

WEST BRIDGEWATER BOOSTERS CLUB

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The West Bridgewater Boosters Organization was established in the mid 1960's. Our purpose is to support the Athletic Programs at West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS



2008 DUCK RACE

Even after a rain delay, the Duck Race proved to be a very entertaining and successful event for the Boosters. This year even more tickets were sold. For those not familiar with the Duck Race, each year at the end of the day on Park Day, the Boosters drop hundreds of ducks into the town river for a race. The numbered ducks correspond to raffle tickets (\$5 each) sold and the first three ducks over the finish line earn cash prizes for the ticket holder. The audience is always enthusiastic and this year was no exception. If you haven't seen a duck race yet, watch for the date this September and stop by the park!

Prizes this year were presented to the following:

**First place- (\$500) to Ken Bryant of West Bridgewater,
Second place- (\$250) to Laurene Ellis of Brockton, and
Third place- (\$100) to Gary Douquette of West Bridgewater.**

THANK YOU to Chairperson Tom Reed and all the volunteers who helped him make this another great event for the Boosters.



2008- ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Another great afternoon of golf! 46 golfers participated in our 9-hole golf tournament held on Monday afternoon, October 6th. Everyone had a great time on the course and enjoyed dinner afterwards.

Through a tough tie-breaker, first place honors were awarded to Jim Enos, Dave Thompson, Mike Centrella Sr., and Mike Centrella Jr... John Holland left the ball on the edge to win the putting contest and Bob McDonough won the green-in-one contest. Longest drive went to Mike Centrella, Sr. Andrew Nersessian won Closest to the Pin.

Raffle prizes, including play for 4 at Pine Oaks and play for 4 at The Halifax Country Club, were drawn after dinner. Other raffle prizes included restaurant gift certificates, golf clubs and bags, and more.

THANKS TO OUR SPOUSERS – Blooms Pizza, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Conrad Electric, DARE, Dick's Sporting Goods, Freda's, George's, Reid-Hofmann Insurance, and Turner Steel.

THANKS TO OUR RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS - George's Café, Freda's, Johnny Macaroni's, Oakdale Packing, Miskinis, Security Alarm Technologies, and Joe & Leigh's.

Mark your calendar now – this tournament is held on the first Monday in October every year.

Season Recap from the Coaches for the fall 2008

Varsity Teams



2008 Football

The Varsity Football Team may have been expected to have a building year after losing several multi-year starters to last year's graduation. This new team did not settle for a building year. After a shaky start with a loss against Blue Hills, the captains, (AJ Coots, Ryan Tartaglia and Ryan Webby) led the team to a winning season 6 wins - 4 losses. The team played well and came very close to defending their Mayflower League Championship performances of 2006 and 2007. A loss to Tri-County in overtime put them in second place for the year.

Quarterback Andrew Drass performed well with a completion percentage almost as good as Tom Brady's. His receiving targets (Ryan Tartaglia, Bryan Nunes, Evan Jasper and Ryan Webby) have a lot to do with it.

The running game set the pace with Patrick Johansen and D.J. Jamieson taking turns running over, through and around the opposition.

The real key to the success was the men in the trenches. A.J. Coots, Michael Courtemanche, Evan Fernberg, Dan Thom, Jacob Dionne, Vinnie Coppola and Chris Peck made the blocks when we needed them.

Defensive standouts Chris O'Connell, Sam Deluca, Evan Norville, Cole Paskell, David Manning and Sam Jezard helped to make the winning season possible.

The team is looking forward to another good year next year.

Go Wildcats!!!!



Boy's Varsity Soccer

The boy's varsity soccer team played their best games in the final two games of the season. Going into the final games with only two wins, the team's "never-give-up" attitude showed as they pounded tournament-bound Cape Cod Tech 5-0. On Halloween, in the final game of the season, the Wildcats beat Norfolk-Agricultural 3-1. It was a great way to end the final season of soccer at WBMSHS for seniors Ibrahim Malik, Tyler Caffelle, Shaun Collins, Garrett Merkin, Eryk Powers, and junior Victor Moreira (Mexico).



