for two years and as head coach for three years. He was also a junior high coach in St. Clair, Minnesota for two years.

Bryan is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and is a math teacher at Minnetonka High School. Bryan and his wife Echo reside in Minneapolis with their four children.



RODNEY FRANCOIS

Running Backs

Alma Mater(s): Lely High School (FL), South Dakota State

Rodney Francois enters his 8th year coaching, his 2nd year at Minnetonka High School. Rodney was a four year letter winner, two year starter, and all-conference selection at SDSU.

Rodney and his wife Nikki reside in Excelsior with their two children.



MATT GORMAN

Cornerbacks

Alma Mater(s): Marshfield HS (WI), North Dakota State (BS), St Mary's (MA)

Matt Gorman enters his 4th year at Minnetonka High School teaching Special Education and coaching cornerbacks. He has been teaching and coaching for 16 years including time at Bloomington and St. Anthony high schools.

He attended NDSU where he was a four-year starter and all-conference selection.

Matt and his wife Ashley have 3 children and make their home in Eden Prairie.

VARSIITY COACHES



EVERSON GRIFFEN

Defensive Line

Alma Mater(s): Agua Fria High School (AZ), University of Southern California

Everson Griffen enters his first year on the Skippers coaching staff working with the defensive line.

Everson attended Agua Fria High School where he played as a defensive lineman, running back and was a track & field standout.

After high school, Everson attended USC and played for 3 seasons before entering the 2010 NFL Draft where he was selected by the Vikings. His NFL career included 11 seasons with Minnesota and one season each with Dallas and Detroit.

Everson and his wife Tiffany have 3 children and reside in Minnetrista.



JASON OPSAL

Offensive Coordinator

Alma Mater(s): Buffalo High School, Gustavus Adolphus College

Jason Opsal enters his 9th year on the staff and is in charge of wide receivers. Prior to joining Minnetonka, Jason spent five seasons at Thousand Oaks High School (California) and three seasons coaching college football at Pacific Lutheran (Washington), California Lutheran and Gustavus Adolphus.

Along with his coaching duties, Jason serves as a Physical Education teacher at MHS. He and his wife Molly reside in Minnetonka.



ISMAIL KARON

Inside Linebackers



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School, Winona State University

Ismail Karon enters his 8th season with the Skippers this fall. Ismail was a running back and linebacker for the Skippers before graduating from MHS in 2009. He continued his education and football career at Winona State University, graduating with a degree in Physical Education.

Ismail is a Physical Education teacher at Minnetonka High School.



JON PYTLAK

Wide Receivers

Alma Mater(s): Mankato West High School, Bethel University

Jon enters his 2nd season working with varsity wide receivers.

A Mankato native, Jon played on Coach Esch's 2014 state championship team as a receiver. He went on to play football at Bethel.

Jon is currently self-employed and recently engaged.



RYAN LACASSE

Safeties

Alma Mater(s): Mountlake Terrace HS (WA), Saint John's University

Ryan LaCasse enters his 2nd season coaching at Minnetonka High School.

As a player for Saint John's, he was a 3-year starter and all-conference selection at Safety. Ryan will be assisting with the defensive backs and co-defensive coordinator for the Junior Varsity team.

Along with coaching, Ryan works in Operations for Globaltranz Logistics.



BUBBA MOORE

Assistant Offensive Line/Tight Ends



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School (Class of 2022)

Bubba Moore enters his 2nd season with the Skippers assisting Coach Christenson with the offensive line.

Bubba played Tonka Youth Football and Varsity Football for the Skippers.

His future plans include pursuing an occupational therapy degree, working with adaptive sports athletes and continuing to be a part of the Minnetonka Football Program.

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JOSH STEPHAN

Defensive Line

Alma Mater(s): Blaine High School, South Dakota State University (BS), St. Cloud State University (MS), Concordia-St. Paul (EdS)

Josh Stephan enters his 16th season with the Skippers. Josh is a graduate of Blaine High School where he competed in two state titles under hall of fame coach Dave Nelson.

Stephan is a three-time letter winner as defensive tackle for South Dakota State and has previous coaching stops at St. Cloud State, South Dakota State, and Chaska High School.

Both Josh and his spouse Sarah serve as educators in the Minnetonka School District and are proud parents of four growing Skippers!



CONNOR WILKIE

Quarterbacks/Kickers & Punters

Alma Mater(s): Andover High School, Southwest Minnesota State University

Connor Wilkie enters his 4th year of coaching and his first year at with the Skippers.

Prior to MHS, Connor spent two seasons as the running backs coach at Augsburg University and one season as the varsity quarterbacks coach at Coon Rapids High School.

He graduated from Andover High School ('14) and went on to play quarterback at Southwest Minnesota State University and was named captain his senior year ('18).

