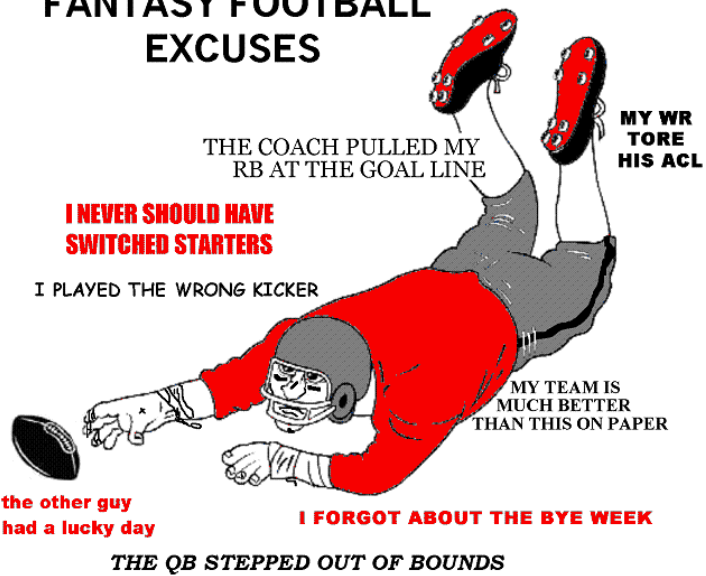




The Durham Fantasy Football League 2011

FANTASY FOOTBALL EXCUSES



THE COACH PULLED MY RB AT THE GOAL LINE

MY WR TORE HIS ACL

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE SWITCHED STARTERS

I PLAYED THE WRONG KICKER

MY TEAM IS MUCH BETTER THAN THIS ON PAPER

the other guy had a lucky day

I FORGOT ABOUT THE BYE WEEK

THE QB STEPPED OUT OF BOUNDS



Dear Compacted Math Parents,

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

I am always looking for new ways to engage students in mathematics. This year I will be using Fantasy Football as a tool to get students excited about math. The inclusion of fantasy sports in learning environments has been shown to be a unique and effective method to teach mathematics.

Fantasy sports are games in which students create fantasy teams by picking real-life professional athletes, who earn points based on their performances in their games. Students track their players' statistics and compute points for their teams using algebraic or non-algebraic methods that complement the math skills they are learning.

Students can follow their players in newspapers, online, or on television. Each week, they will also construct tables that show the scoring breakdown for their teams. I will also integrate fantasy sports worksheets into the game that dovetail with the math concepts that students are working on in class.

Thousands of students and parents are already playing fantasy sports together in classrooms throughout the country. ***This unit will be more fun if you are involved.*** Your participation would also serve to build community within our school, and the friendly spirit of competition would be enjoyable for all.

Your student will be bringing home a draft page to select their initial players for our league. Parents and siblings are more than welcome to participate by helping their accelerated math student with their draft. The draft is based on a set spending limit of \$70,000,000 so you do not have to worry about what players other students will draft. We will allow students to make replacements during the season following certain rules. Each week, we will post students' scores in my classroom and online.

I hope you are excited as I am about using fantasy sports to facilitate learning. Sports statistics represent real-life data that has meaning for students. Fantasy sports helps students to make connections between math at school and math in the real world. Research indicates that learning is facilitated when these connections are made. If you want more information about the fantasy sports programs we will use, you can visit www.fantasysportsmath.com.

We also invite your family to our draft party at school. This will be a time to ask questions, research your students' team online, and complete the draft form.

**FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT PARTY
DURHAM INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LAB
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
5:00-8:00pm**

Sincerely,
Lance Mangham and Chris Underwood

MANGHAM and UNDERWOOD **MATH PARENTS**

Looking for a way to participate in our math classes this year?

Think you know your football players?

Adrian Peterson or Chris Johnson?

Larry Fitzgerald or Andre Johnson?

Aaron Rodgers or Peyton Manning?

Want to be a participant in our fantasy football game?

