



West Booster News



Mankato West All Activities Booster Club

Fall 2011

2011-2012 Officers: Barb Kaus-President, Lisa Haman-Vice President, Kristin Berglin-Secretary, Steve Isakson-Treasurer

A letter from

Barb Kaus, Booster Club President

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 school year, and with that, the opening of the 2011 – 2012 activities season of **your** Mankato West Scarlets.

As we close the books on the 2010 – 2011 seasons, let's take a look at the successes of the Booster Club's efforts. Together, we were able to support over \$62,000 in donations. That is nearly a \$30,000 increase over last year. *WOW* and *Thank YOU* for your outstanding support of our students. We funded many different needs such as; new Football blocking sleds, a double sided weight rack for the Fitness Center, the Tennis shed, a Softball batting cage, a portable Baseball batting cage, and new music stands for Band just to name a few! We certainly have much to be proud of due to the academic, fine arts and athletic accomplishments of our youth.

Our ability to give back to our students in the form of financial support for their activities is dependent on our continued efforts to support our Mankato West All Activities Booster Club. You can show your support in two very important ways:

1. Join us as we continue to build revenue and support our student's activities through a MEMBERSHIP. Memberships are only \$25 a year per family or individual and while that is a small fee, it goes a long way to ensuring our students have their activity needs met. In addition to the pride you'll feel by being a member of the Mankato West All Activities Booster Club you will have your name displayed in the Club's display case adjacent to the gymnasium concession stand. You may also qualify to be entered into a drawing for a chance to

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Show Your Spirit!

We have a wide variety of clothing and other merchandise available for you to show off your school spirit at events!



Items will be for sale at all home football games. They are also available on our website.

www.WestBooster.org

Kick OFF the Season

Join us for the 10th Annual Community Tailgate Pre-Game Party, Celebrating West Football

Friday, September 9, 2011

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mankato West Football Field

Cost: Adults - \$5, Children (10 and under) - \$4

Food and Entertainment for all ages!



**GO
SCARLETS**

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win an annual Mankato West High School Athletic Event Pass. Memberships received prior to our first home football game on September 9th will qualify for entry into the drawing. Click on the following link to find the membership application

http://www.westbooster.org/Documents/11_12Membership_Form.PDF

2. Volunteer! We are continually in need of reliable and passionate volunteers. If you are interested in general, or have specific events you'd like to help at, please contact Lisa Haman, 625-0504 or Jen Kukuczka, 625-0554.

Special Thanks to LeAnn Mages for her years of service as our Secretary. On behalf of the Booster Club I'd like to thank you for your dedication to our students and our community through your volunteer efforts on our Board and wish you much success as you retire your position.

Check us out online at www.WestBooster.org

Go Scarlets!

Barb Kaus

Scarlet Saver Cards

The new Scarlet Saver Cards are ready! Bigger and better than ever! For only \$10.00 you will get SUPER deals and discounts from 111 area businesses. Some that are new to the Scarlet Card this year include: Ebert & Gerberts, Dinos, Frozen Yogurt Creations, LeeAnn Chin and Coldwater Creek. They join a great group of businesses already on the card. Thank you to all participating businesses for their great support of West High School activities. These popular, money saving cards are available from students, the Activities Office, and the concession stand at home football games. Or, you can send a check along with a stamped self-addressed envelope to West Booster Club, PO Box 1831, North Mankato, MN 56003. And

Mankato West Booster Club Donations

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

General	18,856.86
Band	4,151.00
Baseball	9,969.59
Basketball	714.95
Debate	184.89
Diving	174.50
Fitness Center	3,464.50
Football	7,970.56
Golf	2,434.48
Gymnastics	1,779.00
Hockey	3,762.46
Swimming	485.93
Track/Cross Country	1,175.25
Tennis	2,689.51
Soccer	1,523.00
Science Club	207.34
Softball	1,818.99
Volleyball	200.00
Wrestling	1,132.36
Total	<u>\$62,695.17</u>

Donations Accepted

Are there athletic and/or medical supplies and equipment that you have at home and are considering for your discard pile that could still be of use to us in our athletic training work? The following items can be donated to the West Athletic Training Room.