Along with his coaching responsibilities, Connor serves as a Special Education teacher at MHS and has been happily married to his wife Karlie since 2021.



RODRICK TOLEN

Defensive Coordinator

Alma Mater(s): Alcovy High School (GA), Point University (GA)

Rodrick Tolen enters his 4th season with the Skippers. Prior to the Skippers, Rod coached at Fort Valley State University, where he coached the defensive backs and was the Player Development coach.

Rod graduated from Point University, where he played football for three years and was part of the inaugural football team in 2011.

He is the founder of TEAM Health Sports, a mentorship program for student-athletes. Rod and his wife Lilly have two children and reside in Minneapolis.



TAYLOR MOON

'Tonka Strong' Strength & Conditioning

Alma Mater(s): Winona State University, Concordia University-St. Paul

Taylor Moon enters his 5th season as Minnetonka's head strength and conditioning coach. He is also a special education developmental disabilities teacher at MHS.

Prior to MHS, Taylor worked as head strength and conditioning coach and special education resource teacher at East Ridge High School.

Taylor earned his BA in Special Education Learning Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities from Winona State and an MA in Special Education-Emotional Behavior Disorders from Concordia University St. Paul. At Winona State, Taylor interned with the strength & conditioning staff and served as head coach of the Winona State Men's Club Hockey team, leading the team to a school-record 19 wins and a national ranking of #22.

In his free time, Taylor enjoys lifting weights, promoting inclusivity, reading science fiction books, eating, camping and traveling.

Skippers Fight Song

**Go Skippers, Go-oh!
Fight for victory!
With your colors flying
We will cheer you all the time
Rah, rah, rah
Go Skippers, Go-oh!
Fight for victory!
Spread far the fame
of our fair name
and fight, you Skippers
win this game!**

**Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah,
Fight, you Skippers, fight!**

**Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah,
Fight, you Skippers, fight!**

**Hit 'em high! Hit 'em low!
Come on, team, let's go!**



TONY DELORENZO

Voice of the Minnetonka Skippers



Tony DeLorenzo celebrates his silver anniversary this year as game announcer for the Minnetonka Skippers! He is also the announcer for the Skippers varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams and the varsity Baseball team.

Outside of MHS, Tony announces for the Minnesota United FC, Minnesota Timberwolves/Lynx "Play Where the Pros Play" junior program, MSHSL Boys Basketball Tournament, University of Minnesota Gophers Athletics, and continues to add to his broadcasting plate. This year marks Tony's 29th anniversary as an English teacher at MHS.

Tony and his wife Naomi have two grown daughters and live in Victoria.

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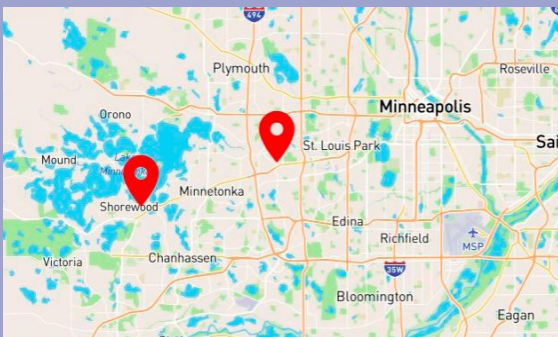
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SOPHOMORE COACHES



JOHN CROYLE

Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator, QBs

Alma Mater(s): Wayzata High School, Bethel University
 John Croyle enters his 18th year coaching at MHS and his 3rd as sophomore head coach. Prior to this, he held several positions with the varsity program including offensive coordinator, quarterbacks, wide receivers and safeties coach.

John is a graduate of Bethel University with a BA degree in History and Social Studies Education and was a 3-year starter as a wide receiver under Steve Johnson, earning All-MIAC honors there.

John is a Social Studies teacher at MHS. He and his wife Mikaela reside in Waconia with their six children.

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JOE CARLSON

Wide Receivers

Alma Mater(s): Thomas Jefferson High School, Bethel University

Joe Carlson enters his 7th season on the coaching staff at Minnetonka, serving as the wide receivers coach on the sophomore team.

Joe is a 2017 graduate of Bethel University, where he played quarterback for 4 years and graduated with a degree in Math Education. He earned his Masters in Statistics from Texas A&M University and is a Math teacher at Minnetonka High School.

Joe and his wife Kelly live in Jordan with their daughter.



COLIN BEIL

Secondary



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School, Bethel University

This is Colin Beil's 3rd season coaching at MHS.

Colin is a MHS 2017 grad and played football for the Skippers as a safety and long snapper. He was the 2016 recipient of the Maxie McGee Scholarship.

Colin is a graphic designer and creates most of the graphics for Minnetonka Football social media. In his free time, he enjoys golf, pickup basketball and playing with his dog, Lambeau.



