

JCCHS



ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

February 2016

General Meeting set for February 24, 2016

The John Carroll Catholic High School Athletic Booster Club will host a **GENERAL MEETING** on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. All JCCHS families are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to find out what projects the Athletic Booster Club is working on and where your Athletic Booster Club dollars go. Please respond to the **survey** you will be receiving through email. Your response will assure that the meeting addresses the issues most Important to you. Your Team Representatives and Coaches will be available in the Commons prior to the meeting.

New Bylaws Approved

At the December 8, 2015 meeting of the Athletic Booster Board, new Bylaws were approved.

Q: What are Bylaws?

A: "Bylaws are written rules by which an organization is governed. They set forth the structure of the Board and the organization and determine the rights of the participants." (nonprofitanswerguide.org)

Q: Where can I find a copy of the Athletic Booster Club Bylaws?

A: The Athletic Booster Club Bylaws are available on the school website.

Your Athletic Booster Club Officers

President: Wendy West **Vice President:** Emery Harris

Secretary: Nancy Granier **Interim Treasurer:** Tim Carlisle

Email: athleticboosters@jcchs.org

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- Wendy West

- Wednesday, February 24th
Parent General Meeting 7:00pm
- Bylaws available on the JCCHS Website under Sports/Athletic Booster Club

A Letter From the President

Dear Athletic Booster Club Members,

In October 2015, after four years on the Athletic Booster Board, I was elected Athletic Booster Club President. My husband Bill and I have had four sons graduate from John Carroll Catholic High School and we have a son who is a junior here now. Since becoming part of the John Carroll family in 2006, I have held various positions on the PTO Board and on the Athletic Booster Board.

As I approached the role of President, I had a goal of evaluating our Athletic Booster Club program from a different perspective. I wanted to see what it looked like, not only from the eyes of someone who has been Involved here at John Carroll for the last nine years but from the perspective of those who may be new to the John Carroll family or who may be considering John Carroll in their child's future.

What I discovered is that we are hungry for information, that no matter what age our students are, we who choose Catholic Education also choose to be Involved. We look for opportunities to be a part of the activities that are important to our children and we work to give them every opportunity to succeed in the classroom and in their athletic pursuits. Your Athletic Booster Club Board is no different; we are parents who seek to make a difference, not only for our children but for all of our student athletes. In the months to come, we are going to be asking for your help as we work to build our school community and strive to give all of our teams the best possible environment to succeed.

Please choose to be a part of this process and join us on February 24th as we share some of these exciting plans with the Athletic Booster Club.

God Bless John Carroll and Go CAVS!
Wendy West
Athletic Booster Club President

You Have a Voice!

We are happy to announce that we have completed a revision of the Athletic Booster Club Bylaws and that they are available on the school website.

Please take time to read the Bylaws so that you will know about the voice you have on the Athletic Booster Board.

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2015-2016 Team Representatives

Baseball: Randy McLean

Basketball (boys): Anthony Saway

Basketball (girls): Jonathan Gagliano

Cheerleading: D'Andrea Skipwith

Cross Country: Nancy Granier

Dance: Christine LaRussa

Football: John Hagelskamp

Golf (boys): Charles Welden

Golf (girls): Anita Shields

Soccer (boys): Matt Smith

Soccer (girls): Amy Hall

Softball: Kristie Bauer

Track and Field: OPEN

Volleyball: John Hobbs

Middle School (boys): John Willett

Middle School (girls): OPEN

Building a Strong Foundation

The John Carroll Educational Foundation works year 'round to meet the capital needs of our school community. This year, the focus of their campaign will be to add infrastructure to our athletic program by raising funds for a 'multi-purpose sports facility'.

The building will be built in the location currently occupied by the tennis courts. The multi-sport facility is a much needed addition to our campus and will be used by many different teams throughout the year. The Band will also benefit from this facility as their much needed escape from the summer heat. It will give teams who practice during the winter months the opportunity to have indoor practice instead of having to cancel practices due to weather restrictions.

