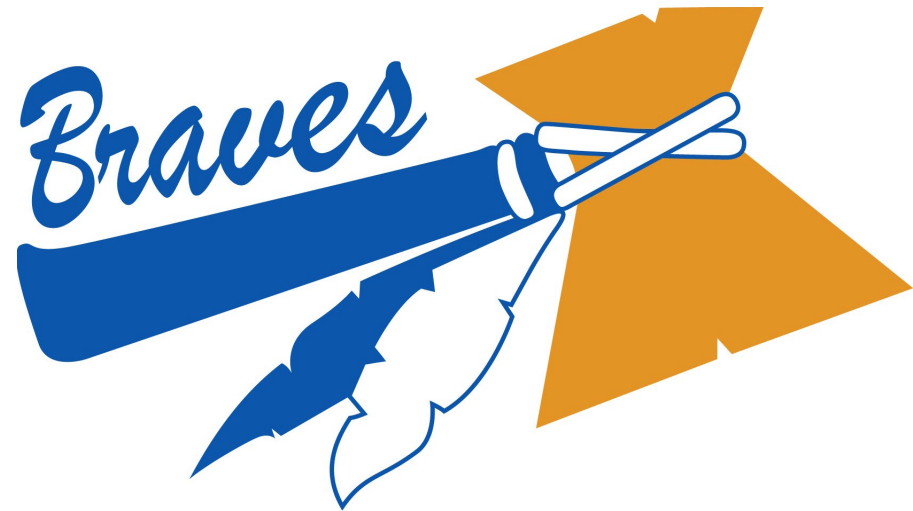
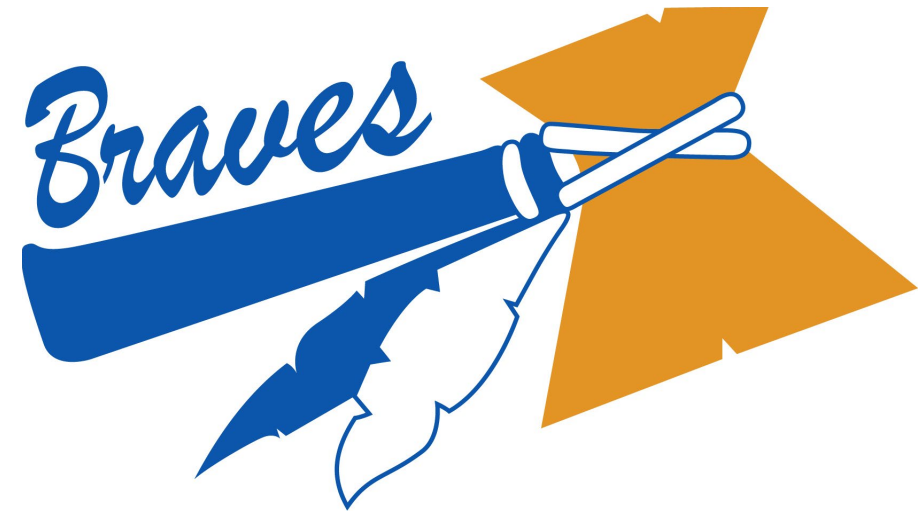


2024 Information Meeting



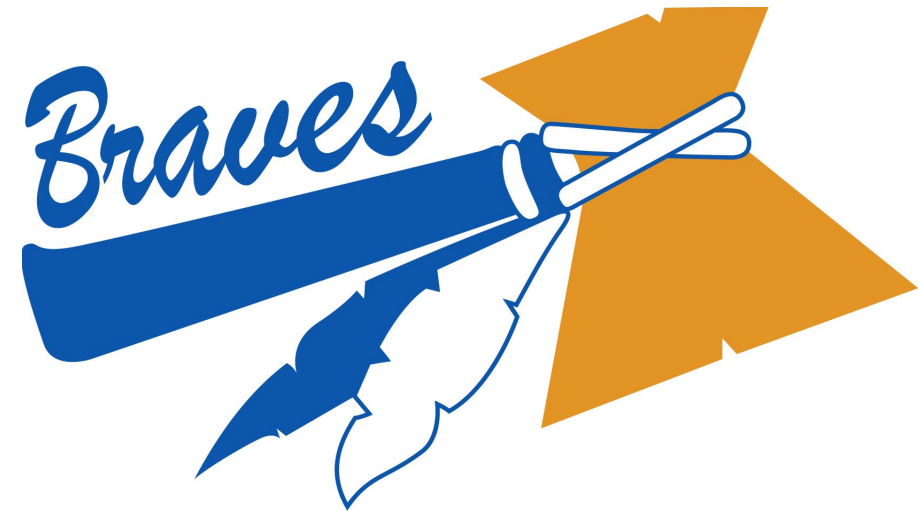
Communication from the Braves – Remind App

- Text the following message to 81010:
 - 2024 - 8th grade: @9k2d67
 - 2024 - 7th grade: @e3987d
 - 2024 - 6th grade: @4e3h4h
 - 2024 - 5th grade: @2a98ak6



Braves General Information

- 41st season
 - Established 1983
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Led by Board of Directors
 - Tom Karthausser, President
 - Adam Kreger, Vice President/AAYFL Representative
 - Mike Gnewuch, Varsity Head Football Coach
 - Dave Adams, Varsity Asst., Equipment
 - Shane Herbig, Treasurer
 - Martin Pepe, Coaches & Medical Trainers
 - Rusty Schoolcraft, Game Day Site Manager



Mukwonago Football – State of the Union

Varsity Football

- Head coach since 2018 season
- 2018: 6-5, playoff qualifier
- 2019: 8-3, playoff qualifier
- 2020: 7-2, playoff qualifier
- 2021: 11-2, state semi-finalist
- 2022: 12-2, state runner-up
- 2023: 6-4, playoff qualifier
- Total: 50-18,
- 6 Seasons: 0.735 winning percentage

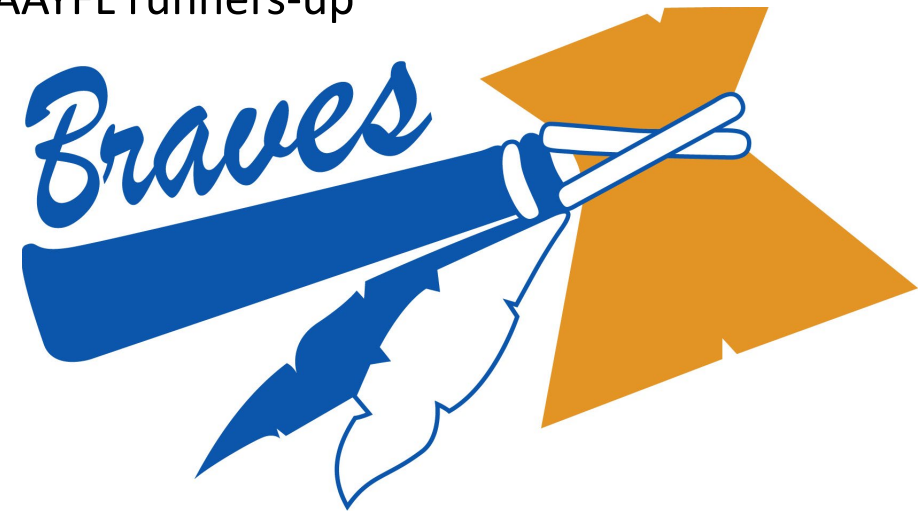
Junior Varsity Football

- 2022 record: 9-0
- 2023 record: 7-2

115 athletes in the 9-12 program in 2023

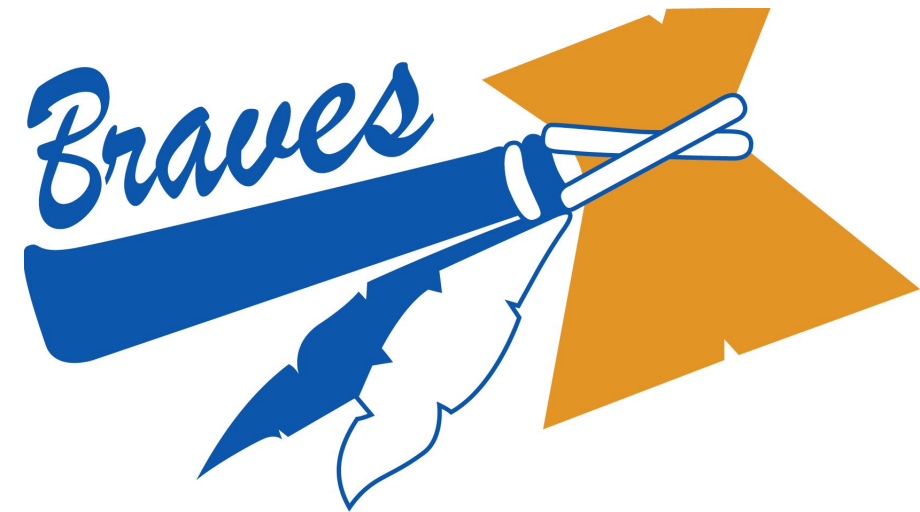
Braves Program

- 2018: 135 athletes
- 2019: 148
- 2020: 140
- 2021: 188
- 2022: 247
- 2023: 260
 - 8th Gold AAYFL runners-up