Aluminum crutches
 Air Casts or used ankle braces
 Arm Slings
 Forearm or finger splints
 Knee Immobilizers or Braces
 Gently used sleeves: calf or thigh
 Towels

All items can be delivered to the Athletic Training Room (ATR) during ATR hours. If in doubt bring your item in and let the athletic trainer make the decision.

Thank you,
Randy Palmer, ATC



Mankato Marathon

The Mankato West Booster Club has generously donated \$500 to be a Water Stop Sponsor for the Mankato Marathon which will take place on Saturday, October 22. The Mankato West High School cross country teams and track and field teams have been invited to join in the fun and volunteer at the water stop and to cheer on and encourage the runners! In addition, we hope to have live entertainment with members of the high school band and choir performing near our water stop.

DON'T FORGET TO...

ATTEND THE COMMUNITY PRE-GAME TAILGATE PARTY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Mankato West Football Field

Buy a Scarlet Saver Card

\$10.00

GREAT DEALS FROM AREA BUSINESSES

Available from students, Activities office and the concession stand at home football games

BECOME A BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER

\$25.00 PER INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY

SUPPORT WEST ACTIVITIES

Be eligible to win a WHS Athletic Event Pass!

Click the link to find the application:

http://www.westbooster.org/Documents/11_12Membership_Form.PDF

VOLUNTEER

CONTACT

LISA HAMAN 625-0504

JEN KUKUCZKA 625-0554

The theme this year is "Running Strong". Over 1,500 runners have registered for the marathon, relay-marathon, half-marathon, 10K run/walk, 5K run/walk, and KidsK events. Further information about the marathon can be found on the website: www.mankatomarathon.com

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer and help our committee. We are pleased to support and be involved in this community event!

Joann Nessler (386-1653) / Brenda Seys (388-6875), Chairs



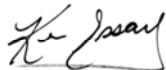
Reflections of the “AD”

As the 2011-2012 practice season gets underway, I am once again reminded of why we all relish working in the field of education. During the summer, the school building appears to be in hibernation mode. The hallways are empty, dark and void of energy. Then, on the first day of practice, life reappears as we hear the sound of shoes pounding the pavement and of coaches blowing their whistles in an effort to harness the force of electricity that the students bring back with them from summer vacation. Reconnecting with teammates, comparing summer experiences, sharing dreams of State Championships – all result in a feeling of excitement that sparks the start of yet another year. This passion and energy is the result of being INVOLVED.

Throughout the years, the Mankato West Booster Club has been deeply INVOLVED in assisting the Activities Program provide outstanding opportunities to our student participants. I have watched Booster Members working in concession stands, selling apparel, organizing tailgate parties and so much more. They are tireless, committed and INVOLVED in their support of West Activities. I thank all of you who have given so much of your time and energy to give back to our students here at West.

To close, I invite all of you to be a part of the energy and spirit here at West and get INVOLVED with the West Booster Club. There are many ways in which you can help, pick one that works for you. For more information, check out the West Booster website at www.westbooster.org. Let's work together to make 2011-2012 a year to remember!!

Sincerely,



Ken Essay
Activities Director
Mankato West H.S.

Future Scarlets

There is a new committee under the Mankato West Booster Club called "Elementary Schools Public Relations". Its purpose is to share information about West activities at the elementary schools on the West side, and to have those schools promote West by having students dress in red and white on Fridays. The group has "Future Scarlet" youth size t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and Mankato West tattoos for sale. The committee also plans youth activities at various West events throughout the year. The first youth event will be at the annual Tailgate Party before the football game at West on Friday, September 9 (football toss, field goal kick, obstacle course, football uniform photos, pom-poms, etc). It is sure to be a fun filled night for all ages!

Please contact us if you would like to be involved with our group. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions, and look forward to fun activities with the Future Scarlets! Go West!

Paul & Lori Jakes (387-3221),
Joann Nessler (386-1653), Chairs



Booster Membership

For the 2010-2011 school year we had 172 families that were Booster Club members. This included both current and alumni families who supported all West activities through their joining fees and their many hours of volunteering.

*Thank you Members for all you do
for our West students!*

To become a member for the 2011-2012 school year simply print the membership form at http://www.westbooster.org/Documents/11_12Membership_Form.PDF fill it out and mail it in with your \$25 donation to West Booster Club, PO Box 1831, North Mankato, MN 56003. Join us for a fun and rewarding year supporting Mankato West student activities!