First, you are more than welcome to help your student with their player picks. In addition, we would like for you to play in our:

Parent and Sibling Leagues

Best of all it is FREE and you could win the coveted trophy presented to the top parent each year!

Turn in your draft by the **end of the day on September 2** and you will be all set.

Make sure you have read all the rules about making your picks. Each week our students will compute your score and update your won-loss record. All the work is done for you! You can check your status (as well as download the draft file) at any time online at:

<http://mrunderwood.com>

Email your picks (the whole Excel file) to:

Chris.Underwood@southlakecarroll.edu

Thank you!

Lance Mangham & Chris Underwood

What fantasy football league am I in this year?

Sixth Grade Math Students

- Mr. Mangham has two leagues. Read the other page to determine which one is best for you.
 - Set it and Forget It
 - In it to Win It
- All of Mr. Underwood's students are in his student league.
- All other math students are in the Landry/Fauatea league.

Parents and Siblings of Math Students

- Mr. Mangham has a Parent/Sibling league.
- Mr. Underwood has a Parent/Sibling league.
- All other parents/siblings are in the Landry/Fauatea league.

Durham Teachers and Family Members & CISD Staff

- Everyone is in the CISD Teacher/Family Member league.

DFFL (Durham Fantasy Football League) FOR DUMMIES

If you are a fantasy football rookie, don't worry! This guide will give you everything you need to know to create a team, pick the best players, and enjoy your season.

Positions

QB = Quarterback (He is the one who starts each play. He either hands the ball to a running back or passes the ball to a wide receiver, tight end, or running back).

RB = Running Back (He is the one who runs with the ball. Sometimes he also catches passes.)

WR = Wide Receiver (He is the one who catches the football when the quarterback throws it.)

TE = Tight End (He is about the same as a wide receiver.)

K = Kicker (He is the one who kicks the ball through the goal posts for an extra point or a field goal.)

D/ST = Defense/Special Teams (Defense tries to not let the other team score and to get turnovers such as fumbles or interceptions. Special teams do things like returning kicks and trying to block other teams kicks.)

Drafting Your Team

Draft Day is exciting because you get to choose players to be on your team for the rest of the year!

"I have no idea which players are good?" No problem. Look at the list of players and how much each one costs. The best players cost the most amount of money. It is like going on a shopping spree!

You will want to spend your entire \$70 million. At running back, for example, each week your top 2 scoring runners count. One example of a strategy would be to buy 2 really good backs, one medium cost back, and one really cheap back.

You don't have to worry about who others are choosing because the same player can be bought by many teams.

"Okay, but I still don't know who to pick?" If you don't know any of the players there are still many fun ways to choose. You can research online or in magazines to decide who they suggest. You can pick your favorite city, like Miami for example, and choose players on the Miami Dolphins (remember the limit of 3). You can choose players whose last name or players with the same first name as you!

Websites that might be helpful during our Fantasy Football League:

THE HOMEPAGE FOR FANTASY SPORTS IN MATH

www.fantasysportsmath.com

ESPN

<http://games.espn.go.com/frontpage/football>

CBS

<http://fantasynews.cbssports.com/fantasyfootball>

FOX

<http://msn.foxsports.com/fantasy/football>

NFL.com

www.nfl.com

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/football/nfl/>

YAHOO SPORTS

<http://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/>

USA TODAY

<http://www.usatoday.com/sports/football/fantasy/>

FANTASY FOOTBALL NERD.COM

<http://www.fantasyfootballnerd.com/>

FANTASY FOOTBALL TOOLBOX.COM

<http://www.fftoolbox.com/index.cfm>

FANTASY FOOTBALL SURVEY RESULTS

Want to see what students have said in the past
in the Annual Fantasy Football Survey?

How much interest did you have in football before this unit?

36% knew very little about football
29% had some knowledge about football
35% knew a lot about football

Based on the way the game was set up did everyone have a chance to win or only those who knew about football beforehand?

82% said everyone had a equal chance
18% said those who knew about football had an advantage

How did you feel about the night fantasy football was your homework assignment?

80% said it was the night they looked forward to the most
20% said it was about the same as other nights
0% said it was the night they looked forward to the least

What did you learn from our fantasy football unit?