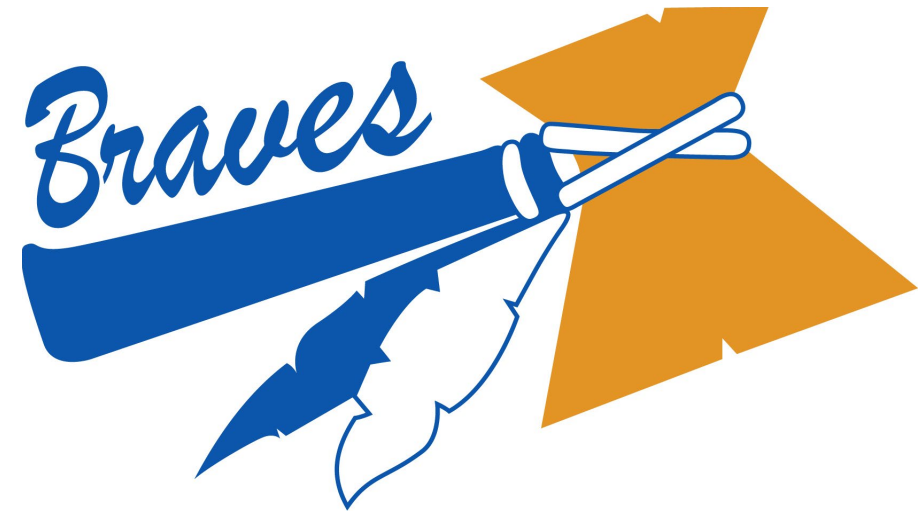
Off-Season – High School Athletes

- 100% are lifting 3 times per week
- Speed Training
 - Tues/Thurs AM for non-varsity in-season athletes.
- Open Gyms
 - M/W/F after school
- 100% of football players are multi-sport athletes



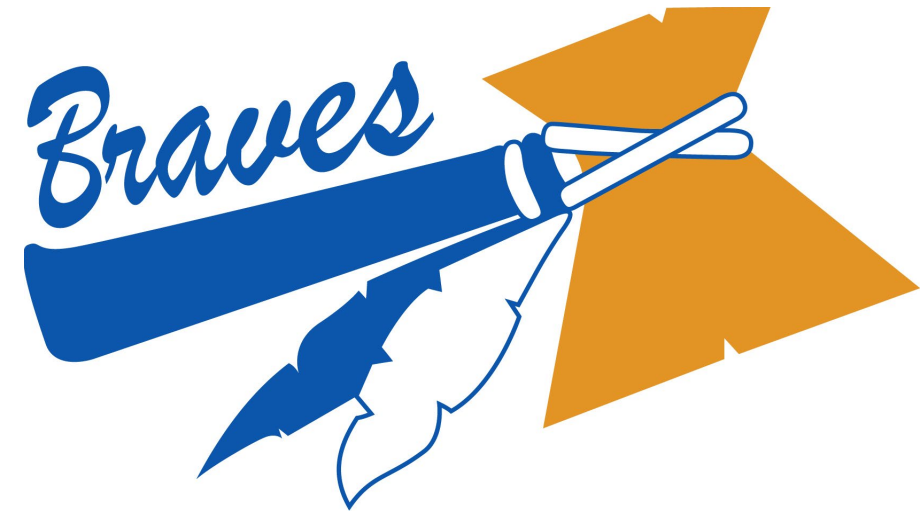
Off-Season – Middle/Elementary School Athletes

- Tuesday & Thursday performance training in the MHS fitness center
 - 7th/8th Grade: 3:00-4:00 PM
 - 5th/6th Grade: 4:00-5:00 PM
 - Runs through end of May
- Track opportunities at PVMS
 - Starts in April
- 98% of 8th graders football players signed up to play freshmen football in 2024
 - 73 currently signed up
 - A and B schedule



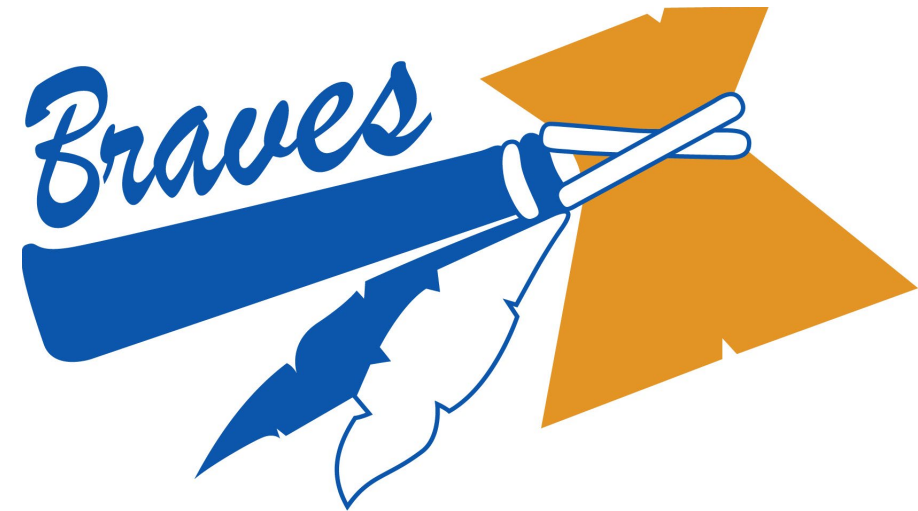
Summer Training - Indian Athletic Performance

- Offered through MASD summer school
 - Must register through MASD/Infinite Campus
- Monday thru Thursday
 - June 17 – 20
 - June 24 - 27
 - July 1 – 3
 - July 8 – 11
 - July 15 – 18 (MHS students only)
- Incoming 7th and 8th Grade
 - 10:00 am to 10:55 am
- Incoming 5th and 6th Grade
 - 11:00 am to 11:55 am



Player Safety

- 10.4 concussions per 10,000 exposures (nationwide)
 - 0.104%
- Top of the line equipment
 - 175 new helmets ordered in 2023
 - 15 additional helmets ordered for 2024
 - Riddell Speed
 - Spent \$30,000 on new equipment in 2023
- Progressive tackling techniques
- MHS Program
 - 2020 – 0 concussions
 - 2021 – 2 concussions
 - 2022 – 1 concussion
 - 2023 – 0 concussions



