



# FOREVER FAITHFUL!

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## Central Wisconsin Christian Crusader Soccer '11

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*"Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses [of the faith], let us throw off everything that entangles...and fix our eyes on Jesus!"*

Dear Crusader Soccer Player and Parents,

As we begin the 25<sup>th</sup> season of Crusader soccer, we choose the words of Hebrews to help us reflect on the many blessings which God has given our school and our program over the years, and the countless men who through soccer and their overall CWC experience today make a difference in God's Kingdom. Our calling is to be faithful to the tradition before us as soccer players, but more important to be faithful followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout this season and for our entire lives! We look forward to another successful season, success measured by a committed Christ-centered lifestyle on and off of the field, hard work in the classroom and in practice, and in victories on the field. As coaches we will continue to keep this theme as our aim, that Christ may be honored and glorified by the Crusader Soccer program.

Another of our goals as a coaching staff is to continue and build on the tradition and legacy of excellence of Crusader Soccer as the dominant soccer program in the conference at all levels. This takes dedication and hard work—*forever faithful!* We want the mentality among you as players that we **expect** to be at or near the top of the conference each and every year. In addition, we take great pride in our record at Mulder Field. God has richly blessed us with a one of the finest facilities in the state through the generous gifts of our school supporters. Teams that match up with us must know that we will play a clean, hard game of soccer, and that we will glorify our Lord in all that we do and say.

**FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE:** Regular practice for the 2011 season will begin at 7:00 AM on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Since school does not start until after our first two weeks of practice, this gives us a great opportunity to build our levels of skill and conditioning with a number of 2-a-day practices. Upperclassmen are urged to help out with carpooling for younger players. If you have questions, please call one of the coaches.

**Physical or alternate year forms are due at the first practice.** Freshmen and juniors need to have physicals, sophomores and seniors need an alternate-year parent-permission card. **No form, no practice—NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you need a form, they are available on the CWC website under "Athletics". Call the office if you need one.

**PREPARATION:** One of the keys to our potential for success this season is that you are prepared and in shape **before** the first day of practice. We have a lot of players in the program this year, and we **expect that you come in shape, in fact we will be doing a timed one-mile run the second day of practice.** If you have a soccer ball, work to refine your ball skills. Conditioning and skill sharpness are two key factors to your preparation individually and our preparations as a team. Varsity players should be prepared for some intense practices as we prepare for our early season schedule. Injuries how important our depth is as a TEAM. Every one of you must come prepared!

Initial rosters will be determined during the first two weeks of practice, although there will likely be adjustments during the season. This year we are planning on around 40 kids coming out for soccer. All players in the program are in competition for positions on the team. Work ethic, preparation for the season, spirituality, and attitude are important factors for Crusader Soccer. We are looking towards team championships, and a championship team is made with hard work in practice more than raw talent and ability.

You also should purchase your shoes well in advance of the first day of practice and begin to break them in. Coach Z can get you significant (20% at times) discounts from EuroSport and soccer.com. See me for a catalog and to place your order. Be sure you buy **soccer** shoes, not football cleats. Some of these stores offer team discounts. Call Coach Z if you have any questions about shoes and equipment.

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**T-SHIRT/APPAREL ORDER:** We will again be ordering T-shirts with this theme on them in a three-color logo and with your name and number. Cost will be around \$15.00 for the shirt. I've included an order form for family members who'd like to order T-shirts or sweatshirts. *Parents/family members are encouraged to participate!!* These shirts will be worn to all matches to keep us all focused on being "Forever Faithful". Please place your order by August 9<sup>th</sup>. We also have ordered royal blue NIKE Crusader duffel bags. These will be screened with the CWC logo and include your embroidered name for \$45.

**SHIN GUARD RULE:** The WIAA rules and regulations require all players to wear NOCSAE certified shin guards. Referees will check your shin guards prior to the game for the NOCSAE certification label. Upperclassmen are aware of this rule change, as it was advisory last year. If you purchase new shinguards, **leave the NOCSAE tags attached to the guards!!** Let Coach Z know if you have questions. Guards can be purchased through CWC via [www.soccer.com](http://www.soccer.com). Players will need to have the legal shin guards prior to the first game.

**PARENTS:** You are the most valuable fans to your sons and our soccer program!! What it means to your son that you come to watch him play is something that words cannot express. Our goal as coaches is to communicate with you as often and as well as we can. Our main purpose is to serve you and your sons and to teach them life-long lessons through participation in soccer. Together all of us can help these young men to serve Christ and live life "all for One."

