

Greetings Pirate Faculty and Staff,

First off, let me introduce myself: My name is Zack Faza, and I am the new JV Football Coach. It is my extreme privilege and honor to be able to work with your student-athletes through this season. I played for Coach McHugh and graduated from Pasco High School, then played college football and was an assistant varsity coach for Coach McHugh. Together, I believe we can make our student-athletes better students, football players, and, most importantly, better young men.

I will be the first to remind my players that before being athletes, each member of the team is a student. I believe our goal as teachers, coaches, mentors and family members is to help them lead happy, healthy, successful lives. This begins in the classroom. To this end, today I am sending all JV players home with a Grade Sheet that I have asked them to fill out every week, with your assistance. I realize this is asking yet more of you when already so much is being asked, so I thank you in advance for helping us create a culture of academic accountability and pride in our football program.

I will be taking the Grade Sheets seriously, with consequences including being prohibited from playing in games if a player has an F for any class. By checking in weekly, the hope is to stop the first trickle of bad grades before it becomes an unstoppable torrent leading to true academic ineligibility or, even worse, an inability to graduate.

Please feel free to communicate with me about how the players are doing in class (both the good and bad!). My cell phone number is 813-713-7341, and I can also be reached via email at [CoachFaza@gmail.com](mailto:CoachFaza@gmail.com). As a team we will be celebrating our academic successes and also seeking to improve our weaknesses. Also, starting next week, I will be offering after-practice tutoring at least one night a week. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any way in which I might be able to further help our students, school, and community.

Thank you for your time,

Coach Zack Faza