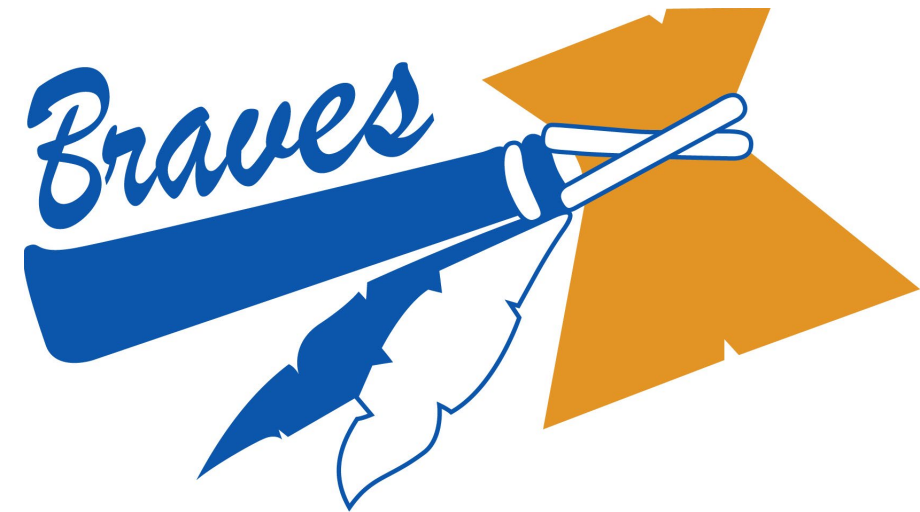
Player Safety

- All Braves coaches pass a background check each year
 - TrustedCoaches.org
 - National Criminal Background Check
 - Screening includes offenses involving a minor, use/possession/sale of controlled substance, use or threats of violence, sexual offenses, illegal gambling & financial crimes
- Child Safety Training
- Coaches trained in using an AED & administering CPR
- Volunteer medical staff present at each practice & game
 - Looking for volunteers with medical backgrounds



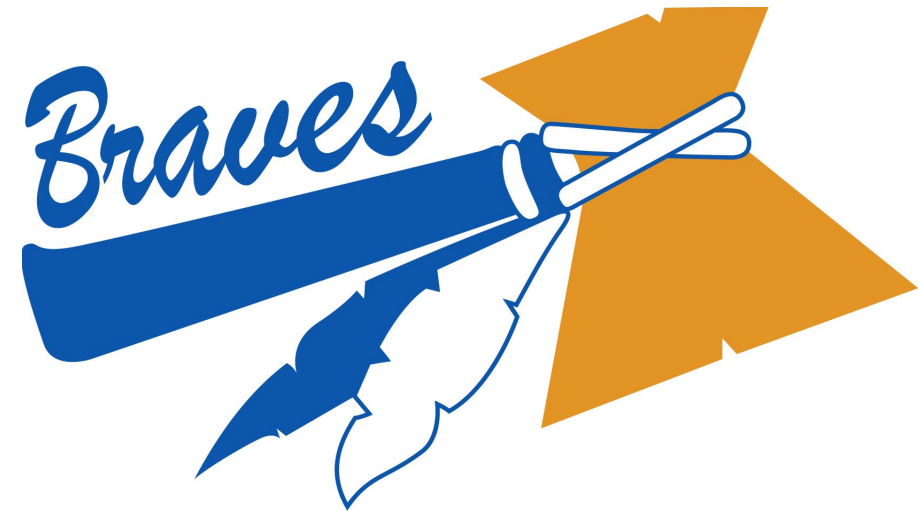
General Information

- 2024 Outlook:
 - 5th grade: Two teams
 - 6th grade: Two teams
 - 7th grade: Two teams
 - 8th grade: Two teams
- Braves are led by MHS football program
 - Offensive and defensive playbooks
 - Verbiage, formations, play calls, etc.
 - Offseason coaches' meetings taking place now



Player Expectations

- Attend practice
- Be on time
- Be fully equipped (knee pads, mouth guard, etc.)
- Work hard & accept coaching
- Watch film
 - We can see what you see
 - The film doesn't lie
- CYA - choose your attitude

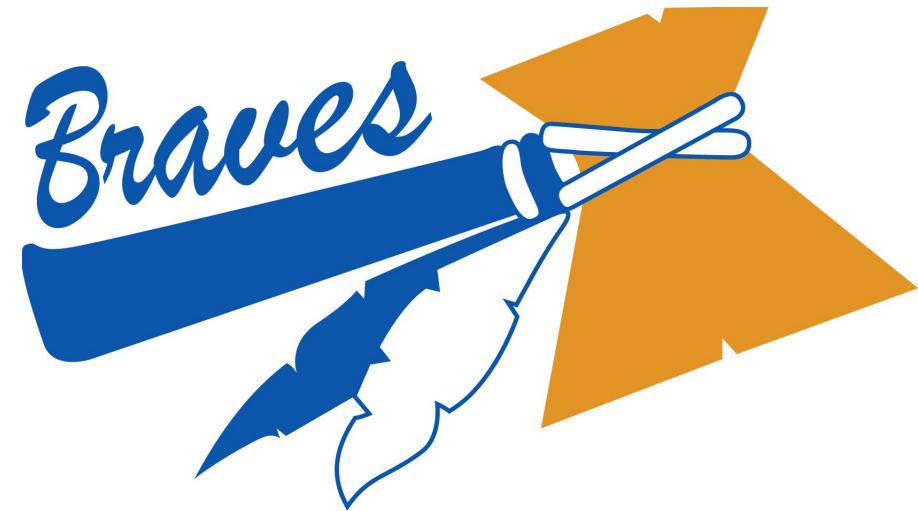


Choose Your Attitude



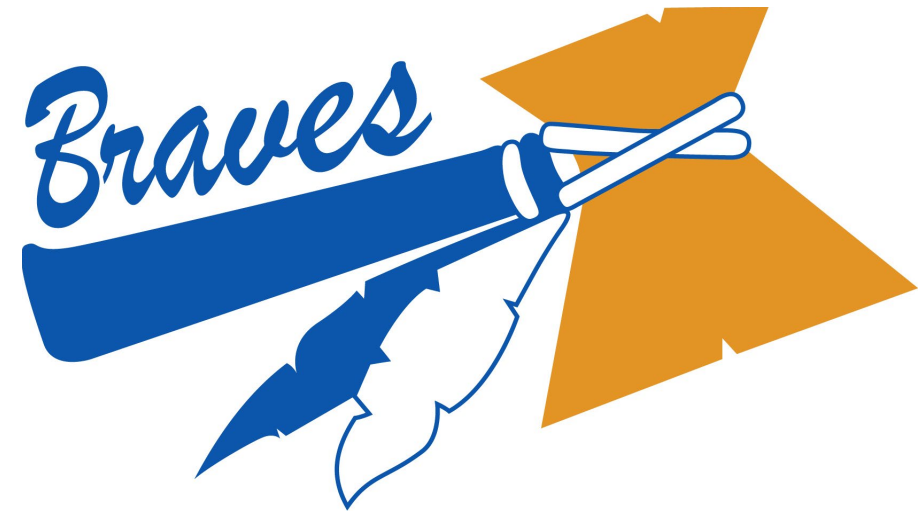
Playing Time - 5th + 6th Grade

- Playing time is dependent upon position and number of players at the position
- **Fair playing time** for players who work hard, accept coaching, and regularly attend practice
- Players will be trained in one offensive and defensive position
- Player development is prioritized over wins and losses
- Teams will be split evenly into two teams by coaches



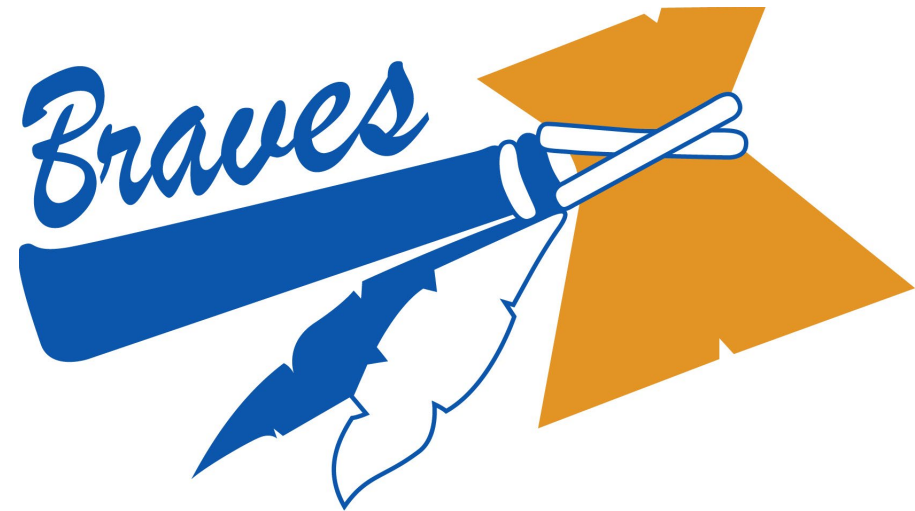
Playing Time – 7th + 8th Grade

- Players must earn their spot
- More emphasis is placed on winning than at 5th + 6th grade
- Players will play both offense and defense
- **Players who attend practice, try hard, and are coachable will get playing time**
- Siblings will be aligned on either Blue or Gold teams