BRENNAN DICKINSEN

Defensive Coordinator

Alma Mater(s): Augusta High School (WI), Minnesota State University Mankato

Brennan Dickinsen enters his 9th season with the sophomore team. He also teaches 4th grade at Deephaven Elementary.

Brennan earned his Elementary Ed. degree at Minnesota State University where he played linebacker for two seasons. Prior to that, he attended U of M-Crookston, playing basketball for the Golden Eagles from 2007-09.

He and his wife Mandie reside in Carver.



JASON BELL

Offensive Line

Alma Mater(s): Columbia Heights High School, Hamline University, Saint Mary's University

This is Jason's 18th year with the Skippers. He is a graduate of Columbia Heights High School, where he was a four-year letter winner and co-captain. He played football at Hamline University for 4 years while earning degrees in Anthropology and Social Studies with a licensure in Education. He earned an MA in Education from Saint Mary's University in 2013.

Jason teaches Social Studies at MHS. He and his wife Jamie live in Savage with their son.



CAREINO GURLEY

Linebackers

Alma Mater(s): Glen Mills Schools (PA), Minnesota State University Mankato

Careino Gurley enters his 15th year of coaching at MHS.

He received his BA in Social Work from Minnesota State University in 2001 and his Social Work licensure in 2016. He is the Academic & Student Support Coordinator and advisor of Minnetonka Men of Color at MHS.

Careino and his wife Felicia have two adult sons and reside in Minneapolis.



MITCH BENSON

Tight Ends/Running Backs

Alma Mater(s): Buffalo High School, University of Minnesota-Duluth

We welcome Mitchell Benson to his first year coaching at MHS. Prior to joining the Skippers, he served as head coach of the freshman program at Detroit Lakes High School for two seasons.

Mitch is a 2016 graduate of Buffalo High School and earned his B.S. Ed. from UMD in 2021. He is excited to begin coaching and teaching in the district.

Mitch's pastimes include disc golf, hiking, riding roller-coasters, attending concerts and making music with friends.



JOE SHERRY

Running Backs/Tight Ends

Alma Mater(s): St. Michael Albertville High School, University of Minnesota

Joe Sherry enters his 2nd year of coaching at Minnetonka.

He is a 2019 graduate of Metropolitan State University with a BA degree in Economics and a 2022 graduate of the University of Minnesota with an MA degree in Elementary Education.

Joe is a 5th grade teacher at Deephaven Elementary School. He resides in St. Louis Park.

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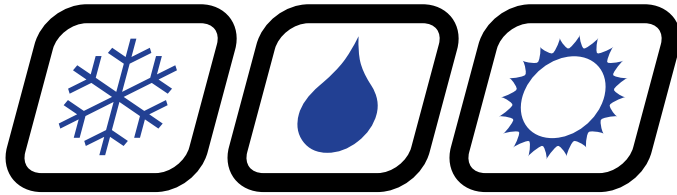
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FRESHMAN COACHES



JON WESTMEYER

Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School, University of North Dakota

Jon Westmeyer is entering his 6th season on the Minnetonka Football staff and 4th as Freshman head coach.

Jon has taught middle school math for 13 years – 7 at MMW. He is a graduate of MHS and a former player.

Jon and his wife Erin have one daughter and reside in Chaska.

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NICK DOBLE

Safeties/Linebackers

Alma Mater(s): Burnsville High School, Normandale Community College, Minnesota State University Mankato

Nick Doble enters his 6th year with the Skippers. He is a 2012 graduate of Burnsville High School. He earned a bachelor's in communications and a minor in non-profit leadership at MSU. Nick helped coach the freshman football team and was an assistant coach with the freshman baseball team at Burnsville while attending college full-time.

Nick is a staff associate for Young Life at MHS. He and his wife Jenn reside in Savage.



DAVE BIERLY

Cornerbacks

Alma Mater(s): Pine Crest High School (FL), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Wisconsin

Dave Bierly came to Minnetonka from Rosemount High School where he was a counselor and football coach for 8 years. This is his 11th year as a counselor and 10th as a coach at Minnetonka.

Dave earned his BA in Behavioral Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is a diehard Badgers fan. He earned a Masters in Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities while maintaining his Badger identity.

Dave and his wife Shannon live in Eden Prairie with their two children.



SAM FORSTER

Running Backs

Alma Mater(s): Hopkins High School, St. Johns University, Concordia-St. Paul (present)

Sam Forster begins his 2nd year with the Skippers. Sam is a 2010 graduate of Hopkins High School where he spent two years as statistician for Royals Football.

He holds a BA in Business from St. Johns University and is currently completing his licensure in secondary math education at Concordia College.

In addition to football, Sam coaches basketball for MBBA. He enjoys learning Spanish, traveling and spending time with family. He and his wife Silvia currently reside in NE Minneapolis with their son.



