

# APPALACHIAN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DEAR PARENTS:

Efforts are currently underway to create the APPALACHIAN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE, which will begin play next fall. The league will be comprised of teams from school districts in Cambria and Somerset counties.

STRUCTURE FOR THE LEAGUE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades combined will be flag football league

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be a minor full pad tackle league

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be a major full pad tackle league

There will be weight restrictions for ball carrying and playing weight. There will also be age restrictions on playing. Safety of the players is of the utmost importance.

The main reason for this letter is to determine interest in this type of a program K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently Shade co-ops with Shanksville Stonycreek students for the high school football program. This will also stand for the youth program. We feel it is important for our football program to have these students playing together at the grade school level so they are better prepared and acquainted upon entering the junior high program.

If your child is interested, please call Joe Swank at 483-0590 (cell) or 267-7136 (home-evenings) before November 30<sup>th</sup>. We need to know if there is enough interest prior to the next league meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parents please note if your child is currently playing or planning on playing in another league or school district, if that team joins the APPALACHIAN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE, THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE THERE. All children will be required to play in the district where the parents pay their school taxes.

Thank You!

