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**Gateway  
Middle School  
Athletics & Activities**

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Dear Parents / Student-Athletes

Football practice begins Thursday, August 1 at 9:00 am. Players will report to Door 9 to turn in paperwork and pay athletic fees. Practice will end at 11:00 am.

Football practices will be held on weekdays only. The complete practice and game schedule will be distributed by August 1.

All football candidates or parents will receive notifications about practices in August or other important athletic information through the Remind application for cell phones or email. The Remind sign up procedure is on the back of this sheet.

The paperwork that needs to be on file with the athletic department is:

Preparticipation Physical Exam Form  
Ohio Department of Health Concussion Awareness Form  
Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form  
Maumee City Schools Code of Conduct Form

The Activity fee for the Maumee Schools is \$100.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> student-athlete, \$75.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$50.00 for each subsequent family member in the district. Make checks payable to Gateway Middle School.

There is an equipment fee of \$75.00 for football that must be paid before any equipment is issued. The activity fee and the equipment fee will be paid together on the first day of practice, Thursday August 1. Contact Athletic Director John Kolbow if you have to make financial arrangements for the payment of fees.

Football players are required to attend practice. There are specific guidelines the Ohio High School Athletic Association requires schools to follow for preparing student-athletes to safely play football. All players are required to have "acclimation" days before full contact. Players are required to have 10 days of practice before participating in scrimmages or games. Be a member of a school athletic team is a privilege. Every practice missed sets a player back on the number of days necessary to participate and the instruction that occurs on that day. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action or removal from the team.

If you have any questions, contact John Kolbow at Gateway.

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