64% learned real-world applications of mathematics
24% learned statistics, operations, and expressions
12% learned nothing new

Did you attend Draft Night?

52% YES
48% NO

“At the end of season I was sooo much more happier than at the beginning because it was really fun and I got to understand the game better.”

“Never take away fantasy football from math class!”

A Child Shall Draft Them (Sports Illustrated 9/21/09)

Like many people, Trey Lee spent the night of Sept. 9 cramming for his fantasy football draft. The difference is that he had to stop at 8:30, when his mother told him to go bed. That's how it goes when you're seven years old.

Trey is one of the 18 members of the Aptos Amateur Fantasy Football League, which held its first draft last Thursday afternoon and, depending on your point of view, signifies either the coming apocalypse or a robust future for America's youth. Starting at 3 p.m., a horde of seven-, eight- and nine-year-olds descended on the modest living room of the Jeffery family in Aptos, Calif. (The draft was the idea of nine-year-old Cooper Jeffery, who'd watched his dad play fantasy football for years.) Just like their adult counterparts, the kids wore baseball hats (and one coonskin cap), carried notebooks full of scribbled rankings (some even legible) and subsisted on Rice Krispies Treats and beer (O.K., so it was root beer). To watch them was to see a distorted reflection of the 20 million of us—mostly adults, tending toward obsessive—who play fantasy sports, and perhaps even to gain a little perspective.

Jesse Cox and his twin seven-year-old sons, Ben and Tommy, co-managers of a team, were among the first to arrive. The night before, when Jesse told his boys they were going to a draft, they had both cheered.

"We get to go on a raft!" one said.

"No, a *draft*," Jesse replied.

The smiles turned to frowns. "But we want to go *rafting*!"

Others were better versed. Eight-year-old Max Pepperdine spent a week putting together his notebook, while Blake Wheeler's simpler draft strategy was evident in his JaMarcus Russell jersey and silver-and-black armbands. (He would select four Raiders, including reserve running back Justin Fargas with his third pick, something even Justin Fargas probably would not do.) Blake, who has big brown eyes and spindly legs, can recite the scores of the Raiders' preseason games and said he was "totally certain" this was their year. And who's going to tell him he's probably better off believing in Santa Claus than in Al Davis?

The emcee was Cooper's dad, Kevin, an amiable lawyer and Stanford grad. He called on nine-year-old Liam Martin for the first pick ("Kurt Warner!") and then turned to Trey, who stood up, cleared his throat and announced that with the second choice he was taking "TOM BRANDY!" (Later, teams would draft Kelley Winslow and Marc Blunger.) Up next were 11-year-old Kate Jeffery and her friend Sydney Rastatter (decked out in a pink Donovan McNabb jersey), the only girls. While

the boys generally followed the equation *cool adjective + cool animal = totally bad team name* (Rabid Raccoons, Fearless Ferrets, Flying Monkeys), the girls took a different tack, calling their team YouGotBeatByaGirl. Judging by their picks—Adrian Peterson third overall, Darren McFadden in the eighth round—they might be prophetic.

Throughout, the drafters were remarkably quiet and attentive. It took nearly 45 minutes for the first monster burp to be unleashed (from the girls, and to much applause), followed not long after by the first airborne projectile (one of the aforementioned Rice Krispies Treats). Though one boy defected to read a *Super Friends* comic, most were like nine-year-old Jackson Carver, who was wedged into the couch like spare change, crossing names off a master list.

By the 10th round, two drafters were lost to afternoon baseball games and one to a soccer scrimmage. Those who remained were already trying to upgrade their rosters. In one corner, Mekhi Burkett, 10 years old and wearing a too-big Red Sox hat, approached 13-year-old Sarah Jeffery, who had taken over for her sister. "I'll trade you my kicker for Adrian Peterson," he said coolly. She looked at him the way women have long looked at younger, foolish men. "Yeah," she replied, "that would be a *real* good deal for you."