Playing Time

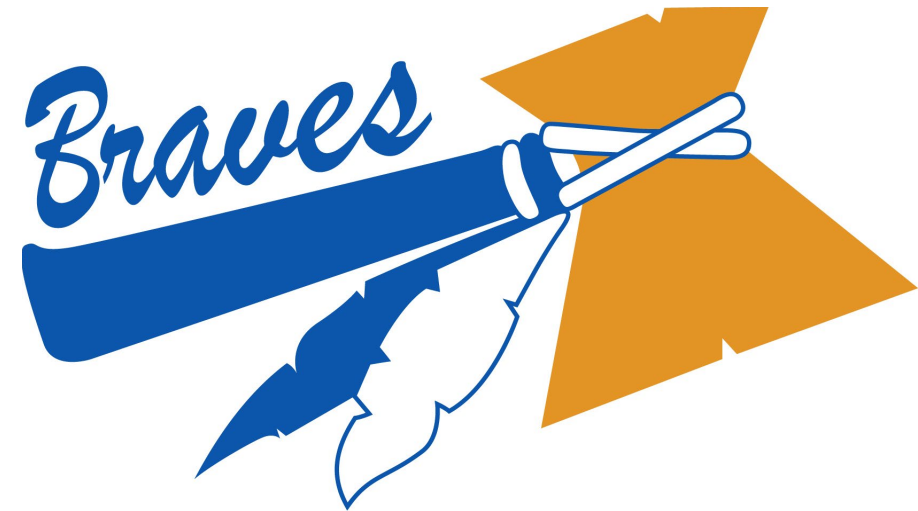
- With a roster of 35 kids...
 - 11 will play at a time (~30%)
 - 24 will be on the sidelines (~70%)
- With a roster of 75 kids
 - 11 will play at a time (~15%)
 - 64 will be on the sidelines (~85%)
- The Braves will progressively prepare Mukwonago football players for their high school experience



Parent Expectations

Communication with Coaches

- Abide by 24-hour rule
 - Do not approach coaches with a problem following a game
 - Do not text coaches during a game
- Follow your chain-of-command
 - Start with the head football coach
 - Ask for meeting via email, then meet face-to-face after practice
 - **Do not expect important issues to be resolved through a keyboard**
- If issue not rectified, contact Tom Karthausser
 - coachkart@gmail.com
 - Group meeting will occur with myself, parents, and head coach + position coaches as needed



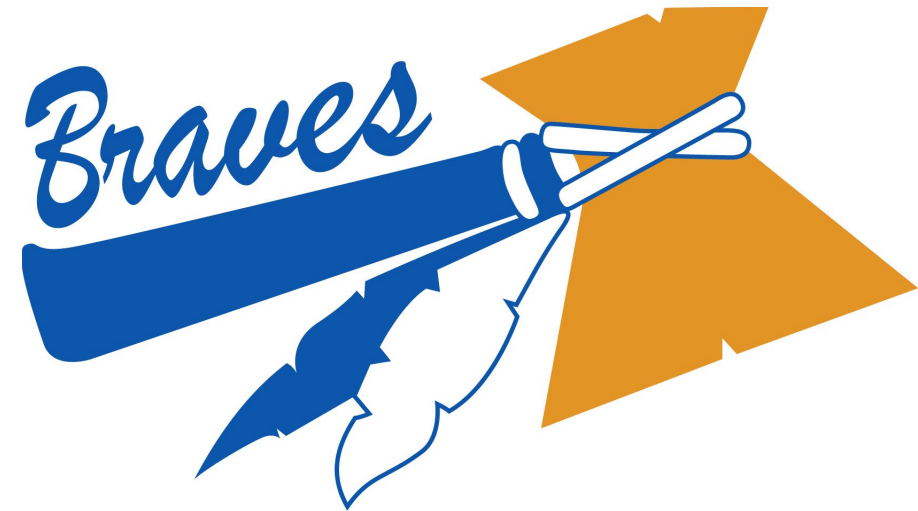
Equipment

- What the Braves provide:

- Helmet
- Shoulder Pads
- Knee Pads
- Game Pants
- Game Jerseys
- Practice Jersey
- Mouthguard
- Girdle
 - Link will be sent to all after registration closes
 - Equipment fitting night TBA (more to come)

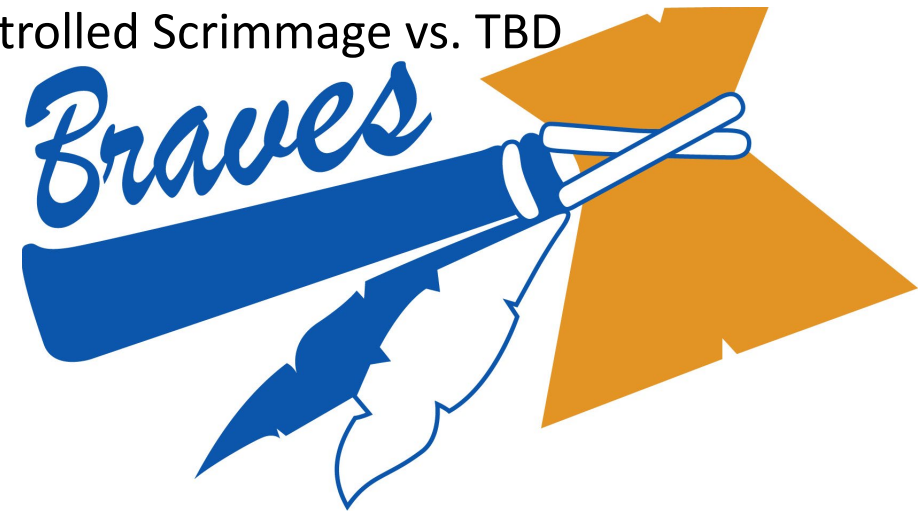
- What you need to provide:

- Water bottle, cleats, other equipment



Practices and Scrimmages

- Season begins Monday August 5
- Practice times
 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm starting September 16th
- Practice days
 - August: Monday through Thursday
 - September & October: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- Preseason Scrimmages
 - Saturday August 10
 - Waterford, Kettle Moraine, and Franklin
 - Saturday August 17
 - Muskego, Germantown, Franklin, New Berlin West
 - Thursday August 29
 - Controlled Scrimmage vs. TBD



BRAVES

2024 BRAVES PARENT MEETING

An informational meeting for parents will be offered on Thursday, January 25 in the cafeteria at Park View Middle School. The event will start at 7:30 pm and end at 8:15 pm. Information regarding the 2024 season will be presented by MHS Varsity football coach Mike Gnewuch and Braves president Tom Karthausser. Please attend this meeting to hear about plans for the 2024 season, which will include new changes, player expectations, parent expectations, and registration information.



