

Lakeville North Youth Football

3rd Grade Information Page

Fall 2024 Season | Days: Tues & Thurs

Location: Christina Huddleston Elementary

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[Lakeville North Football](#)

[2025 Fall Football Registration](#)

[Proper Helmet Fitting Video](#)

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Important Dates & Information:

1. Equipment Handout | Monday July 28th, 6-7pm & a make-up date TBD

Players will receive shoulder pads, a red/white game jersey, and a practice jersey. This means that families will be responsible for all other equipment. Located under bleachers at Lakeville North football stadium.

Athletes will be responsible to provide:

- A Helmet (white preferred)
- Practice/game football pants (white preferred)
- Mouthguard (if you want something “fancy”)
- Cleats (not required, but recommended)

2. Season Dates & Location:

3rd Grade’s first official practice will be on Monday, August 4th (we will also have practice on Tuesday the 5th and Thursday the 7th that week- this should be the only week we have three nights of football). From 6-7:30pm,

Located at Christina Huddleston Elementary School/CHE (9569 175th St W, Lakeville, MN 55044). All practices and games will be at CHE, on Tuesday and Thursdays. Just like with flag football, practices will begin to start earlier (5:30-7) to accommodate daylight as the season progresses.

Player Evaluations: Currently scheduled for the week of August 4th & 5th, which are also the first two days of practice. During these two days the level director and coaches will work together to evaluate the athletes to create balanced teams for competitive play all season. Teams Announced: Teams will be announced, hopefully on Thursday, August 7th after warm-ups.

3. **Panther Moms Night**: Thursday, July 31th, 6pm-7:30pm (on the field), this is a fun event for our Panther moms. Moms will meet at the stadium and learn about football, take part in football related events, and finish the night at a local restaurant (until 10pm).

4. **Picture Night**: during practice time – specific date TBD

5. **Play with the Panthers**: Date Wednesday 8/20/25. Play with the Panthers is a fun event for our younger players to get onto the varsity stadium turf, do drills with the varsity players and coaches, and get a front row seat to the high school team's scrimmage. More info to come on Team pictures- no scheduled date at this time.

6. **Lakeville North Youth Football Camp**, the second camp of the summer is scheduled for July 15-18th, registration and more information can be found on the [LN Football page](#).

7. **Varsity Tackle Cancer Game** – September 19th, 2025 (HOMECOMING!!)

8. **Lakeville North Football Social Event**- August 23rd, 2025

9. **End of the Year Jamboree at LNHS Football Field**- TBD (likely a Saturday in October)

Frequently Asked Questions:

What about the weather? Always assume we are having practice unless otherwise notified. In the case of bad weather we will make the decision as a program and notify parents as soon as possible.

Where do I find a helmet? There are a few options for purchasing a helmet for your incoming 3rd grader. Feel free to browse Facebook Marketplace, and Craigslist and those can be helpful - I found a few good local deals on there recently!

More than likely you will want to go in person to either Dick's Sporting Goods or Scheels, this can help you figure out the size you will need (please refer to the links at the top of the page for tips on picking the right helmet size.)

[Dick's Sporting Goods](#) Has some great in-stock options. Go there, try on a few helmets to know exactly the size you will need. You can buy from Dicks, or shop for deals elsewhere.

[Scheels Sporting Goods](#) Has the least expensive “new” option at \$165, but doesn’t look like they have them in stock. If you get your size figured out, they have helmets that can be shipped to your house in 3-5 days.

[Walmart](#) Surprisingly, Walmart has a youth football helmet for sale on their website, fast shipping.

[Green Gridiron](#) Has a few helmets in stock, white – limited inventory for youth.

[Sideline Swap](#) is a great website that functions like a craigslist/marketplace, but only for buying/selling used athletic equipment.

[Play it Again Sports](#) in Burnsville does have a pretty decent selection of helmets in stock as well.

What is Tacklebar? Go straight to the source: tacklebar.com, which says: *“TackleBar® is a limited contact football game that bridges the gap between flag football and tackle football. Players wear full pads and learn all of the traditional fundamentals of the game in a limited contact setting. This approach is providing players an authentic football experience that decreases injuries and increases participation in the sport.”*

Why Tacklebar?

- Decreases injuries by reducing hits and high impact collisions
- Teaches proper shoulder tackling technique
- Ideal transition between flag football and tackle football
- Increases participation

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions! We are still actively looking for coaches, so if you’re interested or know someone else who might be interested, please have them contact me! I will be sending out a coaches email this weekend.

North or None,

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