MASON CHARTIER

Offensive Line

Alma Mater(s): St. Michael-Albertville High School, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

This is Mason Chartier's 2nd season coaching the freshman Offensive Linemen and his 3rd season with the Minnetonka Football Program. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Mason is a special education teacher at Minnetonka High School.



ALEX GRIFFITH

Linebackers

Alma Mater(s): Wayzata High School, Gustavus Adolphus College

Alex Griffith enters his 4th year coaching and teaching in Minnetonka, previously coaching the 10th grade linebackers.

Alex graduated from Gustavus in 2020 with a degree in Secondary Communication Arts and Literature teaching. He teaches grade 7 & 8 Language Arts at MMW.

He and his wife Morgan reside in Long Lake.



FRED CORNELY

Safeties

Alma Mater(s): Buffalo Grove HS (IL), University of Cincinnati

Fred Cornely enters his 3rd year coaching at MHS after spending three years as a coach at Amundsen High in Chicago. He attended and played football at Saint Xavier University where he won a national championship during the 2010-11 season. After his championship run, Fred transferred to the University of Cincinnati to complete his collegiate football career.

Fred spent time on the practice squad for the Detroit Lions for 3 seasons before beginning his career as an engineer.

He and his wife Kenyanna live in Plymouth with their 3-year old son.



JESSE NELSON

Wide Receivers



Alma Mater(s): Minnetonka High School, Concordia College Moorhead, University of Minnesota

Jesse Nelson begins his 13th year as a physical education teacher and coach at Minnetonka.

Nelson is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, where he earned a BA in Physical Education and Health. During his playing career for the Cobbers, Nelson was the quarterback and captain.

After graduation, Nelson became a graduate assistant football coach at the University of South Dakota and the University of Minnesota, where he completed his Masters in Applied Kinesiology.

Jesse and his wife Sarah live in Excelsior with their three daughters.

FRESHMAN COACHES



JOEL NEWMAN

Quarterbacks

Alma Mater(s): Red Wing High School, UW-Eau Claire
 This season marks Joel's 6th season on the Minnetonka Football coaching staff. Prior to coaching at MHS, he coached at Altoona High School in Wisconsin.

Joel played quarterback and was a captain at UW-Eau Claire, graduating in 2016 with degrees in Spanish Education and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Joel is a Spanish Immersion teacher at MME and lives in St. Louis Park.

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Marching Band Roster

NAME	INSTR	GR
Sarah Abrahamson	Pit	9
Ronan Abrahamson	Pit	12
Peyton Barker	CG	9
Diya Baveja	Trumpet	10
Kyle Best	Trumpet	9
Aaryn Chong	CG	10
Henry Cox	Batterie	9
Jack Donohue	Pit	11
James Dyste	Baritone	12
Julia Erickson	Batterie	10
Nico Ferreira	Pit	11
Brielle Fox-Anderson*	Drum Mjr	12
Hayley Giandoni	CG	11
Jackson Giandoni	Batterie	8
Graham Hirman	Alto Sax	11
Micah Hirman	Trumpet	9
Frankie Iannone	CG	8
James Kohout	Pit	11
Noah Kurlander	Tenor Sax	9
Ella Kurth	Clarinet	10
Toby Lang	Batterie	10
Bennett Lang	Trombone	8
John Linden	Trumpet	10

NAME	INSTR	GR
Brian Liu	Pit	11
Addy Lockhart	Trumpet	11
Wyatt Marcus	Batterie	8
Connor McMurray	Baritone	11
Svea Moberg	Clarinet	10
Rachel Moore	Tenor Sax	12
Finnegan Pelto	Trumpet	11
Mikayla Pickerell	Clarinet	8
Skylar Pickerell	CG	10
Nathan Riemer	Tuba	11
Shivali Roychowdhury	Clarinet	9
Abigail Seo	Alto Sax	9
Juliet Siikarla	CG	12
River Stine	CG	10
Isabella Totin	Batterie	11
Addison Volbrecht	Alto Sax	10
Sam Walker	Baritone	10
Libby Watt	Trumpet	9
Bodie Whitnah	Baritone	10
Ben Whitnah	Tuba	8
Eric Zeng	Baritone	9

*Marching Band Captain

MHS MARCHING BAND AWARDS:

- 2019 State Marching Band Championships: **2nd Place AA**
- 2018 State Marching Band Championships: **2nd Place AA**
- 2017 State Marching Band Championships: **1st Place AA**
- 2016 State Marching Band Championships: **2nd Place AA**

Show Title: "Brick Canvas"

Musical Selections: "Monody" - TheFatRat, "Sunflower" - Post Malone and Swae Lee, "Confetti" - Velvet Negroni, "Lights Out" - Alex Shapiro