HOW TO RECEIVE OUR COMMUNICATIONS

The following information has been updated for the 2024 season. Parents can receive our communications by downloading the Remind app. Then, text the following message to 81010:

- Parents of 2024 8th graders: @9k2d67
- Parents of 2024 7th graders: @e3987d
- Parents of 2024 6th graders: @4e3h4h
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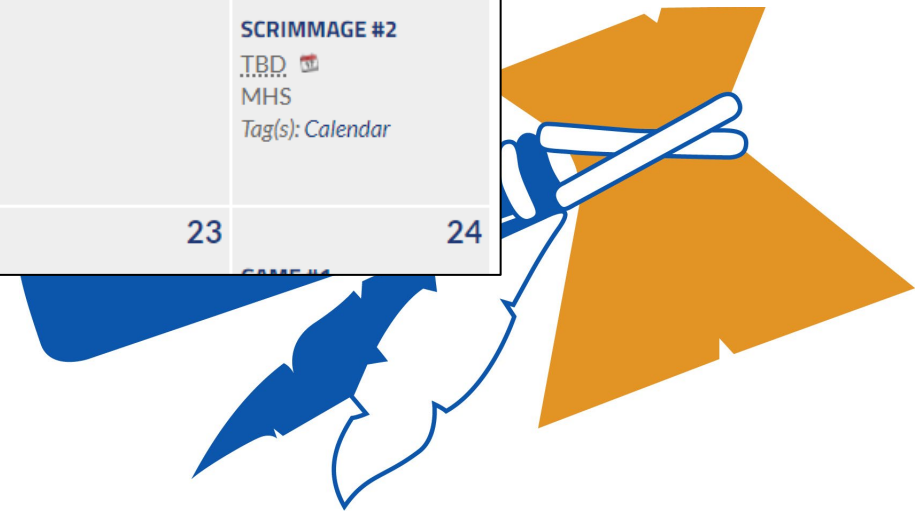
VARSITY FOOTBALL TICKETS & LIVESTREAM

To purchase a ticket to Mukwonago Indian homes games at Lynch Stadium, or to purchase access to the livestream of a home game, please click [here](#). Please note, tickets must be purchased online to



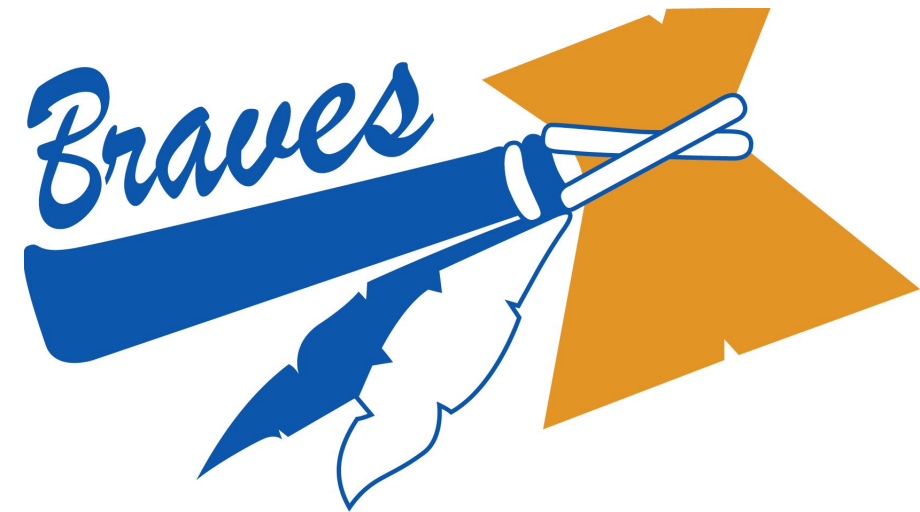
Calendar

← August 2024 →						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 PRACTICE Monday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	6 PRACTICE Tuesday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	7 PRACTICE Wednesday, 5:00pm CDT-7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	8 PRACTICE Thursday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	9	10 SCRIMMAGE #1 TBD 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar
11	12 PRACTICE Monday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	13 PRACTICE Tuesday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	14 PRACTICE Wednesday, 5:00pm CDT-7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	15 PRACTICE Thursday, 5:00pm CDT- 7:00pm CDT 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar	16	17 SCRIMMAGE #2 TBD 📅 MHS Tag(s): Calendar
18	19	20	21	22	23	24



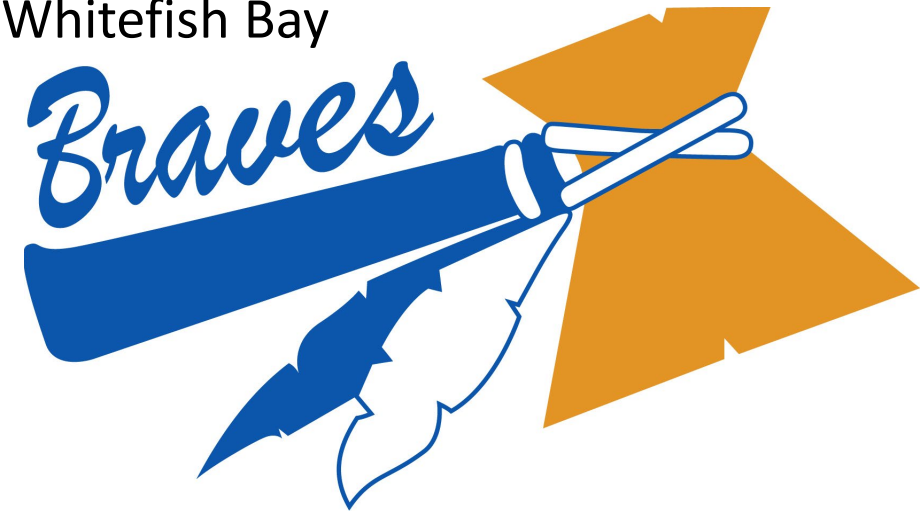
Calendar

- We understand the demands of family summer schedules
- We encourage families to prioritize family time
- If possible, try to schedule family vacations:
 - Week of Sunday July 28 thru Sunday August 4
 - Week of Sunday August 25 thru Labor Day Weekend



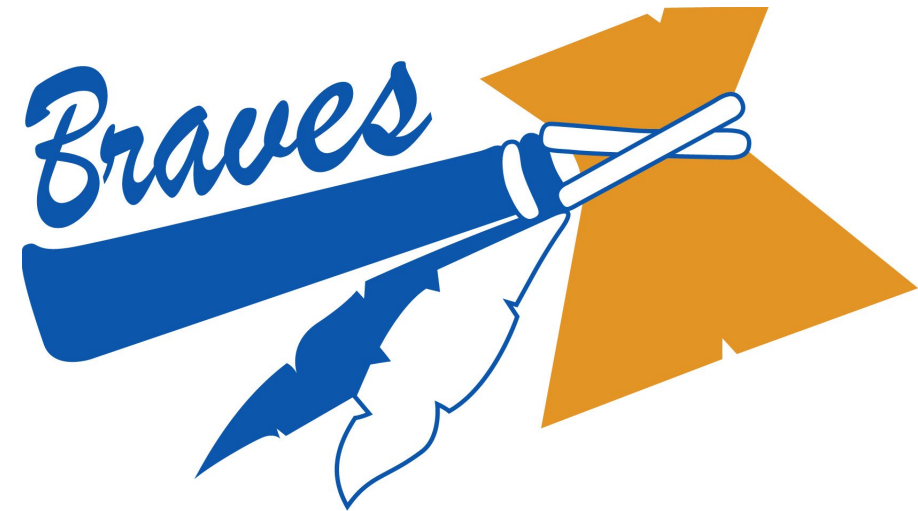
League – AAYFL

- Brookfield East
- Cedar Grove-Belgium
- Cedarburg
- Delavan
- East Troy
- Franklin
- Germantown
- Grafton
- Greendale
- Greenfield
- Hamilton
- Hartford
- Journey House
- Kettle Moraine
- Kewaskum
- Lake Country
- Lake Geneva Badger
- Mequon-Theinsville
- Mukwonago
- Muskego
- New Berlin Ike
- New Berlin West
- Oak Creek
- Oconomowoc
- Pewaukee
- Saukville
- Slinger
- Waukesha North
- Waukesha South
- Wauwatosa
- West Allis Central
- West Bend East
- West Bend West
- Whitefish Bay



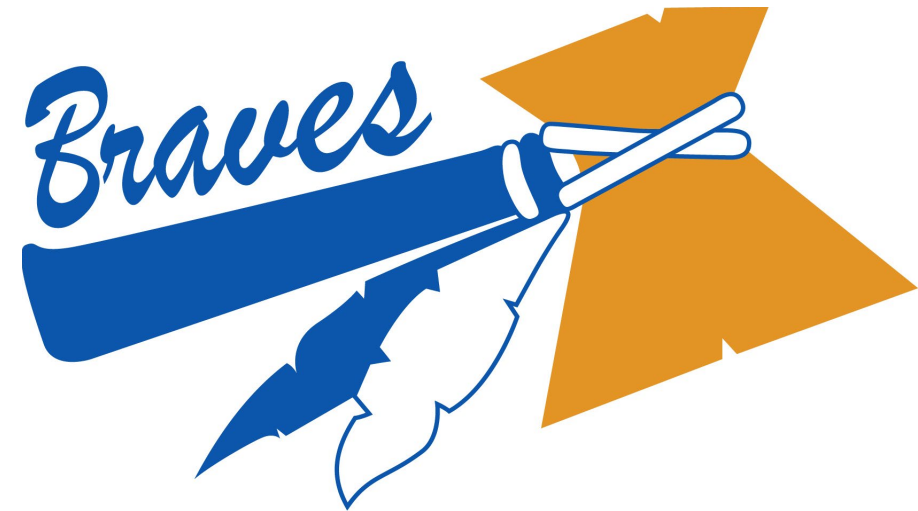
League - AAYFL

- League rule on weight limits for ball carriers:
 - 5th Grade: 100 lbs.
 - 6th Grade: 120 lbs.
 - 7th Grade: 140 lbs.
 - 8th Grade: 160 lbs.



