



Newsletter

May 1, 2008.

Junior @ Cambridge Sun. May 4th Bus: 10:30am Game: 2:00pm
Varsity @ Cambridge Sun. May 4th Bus: 12:30pm Game: 4:00pm



**Jacob Hespeler
Secondary School
 355 Holiday Inn Drive**

- Hwy 401 W to Cambridge
- Exit Hwy 24 (Hespeler Rd) N
- Exit onto Groh Ave.
- Follow Groh straight through lights.
- Turn right at next stop sign
- Field is right in front (lights are visible from the highway)

Buses for Cambridge leave Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (map on the website) at 10:30am (Junior) and 12:30pm (Varsity). **Please be at least 15 minutes early to accommodate attendance and any last minute transportation issues.** While travel for all regular season away games will be via 54-passenger coach, exhibition games and scrimmages travel by school bus. Because the number of players will exceed the number of seats, parents who are attending these scrimmages are asked to take players if space permits. This will require the completion of a bus waiver, available from Head Coaches and/or Governors. Parents (or players) transporting additional players will also need to complete the insurance portion of this form. Players who DO NOT plan on taking the bus on Sunday are asked to advise their Head Coach or Governor in advance. This will be the only time all year where players will NOT be expected to travel on the team bus.

The Varsity Spears will also be hosting the Toronto Thunder for an exhibition game on **Sunday, May 18th at 2:00pm** at West Park. The Junior Spears are still making arrangements for an exhibition on the same day to hopefully fill out the doubleheader.

TEAM CONTACTS:

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MOUTHGUARD CLINIC, EQUIPMENT PICK-UP, OUTSTANDING FEES



Our friends at Doucet/Kamatovic Orthodontics will be hosting a free mouthguard clinic for all final roster Spears players on **Saturday, May 10th** at 5400 Portage Road in Niagara Falls (map at www.doucetortho.com). Junior players are asked to arrive by 9:00am, Varsity by 10:00am. After the clinic, all players are asked to report to Riddell in Fort Erie (600 Industrial Drive, map on the website) for equipment/jersey handout. **ALL PLAYERS** (who have not already done so) must submit a post-dated (September 1st) equipment deposit cheque (or cash) in the amount of \$400. **No player will receive Spears equipment or jerseys without first having submitted their equipment deposit.**



Final payment of outstanding player fees (\$375) is also required on this day. No player will be permitted to participate in practices or games until all outstanding fees have been paid. As indicated in the 2008 player/parent handbook, players/families experiencing difficulty in paying player fees should contact their respective Governors for details regarding the *Spears Hardship Policy*. **All cases of financial hardship must be brought to the attention of the team Governor or the NVFC Treasurer prior to May 10th.** No consideration will be given for any form of accommodation after this date.

VOLUNTEERS!!!! The start of outdoor practices brings us closer to the first home opener. As an organization, we take great pride in making gameday a wonderful experience for both the fans and teams. To put this together we need volunteers for the set-up, front gate, 50/50 tickets, the ever popular helmet draw, the BBQ and concessions, merchandise sales, statisticians, photography and tear-down. As an organization we depend on our volunteers! It may best to find what you like to do and give us a few hours. Ideally, Varsity parents would help at the Junior games and vice-versa, so that everyone can watch their son play. **This year we are asking each family to give a minimum of 2 hours at one of our home games.** Please see Debbie Wassill (I will be out to most practices), or email volunteers@niagaraspears.com, or call me at 905-687-9470 if you need any more information or would like to sign up. Also, if you know of any students that need community service hours, we would be more than happy to find them a job. Looking forward to another great football season!! Thanks.

IN CLOSING...

- Both teams are looking for **statisticians** to assist with the play-by-play documentation of individual and team stats (stats people enjoy the best view of the game and no-one can tell them to sit down!). An OVFL Stats clinic is being held in Hamilton on Saturday, May 10th. Please contact your team's Governor, if interested. PS...you also get a free team golf shirt!
- Until May 17th, the Niagara Spears are offering a 10% BOUNTY ("commission") on any new **sponsorship commitments** landed by team members or their families. For every sponsorship dollar you bring in, you will receive a 10% rebate on 2008 player fees. Please contact Sponsorship Director Jeff Souter at (905)945-1800 or souter@niagaraspears.com for more information.

2008 NIAGARA SPEARS SCHEDULE (final)

DATE	JUNIOR	TIME	VARSITY	TIME
Sat. May 24	@ Mississauga	4:00	@ Mississauga	7:00
Sat. May 31	Brantford	12:00	Brantford	4:00
Sat. June 7	Halton	12:00	Halton	4:00
Sun. June 14	@ Wentworth	2:30	@ Wentworth	5:30
Sat. June 21	Hamilton	12:00	Hamilton	4:00
Sat. June 28	<i>BYE WEEK</i>			
Sat. July 5	@ Ottawa Cumberland	4:00	@ Kingston	4:00
Sat. July 12	@ Essex	4:00	@ Essex	7:00
Sat. July 19	London	12:00	London	4:00