FANTASY FOOTBALL RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Underwood's Math Classes, 2011-2012

Draft Rules:

1. You have \$70,000,000 to draft your team. You may not go over this amount and you must spend at least \$65,000,000. Any money not used in the initial draft is gone. There is no reason to save money for a later time.
2. You have 13 core players (quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers/tight ends). **You may not select more than 3 of these players from any single NFL team.** For example, you can select 3 Dallas Cowboys, but not 4.
3. You may pick any player or team for the specials section (repeated teams are permitted).
4. **You must fill all 13 core draft positions** (3 QBs, 4 RBs, 4 WRs, and 2 TEs) **and all 4 specials draft positions** (2 K, 2 DEF/Special Teams).
5. You are responsible for looking at Bye Weeks and making sure you have enough players to play each week.

How To Complete the Draft Form:

1. Look up the players you wish to draft by position using the bottom tabs.
2. To pick a player type in their number in the yellow column. All other columns will fill in automatically. Your cash balance will be automatically updated.
3. Once your picks are complete they must be sent to Mr. Underwood electronically at Chris.Underwood@southlakecarroll.edu
4. In addition, please print out two copies: one for you to keep and one to be turned in to Mr. Underwood.

IMPORTANT: All student entries must be turned in by September 2 at 5:00pm.

Scoring System:

1. The scoring system is listed on your draft form as well as your weekly scoring page.
2. During the regular season, ESPN.com will be used for all official statistics and scoring during our game.
3. In the case of a tie between two teams, the winner will be determined based on the total points of all of their players that week. If this is also tied, the game will end in a tie.

Replacements & Trades:

For all leagues, you will a chance to make trades and replacements after week 7.

Fantasy Football
Trade and Replacement Week 2011
Rules and Regulations

TRADES

1. Any Fantasy Football player may make a trade with any other Fantasy Football player in their league (Mangham, Underwood, etc). You may not trade between leagues (ex. An Underwood student can not trade with a Mangham student.)
2. Trades must be approved by the Commissioner, Mr. Underwood as being reasonable. You can not “con” someone into a terrible trade for them.
3. Trades must be position for position. You can trade one WR and one RB for one WR and one RB. You can not trade one WR for two WR’s or one WR for one RB.
4. The trading period starts October 23 and ends October 26 at 4:00pm.

REPLACEMENTS

1. Each Fantasy Football player may make up to 3 replacements.
2. There will be a new price list for player cost. You may only select a player that is the same or less cost than the **original cost** of the player you are giving up. The player you are giving up must be a player that you originally owned, not one that you traded for. If you traded for a player, you must use their **new cost**.
3. Replacements must be position for position. You can only replace a WR with a WR.
4. There are no defense or special teams replacements.
5. No money left over from the original draft may be used to help buy a replacement.
6. Your league Commissioner may set a cut-off as to the number of times a replacement can be selected.
7. The replacement period starts October 23 and ends October 26 at 4:00pm.

***This is the only trade and replacement week of the season,
so after this week your team is set for the rest of the year.***

FANTASY FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RULES & REGULATIONS

Mr. Underwood's Math Classes 2011-2012

1. The fantasy football regular season will end after Week 13.
2. In each league the top 8 teams advance to the playoffs.
3. The regular season champion will be the #1 seed and so on down to #8. Ranking are determined on the basis of won-loss record. Ties will be broken based on total points.
4. A consolation playoffs will take place for the next 8 student teams, regardless of league, based solely on points (record does not matter).
5. A Toilet Bowl playoffs will be held for the 8 lowest point teams during the school year.

Playoffs Week 1 (Week 14) - Quarterfinals

Player #1 will play against Player #8 and so on. The winners advance to the Playoffs Week 2 Championship Games.

Playoffs Week 2 (Week 15) - Semifinals

The remaining 4 teams in the bracket play against each other. The two winners advance to the Super Bowl.

Playoffs Week 3 (Week 16) - Super Bowl

The final 2 teams in each league compete in the Fantasy Football Super Bowl. The player with the highest score will be crowned the **Grand Champion of Fantasy Football 2011-2012**.



FANTASY FOOTBALL

Is not like this at all.

