



# Wolfpack Boys Soccer

## West Valley High School

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Junior Varsity Coach: Brian Luoma

## West Valley High School Boys Soccer Program—2009 Season

### ***Parent and Player Information:***

Tryouts began Monday March 16 in the West Valley gym. Tryouts will run through Friday March 20 from 5:00-7:00pm each day. We anticipate as many as 50 players or more trying out for the team so competition will be steep. The Varsity team will carry 18-20 players depending on needs and the Junior Varsity team will roster 16-20 players. By no later than Noon Wednesday March 18 an initial cut-down will be made by the coaches. This will reduce the number of participants to a pool of approximately 35-40 players. Then, by no later than Noon Monday March 23, the coaches will name the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams from within the remaining pool.

### ***The “Soccer Program” Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams:***

The coaches will name a varsity team and junior varsity squad. The varsity team is the primary focus of the program. Players on the varsity roster will be the center of more intensive training and will be held to a very high standard of competitive performance. Players on the varsity team will be selected based on their soccer skills, athleticism, speed, fitness, coachability, and team position needs. Players on the junior varsity team will be selected based on their potential for development throughout the season and throughout their high school career. There are NO Guarantees that a JV player will *ever* make the varsity squad, but the potential is there. During the season, and at the discretion of the coaches, players may be moved up to the varsity team or down to the junior varsity team (either for the remainder of the season or for select games). Because of the variability in program numbers among local schools, the JV team may have difficulty getting games scheduled, and it is possible that no other JV teams will be formed, and that West Valley is the only high school with a boys soccer JV program. Regardless, we will continue to train the JV team and will attempt to arrange scrimmages and other training opportunities throughout the season. Because of this uncertainty, the practice time commitment and financial commitment of the Junior Varsity team is substantially less than that of the Varsity Team. The varsity team will be asked to stay in peak conditioning and may practice as many as 6 days per week. It is important to keep in mind that the JV team is designed to be developmental in nature and that the coaches view members of both teams combined as part of the overall soccer program at West Valley. We ask that families from both teams participate in fund-raising for the program and support the program as a whole in whatever ways possible.

### ***Booster Club Organizational Meeting:***

Parent/Guardians for players selected on the teams, please attend the mandatory organizational meeting Tuesday March 24 at West Valley at 6:00pm. We will organize the booster club and discuss the schedule, fund-raising, player costs, travel etc. Coach Maxwell will be available to answer questions for some part of the meeting. Please download the “booster club information form” from the team web site ([www.wolfpacksoccer.org](http://www.wolfpacksoccer.org)), fill it out, and bring it to the meeting. Also please download the “FYSA HS Form” and have it filled out with a check for \$35 made out to FYSA. Please consider how you might help the booster club and what role you might play in supporting the soccer program at West Valley. Feel free to contact Coach Maxwell at 388-4073 if you have questions prior to this gathering. If a couple folks could please step up in advance to help organize things, that would be great, and it would free-up coach to return to practice. Give Coach a call if you can help.