

GRACEAC Football Families,

We are excited to announce that starting the 2017 fall season, the GRACEAC 5/6 & 7/8 grade football teams will be joining the Northern Rocket Football League (NRFL)! This move will enable us to continue to provide quality football for our student-athletes, while adding new opponents to our schedule. Some of these include Comstock Park, Kenowa Hills, Sparta, Coopersville, and GR Christian.

The NRFL rules are very similar to the GRACEAC league, however, we anticipate a few minor differences. We will provide more details later. Games will continue to be played on Saturdays, and we will continue to host home games at Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. John Vianney, and Holy Spirit. We may play at West Catholic and the CAT when available.

Teams will be organized as in the past with traditional 5/6 & 7/8 grade splits. Schools without enough players to field their own team will be merged with another school(s) to make a team. We expect GRACEAC teams to play against each other and against other teams. The league play season is seven weeks long, and we plan to have an eighth week to host our annual All Saints Bowl.

While our football teams will be venturing outside of GRACEAC, we will still carry with us everything our foundation has built. Our athletics will continue to be an extension of our classroom with Jesus leading the way. We still have high expectations for our player, coach, and spectator behavior. This will be a tremendous opportunity to reflect our values! We are thankful for this change and look forward to our first season in the NRFL.