Music Arrangements: Jake Esterberg, Kory Esterberg

Drill: Phil Snyder

Drum Major: Brielle Fox-Anderson

Color Guard Staff: Kaitlyn Barrett, Alyssa Harrington, Sydney Downing

Visual Staff: Karl Schmid, Abra Arora

Percussion Staff: Jake Esterberg, Kory Esterberg, Vivi Hillstrom, Katie Langer, Abra Arora

Band Directors: Kevin Kleindl and Paul Rosen

Captain: Brielle Fox-Anderson



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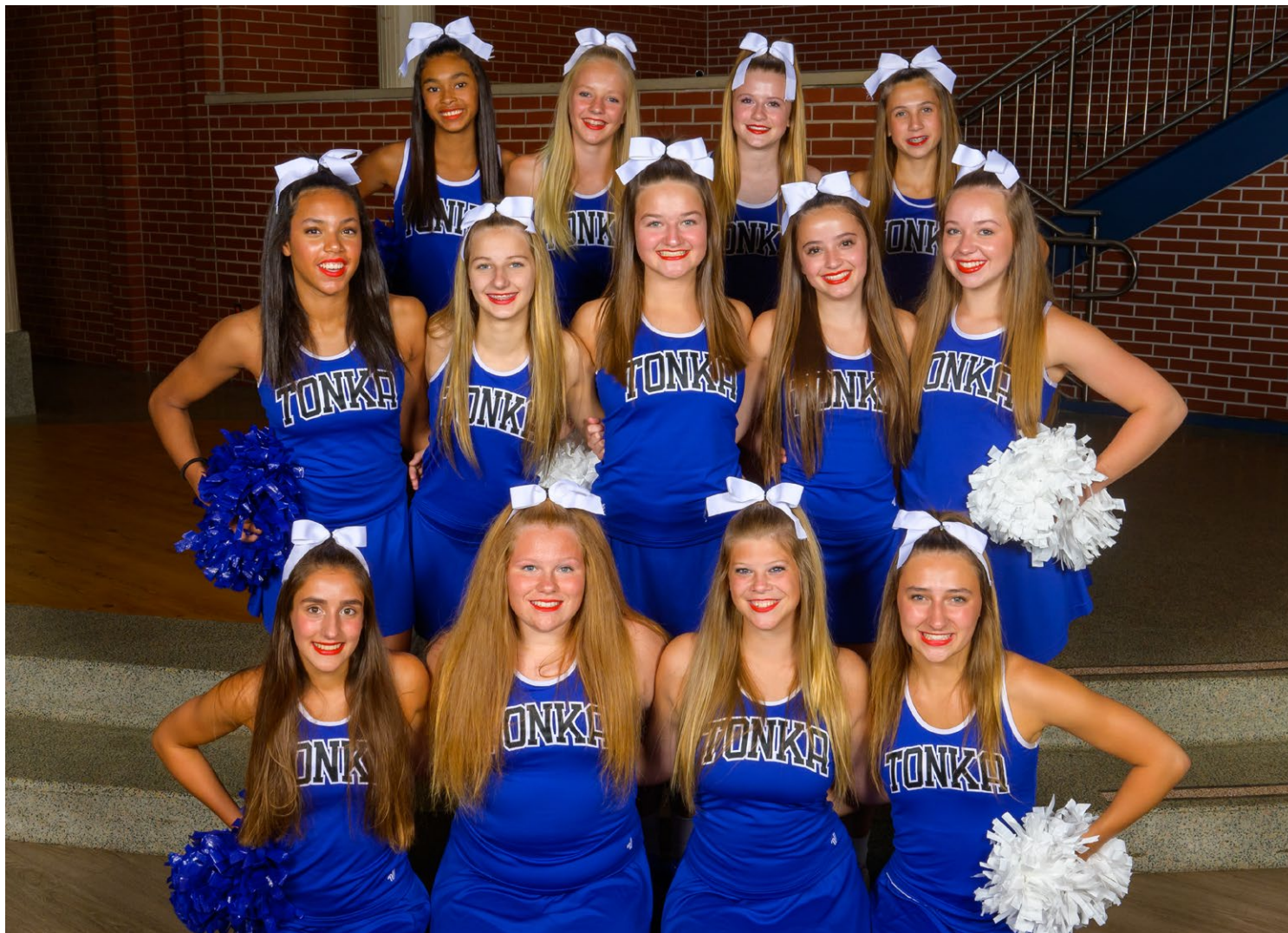
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Back: Valentina Longo-Schumer, Kaylin Crosley, Vivian Senescall, Lina Botten; Middle: Milah Lewis, Lilly Davis, Grace Severson, Maddie Boynton, Autumn Drewes-Pellowski; Front: Alejandra Rodriguez-Guemes, Isabelle Harig, Lily Ziebarth, Mollie Yanda

Head Coach: André Brewer

Assistant Coaches:

Marcy Adams-Helgren, Dan Weaver

COMPETITION RECORD:

- UCA National High School Cheerleading Champions in 2012, 2013, 2017 (2), 2020, 2023
- UCA World School Cheerleading Champions in 2016, 2020, 2023
- 26-Time Minnesota State Varsity Cheerleading Champions
- 2-Time Minnesota State Varsity Cheerleading Grand Champions
- 2-Time UCA/ICU Nations Cup Championships in Orlando – Highest Routine Score out of all the teams competing in our session.