Girl's Varsity Soccer

The girl's varsity soccer team has had their best season so far since the program began. With an overall season record of 19-2 the Lady Wildcats have clinched a co-champion spot for the first time ever. One major highlight of the year was a defeat against rival Sacred Heart, whom we have never, beat until this year. With the two leading scorers of the league, (Jamie and Krista Ledin) and the league's best defense (Mary Brinkmann, Samantha Preston, GinaMarie Ghizari and Julianna Stratoti, Keeper Sam Ackerson) we had a very good run in the MIAA tournament. For only the second time we made it to the South Sectional Semi-Finals. I know the girls wanted to give our six graduating seniors, Samantha Ackerson, Samantha Preston, Amy Crawford, Jamie Ledin, Jenel Liston and Jennie Donahue, a memorable final season and I believe that was achieved.



Boy's Cross Country

The boys began their successful season with a difficult home meet during the first week of school against three larger schools – Abington, Braintree and Bridgewater-Raynham Regional. Despite missing out on a victory, the team discovered its potential for another league title. The boys earned their first victory the following week against Rockland in a meet which saw the Wildcats take the first eight places in the race. The last of the three initial home meets saw West Bridgewater junior Greg Hamalian lower his school record on the home course (3.0 miles) down to 17:09.

These home meets were followed by some away meets, none farther than an early season invitational in Simsbury, Connecticut. The team had to leave at 6:00 a.m. to make the two-and-a-half hour trip down to Stratton Brook State Park. The boys ran hard against some extremely tough competition with 8th-graders Joey Souza and Jimmy White standing out by finishing 6th and 9th respectively (out of 67 runners) in the two-mile Middle School race.

As the season progressed, the team visited Southeastern Voke, Old Colony Voke, Norfolk Aggie, and Upper Cape for dual meets and came away with some victories and some close defeats. However on October 16th, the team returned to the back field for their final home meet against three more league schools: Bristol Aggie, Tri-County Voke, and Bristol-Plymouth Voke. The boys completed their best team race ever with five runners finishing the race in under nineteen minutes and four more finishing under twenty minutes. Never before had so many Wildcats crossed the finish line so quickly. This great performance solidified the boys second-place finish in the Mayflower League regular season.

However the season wasn't finished yet, the Mayflower League Meet took place a week later at Sacred Heart High School. The boys dominated the Division II race by taking five of the first ten places. Greg won the race for the second consecutive season and he was joined by Joey, Jimmy, senior captain Shane Fencer and freshman Brandon Sullivan on the All-Star squad. The team finished first out of six squads to win the race for the second consecutive season.

Coach Sylvain would like to thank Shane and Matt Sylva (his fellow captain) for a job well done leading the team throughout the season. He would also like to congratulate Greg for earning Enterprise All-Scholastic honors for the second time. He is extremely proud of the team's performance and looking forward to many excellent seasons in the future.



Girl's Cross Country

The Girls Cross Country team finished an excellent season with a strong performance at the Eastern Massachusetts Divisional Championships on Saturday, November 8th. With over forty schools, the seven girls all finished the five kilometer race within 100 seconds of each other to finish 21st in the team standings. The race provided a fantastic finish to the WBMSHS careers of the four seniors on the squad. Senior captain Christie Testa, captain Kaitlin Marquis, Meaghan McNally, and Rebecca Smith have run together at the front of many races for the past four years.

This season, the team began with a large home meet against Bridgewater-Raynham, Braintree, and Abington. Although the girls only came away with one victory against these three larger schools, the team ran well and set a foundation for the remainder of the season. Throughout the season, the team rolled past each Mayflower League opponent on their schedule. One of their best races of the season occurred at Norfolk Aggie-the closest competitor in their division-when the girls had to run without Meaghan and Becky due to illness. Christie and Kaitlin were joined by juniors Jess Hurst and Elise White, sophomore Vickie Ha, and 8th-grader Maria Alfieri near the front of the race pack to earn a hard-fought victory by seven points.

During the final home meet of the season against Bristol Aggie, Bristol-Plymouth Voke, and Tri-County Voke, the girls took the first ten places in the race to dominate the competition and seal their status as Mayflower League Division II champions for the fourth straight season. A week later, the team trekked to Sacred Heart for the Mayflower League Meet. Again, the team was a dominant force in the league with all seven girls finishing in the top 26 places. Due to their outstanding races at the League Meet, Christie, Meaghan, Becky, Jess, Elise and Maria were all named to the Mayflower League All-Star team.

While the squad will lose multiple members after the school year, the team's Junior Varsity runners were finishing just behind the Varsity throughout the season, so the team's future continues to be bright.