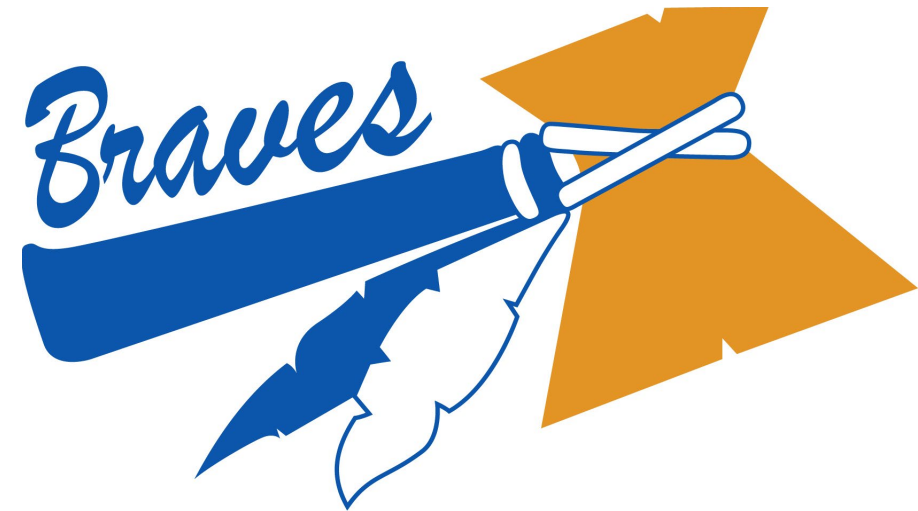
Season & Game Day Info

- Regular Season: Eight games
- Game Day: Saturdays
- First Game: August 24
- Morning Kickoff:
 - 8th Grade: 9:00 am
 - 7th Grade: 10:45 am
 - 6th Grade: 12:30 pm
 - 5th Grade: 2:00 pm
- Evening Kickoff:
 - 5th Grade: 2:30 pm
 - 6th Grade: 4:00 pm
 - 7th Grade: 5:30 pm
 - 8th Grade: 7:15 pm



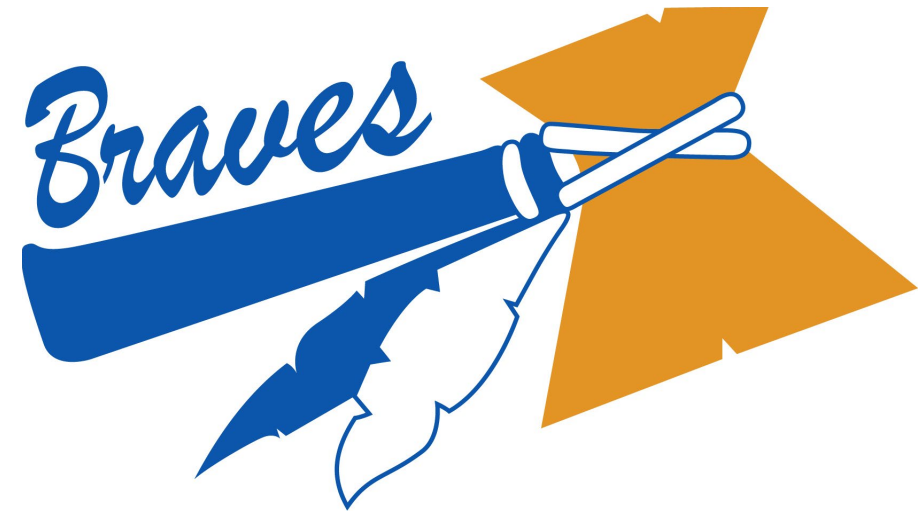
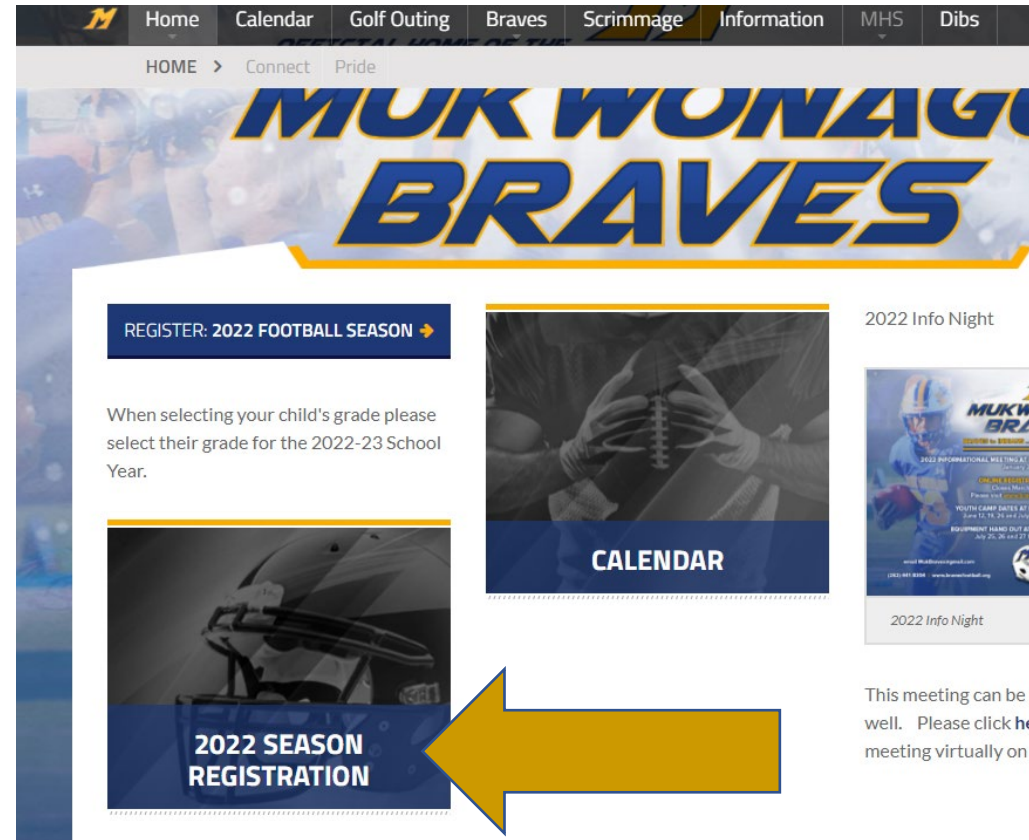
Season & Game Day Info

- Game #1: August 24
- Bye Week: August 31
 - Labor Day Weekend
- Game #2: September 7
- Game #3: September 14
- Game #4: September 21
- Game #5: September 28
- Game #6: October 5
- Game #7: October 12
 - 1st round playoffs for 8th Grade
 - TBD Match-up game for Grades 5/6/7
- Game #8: October 19
 - 2nd round playoffs for 8th Grade
 - TBD Match-up game for Grades 5/6/7
 - Last game for Grades 5/6/7
- Game #9: October 26
 - AAYFL Championship Game
 - 8th Grade only
 - Must win playoffs 1st and 2nd round to qualify