JUNIOR VARSITY



Back: Hannah Hatzung, Elise Jordan, Caitlin Waddell-Toohey, Lillie Harig; Middle: Quinn Schroder, Zakeya Liggins, Kinley Hurst, Isla Deutsch, Callie Wilson, Karenna Johnson; Front: Alli Plekkenpol, Sophia Noah, Natalia Carvalho, Audrey Doyle, Cora Hendrickson

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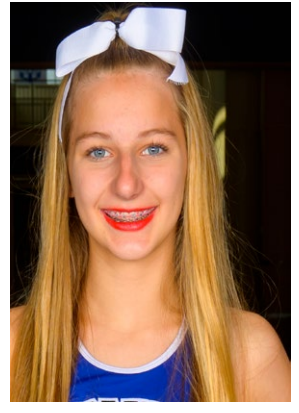
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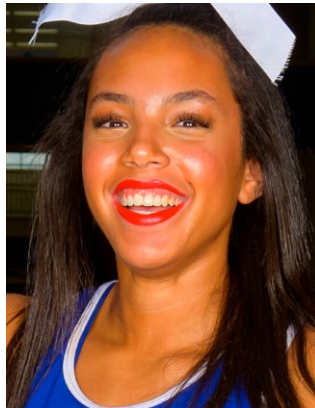
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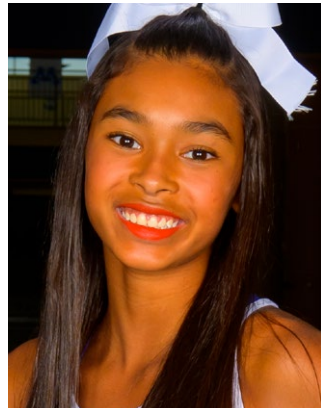
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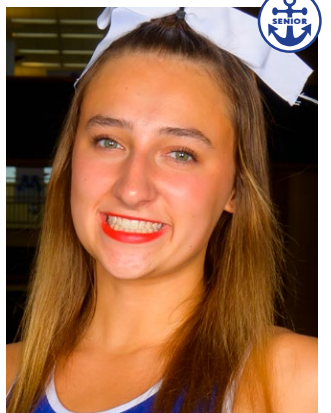
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Mollie Yanda



