



Newsletter

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Welcome to the second edition of the Niagara Landmark Window Spears Newsletter. On behalf of the entire Spears coaching and administrative staff, **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the players who have successfully cracked the final rosters of the varsity and junior varsity teams. A strong work ethic and a commitment to accomplishing goals as a team will ultimately determine our level of success this season. Keep up the effort and the all-important team-oriented attitude!

1) **PRACTICES** for both teams will be at West Park High School for the remainder of the season. Coach Duguay's minor team will also be practicing at West Park, so courtesy and cooperation between all three squads will be essential.

2) The **TWO-FOR-ONE TICKET PROMOTION** that was so successful last year is back for 2005! Players, families and friends will once again be able to purchase a limited number of advance tickets for Spears home games on a buy one, get one free basis...that's two tickets for only \$5.00! This ticket deal applies only to advance sales and will not be available on game day. Advance tickets are good for any regular season home game and a single admission will entitle fans to attend both games of the doubleheader. Tickets will be available at the practice field during the week leading up to Game #1 on May 28th and for as long as they last. Only 1,000 advance tickets will be printed, so don't delay.

3) **HELP IS NEEDED** from family and friends to help ensure a smooth gameday experience. Volunteers interested in assisting with facility set-up, concession or merchandise sales, entry gates, 50/50 and raffle draw sales or facility tear-down. Many hands make light work. We are especially in need of **STATS PERSONS** and help during and after the later varsity games. Anyone interested in helping or in need of more information should call Volunteer Coordinator **GERARDA SAVOIE** at (905)295-7580. A brief, informal meeting for volunteers is slated for Thursday May 19th at 6:30pm during regular practice...please check the Spears website frequently for more information.

4) The remaining **BALANCE OF PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES IS NOW DUE**. In most cases, this will amount to \$200, based on fees of \$195 paid at registration. Please contact Jamie Saunders (Junior Varsity) or Grant Phillips (Varsity) with any questions or concerns.

5) The Niagara Landmark Window Spears would not be able to do all that we do without the generous support of our **CORPORATE COMMUNITY PARTNERS**. Anyone with a lead on a possible sponsor who may be able to assist with a sponsorship or donation of goods and services should contact **Joseph Doucette** (doucette@niagaraspears.com & 905-641-1551, ext. 351) or **Greg Smith** (smith@niagaraspears.com & 905-735-0970).

6) A **GAMEDAY DRESS CODE** will be in effect for all players at both home and away games. Like last year, we are strongly considering a team golf shirt with black pants. Last year's shirt was maroon with a Spears logo embroidered on the chest. This option would preclude last year's players from having to purchase a new shirt this year. The anticipated \$25 cost of the golf shirts will be the players' responsibility.

7) League and team rules dictate that players will ensure that **change rooms and buses are left in the condition they found them in.** All players and families are also asked to adhere to the Spears' **TEAM BUS PROTOCOL**. All players are expected to ride on the team bus to all away games. Players may ride home with their families only after notifying their team's general manager or head coach after the game. Your cooperation here is essential.

8) Congratulations to **GRANT PHILLIPS** on his recent appointment as General Manager and Governor of the Varsity team. The Spears family extends its most profound appreciation to former Varsity G.M. and Governor **ED FORTIER**, who stepped down recently due to work commitments. Ed was a driving force in getting the Spears organization off the ground last year and will continue to serve as Club President.

A FEW FINAL REMINDERS. . .

- call ASAP if you're going to miss a practice...
- check to ensure all equipment is tight and safe before every game and practice...
- all provided pads (including tail and knee) must be worn during practices and games...
- all jerseys must be tucked into pants during games and shoulder pads cannot be exposed...
- take extra special care of your game jersey and pants...wash separately in cold water and always hang to dry ...
- parents are encouraged to observe the team's "cool-off" policy ...please wait 24 hours after a game before approaching coaches with "constructive criticisms" or concerns (compliments and congratulations are still welcome 24/7)...
- check www.niagaraspears.com **DAILY** for updates (thanks to Webmaster/Coach Tacinelli for a great job!)

Thanks for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions!

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