Cheerleaders -Varsity Football Cheerleading 2008

***Denotes a returning football cheerleader.**

*Michelle Toczko, Sr – Captain
*Alyse Bailey, Jr – Captain
*Kelly Flanagan, Jr – Captain
*Kelsey Gowell, Jr – Captain
*Jess Clarke, Jr

*Rachel Farnsworth, Jr
*Lindsey McAlpine, Jr
*Laura MacKinnon, Jr
*Jackie Regan, Jr
Jess Pinkham, Jr

Amanda Henriques, Soph.
*Kaitlyn Pennington, Fr
*Lauren Peterson, Fr
Leighann Campbell, 8th
Kristen Ferguson, 8th

This year was a very successful year for these young ladies. We began the year with our annual week-long camp the last week of August. We had Full House of West Bridgewater come in to prepare the girls for the season. They were instructed on correct jump and tumbling techniques, and learned new stunts. We were very successful in raising the difficulty of our stunts this year. With our only seasoned veteran flyer Rachel Farnsworth returning, we had to teach two new members how to fly. Jess Pinkham and Kristen Ferguson filled these two spots with confidence and grace. We were able to perform 3 liberties, 3 basket tosses, and 3 arabesques. We also were able to incorporate our first twisting basket toss, nicknamed the “twisket-toss”. Kaitlyn Pennington, Amanda Henriques, Alyse Bailey, and Jess Pinkham were the members of this group. This marked the first twisting basket toss accomplished in the past 5 years.

Competition was greatly anticipated this year as we knew we had the routine and the members to pull it off. We traveled to Tri County on Sunday, October 26th and competed with 13 teams in all different divisions and sizes. We came in first for Division 4 earning the right to compete at regionals for the first time in a long time. Regional's were held on Sunday, November 16th at Taunton High School. Over 30 teams competed in their respective divisions. We came in 5th in Division 4. Our scores showed that we were able to defeat one Division 1 team, five Division 2 teams, and two Division 3 teams. This is quite an accomplishment for our small squad.

In order to make our program more successful and competitive we need to improve our tumbling. Only 1% of our squad tumbles with a round-off backhand spring or more. This is our resident tumbler Kelly Flanagan.

We look forward to next season where we will have 14 of the 15 girls eligible to continue. We will miss our one and only senior Michelle Toczko next year. Alyse Bailey, Kelly Flanagan, and Kelsey Gowell will be our returning captains who are great role models for our upcoming new members.

Thank you to Coach Panos and his staff for a great season. We've had a blast cheering for the 2008 Wildcat Football team.



Girls Field Hockey

Field Hockey 2008

This year's field hockey team is all heart. The team consists of hard working and focused young ladies who epitomize what it means to not give up. Our success this year cannot be measured in wins and losses, but in how the girls have played the game. Lead by senior captains Mackenzie Shubert and Kate Taylor, as well as seniors Danielle Correia and Meg Peck, the girls have improved in every aspect of the game. Throughout the season, these young ladies have supported one another through the good and the bad, and have conducted themselves with class and grace. These outstanding young women have proven that they have what it takes to be successful, not only on the athletic field but also in life. The coaches are extremely proud of these girls!!!

In addition to the varsity sports, we would like to recognize the Junior Varsity and Middle School Teams for their hard work and dedication during the fall season.



BOOSTER'S MEETING SCHEDULE

Boosters meeting are open and anyone interested in learning more about us is invited to join us at any time. Our meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the high school and usually last less than an hour. Dates for the remainder of this year include: January 13 (café B – off the main lobby), February 10 (library), March 10 (Café B), April 7 (Café B), May 5 (Teacher's Lounge), June 9 (Teacher's Lounge), and August 25 (Teacher's Lounge).



Weekly Bingo at S. Ann's Church

Staffing the volunteers to run Bingo at St. Ann's on Thursday nights has been our greatest fundraiser for more than two decades. It's a very easy way to earn needed funds. New volunteers are, of course, always needed. Some help out two hours a month, some four, some more. Right now we really need some new helpers to sell instant tickets for two hours each month. We also need another person to rotate on the schedule to call the bingo numbers. This is a four-hour per month commitment. As you call each number, you light it up on the machine and the rest is handled by the machine. PLEASE call Carol if you would like more information, or stop by St. Ann's any Thursday night and take a look around. Significant bingo proceeds go to St. Ann's and a portion goes to the Grid Iron since both of those organizations also provide volunteers. Your

Volunteers needed to help sell tickets on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you would like to help out, please call Mary Jo Shilalis at 508-586-1376 or Carol Pigeon at 508-587-2149.