# March 2015

# Booster Club Monthly Newsletter

### THIS MONTH'S BASEBALL GAMES (WEATHER PERMITTING:

3/21 VS. NAZARETH ACADEMY

3/23 @ WEST CHICA-GO

3/24 VS. LISLE

3/26 VS. LARKIN

3/28 @ HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK

3/30 VS. ICCP

3/31 @ ICCP

### THIS MONTH'S SOFTBALL GAMES (WEATHER PERMITTING):

3/17 @ CHICAGO CHRISTIAN

3/20 @ LISLE

3/30 VS. ROCKFORD EAST

3/31 VS GUERIN

# **Boys Basketball Regional Champs!**

The Green Wave Boys' Basketball team through defense and strong play won the Lisle Regional tournament. The Wave was first pitted against Chicago Christian winning easily 65-39 behind sophomore Kelvin Cortez-Harvey with 14 points and Nick Duffy with 11 points and 9 rebounds.

The regional championship was within grasp after that, but one team stood in their way—IC Catholic Prep. Back on February 4th, the two team gutted out a thrilling 61-57 overtime victory in favor of the Green Wave. Surely this was a prelude to what the championship game was going to be.

And was it ever! Although St. Edward had the lead throughout the game, IC never gave up and tied the game at 40-40 with 1:10 remaining in the game. That's where the defense took over keyed by a huge block by Nick Duffy on a layup with about 10 seconds left in the game. Gino Domel recovered the block only to get fouled and sinking one of two free throws to win the game. Joe French led the attack with 11 points and Duffy added 10 more. Their next game is at El Paso-Gridley High School for the Sectional Tournament playing Minonk Fieldcrest.

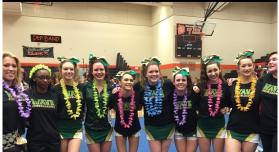
### Green Wave Bowling Roundup

The St. Edward Girls Bowling team competed in the State Regional Competition at Elgin Lanes on February 7th. The team placed 10th in the region with a total pinfall of 3448. Of the girls participating, Giovanna Gutierrez placed in the top 11 to advance to Sectionals with a total pinfall of 874.

Giovanna bowled in the Sectionals at the legendary Don Carter Lanes in Rockford on Valentine's day placing 74th with a total pinfall of 896 improving from the Regional meet. Congratulations Giovanna!

### Green Wave Cheerleaders 7th in State

The St. Edward Green Wave Competitive Cheerleaders competed in the State Cheerleading Competition in February. The girls placed 5th in the preliminary



round with a score of 81.00 while the best score was 84.67. Since they placed in the top ten in the round, they qualified for the final round of the competition. While giving their best shot, they placed 7th in the final to the eventual winner Breese Central. Congratulations girls on a great season!

GO GREEN WAVE!

#### THIS MONTH'S GIRLS SOCCER GAMES:

3/19 @ CHICAGO CHRISTIAN

3/20 @ LISLE (BENEDICTINE UNIV.)

3/31 @ HAMPSHIRE

### THIS MONTH'S GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

3/20 @ METRO IN-DOOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP (GLENBARD SOUTH)

### Life's Little Tidbits.....

Do not use chemicals to kill ants. Instead, get a spray bottle, fill it with water and salt {about 25%}, shake well, spray....boom.... no more ants!

Running your Bacon under cold water before cooking will reduce the shrinking factor by up to 50%.

# Super Bowl Bonanza!

*"Blizzard....there's no stinkin blizzard!"* For about 35 brave folks there was only a minor inconvenience. Yes....Super Bowl Bonanza did go on and those there had a wonderful time. The chefs – Bob Esposito, Bill Niemerg and "chef-in-waiting" Danny Thomas – did a fabulous job!!! Made from scratch mastachollo, mushroom caps with tangy sausage, pulled pork two ways, grandma's baked beans, really was Bob's family recipe, and you can't forget the chicken fingers. Needless to say, those attending did not go hungry...nor thirsty!!!!

#### Great to see friends like Rich Reedy, Terry Smith, Glenn Smith, Joey Childers, Joe Liss, John Gazdik, Mike Brozek, Paul Milnamow and others who bared the elements to make the event a fun & warm happening!!

Special thanks to Ron Scully and Paul Cumpata who braved the elements cleaning off the smoker's lounge, tenting and siding the area and eventually getting all the heaters up and running!!! But with the wicked winds a tv was not stationed outside this year.

The Booster Club was able to complete three boards for this year's event, thanks to all those who participated!!! Congratulations to the big winners.....FVO Girls led by Diane Pollack and Barb Chambers of Fox Valley Ophthalmology. With all those identical number scores at the end of the quarters....Gus Domel, Buz Carlson and Milt Evans came out smelling like roses in a blizzard!!!

One exciting facet of the day for those attending was the huge screen / overhead projector display of the game!!! Booster Club purchased the overhead projector, which works either from cable feed or internet hotspot feed, for athletic teams to utilize when reviewing game or practice films. For this day, it was excellent with almost life size images on the huge pull down screen that all could watch.