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11 Abigail Adams



12 Lydia Anderson



12 Maja Arnar



10 Hailey DeVilliers



11 Ashlyn Everett



11 Mallory Finn



10 Madi Franklin



12 Mia Giovinco



9 Greta Grivina



9 Briley Hanson



12 Maya Hawley



12 Megan Holzer



10 Addie Katanic



11 Chloe Johnson



12 Meredith King



10 Aubrey Klous



12 Ainsley Lindberg



10 Greta Lunke



10 Ellie Maechler



12 Alexa Mayland



11 Reese McKenzie



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11 Haley McShane



10 Kensie Moeckel



9 Elena Moreno

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9 Hartley Myhran



11 Britta Morken



11 Ariana Nevelskiy



11 Ayla Pak



11 Isabelle Pavek



10 Kayden Pelstring



10 Ella Phillips



10 Chloe Reiersen



11 Sari Rodich



12 Bella Saferstein



12 Sophia Schon



10 Makenna Seifert



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11 Audrey Sonnek



11 Ava Steinkra



11 Brittany Uittenbogaard



11 Christina Wright



9 Simone Yochum

Head Coach: Kelsey Vercruyse
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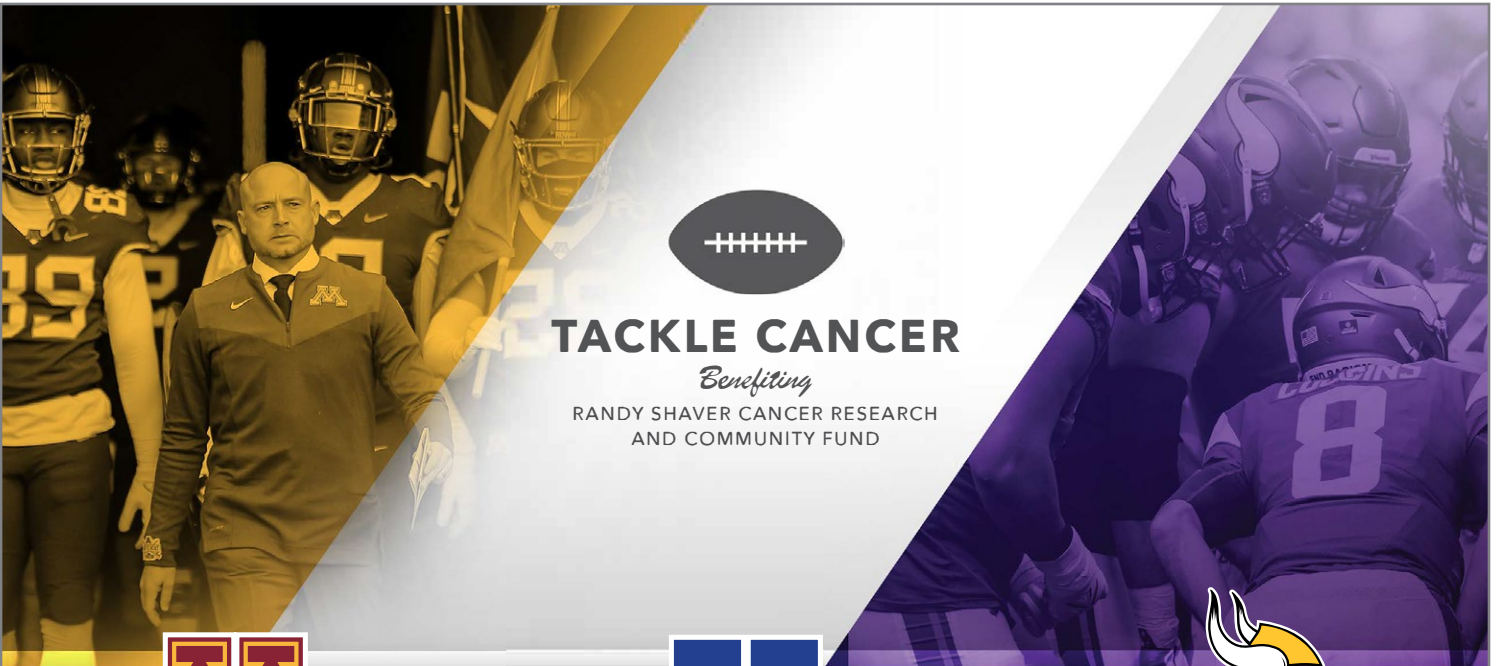


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Not pictured: Bella Saferstein, Greta Lunke

JUNIOR VARSITY



Back: Alexa Mayland, Samantha Horneck, Abigail Score, Kennedy Kryck, Vanessa Blumenthal, Alexis Bender, Zoe Zavadil, Amelia Austad; Row 3: Sydney Shepard, Grace Monicatti, Adilynn Cardenas, Sonya Hendrickson, Amelia Dirks, Reese Sabow, Jasmine Goldsmith, Libby Donohue; Row 2: Aubri Dvorak, Izzy Ayd, Mira Barnes, Elena Moreno, Hartley Myhran, Madison Wright, Teagan Schneider; Front: Sophia Rynders, Madeline Brama, Meghan Peterson, Audrey Kibort, Lauren Gernes, Kiera Everson, Reese Schroeder



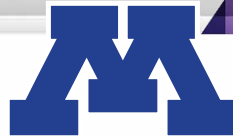
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Walt West SCHOLARSHIP



2022 RECIPIENT:
Bennett Worre

Walter “Doc” West had a long and colorful football background. He was the Minnetonka football head coach for nine years (1963-71) and also served Minnetonka High School for 30 years as teacher, assistant basketball coach and athletic director. He continued to assist the football program long after his retirement.

Walt played football and basketball at UW-Superior and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975. Before that he played one season at the University of Wisconsin, where he was coached by Harry Stuhldreher – the quarterback and leader of the 1922-25 legendary “Four Horsemen” of Notre Dame under the direction of Knute Rockne.

After college, Walt was invited to try out for the Green Bay Packers, but chose instead to teach and coach football, basketball and baseball at Central High in Superior, Wisconsin, where his 1958 basketball team played in the state tournament.

Prior to moving to Minnetonka, he taught and coached football, basketball and track at DeKalb High School in Illinois, where his basketball team reached the “Sweet Sixteen” in the Illinois playoffs.

Although he played and coached many sports, football was his first love. The current rash of concussions in the game worried him. “Use your pads and hit them where they bend,” he would say.

George Soukup SCHOLARSHIP



2022 RECIPIENT:
Cosmo Guion

George Soukup coached varsity and sophomore football at Minnetonka for 44 years. In 2003, George was awarded the Butch Nash Award, which is awarded annually to the top assistant coaches in Minnesota by the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association for their loyalty, coaching competency, integrity and rapport with their players.

The George Soukup Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship given annually in his honor to a senior football player who exemplifies the characteristics of Coach Soukup – dedication, unselfishness and commitment.

