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HECKAMAN HIRED AS NEXT GHS COACH

On March 24th, 2026, Goshen High School announced that Griffin "Griff" Heckaman has been hired as the next Head Football Coach at Goshen High School. Coach Heckaman comes to GHS after most recently working as an assistant coach at Warsaw High School. After being hired, Coach Heckaman said "My goal is to help develop young men who will positively impact their communities both during their time in our program and long after they graduate. Goshen has a strong community and school culture, and I'm excited for the opportunity to be part of it." The Goshen Gridiron Club is excited to welcome Coach Heckaman to the Goshen Football family and we're eager to support Coach Heckaman as he develops the next generation of Goshen Football players.



MARK FIORITTO TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME, JUNE 12, 2026

The Goshen Gridiron Club wishes to congratulate longtime Goshen High School assistant coach and athletic director Mark Fioritto on his induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame! Fio played football at Elkhart Central and was a 3-time varsity letter winner, 2-time All-State and All-Conference honoree, and went on to play football at Ole Miss and Ball State. Fio spent many years as an assistant coach at Goshen High School for football and golf, served as assistant and then head wrestling coach, and eventually became athletic director. Fio's induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame is indicative of the impact he's had on Northern Indiana high school athletics as a player, a coach, and an administrator. Please join the Goshen Gridiron Club in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Mark Fioritto on this prestigious and well deserved honor!

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At this year's golf outing we will recognize Ken Mirer. Coach Mirer recently retired from the Gridiron Club board, and we will honor him for his years of service to the Gridiron Club and Goshen football. Please join us this year on July 11 at Maplecrest Country Club.

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Opening Letter to Gridiron Club

Dear Goshen Football Community,

It is with deep gratitude that I introduce myself as the next head football coach at Goshen High School. As residents of Goshen, my wife (Lindsay) and I are blessed to have the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity. Goshen Football is an elite program that wins. Over the past 50 years, it is one of the most successful programs in Northern Indiana. It is an honor to be selected to lead this historic program.

A wise man once said, "if you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together". It takes a "village" to build and maintain a healthy and successful football program. There are thousands in the Goshen Football "village." There are: alumni, coaches (past and present), players (past and present), educators, families, managers, trainers, video production team, athletics office workers, fans, haters, bystanders (neutral/passive), and many more. Each of us play an equally important role in supporting the program. My hope for you is that you choose an active role in supporting and speaking life into this program so that we can go far, together.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet with the team in the weeks leading up to spring break. At our initial team meeting, I had the players **"raise their hand"** if they have heard someone in this community speak badly about the football team. Initially there was silence, followed by **each and every player raising their hand** to indicate they have **heard someone speak poorly about OUR** football program. That response got me **fired up**.

Many have asked, "What can I do to help?" Regardless of your current role, here are some things you can do to help the players and the program:

- 1) Provide the players with support and encouragement when you see them out and about.
- 2) If you see someone who should be playing football, but is not, help share the positives of Goshen Football. Regardless of age, help get them connected with the JFL, Junior High, or High School program.
- 3) Plan on attending the games this fall to celebrate the success that WILL happen on the field. We have a GREAT group of players in the program 9-12, that are already excited and working hard to make this fall different than those in recent history.

Goshen is a great community, and GREAT things are happening here. The recipe has all the right ingredients: GREAT kids, administrative support, community support, dedicated coaches, top tier facilities, sectional realignments, your contributions, and a hunger to restore this program to its fullest potential. Our staff, players, administrators, and educators are excited to work together as a member of the "village", while we move forward **A.S. O.N.E.** Thank you for your continued support of Goshen Football, and I look forward to meeting more of you at the Golf Outing this July!

Coach Heckaman