# So...Where Does the Money Go?

The St. Edward High School Booster Club has for over fifty years raised money for the benefit of the student / athletes of St. Edward High School. This is done in part by profits from four major fundraisers the club hosts each year – annual Jim Biggins Green Wave Golf Invitational; Pot of Gold Dinner Raffle; Super Bowl Bonanza; and in its second year, March Madness.

Booster Club has paid almost \$10,000 for the padded mats that have been replaced and added to the gym. Not seen em yet...stop by and take a look!

On top of this, the Booster Club purchased the overhead projector for use by athletic teams to review practice and game films.

In past few years the Booster Club has donated \$26,000 for locker room renovations.....\$19,000 for sound system in gym and other expenditures. The Club is looking to replace the conference and team banners this season.

Other projects have hit the Club's radar scope but are still in the exploratory stages.

The yearly Coaches dinner will be May 17th at the Elgin Country Club. The Booster Club again this year will graciously pay for the coaches dinners. More information will come out in next month's newsletter.

Save the date...The Jim Biggins Green Wave invitational will be July 13th at Bowes Creek Country Club. More details will follow.

### We're Looking for a Few Good Alumni

Don't be surprised if you are contacted by a student of St. Edward High School requesting your current contact information. In launching this monthly Booster Club newsletter the intent is to "reach out" all St. Edward alumni, families – both current and past, and friends!! With all the technology advances over the years it has become cost effective to publish an electronic version of a mailed edition in which the Booster Club can communicate with everyone!!! In the past the main method of communications has been "word of mouth" or "who do you know" situations.

With the help of St. Edward High School the Booster Club is embarking on attaining email addresses of a vast array of folks. The plan would be for St. Edward students to make phone calls to respective people requesting their email addresses. These then would be installed in a database for future Booster Club communications.

As always the St. Edward Booster Club thanks everyone for assisting us in achieving this very adventurous endeavor!!!!! We look for your feedback on any and all communications the Booster Club produces.

### March Madness Once Again

Once again the St. Edward Booster Club is sponsoring "March Madness" event. This is the second year the Booster Club has held this fundraising event and should prove even better than last year. When it gets down to it out of 100 entrants in last year's event, 46 won...Amazing!!!

When you select your square you will receive a "winning" number and a "losing" number. Whenever any game during the March Madness ends with your "winning" and "losing" number, then <u>YOU WIN!!!</u> Couple all this with a Championship weekend party at Green Wave Hall both Saturday and Monday evenings and you have the makings for a fabulous time for everyone!!!

**Don't wait**.....Super Bowl Bonanza sold out extremely quickly....reserve your lucky square today and get in on the fun & action!! To reserve you lucky square contact any Booster Club Board Member; or Danny Thomas – Chair of the MM Event; or simply go to our website and request that a square be reserved for you. There might even be a "small" board if the big board sells out early.

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### History of the St. Edward Booster Club

Some of you might remember, if you look at some really old black & white photos, of the old wooden bleachers in use at St. Edward for football games. <u>*Yes...WOODEN*</u>. These wooden bleachers had to be assembled each fall before the first football game and taken down after the last football of each season.

What you say??? Yes, a host of St. Edward Booster Club volunteers gathered on a weekend prior to the start of the home football season and assembled that entire framework, wooden seats and walkways. All these equipment was stored in one-half of the old "shack" that housed athlete equipment and the old booster clubhouse.

Talk about a labor of love....*this* certainly was!!! Of course it didn't come without any minor benefits.....a crew of cooks fixed breakfast and lunch for all those working to assemble the bleachers. And as a stable amongst Booster Club members, some libations were at hand.

Visitors bleachers....no worry! You see they stayed up year long. These bleachers were the old gym bleachers from *Marmion*. Once in place with their mental pull out sections were not going to move. And they didn't...they just sat there all year long...mostly rusted frozen.

The current bleachers that are used by the visitors were purchased and assembled by the Booster Club on two occasions. The current homestand bleachers were erected in the late 1980's and have been providing followers of the Green Wave teams a solid foundation from which to watch & *cheer* an athletic event.

#### Please Pray For....

Eileen Reedy.....suffered a crippling injury during a fall. Is now back home from extensive rehab work in Colorado and looking towards more dedicated rehab time!!

Scottie McGrath....working thru a severe bout of cancer

#### In Memoriam:

Sharon Sauceda, wife of Art Sauceda, a graduate of St. Edward and the mother of two, Eric & Lisa, who also graduated from St. Edward.

## Major Booster Club Fundraising Events

Jim Biggins Green Wave Invitational—Golf outing normally the first Monday after July 4th at the Golf Club of Illinois.

**Pot of Gold Dinner Raffle**—Draw down raffle with a single winner receiving \$6,000. There are also mini drawings and second chance prizes. This is normally on the first Friday in November at the Golf Club of Illinois,.

**Super Bowl Bonanza**—A 100-square board priced at \$100 per square. Prizes given at the end of first three quarters and final score. It is held at Green Wave Hall on Super Bowl Sunday with delicious food, libations, and merriment. The best Open House in the Fox Valley!

**March Madness**—A 100-square board priced at \$100 per square. Each game is a winner! There will be food, libations, and fun at Green Wave Hall on Championship Weekend Saturday and Monday.