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Dear Carthage Lacrosse Families

Welcome to the Carthage Men's Lacrosse 2010-2011 season. Another summer has flown by so that means the Fall Ball Season is now upon us. The guys have been hard at practice for over a week now. The team roster has been completed by Coach Neff and it looks like we have approximately 40 players. The Carthage Lacrosse Red Stick Club ( CLRSC ) Board has been hard at work since the end of last season and desires to make this season another exciting experience for every parent. The tremendous success the CLRSC had last year was due to the overwhelming support and spirit of volunteerism provided by the parents. Our goal is to make this season even more fun and successful.

I am Chris Honn ( my son Kyle is a Junior ) and I will be serving as the CLRSC President for this season. A special welcome and hello to the Freshman players and parents. This letter is the first communication for the season and will be posted on the CLRSC website at [www.redstickclub.com](http://www.redstickclub.com). We have a lot to update everyone about so let's get to it.

A list of the current CLRSC Board Members is on the website and will be included at the end of this letter. If you would like to join the parent board please contact any of the members or me.

**Fall Ball Tournament** Carthage will be hosting the Fall Ball Tournament at Art Keller Field, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lakefront Classic. The tournament will begin first thing Saturday morning, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 8 a.m. is Carthage's first game. The guys will play all of their games that day. This is a fund raising event for the team and run by the CLRSC. We will have concessions and spirit wear for sale. We will need several volunteers to assist with concessions and to work the game clock and the penalty box. The guys typically have a team scrimmage prior to the Fall Ball tournament; this year their scrimmage will be on campus the Thursday after the Tournament.

This year's "Giving Back" to the Community Events consists of:

1. Collection of used LAX equipment...clean your closets, garage and basement of all that old smelly equipment. Bring it to the Fall Ball Tournament.

2. Ask your sons about the shoe drive at this year's Fall Ball Tournament. (Bring a new pair of shoes for charity).

3. Holiday Gift drive--more information after the Fall Ball Tournament.

Get your hotel reservations now. There are several hotels near the campus. **Make sure to ask for the Carthage College rate where ever you stay.** Most hotels have a special rate to offer. Discounts cannot be done online.

**NOTE:** We will have a parent meeting for all parents that can attend the Tournament after the Carthage vs. U of I game near the concession area at the field at approximately 12:30.

**2011 Schedule** The schedule has been finalized and will soon be on both the Carthage and Red Stick websites. We will be playing 8 new teams this year including a Division I team. The schedule includes the first ever year-end Conference Tournament so mark your schedules for May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Red Stick Club Memberships** We hope everyone will become a member this year. Our primary goal as the exclusive Booster organization for the Men's Lacrosse Team is to raise funds for the Team to supplement Coach Neff's budget needs. In addition membership dues will assist with the cost of feeding the boys on road trips. We will provide a comprehensive presentation on this subject at the above noted parent meeting.

**Fund raising Updates** Thanks again to everyone who made 2010 a record breaking fund raising success. We are well underway with fund raising activities for the new season. The boys have completed two events since school has started. If you have any ideas on how to raise funds for the team, please speak up. A more comprehensive update will be provided at the parent meeting at the Fall Ball Tournament.

**Spirit Wear / Team Clothing** We will have several options this year to offer those who are interested. We are finalizing providers at this time and will provide an update at the parent meeting and post information on the CLRSC website. We are excited about our options this year.

**CLRSC Budget** Our Board Treasurer Donna Rebeck will provide a presentation to everyone at the parent meeting. Topics to be discussed include: membership cost, how to pay for the membership, revenue and expenses from last season, and our budget for the upcoming season.

We look forward to meeting the new parents and seeing the returning parents at the Fall Ball Tournament. The CLRSC Board Member contact information is included below so if you have any questions or ideas please contact us.

Best regards and lets have a great 2011 season!!!

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