We are very thankful that the Administration and our generous Benefactors have chosen to support our student athletes in this way. We will also be called to support this project through our fundraising efforts as we work to outfit this facility with the equipment needed to meet the needs of all of the teams supported by the John Carroll Catholic High School Athletic Booster Club.



Jack Williams recently stepped down from the position as Athletic Booster Club President after serving in that role for the past five years. He and his wife Susie have graduated one son (Rob '13) from John Carroll Catholic High School and their daughter Katie will graduate this year. (pictured here with Coach Crapet and Wendy West)

Your Dollars at Work

Each year the Athletic Booster Club works with the Athletic Department and the Coaches to set a working budget that will meet the needs of our teams for the upcoming school year.

This year the Athletic Booster Club was able to pay for several major improvements made to our facilities. In August, the money raised from the Ad Book sales was used to replace the aging sound system in our stadium. After receiving three bids, we selected Clear Solutions to install a state of the art program that can support not only the needs of those on the field but of those in the stands as well. We were able to add a gymnasium sound system upgrade to the scope of work which all families are able to benefit from as we celebrate the Mass together.

In addition to our sound needs being met, The Athletic Booster Club was able to support our ability to SEE our games better, as the lighting for all of the athletic fields was also replaced. Our Athletic Fields have not gone untouched by these funds either. We have begun a new protocol of field care with NatureScape Inc. As with many such projects, it takes some time to see the full benefit of these efforts but partnering with a company whose focus is on field care and not strictly lawn care will yield visible rewards in the near future.

As you see, your support of the Athletic Booster Club has a direct benefit for all of our students. Please join us at our general meeting on February 24th where we will share more information about the way your Athletic Booster Club dollars are used to support our student athletes.

Long Term Commitment to John Carroll Catholic Athletic Programs Yields Rewards

In the fall of 2010, John Carroll Catholic launched the John Carroll Catholic Middle School (JCCMS) athletic program. With assistance from the Birmingham Diocese and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) seventh and eighth graders from five area feeder schools that chose to participate (Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Francis Xavier, Prince of Peace and St. Aloysius) were allowed to compete as one 'virtual' middle school in AHSAA sanctioned sports. That first year, JCCMS fielded teams in Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball. In the following years, Soccer and Baseball have been added and St. Rose joined the program in 2011. Our Lady of Fatima and St. Barnabas are scheduled to join the JCCMS program starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

Since it's inception, JCCMS teams have won a total of twelve Southern Conference Middle School Championships and nine Conference Runner-Up Titles. Once the program was established, JCCMS athletes were allowed to participate in John Carroll Catholic High School Sports on an as needed basis based on talent. This feature has been especially valuable to teams where high school numbers had been low due to competing spring sports. The program has had the added benefit of bringing together students from the various schools not only on the court and field but also in the stands. This has allowed for middle schoolers from all feeder schools to form a bond with one another and with the whole John Carroll Catholic High School community.

In addition to AHSAA sanctioned sports, the John Carroll Catholic program established both Middle School Dance and Cheer squads in 2012. Since then, the JCCMS Dance teams have won Alabama State Championships in Hip Hop, Jazz or both (2013,2014,2015 and 2016) and in 2014 the JCCMS Dance team was crowned UDA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS in the Hip Hop category!

In the six seasons since it's creation, the JCCMS program has begun to show huge rewards for the High School Athletic programs. In this time, JCCHS has won five AHSAA State Championships (Girls Soccer 2014 and 2015, Girls Cross Country in 2014 and 2015, Girls Volleyball in 2014) and one State Runner-Up title (Girls Volleyball 2015). Most recently the JCCHS JV and Varsity Dance Teams each won 2016 State Championships in Hip Hop and Jazz.

It is easy to see that the commitment made by John Carroll Catholic to support and grow a Middle School Athletic program has paid off at the High School level. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as these teams continue to represent John Carroll Catholic High School with such great results.

by John Hobbs

Come see how the Athletic Booster Club works for you on February 24th at 7:00pm

Webpage Under Construction

Please check our website often. As we work to keep you Informed of Athletic Booster Club happenings, we will be updating information on the www.jcchs.org website. The Athletic Booster Club page is in the dropdown under Sports/Athletic Booster Club.

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