

Yes We Can

Foundation

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Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for the Yes We Can Foundation with the Mission to support the needs of Central Football. We are incorporated with the State of North Dakota as an organization as of January 17th of this year. We have filed paperwork to become a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The current state of the field equipment that Central Football is using is not good and quite frankly embarrassing. See the pictures at the end of the newsletter. We have begun this foundation to help fix this problem with assistance from our Central Football alumni.

We are suggesting that individuals donate \$100 to be members of our organization annually. If you want or are able to donate more that is great. If \$100 is not possible feel free to contribute whatever you can if that is possible. Alumni who have graduated within the last 5 years are not asked to donate until 5 years past HS graduation. We are planning to eventually have gatherings for our alumni so we do not want money to be a barrier to being part of these events. Businesses are asked to donate \$250 to support the foundation and we will recognize those businesses that support the foundation on our website and Facebook page. On the next page, you will see a link to a contact form so we can get your information as well as information on how you can donate to this foundation.

About the Foundation

This past fall, the football program needed a new viewing screen for the camera Hi-Pod system that is used to film games. The coaches were told there was no money to replace the \$300+ screen so they set out to fundraise. Three Central Football alumni saw the coaches Facebook post and took care of purchasing the screen. During the 2021 season, a local business donated \$5,000 to Red River HS football and nothing to Central Football. And our school district does not have the funding to take care of these needs. Our group decided to take the initiative to take care of things with our Central Football Alumni. By creating a foundation, our goal is to create something for the long-term instead of just a quick fix.

How to Join

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to fill out the membership contact information form.



<https://bit.ly/3RoP5iV>

Payment Options

Annual Membership dues and donations can be paid in three ways. You can send money to our Venmo or PayPal App or send a check to the address on Page 4.

Find us on Venmo!

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Mission Statement

"Our mission is to raise funds to support the Grand Forks Central High School football program, as well as other local programs, subject to Board approval, provided those local programs uphold the core values of the Foundation. Funds may be used to purchase equipment for local programs, upgrade technology, upgrade locker rooms, purchase meals for teams, provide scholarships, fund memorials for the Grand Forks Central Football family, and provide support for local programs and students/student-athletes as needed."

A Message from Coach Berg

"Yes We Can!" How many times during your days as a GFC football player did you hit that sign? As you well know, more than just a scoreboard, it's always stood for our school, our program, and who we were not only on Friday night, but every night.

Sadly, unlike in our day, the school district no longer provides the funding to be truly competitive with the other teams on the schedule. We're not talking about "extras" or "over the top" equipment, but basic needs to properly and safely teach the game.

OUR program, the very program that was so important and influential when we wore the Maroon & Grey, needs us to hit the sign again. **YES WE CAN!**



2022 Season Recap

The 2022 team won their first game of the season with a victory over Watford City to begin the season 1-0 for the first time since the 2009 season. The team then faced four teams ranked in the top 5 in the state and unfortunately went 0-4 during that stretch. That did not deter the coaches or players as the team kept working and went 3-1 in the last four games of the regular season to earn a playoff berth. Although the Knights lost to Jamestown in the playoffs to close out the season, it was the first time the team has won at least four games and made the playoffs since the 2007 season. It definitely builds momentum for the 2023 season and beyond with such a strong finish to the season.



Meet Head Coach Jake Schauer

On April 7, 2022 Jake Schauer was named the 19th head coach in the history of Central Football. A native of Williston, ND coach went on to attend Valley City State University where he was a four-year football letter winner and Team Captain in 2013. He graduated with a B.S. in Physical Education and Elementary Education,

Coach Schauer began his teaching and coaching career spending five years in Park River, ND. In Park River, Coach Schauer was fortunate enough to be an assistant coach for five state championship winning teams (Football x2, Baseball x3). After Park River, Coach Schauer moved on to Thompson where he spent one year as an assistant coach before being named head coach for the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Coach Schauer served as an assistant coach for the 11-man East Shrine team in 2016.

Jake is a 6th grade teacher at Valley Middle School and his wife, Alyssa, is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones in Grand Forks. Together, they have two daughters Jordy (5) and Lennyn (1).

New Decal

A few years ago, the administration at Central did a branding study on how the logos and images of Central HS were being used. The recommendation was that all teams and activities either use the GF logo or Knight logo going forward. Thus, it was not a decision made by Coach Schauer to change the logo but something that came from the school administration.



Important Links and Information

Click on the links below to find out more about what is happening with GFC Football

 [GFC Yes We Can Foundation By-Laws](#)

 [GFC Football Website](#)

 [2022 Season Highlight Video](#)

 [GFC Football Shutterfly](#)

 [Grand Forks Central High School](#)

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Immediate Needs

[Click here to see larger images and more info](#)



5 Man Sled

Note the tears in the seams, broken pieces, and rust



3 Man Sled

Acquired in the Mid 90's
NEWEST piece of Field
Equipment
Bags get stuck in



Lineman Chutes

Missing Support Legs, Broken
welds leaving jagged edges,
unstable



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