



Dear Fighting Gobblers,

Wow - that was fast! Living through the pandemic and moving into a new job, I thought we would never get started. I told you almost every day on SportsYou “This too shall pass” and it has. The 2020 Football season is here and now!

I have thoroughly enjoyed what time I’ve had with you. We have a lot of work to do. I can’t wait to get started on August 3rd with our freshman, JV and Varsity Teams.

Who are we? I want to define that for you now so you know the expectations and have a clear 2020 vision.

I want the mantra of our “brand” to be “WE Play to Win.” I want the Mean Green “brand” to represent our Gobbler Pride, Gobbler Effort and Gobbler Toughness.

Live out our mantra! Winners win every day in all aspects of their lives. To be a champion you must be a champion every day in every situation. To me “playing” is the playing out of your life. I challenge you to WIN in the classroom, WIN on the field and WIN in the community!

I also want to challenge each of you to live out the “brand.” That means what people see when they see The Mean Green as a group or individual in the class, on the field or in the community.

I want them to see your pride of being a Gobbler Football player from Cuero, Texas USA. Just being a Cuero Gobbler makes us different from anyone else because of our history and winning tradition. I want them to see our Gobbler Effort and how extraordinary it is and how much harder we try and how much harder we play than other football teams. The final distinguishing part of our Mean Green Cuero Brand is our toughness. Our toughness is what drives our character, our grit, our fight, our discipline and our heart. When you are tough; you will win. You will win in the classroom, on the field and in life. Toughness is what Texas and the United States were built on. I challenge you to be tough. Toughness is a choice.

*“You were not born a winner or a loser. You were born a chooser. The choices you make every day add up and you become the sum of those decisions. If you’re not happy with that, change your life - one decision at a time.”*

*Author Unknown*

I am attaching a calendar of important dates, times and a 2020 football schedule.

We Will Win!

Jack Alvarez

Head Football Coach

Cuero Gobbler Nation

**PLEASE JOIN SPORTSYOU APP OUR ACCESS CODE IS  
C2QE-5R5Y**

**We will have a Parent Zoom Meeting Thursday. Access will be on the SportsYou app**



## Cuero Gobblers

### AUGUST PRACTICE SCHEDULE

28 <sup>th</sup> JULY (TUE)	Jr. Sr. Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Field House
29 <sup>th</sup> JULY(WED)	Jr. Sr. Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	9:00-11 a.m.	Field House
30 <sup>th</sup> JULY (THUR)	Sr. Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	9:00 am	Field House
	Jr. Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	10:00 am	
	So Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	11:00 am	
	Fr Packet Pick-Up Equip. Sizing	1 pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup> AUG (MON)	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
4 <sup>th</sup> AUG (TUE)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
5 <sup>th</sup> AUG (WED)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
6 <sup>th</sup> AUG (THUR)	4 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
7 <sup>th</sup> AUG (FRI)	5 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
8 <sup>th</sup> AUG (SAT)	PICTURE DAY VARSITY	8:00-9:00	Stadium
	JV	9:00-9:30 am	Stadium
	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures	9:30-10:30 am	Stadium
10 <sup>th</sup> AUG (MON)	6 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:30 pm	Practice Field
11 <sup>th</sup> AUG (TUE)	7 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	
Stadium	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
12 <sup>th</sup> AUG (WED)	8 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:30 pm	Practice Field
13 <sup>th</sup> AUG (THUR)	9 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
	PARENT ZOOM MEETING 9TH	6:00-6:30 pm	
	JV/V	7:00-730 pm	
14 <sup>th</sup> AUG (FRI)	10 <sup>th</sup> Day of Practice JV/VARSITY	7:00-10:00 am	Stadium
	9TH	9:00-11:00 am	Practice Field
	JV/VARSITY	4:00-6:00 pm	Practice Field
17 <sup>th</sup> AUG (MON)	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School		
21 <sup>st</sup> AUG (FRI)	Scrimmage vs CC Miller	TBD	Gobbler Stadium

\*\*\*\* DATES & TIMES may be subject to change please check SportsYou/Rank One for changes \*\*\*\*



## Football Practice Schedule During the School Week (Regular Schedule)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY- Pick up at 5 p.m.

THURSDAYS – GAME DAY

FRIDAYS – Pick up at 3:35

### VAR / JV

MONDAY – TUESDAY- Pick up 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – Pick up at 6 p.m.

If your child has issues with Accountability/ Extra Conditioning add 30 min to pick up time.

Athlete pickup from 5:45-6:15

THURSDAY

JV – GAME DAY

VAR -WALK THRU / SPECIAL TEAMS – 4:30 pick up

FRIDAY

JV – FILM / WEIGHTS during the period. Pickup/Bus at 3:35

VAR -GAME DAY

SATURDAY

VAR (ONLY) REHAB / TREATMENT 9:00-10:00

CONDITIONING & WEIGHTS / FILM 10:00-12:00



**2020 Cuero Gobbler  
Absence – Tardy Policy**

**I. Absence**

A. If an athlete is going to be absent, he must call in or speak personally to a varsity coach. That coach will determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

Varsity – Coach Alvarez or Position Coach

JV – Coach Arroyo or Position Coach

9<sup>th</sup> – Coach Notaro or Position Coach

**NOT CALLING IN TO A COACH IS AN AUTOMATIC UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.** The reason for the absence then becomes irrelevant.

A. If you have an EXCUSED absence you will be required to FLIP 100 yards in tires to make up your conditioning for that day.

