FALL 2015 Through Winter 2016

Booster Club Monthly Newsletter

THE 2015 FOOT-BALL TEAM EN-**DURED A PRETTY** TUMULTUOUS **SEASON. NOT ONLY DID THE FIELD GET DAM-**AGED (SEE PAGE 2), THEY STARTED **THE SEASON 2-2** WITH TOUGH **LOSSES TO RIVER-**SIDE-BROOKFIELD **HIGH SCHOOL** AND IC CATHOLIC PREP. PLAYING **ESSENTIALLY ROAD GAMES AF-TERWARDS, THEY FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON AT 6-3 WITH A CLASS 4A PLAYOFF BERTH** AT RICHMOND-**BURTON HIGH** SCHOOL. THE **SEASON CAME TO AN END AGAINST RICHMOND-BURTON LOSING** 55-26. FOR THE 2016 SEASON, THEY BEGIN THEIR SEASON IN SUNNY ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AT THE **ESPN WIDE** WORLD OF **SPORTS COMPLEX** AGAINST **CHRIST'S CHURCH** ACADEMY EAGLES FROM JACKSON-VILLE, FLORIDA.

Changes to the Newsletter

As you probably noticed you have not seen a Booster Club Monthly Newsletter for quite some time. It's not because we are not doing anything at all. In fact, it's been the opposite. Looking forward to the future, you will now see these newsletters again although less frequently than before. We are planning more of a quarterly newsletter to provide information about each sports season at St. Edward High School along with the articles about accomplishments done by the Booster Club for many years to come. Without further ado, please enjoy this first issue of the new season of the monthly newsletter. If you have any questions, comments, or information for the newsletter, you can definitely let us know at steboosterclub@gmail.com. Thank you for reading and GO GREEN WAVE!!

Super Bowl Bonanza

2016 Booster Club sponsored Super Bowl Bonanza will be Sunday, February 7, 2016. All fun & games will take place in Green Wave Hall beginning around noon that day or so abouts. Now is your opportunity to reserve your lucky number by going to the following website, selecting your number and even, if you like, paying for it right then and there – or you can bring in your check the day of the event or mail it to the Booster Club's POB. The process is simple:

- 1. Go to www.footballsquaresonline.com/game.106989
- 2. Then enter the password: greenwave
- 3. Now you can select your squares and indicate how you would like to pay for them.

Easy, simple, direct.....WOW....a move out of the paper & pencil era!!!!

The 2016 Green Wave Volleyball team had one of their most successful seasons in recent years winning the Class 2A regional championship for the first time since 2011 after 3 consecutive years of regional losses in 3A. They went on to lose in the sectional semifinals to host Fulton High School in 3 sets. Congratulations!

Football Field Frenzy

One of the revenue streams for the Booster Club is the football concessions. This season looked to be very promising in that 6 home games were scheduled vs previous years of only 4. Food, Pop, Water, accessories all in place for a rousing 2015 football season.

Then disaster struck....the school's landscape company inadvertently applied a substance that killed the lush green grass. A sea of brown down-trodden fingers of grass lay dead across the football field.

With two games under our belts, one with green grass and one with brown grass, the remaining games were week to week. And week to week, the home games were moved to different stadiums: game with IC to IC's artificial turf field; game with Guerin prep to Geneva HS; Homecoming game to Northern Illinois University; and the coup-degra....Senior Nite game moved to Geneva HS. On top of this, all soccer games had to be relocated to other facilities. And these "other" facilities did not come cheaply.

To the rescue: Scotts....the fertilizer and landscape company came to the front!! With their expertise they brought in their agronomist, surveyed the destruction and formulated a game plan.

The game plan consisted of literally removing all the old grass and dirt with a laser measured tractors scraping the field...a recrowning of the field and proper slope evolved. The they laid carpets of freshly cut sod professionally across the field. Key then....was would it be ready for the last home game of the season.

On top of all this Scotts, working with their marketing firm, enhanced a plan to promote their efforts and the reawakening of the field. It was titled #KeepItReal. Scotts had Brian Urlacher come out and speak to the football team prior to the game; had t-shirts made up for all students and teachers; had disc jockey with bags and ladders games planned for the football game; and even provided food and a beverage for all attending.

