**HAYFA Parent Information**

* Welcome –Ken Smith, HAYFA Board President
* HAYFA History, Mission & Objective
* History – 24th  season, All volunteer non-profit organization
* Mission – To create a positive, fun and safe environment for young boys and girls to experience the thrill of football.
* Objective – Provide fundamental instruction to develop football and cheerleading skills with a long-term goal to advance the Golden Tiger Football and Cheerleading Programs.
* HAYFA Board of Directors
* List of Board members and responsibilities on our web-site at [www.hayfa. HYPERLINK "http://www.hayfa.us/"us](http://www.hayfa.us/)
* Communication – email addresses or league phone number found on web-site.
* League Structure
* 4 or 5 sponsored football teams – lead by experienced coaches
* Holy Trinity will be part of the league
* 8 game season
* Follow PIAA rules w/ HAYFA exceptions (web-site & programs)
* PIAA Officials
* Must Play Rule – All players have a starting position the entire game.
* 4th Grade Football Participant Discussion
* Safety
* **Heads-Up Football** – Program training and certification by USA Football
* Equipment – HAYFA only purchases the best equipment which is regularly reconditioned. All helmets have air bladders and can be no more than 7 years old.
* Certified Football Coaches - All football coaches will go through a certification process developed by USA Football to ensure safety and proper player development including heat stress precaution training. Also coaches have back ground check.
* Football Draft
* Designed to provide each coach the opportunity to draft a balanced team with an equal number of 4th, 5th & 6th grade players.
* Absolutely no pre-arranged team stacking is permitted. Only children of head coach and 1st assistant coach are pre-determined. Also Kids of team sponors
* Cheerleaders are assigned to teams after the draft to accommodate siblings.
* Player/Cheerleader/Parent Participation
* Each player/cheerleader is expected to show up on-time for all practices and games.
* Parents are asked to volunteer for gate, chain gang and 50/50 sales
* HAYFA Calendar of Events – (see web-site)
* Regular season conflicts w/ JV football
* Teams to be determined after number of participants are known
* Additional Information and Frequently asked Questions (see web-site)
* HAYFA Volunteer Opportunities (sign up today!)
* HAYFA web-site-Brad Maines
* Your “go-to” location for all league information & communication
* USA Football Affiliation – coach and player access to drills, technique video and much more. A good site to look up football material.
* Cheerleading Information – Heather Keefer (Cheerleading Commissioner)- Cheer practice to be held at C.W. Longer