

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.

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2009 DUCK RACE AT PARK DAY

Beautiful weather on a September afternoon brought hundreds of people out to watch the annual Duck Race down the town river at the annual Park Day festivities. With lots of recent rain, the river was high and fast. It was a great race! And, a successful fundraiser!

Congratulations to our winners

First Place (\$500) - Boy Scout Bob Baker,

Second Place (\$250) – the Weatherbee Family

Third Place (\$100) – Dillan Schwarz of Bridgewater.



8th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

Pine Oaks Golf Course, the home course for our golf team, hosted another great event for our Annual Golf Tournament. Our luck on good weather continues and the 50 golfers had a great afternoon. CONGRATULATIONS to our first place team – Tom Capen, Frank Pilon, Paul Williams, and Mike Hatzinikolau. The highest scoring team (remaining nameless) earned coupons to Golf Country's driving range. They'll be better prepared next year! The closest-to-the-pin prize was awarded to Don Bunker and Rich Munden won the putting contest. Jim Henderson took home a cash prize for the Green in One raffle. Longest drive was awarded to Jim Donovan.

A number of great raffle prizes were also awarded, including a foursome at the Halifax Country Club, tickets to King Richard's Faire, golf clubs and bags, and much more.

Our sincere appreciation to the local businesses who donated award and raffle prizes: **Freda's, George's Cafe, Golf Country, Crochetti's, Dunkin Donuts,** and the **Pine Oaks Golf Course.** Please pass on your appreciation to these merchants AND the following businesses who participated in our event as hole sponsors: **Bloom's Pizza, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Conrad Electric, Dick's Sporting Goods, Freda's, George's Café, Piesco Sporting Goods, Reid-Hofmann Insurance,** and **Turner Steel.**

Mark your calendar now for the first Monday in October 2010. This is an annual event you don't want to miss!

Season Recap from the Coaches for the Fall 2009 Varsity Teams



2009 Football

The High School Football Wildcats finished the year with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. We started out with an inexperienced line that improved every week. By the end of the season we were considered to be the best team in the league but two early losses kept us out of the playoffs and put us in second place in the Mayflower League small school division. Our early losses were to TriCounty and Nantucket. When we played them a second time later in the season we beat both of them.

League All-stars:

**D.J. Jamieson
Cole Paskell
Patrick Johansen
Michael Toczko
Jacob Dionne**

Brockton Enterprise All Scholastic

D.J. Jamieson



Golf Team

Once again, the season was marked by great enthusiasm and there were a very high number of participants. This year, there were 27 members of the golf team with 11 players making the starting unit of the 27 players. There were no seniors, five juniors, four sophomores, four freshman, six eighth graders, and eight seventh graders.

After starting the season with one win and three losses, the team slowly began to improve finishing the season with a record of six wins, four losses, and two ties. With the pressure on the last week of the season, to qualify for the M.I.A.A. tourney, the boys rallied for great wins over South Shore and Old Colony, as well as gaining a hard fought tie with Old Colony to clinch a tourney berth. High points of the late season surge were victories over Southeastern, Tri- County, and South Shore, who had beaten the Wildcats earlier in the season.

With no seniors on the 2009 team, and five junior starters returning next year, the 2010 season should be exciting. Letter winners for the 2009 season were Steve Ameno, Ryan Curtin, Derek Holland, Geno Locchi, Dan McDonough, Korbin Bullard, Zach Cardinal, Zach Grant, Christian Cardinal, Brad Hurst, and Mike Mills. Sophomore Zach Grant was also selected to the all-star team.



Boy's Varsity Soccer

The 2009 boy's varsity soccer season was like no other. It had a lot of great moments and a few disappointing ones. The team started the season going undefeated through eleven games and sat atop the Mayflower League standings. We finished the season with an impressive 14-3-1 overall record which left us in second place for the Mayflower League. As a whole, this group of guys was one of the best groups I've had the privilege to coach. Captains Joe Meltzer, Chris Cosgrove, and Howie Wright led the team through their example both on and off the field. The younger players saw in these captains a spirit of team pride and excitement. With senior forward Andrew Nersessian scoring goals (25 goals, 5 assists) and junior goalkeeper Taylor Bradford preventing them (1.2 goals per game, 5 shutouts), the team played competitively and with confidence. We'll miss seniors Joe Meltzer, Chris Cosgrove, Howie Wright, Andrew Nersessian, Dan Brazil, and David Soares, but the future looks bright for the boy's varsity soccer team.



Girl's Varsity Soccer

The girl's varsity soccer team had a very successful season this year. Finishing the season with an 18-4 record. This is by far the strongest team we have had. Not only did the ladies clinch the Mayflower League title but they also made it to the South Section Finals of the State Tournament. Some highlights of this season include defeating Dover-Sherborn in the South Sectional Semi-Finals and Krista Ledin scoring her 100th goal of her career. This is a big accomplishment considering she is only a junior. The team graduates six seniors, Mary Brinkmann, Susan Feeley, Kelsey Cartwright, Julianna Stratoti, Sarah Miller and Angelina Lampros. They all have had solid careers here and are wished the best in their future endeavors.



Boy's Cross Country

The boys cross country team ran a very demanding schedule this fall and finished the season with a 6-8 record. Despite the losing record, the team finished 6-4 in the Mayflower League, which was good for a fifth-place finish out of eleven competing schools. The boys earned three victories early in the season with a dominating performance at Upper Cape Tech. The boys took the first five spots in a race that also included Bristol Plymouth Tech and Bristol Aggie. Senior co-captains Greg Hamalian and Zac Guerrini led the varsity squad throughout the season, and Greg won both the Upper Cape and the Bishop Connolly races this fall. Jimmy White, Joey Souza, Sam Jezard, Connor Duffy, Billy Myers and Martin Heavey all took turns running in the top-seven on the team as the season progressed; it was fantastic to see these young runners step up when a teammate (or three) was home sick.