We are scheduling all parents to help out by working concessions at Mulder Field. This is a major fundraiser for the Athletic Booster Club. The schedule will make sure you don't have to work during your child's game. Extra help is always welcomed! I've included an initial schedule, and we'll finalize the full schedule after rosters are finalized.

### **CHECK-LIST:**

- ◆ **Mark your calendar** for practices and the "Parents' Night" on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **Complete** Physical Form (9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>) or Parent Permission (10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>) prior to first practice. **No Form = No Practice!**
- ◆ **Complete** "Forever Faithful" apparel orders by August 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be when shirts arrive and we have the actual final cost.
- ◆ **Read/Sign** Co-Curricular Policy and Handbook located online or available by calling the CWC Office (324.4233) Parents and students need to watch this presentation.
- ◆ Your **participation fee** of \$50.00 will be due prior to the first match. Selling "Crusader Cards" can waive one or all of your athletic fees for the year.

We are looking forward to another exciting and competitive season, and see great potential for continued success in the Crusader Soccer program, making this another season to remember. If you have any questions, give either of us a call. Come ready to lace up and get ready to roll into the 2011 season!

In Christ's Service,

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## **Season Opening Schedule**

<b>July 26-29</b>	<b>Gallagher Soccer Camp (6:00-9:00 PM)—All players strongly encouraged to attend!!!</b>
Thu, Aug 5	Open Soccer—7:00-9:00
Mon, Aug 8	7:00-9:00, 7:00-9:00
Tue, Aug 9	7:00-9:00, 7:00-9:00
Wed, Aug 10	7:00-9:00, 7:00-9:00 (JV optional in evening)
Thu, Aug 11	7:00-9:00 <b>Alto Fair ☺</b>
Fri, Aug 12	7:00-9:00, 7:00-9:00
Mon, Aug 15	7:00-9:00, 7:00-9:00 (JV optional in evening)
Tue, Aug 16	7:00-9:00,
Wed, Aug 17	7:00-9:00; Scrimmage 4:00-6:00, Parent Night 6PM (potluck, parent meeting, work night, and more!)
Thu, Aug 18	7:00-9:00
Fri, Aug 19	JV Practice 1:00-3:00 Crusader Kick-Off Classic vs. Marshfield Columbus – 6:15 PM (varsity)—JV players will work Friday or Saturday

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To: Parents  
Re: Soccer Apparel

We are in the process of finalizing our designs for this year's Crusader Soccer apparel. All of the kids are asked to purchase a T-shirt which will include their name and number. Parents/ family members are welcome to order Ts or sweatshirts as well. Quantity will determine final costs, but last year a T-shirt was \$15 and sweatshirts were around \$35. Please complete and return your initial order form by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Purchaser	Size	Back Name	# (optional)

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Day	Date		Opponent	JV	VAR
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Aug 19</b>		<b>Crusader Kick-Off Classic</b>		<b>6:15</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>		<b>Crusader Kick-Off Classic</b>		<b>TBA</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	*	<b>TBA / Omro</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Thu	Aug 25	*	at Winnebago Lutheran	4:30	4:30
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	*	<b>Kettle Moraine Lutheran</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>	*	<b>Fond du Lac / Lourdes-Valley Christian</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Tue	Sept 6	*	at Lomira		4:30
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>	*	<b>St. Lawrence Seminary / St. Mary's Springs</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Sat	Sept 10		Away Tournament – Kimberly or Wrightstown		<b>TBA</b>
Tue	Sept 13	*	at Mayville	4:30	4:30
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	*	<b>St. Lawrence Seminary</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
Tue	Sept 20	*	TBA / at North Fondy-Oakfield	TBA	7:00
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Sept 22</b>	*	<b>Winnebago Lutheran</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>		<b>Waupun</b>	<b>3:00</b>	<b>5:00</b>
Tue	Sept 27	*	TBA / at Omro	TBA	4:30
Thu	Sept 29	*	at Kettle Moraine Lutheran	4:30	4:30
Tue	Oct 4	*	TBA /Lourdes-Valley Christian	TBA	4:30
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct 7</b>	*	<b>Lomira</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 8</b>		<b>Crusader JV Invitational</b>	<b>9:00</b>	
Tue	Oct 11		WIAA Regionals		7:00
Thu	Oct 13		WIAA Regionals		7:00
Thu	Oct 20		WIAA Sectionals		7:00
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>		<b>Host WIAA Sectional Championship</b>		<b>7:00</b>
Fr/Sa	Oct 28/29		WIAA State Tournament @Uihlein Field, Milwaukee		

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