

It is that time of the year where we have to decide, whether to stay 8-man or go back up to 11-man. I put a survey out to all boys 6th-11th grade to get there interest in playing football in the future at Ravenna High School. This was a simple survey that had the boys state their grade and their intention on playing football in the future or not. The 3 choices were I am 100% all in; Maybe, I am still thinking about it; and No, I am not going out for football. Here are the results:

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade		9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade	
100%, All In	10	100%, All In	5	100%, All In	1	100%, All In	6	100%, All In	9	100%, All In	4
Maybe	4	Maybe	1	Maybe	6	Maybe	7	Maybe	3	Maybe	1
Total Boys	17	Total Boys	13	Total Boys	12	Total Boys	23	Total Boys	22	Total Boys	15

Total Boys 6th-11th:102, Total Boys 100%, All In: 35, Total Boys Maybe's: 22

Looking at our numbers for the next 2 year cycle both Mr. Reicks and I, recommend that we stay 8-man. Judging by the numbers we will have 20-25 players that will participate in football next year. I am hoping to flip some maybe's into players, but we do have 20 boys that I am fairly certain, will go out no matter what. With this decision comes one hardship, which is the fact that we will be ineligible for the playoffs the next 2 years. The magic "boys-only" number to be eligible is 47 and we will be at 60 for this cycle. When it comes down to making this decision, I ask myself this question, "Is this what's best for the kids?". I truly believe that this is what's best for the kids and football program at Ravenna High School.