

Dear Central Dauphin Football Alum,

We wanted to kick off the 2017 off-season with our latest “CD Football Newsletter.” As always, this letter is part of a broader effort to strengthen the overall connection with our football alumni and to also help you reconnect with your former teammates. In fact, several people who are receiving this letter have already had the opportunity to return to CD and catch up with old friends and teammates and to watch the current Rams on the gridiron as part of our “Reunion Game” series. This past season we were thrilled to bring back the 1961 and 1991 teams. Since we started the “Reunion Games” series in 2012, we have enjoyed the return of the 1955, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1972, 1991, 1997, 1999, 2002, and 2004 teams. For 2017 we can’t wait to bring back the 1972 team again to celebrate the squad who brought home the first league title in school history 45 years ago.

As for 2016, we are proud to report that it was another successful year both on and off the field. The Rams finished 10-2 and made it to the district semi-final game. Along the way, we captured a share of the Mid-Penn Commonwealth crown. It marked the 6th championship in a row and the 7th title in 8 years! We also had 14 players selected for all-conference by the league coaches. Our talented and dedicated group of assistant coaches once again did a fabulous job as well. Off the field, our young men were equally impressive. We had 78 players participate in at least one community service event as part of our Community Connections program. In total, our players participated in a record number of 54 events for a combined 1,236 hours of community service in 2016 – which is another record. In the classroom, we set another record: 31 varsity players earned Honor Roll status (90% GPA in first marking period or 10% improvement from the previous marking period). Because of their efforts, we will once again see some of our seniors move on to the next level and join the college football ranks in the fall. In fact, this past fall we had 21 former Rams on college rosters!

As we look ahead to 2017, our sights are set very high both on and off the field. We not only want to realize our full potential as a team, but we also want to make the Central Dauphin Football Program the very best it can be in every possible way. In order to become a “complete” football program, **we believe that it’s vital for the alumni to be a key component.** For this reason, one of our top priorities for 2017 is to assist with the creation of a Rams Football Alumni group. Once formed, this group would be able to organize events, send newsletters, or devise anything else that it feels would increase alumni activity. Having such a group will undoubtedly be a “win-win” for both the alumni and for the current program.

If you or someone you know has any interest in helping to create this group, please contact me at 717-443-7976 or gmcnamee@cdschools.org. Because this is such a high priority for us, we will do whatever we can to assist in this effort. And once the group is formed, we will lend our support and cooperation every step of the way.

Together, we can make CD Rams Football a model program in terms of winning, academic achievement, community service, and character.

And please don’t forget to check out our website at www.cdramsclub.com. It is a fantastic website.

Sincerely,

Glen McNamee
Head Football Coach