



Central Dauphin High School Football Program

Our Mission is to advance the great winning tradition at Central Dauphin through the character development, academic development and physical development of each player in a way that enables them to reach their full potential while at Central Dauphin and in their lives after graduation.

"It's MORE than just FOOTBALL!"

Good Day, Rams Family,

A message from our Ram's Club President: [I've taken some editorial license, so apologies ahead of time!]

One of Coach's key messages at the banquet, and throughout the year, has been Gratitude. In fact, Gratitude can be viewed as a cornerstone of our entire program. We are about coming together as a family, each of us giving our all and committing to the plan. And then for all we receive we give gratitude in return.

Gratitude comes in many forms. It's saying, "Thank you". It's hosting a pasta meal. It's playing your heart out on every single play. It's answering every question you're asked, with "Sir" or "Ma'am". It's playing your loudest and marching your best, on the coldest of nights. It's cheering your team on till the very last person is off the field, knowing you have a tournament the next day yourself. It's showing up hours ahead of the game, and staying hours past the end, to feed the travelers and wish them well.

Gratitude shows in the respect and support we have for each other.

2-a-Days start in August, but the real season starts the Monday after the last game. And to pull this all off takes hundreds of people. Leading up to Saturday's game, it's a good time for each of us, to take a moment and recognize and thank those who make our season possible.

Parents: Yes, there is more to parenting, than having kids! There's more to it than paying the fee or allowing your kids to participate. The best parents - and they are wearing Green - know what it takes. Time. Money. Ideas. Patience. But mostly, love and respect. In our program, love and respect go hand in hand. It's the parents who see what's going on and get involved, who love and respect how our program is developing their kids, who get involved and become the engine driving this train. There is no way any of this happens without you parents. Thank you.

Partners: Thank you for your support. Time. Money. Ideas. Food and Services. The grease to smooth the rough edges and find out-of-the-box opportunities. And familiar faces at each event showing the commitment to the Rams Family. We thank you for all you do for us and commit to working tirelessly ourselves in support of your efforts. Thank you.

Our school board and our teachers: Thank you for having the trust in our coaches, our leaders, our parents and players, to take our program to the next level. It isn't only about "allowing" things to happen; it's support in public and behind the water tower. It's holding us to high standards and expecting us to meet them. It's holding our kids to high standards and not accepting anything less than full commitment and clear priorities and goals. Thank you.

Alumni: Every school has alumni. Very few have an organization as strong as ours and involved as ours. When we needed help a few years back the alums stepped up and are now a fixture in our family. Many alums are parents of current students. Many are partners. Many work our games to earn money for other teams and organizations. It's a way for all of us to give back. Some are as old as my own father (an alum) and won't give me free hot dogs, but we still love them! Alumni, thank you.

Cheerleaders and Marching Band: Wow. Think about this for a second - a fall Friday night, bright lights, football..... and then stop thinking. You can't. You know why? It's the whole picture, the rest of the story, the "you had me at hello" and "you complete me" sort of stuff. There is no Rams Family without our Cheerleaders and Marching Band. Some of my favorite moments in any game are seeing the teams support each other before the games start and after the games are over. It IS the Rams Family. This is the way high school sports are supposed to be - all of our kids are different and they give 100% doing what they love to do. THAT'S the way it's supposed to be.

Did you know that the cheerleaders and band ALSO perform year round? Practice year round? Support the whole school..... Year round!!! Can you imagine not having this support last Saturday night? Not going to happen. Sure as I type this, Evan Brandes kicked one heck of a field goal Saturday, but he had a strong wind at his back - that wind was the Family. You know, all those Green people.

Cheer Chicks, Band Dudes and Dudettes..... Thank you.

Oh, by the way, the very same Cheer Chicks left after the game for Slippery Rock and competed the following day. They won their division. They are going to Nationals in February, at Disney World. They're gonna be on ESPN.

They also have a District III Championship this coming Saturday morning. Any ideas where they'll be, Saturday night?

As coach would say.....

CAN I GET AN "OH YEAH!!!!!"

Sorry for the long note. That's the problem with teams like ours.

EVERYONE GETS IT!



GO RAMS!!!!!!