



Thanksgiving Day Football Game Details and Status

The Athletic Departments of Governor Livingston High School and New Providence High School would like to update our community on our upcoming Thanksgiving football game.

During the 2019-2020 school year, both Athletic Departments and Administrations met to discuss the status of the game for the coming season(s). Both districts agreed to move forward with moving the 2020 game to "Thanksgiving Eve" (Wednesday November, 25, 2020). The game has been scheduled for a twilight start, with a 4 PM start time agreed upon by all parties involved.

We are pleased to announce that the annual tradition is still on, and the game remains scheduled for November, 25th (Wednesday) at 4 PM. The game will take place at New Providence High School's "Lieder Field".

While we are excited that the game will go on, the atmosphere itself will look different as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. On November 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 196, which further restricts the number of people permitted at both outdoor and indoor sporting events. This Order reduced the maximum capacity of outdoor events from 500 total, to 150 total. Furthermore, as per the [NJSIAA's 11/19/2020 MEMO](#), "it is important to note that the... number of people (150) permitted at outdoor events **[is] inclusive of the athletes, coaches, referees and trainers.**"

Prior state guidelines did not count participants (those on the field: e.g. football players, cheerleaders, marching band, officials, etc.) as a part of the capacity limitations. This Order will significantly limit the number of individuals who can participate during the course of our Thanksgiving Eve football game. As such, the game will only be able to include the football players, coaches, and medical/technical staff from each team, officials and chains crew, and game workers and supervisors. All of these individuals are essential for the game to occur. New Providence and Governor Livingston have 19 senior football players between the two teams. Each senior participant will be given 2 tickets for their family. This will take the total capacity number for the game to the maximum allowable total of 150.

While we understand that both communities cherish the annual opportunity to come together during this Thanksgiving tradition, the current times as well as regulations will not allow us to do so (in person). New Providence High School will be streaming the event live via the [New Providence School District Facebook Page](#). This stream is free to all, and will show up on the page just prior to the start of the kickoff at 4 PM. It is hopeful the Public Address Announcer will be heard via the Facebook streaming. We hope that families, fans, and friends from both communities will "join us" on the stream to cheer on both teams as they conclude their special 2020 fall seasons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Carangelo'.

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