

Junior High Football



Our Jr. High football team had several goals at the beginning of the season. We first wanted to ensure that we could field as many players as possible and have a group of guys that love the game and enjoy playing the game. At our first practice we had 22 players on the field, over the ensuing weeks the team grew and by the last game we had 26 players dressed out... this was after losing a few team members to injury. One of our important goals was to play and compete with sportsmanship, we did this week after week. I never witnessed a player lose his temper during a game and we had no unsportsmanship penalties. I am very proud of the way these young men competed, they all played in a manner which should make us proud. We wanted to get better as a team on both sides of the ball as the season moved forward, and we certainly accomplished this goal. We lost our last game of the season by 6 points in a game that we were supposed to lose by a large margin, even after two key players were sidelined during the game with injuries. We played hard throughout the season and had many great games and great performances by our players.



Davis Long forced several fumbles and recovered one of them. In the same game, Cameron Castleberry made one of the hardest hits you will ever see on a football field. Thankfully the player was not injured, but he was dazed and confused after the play. Game 3 was a breakout game for a few players. Quarterback Stefon Aaron passed for over 100 yards in this game, including a 35 yard touchdown to Johnny Slick. Stefon completed 6 of his 11 attempts. His season was cut short due to injury... however he showed outstanding leadership, could often be found encouraging his teammates, and his support was important and heartfelt. Davis Long is a very good football player with a high football IQ, and he has a bright future ahead. Ben Creath did an outstanding job for us this year at center, as he is a steady player that never seems to get rattled in any situation. Johnny Slick did an outstanding job on both sides of the ball... he did not come off the field and he played hard on every play. Overall it was a great season for CMA Junior High Football and we can't wait to get right back to it next year.



Bottom, left: Gavin Dunn, Dylan Brashears, Austin Salter, Robert Luebken, Matt Weaver, Aiden Haase, Daniel Carter, Ed McClam.
Middle, left: Coach Thomley, Ian Walter, Kevon Agard, Michael Hanlon, Eugene Dumka, Coach Garbade.
Top, left: Cameron Castleberry, Jett Mathers, Davis Long, John Hastings, Josh Jenkins.

Most Valuable Defense - Davis Long of Charlotte, North Carolina.
Most Valuable Offense - Stefon Aaron of Goose Creek, South Carolina.
Most Improved - Aiden Haase of Fort Mill, South Carolina.
Coaches Award - Matthew Weaver of Hesperus, Colorado.



Coach Thomley explains an offensive play.



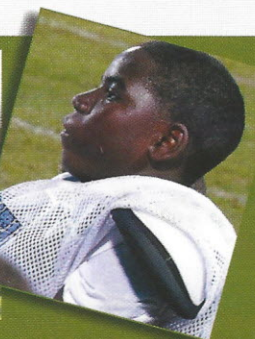
Both Junior High teams kneel on the field before the game begins.



The Spartans take a knee as an injured player is escorted off the field.



Quarterback Carter initiates the play and looks for the open pass.



Davis Long runs the ball through the opponents offensive line.