Alas the game was not held at St. Edward due to the fact the sod had not taken securely enough for play to happen in the light of heavy rains in the area that night. So this game with all the planned activities had to be transported to Geneva HS, with the exception of Brian Urlacher's appearance.

And wow....did the rains come down....a driving rain storm persisted throughout the evening yet the Booster Club, the STE fans all preserved and enjoyed the evening.

The 2016 Green Wave **Boys Soccer** team had a similar type of season as the football team. Although they could not play on the field due to the damage from the landscape company, most of their games were on the road. However, they had a successful season including a Class IA berth for the state playoffs. They won their first regional game against Aurora Central Catholic 2-1 but lost in the regional semi-finals to Hinckley-Big Rock 6-3.

New Menu Item for Home Football Games

With all the turmoil of the fall football / soccer season, one bright spot that won overwhelming acceptance is the Booster Club's addition of chicken strips. This is all due to Bill Niemerg's persistence and delivery of this very tasty item. Would you believe that for the last game, held at Geneva HS, Bill, Danny and Bob cooked 100 lbs of chicken strips and carted them to Geneva for your dining pleasure....!!!!!!

Way To Go Bill and Crew!!!!!!!!!!

Pot of Gold 2015

Pot of Gold is always planned the first Friday of November and this year it was no different. And as you know the Booster Club sells 174 numbers with one held out for this draw-down raffle event. This event has become one consistent fundraiser with a good return for the Club.

This year profitability was in doubt. Normally the "Mayor". Chris Reedy, does his magic during home football games and sells a considerable number of squares. With no home football games due to the "sea of brown", those sales didn't happen. So with 10 days before the event the Booster Club had over 90 opened or not-reserved numbers.

That's when, thru the workings of Tom Trippichio, Lane Gredzielski, Mike Reeves, an email blast went out to STE parents and families and a link to PayPal was incorporated for personal usage.

The evening of the event only 18 squares remained uncommitted. That didn't last long....before the first draw, all the squares/numbers had been sold. And needless to say the Booster Club again was insured a very profitable and fun-filled event....just ask em!!!

Winners: Barrett Connor, Jack Hubbard, Gary Mozina, Jean Hilton, Ann Trippichio.

One facet of the evening is that if the ticket holder is physically present, not the proxy, that person could win \$100 as every twentieth number drawn is eligible.

Thanks for All for making this event a huge success in light of the revenue loss from no home football / soccer games. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The 2016 Green Wave Girls Golf Team placed 4th in the Class A Woodstock North Regional Meet. Sophomore Jordan Mattas advanced to the Sectional placing 5th individually with a 92. She proceeded to qualify for the state tournament with an 87 at the sectional. She placed 66th in the state tournament with a combined score of 191.

The 2016 Green Wave Boys Golf team placed 3rd in the Class IA Westminster regional, and the team advanced to the sectional. In the Class IA Byron Sectional, the Green Wave placed 2nd earning a trip as a team to the state meet in Bloomington. In the IHSA Class IA state meet, the Green Wave as a team finished 4th with Michael Mattas winning the individual championship with a combined score of 149.

5th Quarter after Basketball Games

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Expect a Call...on the Other Hand

The St. Edward Booster Club is embarking on a project, in conjunction with the school, in developing an email base of alumni and friends. In the near future, current students of STE will be making phone calls to a list of over 4,000 alums and friends seeking their email address so a survey can be sent to them to complete and return.

Once retuned the data from the survey will be gleaned into a database for future contact purposes.

So if you have your email address already on hand, you won't be receiving a call. But if you do not....take the call and help us help St. Edward High School!!!!

New Booster Club T-shirt

One of the activities put aside due to the browning of the grass was the redesign of the St. Edward Booster Club t-shirt emblem. Ms. Maddie Richmond's graphics class undertook the project and had over 30 designs submitted. The class voted on what they thought to be the best one and the Booster Club had the shirts produced.

Congratulations to Emily Lipinski for winning design contest. The St. Edward Booster Club has not forgotten you.

Thanks to all for your support!!!

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Announcements



St. Edward Booster Club Jim Biggins Green Wave Invitational

Monday, July 11, 2016 The Highlands Of Elgin

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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.