



West Booster News



Mankato West All Activities Booster Club

Winter 2012

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

Greetings from the Booster Club President

Congratulations to all the fall athletes and coaches on their great accomplishments. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the booster members for your help and support throughout the fall season. It is great to see so many people getting involved. We are looking for officers and chair people for the 2012-2013 Booster Club season. Please think about becoming an officer or chair person. The open positions are listed on our booster website, www.westboosters.org. For more information call me at 382-9359. It's a lot of fun and very REWARDING! Don't forget to check out the Booster Club merchandise for Christmas Gifts, the Scarlet Card is a GREAT stocking stuffer too. Good luck to all those participating in Winter Activities. I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Barb Kaus

Check us out online at www.WestBooster.org



Concessions!

Thanks to the Booster Club and West parents, Concessions are off to a great start! Did you know that the Booster Club supports ALL activities here at West?

Here a few of the many successes:

- Music stands for the Orchestra
- Boys hockey travel bags
- Swimming power racks
- Leadership training
- Tennis ball machine
- Wrestling warm ups
- **Popcorn maker for inside concession stand**
- And the list goes on...

Without the support of the Booster Club and the parents, there wouldn't be a concession stand. To make sure support continues we invite any parent to come and experience the fun by volunteering their time. You'll get a chance to use the new popcorn maker, too. Please volunteer a couple hours of your time a season to keep the support going. When you volunteer, ALL West activities benefit. If you are interested in general or have specific events you'd like to help at, please contact Lisa Haman, lahaman@TheOccasionsGroup.com or Jen Kukuczka, jmkukuczka@carlsoncraft.com.

Scarlet Saver Cards still available!

Thank you to all students and coaches who sold **Scarlet Saver Cards** this year. We appreciate your help! The cards are good through August 31, 2012 so there is still plenty of time to take advantage of some great discounts from over 100 local merchants. This is our **#1** fundraiser. Scarlet Saver Cards make great Christmas presents or stocking stuffers. They are available at the Activities Office or you can send a check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to West Booster Club, PO Box 1831, Mankato, MN 56002.

The Mankato West Booster Club will be selling apparel/merchandise on the following dates:

Friday, December 9 - Boys Basketball
Thursday, December 15 - Girls Basketball

Purchase some holiday gifts and show your support of the Mankato West Scarlets!

**Show Your Spirit
With West Apparel!**

*Kim Leiferman, Karen Anderson, Sheila Opsal, Wanda Lloyd,
Joann Nessler, Holli Loe*
Mankato West Booster Club - Merchandise Sales Committee



THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who worked at the Mankato West Booster Club water stop for the *Mankato Marathon* on October 22, 2011!!! A special thank you to Coach Scott Carlson and Coach Joe Broze for coordinating their student athletes to help distribute water and Gatorade to the marathon runners! What an awesome experience, a beautiful day, and a very fun event! We had nearly 1,500 half marathoners and 500 marathon runners by our water stop TWICE, so it was a very busy street! We are pleased to support and be involved in this community event and are looking forward to next year! Please let us know if you would like to be a part of our committee.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 27, 2012

Joann Nessler/Brenda Seys
Mankato West Booster Club
Mankato Marathon Chairs

Future Scarlets!

Mankato West Basketball Youth Nights

Friday, December 9, 2011
Mankato West Boys Basketball
JV 6:00 pm - Varsity 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 15, 2011
Mankato West Girls Basketball
JV 6:00 pm - Varsity 7:30 pm

Elementary school students - free admission
with paid adult.

Wear red/white or
your elementary school colors!

Free Mankato West tattoos!

Form tunnel before varsity game, give high
fives to players!

Drawing at halftime for
Autographed basketball
West Waver bandannas
"Future Scarlet" t-shirt

Go West!

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 and hooded sweatshirts, West Waver bandannas, and Mankato West tattoos for sale. The committee also plans youth activities at various West events throughout the year.

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

You Are Invited!

You are invited to attend all Booster Club meetings. Come share your ideas and give us your input on Booster Club activities. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the West High Annex, Room 1207.

Our Next Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2012

We'd love to have you join us!

Booster Club Membership

Here at Mankato West, our students are very fortunate to have an active & busy Booster Club which supports them in many ways. Some people may not realize that we support much more than just athletics. Band, Choir, Orchestra, Orchestras, Debate Team, Fall & Spring Plays, Math League, Science Club & DECA, to name a few, are some of the many organizations that we help to support. Our memberships include both current and alumni families. New this year is a student membership for a reduced rate of \$10. We are actively recruiting new members and we encourage everyone to join in the fun as we support Mankato West student activities! To become a member for the 2011-2012 school year, please fill out the form found at: www.westboosters.org/membership. The cost is \$25 per family membership or \$10 per current West student membership. Our members have supported West activities through their joining fees, as well as many hours of volunteering their time.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR WEST STUDENTS!

Thank You for Sharing

As the season of sharing is upon us, it seems especially appropriate to recognize the hard work of all those who volunteer their time and energy to the Mankato West Booster Club. There are simply not enough words to express the gratitude I feel they truly deserve for putting their hearts and souls into a program for the betterment of our young people.

The meaning of the word "volunteer" is generally associated with an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve quality of life. It is an act of selflessly giving of yourself to something you believe in, free of pay. This description is reflective of what the members of the Mankato West Booster Club do for our students, our school and our community. Whether it's ordering food for the concession stands, designing apparel items, taking meeting notes or any of the other numerous un-sung job descriptions, you make a difference and your efforts are greatly appreciated even though you probably don't hear it.

So, in the spirit of the season, I wish to express my heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone involved in giving of themselves. Your gift of sharing will make a difference to help a generation of young people flourish in our ever changing world.

Happy Holidays!!



Ken Essay, Activities Director
Mankato West High School