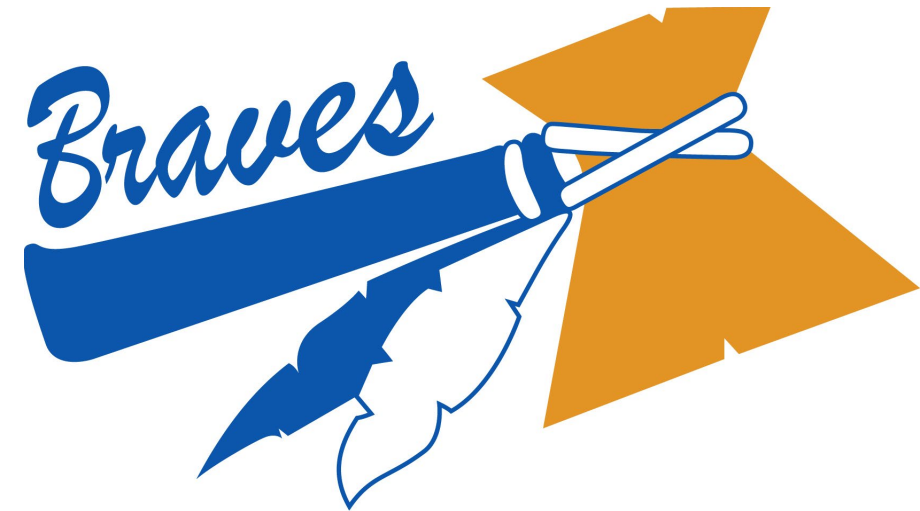
Registration

- www.bravesfootball.org
- Online registration opens February 1st
- Registration closes March 31st
- Cost:
 - \$300 for single player
 - \$400 family max
- Payment Options:
 - #1) Pay in full immediately
 - #2) Pay in thirds
 - \$100 at registration and on April 1 & June 1
 - #3) Pay in halves
 - \$150 at registration and on May 1



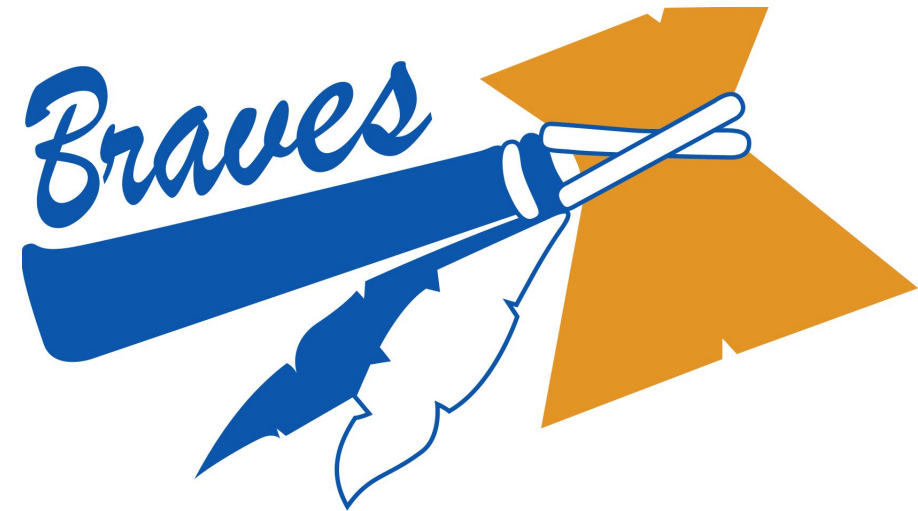
Summer Camp Dates

- When:
 - Sunday evenings
 - June 9, 16, 23, 30
 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Location: MHS Football Stadium
- Cost: \$50
- Register online
 - Camp registration will open in April after registration
- Summer camps are led by MHS football coaching staff
- NEW: helmets will be worn at summer camps
- Equipment Hand Out
 - Saturday May 11, 8 am – 12 pm
 - Sunday May 12, 8 am – 12 pm
 - Saturday May 18, 8 am – 12pm
 - Sunday May 19, 5 pm – 8 pm



Fundraising

- Two-Options
 - Sell 15 fantasy football cards, OR,
 - Buyout for \$225
 - Fantasy Football card
 - All players required to sell 15 cards
 - Cards cost \$25 each
 - Over \$3,000 in cash and prizes awarded annually at year-end celebration at Jay's Lanes
 - Cards will be administered on first day of practice (Aug. 5)
- What do we fundraiser for?
 - Artificial turf in MHS stadium
 - Turf maintenance on practice fields
 - Weight room upgrades
 - Braves equipment shed
 - New practice and game jerseys, pants, shoulder pads, and helmets

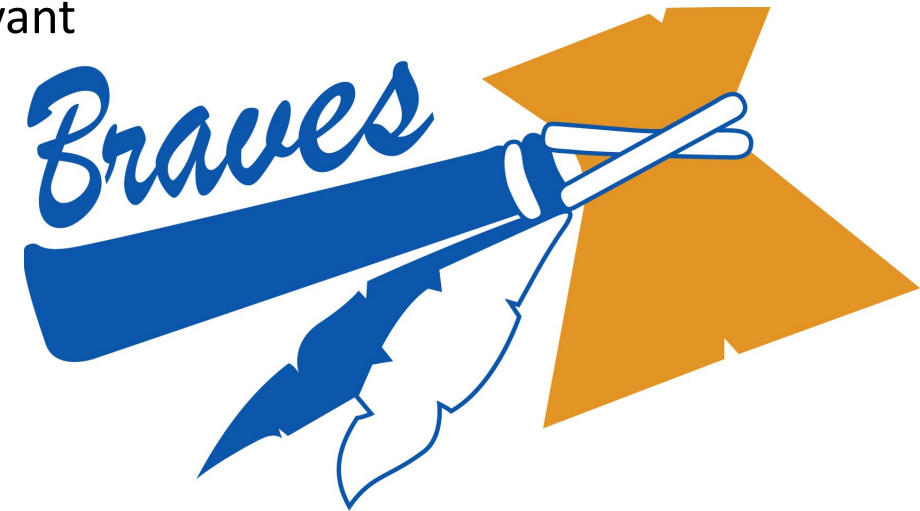


Fundraising

- Mukwonago Football Golf Outing
 - Annual event each September or October
 - Morningstar Golfer's Club
 - Will occur on a Sunday morning when Packers have a bye or play on Sunday/Monday night
- Great community involvement
- Open to all Braves & Indians families



- Funds are used for:
 - 5th through 12th grade equipment
 - Hudl accounts/cameras
 - Indian Grit Scholarship Award
 - Recipient is someone who works hard, has excellent grades, is coachable, and is a great community servant



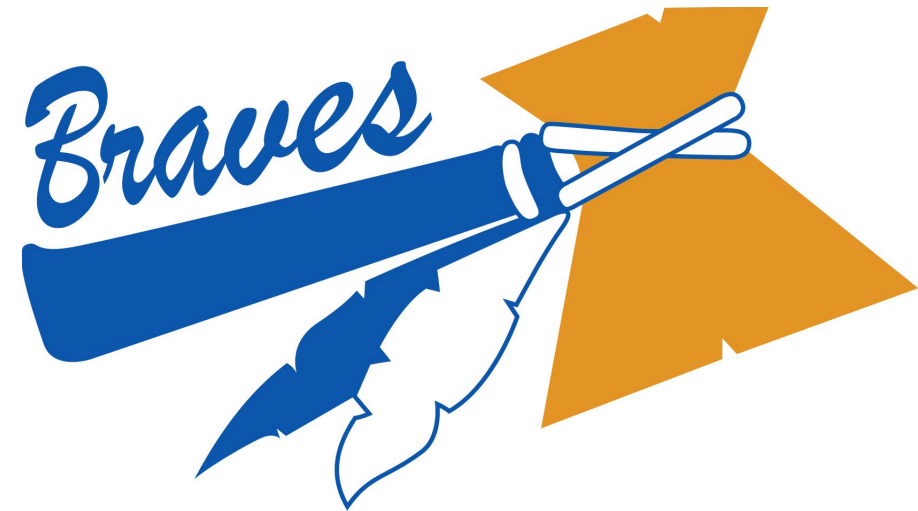
2024 Coaching Staff

- 8th Grade Gold

- Martin Pepe, Head Coach
- Tim Brovold
- Mike Pepper
- Mike Kempinski
- John Fredericks
- Bryan Sieradzki
- Jim Michlig