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The “Maxie” SCHOLARSHIP



2022 RECIPIENTS:
**Zach Eisenmann
& James Guerink**

In 2005, the Max McGee family established a \$2,000 college scholarship in the name of Maxwell “Maxie” McGee, a 2005 Minnetonka High School graduate.

Maxie was a student manager for the Skippers football team for the four years he attended Minnetonka High School and he continued to work with the varsity team through 2010.

The Maxie Scholarship honors the character of the recipient, a varsity team senior, and is not based on academic or athletic achievement. The winner is the player who best exemplifies the same compassion, commitment, competitiveness, leadership and generosity that Maxie did.



The McGee family is grateful for the many opportunities and experiences Maxie had at Minnetonka High School. Maxie loved his years at MHS!

John Mattox SCHOLARSHIP



2022 RECIPIENT:
Dakota Egert

Coach John “Mad Dog” Mattox coached the varsity offensive line at MHS for 15 years. He loved the game and loved the players who played it even more. He was a colorful man who made all who played for him feel special.

Coach Mattox began his coaching career in 1947 with Wells Memorial Settlement House where he won the City League Football Championship while still attending West High School. Mattox served as President and Regional Director for the Minnetonka Athletic Association and was the Head Coach of the Excelsior Jets when they won six MAA Championships. His coaching career took him to St. Louis Park, Blake and Kennedy before he began coaching for the Skippers. Coach Mattox was credited with inventing the Nerf football!

The John Mattox Scholarship honors an offensive lineman that best exemplifies the position and has high character.

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Michael P. McNulty

SCHOLARSHIP



2022 RECIPIENT:

Dylan Sinykin

In 2021, the McNulty family started **The Michael Patrick McNulty Charitable Fund (Michael's Light)** to provide academic and sports scholarships to those that demonstrate the best qualities of our son, brother, friend, and teammate – Michael McNulty. During Michael's 15 short but light-filled years, he lived with joy in his heart, a love for his friends and

teammates, and a determination to play hard. While Michael was a fierce football competitor from 3rd through 9th grade, he was better known for his kindness, authenticity, and ability to connect with people.

The Michael Patrick McNulty Football Scholarship awards \$2,000 to a graduating senior football player attending either a 2- or 4-year college. The recipient must demonstrate compassion to his fellow teammates, competitors, and coaches. They spread kindness to others on the field, in the locker room, and at school – knowing it creates an unbreakable brotherhood. This person understands the importance of human connection and its power to build a strong team. And, this player competes with enthusiasm, relentless determination, and love for the game and their teammates – all while taking pride in their academics.

If you would like to learn more about Michael, contribute to this scholarship, or help spread kindness, please follow @Michaels.Light on Instagram.



George Soukup

CHAMPIONS AWARD

Each week, the George Soukup award is given to a varsity offensive, defensive and special teams player who has demonstrated consistent effort and enthusiasm in practice as a scout team player.

At the end of the season, the coaching staff selects one player from the defensive, offensive and special teams scout teams to be honored at the Awards Banquet.

Listed at right are all previous recipients of the George Soukup Award.



YEAR	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS
2002	Justin Jeppesen & Nick McDougald	Patrick Eidsmo	Carl Hollimon
2003	David Brindise	C.J. Dean	None selected
2004	Jeff Nelson	Tim Groth	Mike Summers
2005	Dan O'Brien	Grant Fallon	Matt Mettert
2006	Brandon Campbell	Jake McFarlin	None selected
2007	Joe Sichel	Andrew Kubal	Jordan Krulik
2008	John McArthur	Matt Hooks	Chris Simon-Wallace
2009	Lee McMillen	Matt Stettner	Dominique Buyck
2010	Tim Barend	Grant Hartmann	Sam Gesko
2011	Rob Dryke	Kyle Keenan & Christian Roemhildt	Matt Woollums & Jake Cote
2012	James Gillingham	Charlie Holmgren	Peter Wilson
2013	Logan Willits	Harrison Magid	Marc Sosin
2014	Sean Kelly	Adam Johnson	Stone Swanson
2015	Brandyn Lee	(Not awarded)	Grant Richter
2016	Henry Bixler	Ethan Wizbowski	Sam Durkee
2017	Ben Rautio	Aiden Erani	Jacob Colson
2018	John Bohn	Aiden Erani	Jack Fulkerson
2019	Kal-el Wilson	Kareem Eldashoury	Jacob Baer
2020	Carter Roth	John Nicpon	Ivan Li
2021	Bubba Moore	Caden McDaniel	Cam Gacheru
2022	James Geurkink	Cody Chou	Noah Volbrecht



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Between the 3rd and 4th quarter let's unite by turning our cell phone lights on and holding them high. Unite for Michael McNulty and his love for playing hard and being kind. Unite to show our team that we are behind them and we rise together.

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