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Press Release

Frank Smith Kickoff Classic
and
Community Tailgate Party

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In recent years the cost of going to the Corky Kell Game has gotten unaffordable for many of our fans and the Team. Therefore we have worked to come up with a major event to replace the Corky Kell Game. To reward our fans for their loyal support we wanted to host a home game that would provide the challenge and excitement of a Corky Kell Game.

Thanks to the financial support provided by the Camden County Quarterback Club we have contracted with Lincoln High out of Tallahassee, Florida to play CCHS for the next two years in the Frank Smith Kickoff Classic. Lincoln High is a recognized state and national powerhouse in football. Lincoln won the Florida State Championship in 1999, 2001 and 2010. They finished second in both 2008 and 2012. Miami Southridge, St. Thomas Aquinas and Armwood High are the three teams Lincoln defeated in the state championship games. In 2010 Lincoln was named by Bleacher Report as the #4 top football factory in the nation for high school recruits. After the 2009 season they were named a "Nike Elite" program and signed a multi-year contract with Nike. Only five Florida schools were selected by Nike for this award. In 2013 Lincoln participated in a kickoff classic game on ESPN taking down South Gwinnett High School.

Once we secured a suitable opponent we wanted to find a special way to honor the memory of Frank Smith and his 40 plus years of service to the Wildcat Football Team. We decided to have the biggest and most enjoyable Tailgate Party in the history of Camden County. All CCHS Wildcat fans, supporters and guest are invited to participate in the "Great Tailgate Party". The game is scheduled on a Saturday so we have all afternoon for tailgating. Fans are encouraged to show up any time after 1:00 PM and tailgate with friends until 7:00 PM kickoff.

The CCHS marching Wildcat Band and the CCHS Cheerleaders will perform at a pep rally in the parking lot prior to the game.

We also are reserving a limited number of tailgate spots for local non-profits to set up tents and sell refreshments during the event. If your non-profit would like to participate they need to call the Athletic Office for further information and an application.

A great tailgate party, pep rally, and a great game all in one day. What better way to Honor Frank Smith.

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic office at Camden County High School at 729-7042.

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