- 8th Grade Blue

- Brandon Blawat, Head Coach
- Josh Howard
- Matt Andreshak
- Adam Kreger
- Mike Waedekin
- Joe Abruzzo



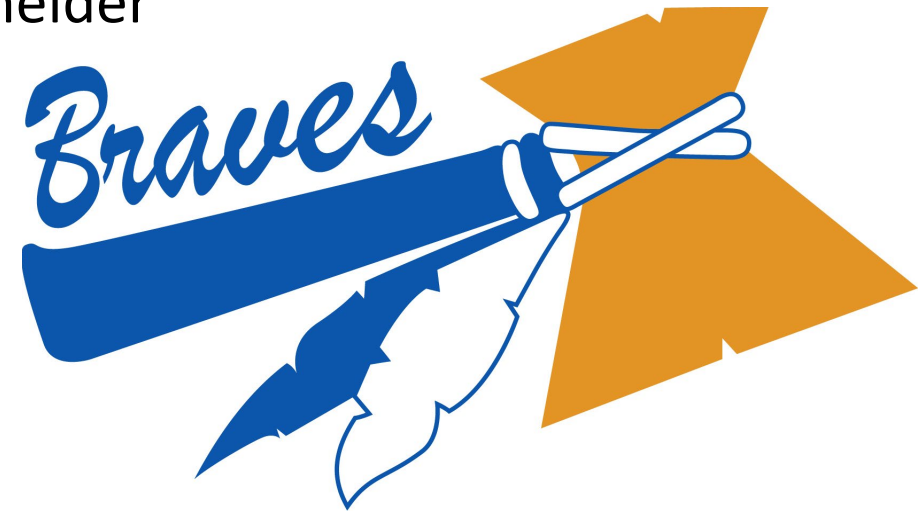
2024 Coaching Staff

- 7th Grade Gold

- Dustin Lehman, Head Coach
- Andy Jaskulski
- Tom Wood
- Tony Van Lennep
- Donnie Neumann
- Seth Harrison-Flury
- Jeff Guckenberger

- 7th Grade Blue

- Tom Karthausser, Head Coach
- Justin Verhein
- Chad Paulson
- Rob Talatzko
- Tony Czarapata
- Jason Reifschneider
- Tony Jonas



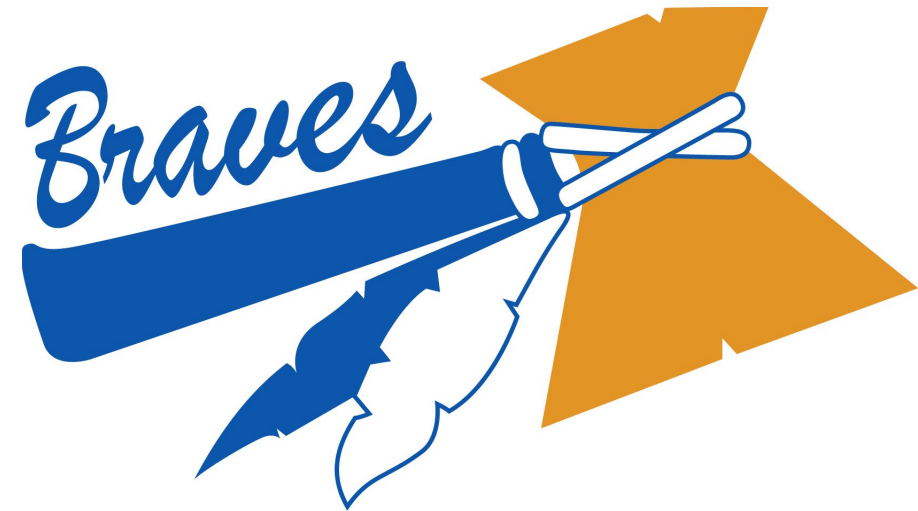
2024 Coaching Staff

- 6th Grade Gold

- Tim Peters, Head Coach
- Chris Parent
- Jason Kopp
- Lee Munger
- Ryan Olver
- Dan Hacker

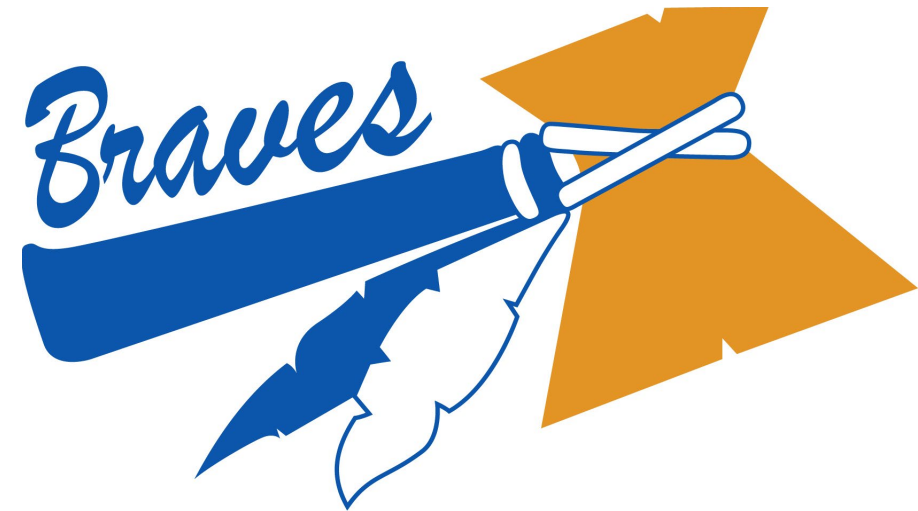
- 6th Grade Blue

- Scott Christensen, Head Coach
- Mark Wernes
- Peyton Paquin
- Craig Smith
- Nick Treder
- Jason Molle



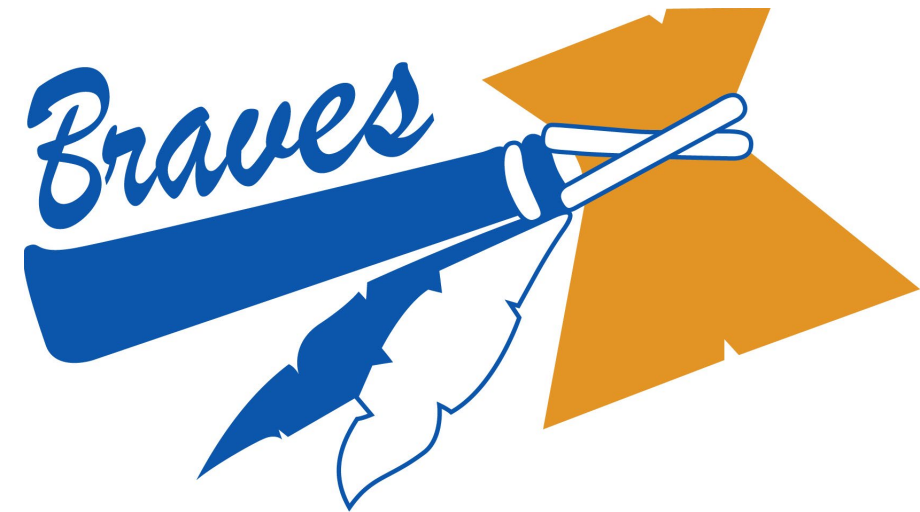
2024 Coaching Staff

- 5th Grade
 - Anthony Cox
 - Rick Murphy
 - Jake Ackerman
 - Dustin White
 - Donnie Placidi
 - Scott Shuda
 - Kevin Kiesgen
- We are looking for additional coaches for our first-year 5th grade teams



We're Looking for Volunteers

- If interested in coaching or volunteering in another capacity, please reach to me
- My contact info:
coachkart@gmail.com
414-333-1402



Questions?

