



# Welcome to the 2017 Walton Soccer Team

Congratulations for making the Region 4 Division 7AAAAAA Walton Soccer Program! We had around 130 players try out for approximately 80 player positions. We know tryouts can be stressful for both players and parents, and now, the waiting is over and the season has begun! Here are a few important updates for you. Please read this entire message and if you have any questions email [soccer.walton@gmail.com](mailto:soccer.walton@gmail.com)

Walton Web site [www.waltonsoccer.org](http://www.waltonsoccer.org), Status Me  and G-mail

- **Waltonsoccer.org** – Check the site **daily** for updates and information
- **StatusMe** - The Coaches/Team Managers use Statusme.com to communicate important information by text to players and parents, like: practice time changes, weather delays or cancellations, bus information for away games, etc. **Players and parents must sign up by February 1st.** See instructions on the website. We will do a test on Friday, February 3rd.
- **G-mail** – Used to send out lengthier updates and information. We will register you from the tryout information so no action is needed on your part.

## **Signing Night**

Monday, February 1st, is Signing Night. The evening begins at 5:30pm for booster registration and spirit wear sales. The formal program and dinner starts at 6:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm. Signing Night is a casual evening where we introduce players and coaches, parents have an opportunity to meet each other, you can purchase great Walton Soccer spirit wear items and sign up for volunteer positions. The location is the commons at Walton and dinner is provided by Walton Boosters and some of our fabulous sponsors.

**\*Volunteers are needed for signing night. Visit [www.waltonsoccer.org](http://www.waltonsoccer.org) and click on the Signing Night Sign up Genius to help!**

## **Player Fees and Registration:**

- Due to exceptional fund raising (Raider Card Sales) and sponsorships, we have been able to set dues at \$495.00 this season. These dues are considerably less than other Cobb schools and less than many other Walton High School sports. We have seen an increase in costs across the board from food to field maintenance and anticipate another slight raise in fees in 2018.
- For the 2017 season, your payment of \$495 will cover player fees and pregame meals. We need all families to participate.
- Player fees cover the following costs: exceptional Coaches, game and practice equipment, referees, travel expenses and team uniforms (see the website for more information).
- You may register and pay in advance on the web site at [www.waltonsoccer.org](http://www.waltonsoccer.org). The site accepts all major credit cards and pay-pal. Please refer to the web site for details. You may also register at signing night with check or cash. **All non-merchandise contributions can be tax deductible through our 501cIRS designation (as always consult your tax advisor).**

## **Raider Cards:**

Raider Cards are a critical fundraiser for Walton soccer. The success of Raider Cards has allowed us to reduce our player fees while still sponsoring an exceptional program. EVERY player is responsible for selling 20 cards. We will conclude Raider Card sales with a Blitz Day on Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Any player that has not sold their cards by then will be required to participate. Sell your cards early!!

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers are critical to our program. Volunteer positions are fun and provide for exceptional parent and player interaction. These positions give you the opportunity to get to know the players and parents as well as utilize your talents to improve the program. If you have any questions, have an interest in a board position or one of the coveted team parent positions, please contact Tina Darlington at [tinadarlington@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinadarlington@bellsouth.net)

## **Concessions:**



Concessions. A heated and dry place to work and watch the games! Someone will: orient you to working concessions (likely the night you are working), bring and pick up the concession money, unlock and lock concessions, and stock all items for sale. As a part of the Program, **ALL** parents are required to work concessions for home games. Sign up Genius will be utilized to help you chose a game that works for you. We ask that you arrive 30 minutes before game time and work until your replacement has arrived or all games are over. It is your responsibility to get a replacement if you cannot make your time.

## **Picture Day**

Picture day is Web Wednesday February 1st. Arrive at the field **in uniform** at 1:00. Magic Moment photo envelopes will be in your Signing Night envelopes. Please have your order filled out and ready to go on picture day. If you can help on picture day at 1:00 please email Tina Darlington at [tinadarlington@bellsouth.net](mailto:tinadarlington@bellsouth.net)

**Seniors:** We will be taking extra pictures for the Program. Please arrive in your uniform and bring your 2017 Senior t-shirt and jeans.

## **Walton Soccer Player Yard Signs:**

Yard signs will be available at signing night. If you already have a sign, don't forget to put it out in your yard!

## **2017 Player Programs**

A wonderful keepsake and included in all Booster Memberships. The program includes: Your player's page, customized by you, team pictures, and photos from the soccer season. You can see example Player Ads on the web page. Player Ads or your photos for the ads should be submitted **via the website** form. Player ads are due by February 26th and submitted through a form on the Walton Soccer website. Any questions, contact D'Ette Stratton at [dkstratton@bellsouth.net](mailto:dkstratton@bellsouth.net)

## **Sponsors:**

Sponsors play a key role in supporting Walton Soccer and funding our Program. If you, your business, or someone you know would like to be a Walton Sponsor, please contact Karen Huban at [khuban@bellsouth.net](mailto:khuban@bellsouth.net) Additionally, please patronize our Walton sponsors whenever you can. A complete list can be found on our website.

**GO RAIDERS!**