At the league meet at Sacred Heart, the boys finished fourth overall, avenging an earlier defeat to Norfolk Aggie. Greg, Jimmy and Joey were all named to the All-Star team based on their races against the rest of the league. The boys then took the bus on Saturday, November 14th to the muddy, rain-soaked course at Franklin Park. The team fought through the weather and extreme conditions to place 28th out of 42 complete teams. Despite the miles of water, the boys ended their season with their best team finish ever at the Division IV Championships!



Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team won their fifth consecutive Mayflower League title this fall. The team finished in a three-way tie atop the league standings with a 9-1 record and shared the title with Norfolk Aggie and Sacred Heart. Overall the team finished with a 10-4 record for the season, which began in early-September with a couple of defeats and a victory in a tri-meet in Raynham against Coyle & Cassidy, Bridgewater-Raynham and Abington, respectively. The girl's most exciting meet of the season was at home against Sacred Heart. Co-captains Elise White and Jess Hurst battled the top three Saints for the lead during the entire three mile race. Freshman Maria Alfieri stayed right behind the group and 7th-grader Danielle Souza passed two opponents during the last mile to finish right behind Maria. Eighth-grader Sarah Savoy crossed the finish line soon thereafter, and when the points were tallied the Wildcats came away with a one-point victory in a meet that essentially earned them a share of the league title.

At the league meet at Sacred Heart in early-November, the girls finished second overall out of the eleven schools in the conference. Jess, Elise, Maria and Danielle all were named to the League All-Star team due to their excellent performances on Sacred Heart's demanding course. A week-and-a-half later the girls travelled to Franklin Park in Boston for the season-ending Division IV

Championship Meet. With torrential rains pelting the runners all day long, the girls ran through five kilometers of mud and puddles to finish 27th out of 36 complete squads. It was a fun way to end a fantastic season for the young and promising Wildcats.



Cheerleaders -Varsity Football Cheerleading

This year started out strong with eight returning seniors: Alyse Bailey, Jess Clarke, Rachel Farnsworth, Kelly Flanagan, Kelsey Gowell, Lindsey McAlpine, Jess Pinkham, and Jackie Regan; a veteran junior in Amanda Henriques, two veteran sophomores with Kaitlyn Pennington and Lauren Peterson, and two veteran freshmen: Leighann Campbell and Kristen Ferguson. They were joined by rookie sophomore Alex Mandeville and rookie freshman Alissa Butler. Considering that 13 of the 15 girls were veterans we were looking to run for a second consecutive title for the Division IV League. Led by our four captains: Alyse Bailey, Kelly Flanagan, Kelsey Gowell, and Kaitlyn Pennington; these girls took the two rookies under their care and did a fantastic job of teaching them how to become successful and accomplished cheerleaders in a very short time. Alex Mandeville and Alissa Butler were very quick learners and were willing to work extra hours to catch up to the veterans.

Plagued by injuries and illness the girls persevered to overcome practices where several people were missing. They pulled it together in the last week, working long hours every day to perfect their routine. As the girls traveled to Tri County for the League Championship they were all very nervous about being able to hit all the stunts without falling. They were very successful coming away with a third place trophy for the league and a Division IV 1st place finish to qualify for regional's for the second year in a row.

As regional's approached the girls suffered the set back of having to rework the entire routine due to the loss of two team members. Again, they persevered and made the changes. Two days prior to the regional competition they were dismayed to learn of yet another lost teammate due to illness. They had to rework the routine again. The girls could have chosen to give up but their first reaction was "No coach, we can do it." This immediate response to change and adversity tells the story of this year's squad. Never say quit and never say die. They are all exceptional girls with great work ethics and they proved this through their flexibility and adaptability to change.

I am very proud of this year's team and will undoubtedly be sorry to see half of the squad graduate. Congratulations girls! I love you and am extremely proud of the fine young women you have become.



Girls Field Hockey

This year's Field Hockey team ended with a 7-9-2 record. This record by no means reflects the heart and desire of the girls on this very young team. With a line up consisting of 3 seniors, 1

junior, 6 sophomores, and 2 8th graders, this group was able to hold their own and go up against a very strong schedule against girls who had years of experience on them. With the senior leadership of Carolyn Holland, Emily Kafel, and Erin Linskey, the team was able to turn it around in the second half of the season and make a run at the state tournament, coming one game away from attaining their goal. Day in and day out these girls came ready to play and it made for a fun and exciting season with a lot of learning experiences. With the youth on the team, the next few years should make the West Bridgewater Field Hockey team one of the stronger teams in the area.

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:



Weekly Bingo at S. Ann's Church

DO YOU HAVE 2 to 4 HOURS A MONTH TO SHARE?

The Booster's Organization earns the majority of its funds by providing the volunteer support for bingo at St. Ann's Church. By volunteering as little as 2 hours a month, you can help keep this income stream. We are looking for people to sell instant tickets from 6:00-8:00 one Thursday per month. We are also looking for volunteers to fill two vacancies as Caller – this volunteer calls the numbers from 6:30 until 10:00 one Thursday per month. The “call back” volunteer who helps confirm the winner and delivers the prize money is scheduled through the Grid Iron. Since it is now a nonsmoking event, the major block has been removed. If you have a friend to split the duty, you could even make it every other month! We'll be happy with any time you are able to offer. Training, if necessary, is available. Stop by any Thursday night to see what we do or call Carol at 508-587-2149 for more details.