1<sup>st</sup> UNEXCUSED absence you will be required to FLIP 400 yards to make up your conditioning for that day.

2<sup>nd</sup> UNEXCUSED absence you will be required to FLIP 800 yards for makeup conditioning and sit out the first half of the next game.

3<sup>rd</sup> UNEXCUSED absence you will be required to FLIP 1200 yards for makeup conditioning and sit out the next game.

4<sup>th</sup> UNEXCUSED absence you will be excused from the football team.

B. If an athlete accumulates 30 Tires without any attempt to make them up, he will be removed from the football program.

C. If you are assigned ISS you will be required to flip 200 yards of tires.

D. Absences MUST be made up as soon as possible or the first day an athlete is physically able, we may also use alternative but equal conditioning techniques due to weather, injury or time constraints.

E. All tires must be completed before the athlete is permitted to participate in a game.

**II. Tardy or late for workouts**

A. If an athlete arrives within the first 15 minutes of practice – 25 Up-Downs

B. If an athlete arrives at practice after the first 15 minutes – 50 Up-Downs

C. Excused tardies must be approved by Coach Alvarez or your position coach beforehand if possible.

**III. Profanity**

A. 1 Tire for profanity on the field. (This will be left to the discretion of the coach as to the number of Tires in relation to the language used)

Position coach or coach who assigns tires will administer the tire flipping.

ALL MAKE-UP FOR ABSENCES OR TARDIES WILL BE DONE AT THE DETERMINED TIME

## THE EXPECTATIONS OF A GOBBLER PARENT

1. Be POSITIVE with your son; let him know he is accomplishing something larger than himself by simply being part of the team. Please do not put your son down if he is not getting to play as much as you would like to see him play.
2. Encourage your son to continue to work diligently if he is not playing as much as you or he desires; there is a valid reason. However, he is an integral part of this team and regardless of his role he is contributing to the TEAM's overall success. Remember how Tony Romo interacted with Dak Prescott when he came back from injury? He put the TEAM's needs above those of his own.
3. We expect Gobbler Football players to show respect at all times this includes all adults, students and themselves.
4. Encourage your son to follow the team rules. Football is a demanding sport. A player's on and off the field activities are very important in maximizing his physical and mental performance.
5. Insist on good grades. Be involved with your son's academic life. No matter how good a player he is, if he doesn't have good grades, he doesn't get to participate in games.
6. Be selfless not selfish. Football is a kids' game – Let them play it! Who cares who scores, as long as everyone does their job to the fullest and the Gobblers **win** the game!
7. Respect the game and the process. As coaches, we're professionals and we understand your passion when things are good and bad. We ask for your continued support in our development of every young man and the team as a whole.
8. Please be an extension of our efforts in teaching respect for the rules of the game we love so much. Self-respect begins with self-control.
9. We love your son and will coach him regardless of his ability. Please do not compare him to others; allow him to be his own player.
10. Encourage your son to play for the love of the game – and becoming the best Mean Green Gobbler he can be!



## **ACADEMICS AND SCHOOL ROUTINE**

All athletes are expected to be in regular attendance. We, as a coaching staff have been very concerned with the number of absences our athletes have accumulated in the past. It is a state law that if a student misses 10% of a class, then he will not receive credit for that course even if he is passing. What this means, is that if a student has 9 absences, excused or not excused, he will be denied credit for that class. It is very important that our student athletes be in school and at practice.

Your conduct in class should be ABOVE THAT OF OTHER STUDENTS. They are looking to you for leadership. You must be a leader in behavior and in supporting your faculty and administration. If you need extra help in a subject, ask your teacher if you can come early, before school, lunch period, or any time the teacher will allow. Most teachers will be more than happy to help you if you show proper respect and display an interested attitude desiring to learn. These things will have a direct bearing on the kind of support we will receive from the faculty and administration. WE NEED THEIR SUPPORT!

NO PASS, NO PLAY has been a part of athletics for such a long time, there should be no excuses for not knowing the consequences of failing a class. Although the legislature has changed the rule to some degree, a student athlete that fails and is out of competition hurts the team. If the team cannot count on an individual to be disciplined and dedicated to passing, how can the team count on that individual to be disciplined and dedicated to building and maintaining a winning tradition at Cuero High School?

I have listed some suggestions and hints on how your student athlete can obtain the kind of education he can use in later life to become a productive and contributing member of our society. Please read over these with your athlete and discuss other ways in which he can reach his full potential.

### **ACADEMIC TIPS**

1. Sit in the front of class.
2. Take notes.
3. Ask questions.
4. Be respectful.
5. Make eye contact with the speaker.
6. Be prepared.
7. Turn in work on time.
8. Create relationships with your teachers.
9. Be on time.
10. Set a daily study schedule.



## HAZING

Hazing is against the law and will not be tolerated in the Athletic Department. “Hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off school property directed against a student, by one person alone, or acting with others, that endangers the mental or physical health or the safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are to include other students. Under Education Code 37.152 a person commits an offense if the person commits any of the following:

- a) Engages in hazing
- b) Solicits, encourages, directs, aids, attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing
- c) Recklessly permits hazing to occur
- d) Has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student, or first-hand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the Principal, Athletic Director, or designee.

**Hazing will not be tolerated. This is a criminal offense that will be treated as such. If you are the victim of hazing or witness an incident, you MUST report it IMMEDIATELY to Coach Alvarez.**