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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.

THE CHARLIE HORSE

CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES

Ed Stuart and The Charlie Horse have been consistent supporters of our schools for years. Again, they have come through for us. In December, they donated \$5,000 worth of gift certificates to the Boosters. The gift certificates were sold for face value and we were able to keep all of the proceeds. This additional fundraiser made it possible for Athletic Director Steve Barrett to order a much-needed upgrade to the ice machine. The old machine was just not able to service all of our athletes. This will really come in handy as we head into the Spring season. Our sincere THANKS to THE CHARLIE HORSE – stop by and let them know you appreciate their support!

MARGARITAVILLE PARTY ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

More than 200 people came out to the Canoe Club to support the Boosters. The group enjoyed trivia games and hours of dancing to the tunes played by renowned entertainer Jim Plunkett. They also enjoyed a great meal from the West Side Deli. P & H Travel (formerly Meserve Travel) sponsored a raffle for a 3-night stay at a Disney Resort --- CONGRATULATIONS to Sheri Banks! Raffle prizes were also donated by The Charlie Horse, Wal-Mart Vision Center donated a guitar and Pillsbury Florist. Debbie Holland donated a webkinz. Our sincere thanks to Chairperson Sophie Lapsley and the team of supporters who helped make this function possible – Nora Bradford, Jen Silva, Cathy Boyd, Susan Yost and Vanessa Sharkey.

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Each year, the Boosters sponsor the Sports Awards Banquet. Varsity Letters are distributed to all varsity athletes and plaques are presented to members of championship teams. Last year we updated all of the banners in the gym and appropriate dates will be added as our teams continue to excel. Several of our teams have already earned recognition for 2007/08 and we're looking forward to the Spring season. We also present letterman jackets to all athletes who have earned them. (To receive a jacket, athletes must earn a total of 3 varsity letters. A senior who earns a letter in the same sport in both the junior and senior year also qualifies. See the Athletic Handbook for complete guidelines on how to earn a letter in each sport.) By request, we are planning this event as an evening rather than a morning function.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – ALL VARSITY ATHLETES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO THIS PROGRAM. IT WILL BE HELD

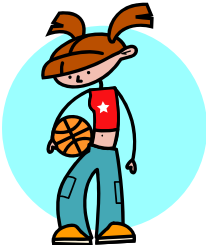
*TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008
6:30 pm
High School Gym
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE*

Season Recap from the Coaches for the Winter 2007/2008 Varsity Teams



Boy's Varsity Basketball

The 2007-2008 Basketball season was a success for the boys of West Bridgewater. They came into the season being led by their two senior captains, Greg Pigeon and Matt Harris. The Wildcats also returned starters Ryan Webby, Chase Bradford and Shane Fencer. They entered the season poised for success. Early in the year, the wins piled up and the boys had qualified for the tournament by their 12th game after going 10-2. In the upcoming weeks though the success proved to be short-lived. Matt Harris, the Wildcats key presence down low, was lost to shoulder surgery. The Wildcat bench stepped up. Great play from Garrett Merkin, Danielson Vierra, Greg Hamalian, Max Terban, and Andrew Nercessian kept the Wildcats rolling. Their final game was a win over Cape Cod Tech. It rounded off their regular season with a record of 17-5. More importantly, their league record was 11-1 landing the Wildcats solely atop the Mayflower League. They entered the tournament as the #2 seed but were upset in the second round by Dover-Sherborn. Individual honors earned by the Wildcats are numerous. Greg Pigeon, Matt Harris, and Ryan Webby were all named as Mayflower League All-Stars. Greg Pigeon was also named MVP of the Mayflower Small School League and Enterprise All-Scholastic. Even with their loss in the tournament, The Wildcats can be proud of what they accomplished. They had a fantastic season and can look forward to many more in the future.



Girl's Varsity Basketball

The West Bridgewater High School girl's basketball team began their journey through the season with only two returning starters, Julie Conrad and Katelyn Taylor. These girls became co-captains

and led their team through the season, qualifying for tournament with their win over Norfolk County Agricultural High School. With an overall season record of 15-9, it was a full team effort that carried the girls to their success. Key contributors in the post came from the junior trio of Danielle Correia, Vanessa Alcide, and Kate Eldeb. Freshman Katie Harris added great performances as well in her first varsity experience. Julie Conrad, point guard Kate Taylor, Jess Hurst, and Tayla Miller also performed as equally top players, pushing the team to a successful ending. A great season was also seen from seniors Colleen Maloney and Lindsey Pitts.

A specific highlight of the girl's season came towards the end with their comeback against Marian High School. After surrendering the lead it took into the fourth quarter, the West Bridgewater girl's basketball team came back to tie the MIAA Div. 4 South Sectional first round game with Marian. It was tied, 43-43, on a Julie Conrad shot off an inbounds pass by Tayla Miller with two seconds left in regulation. They were able to make the outstanding effort of winning in overtime, 55-45. Conrad ended her career with 1646 points and was selected as the Mayflower League MVP and to the Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastic team. She was also selected as a Mayflower League All-Star along with teammate Kate Taylor. The W.B. girl's basketball team could not have had this unforgettable season without every player giving it their all and supporting each other throughout the year.



Boy's Varsity Ice Hockey

The boy's varsity hockey team ended with a record of 6-14 but there were many good things that came from this season. The only freshman, Defensemen Steven Ameno has a bright future for the team. Ameno averaged 6 minutes a game and finished the season with 2 goals and 2 assist. The two Sophomores Dan Thom and Howie Wright played a major role on the team this year, Dan Thom was one of the top forwards, recording 2 goals and 4 assists, and also was the number 1 penalty killer for the team. Howie Wright proved last year as a freshman that he could handle skating with the varsity team and again he didn't disappoint the team. Mike Courtemanche, a Junior goalie, played in 5 games this year and started on Senior Night in which he recorded a shut out on 11 shots. The two Seniors, Frank Graziano and Shawn Glidden, finished their high school careers off on a high note. Frank Graziano was the top defense men on the team who played averaged the most minutes on the team, Frank finished his season with 3 goals and 8 assists which gave him 26 points on his career. Forward Shawn Glidden recorded 24 goals and 21 assist which gave him 145 points in his four year career, which was enough to break the previous record of 101 points.



Cheerleaders

The basketball cheerleaders started off the season with tryouts in late November, seventeen young ladies tried out for the team, after three days of learning cheers and a dance the girls performed in front of outside judges. Fourteen young ladies made the team. This is the largest team we have had in many years. The team members include, our only returning senior Amanda Silva (captain);

returning sophomores were Jessica Clarke, Rachel Farnsworth, Kelsey Gowell (captain), Lindsey McAlpine, and Jackie Regan. New to the team were juniors Michelle Toczko (captain), Allison Farnsworth, sophomores Alyse Bailey, Kelly Flanagan, Jessica Pinkham, freshman Amanda Henriques, eighth graders Kaitlyn McCormack, and Kaitlyn Pennington. During the basketball season the ladies not only went to gymnastics they also practiced everyday from 2:30 to 4:30 learning their competition routine and half time routine. On game days they stayed late into the evening to cheer on the boys and girls varsity basketball teams. The girls went to competition on February 10th and did very well, Amanda Silva won 3rd place out of thirty girls participating in the jump off. The coaching staff and the team would like to wish Amanda Silva well in college and in her future endeavors; she will be missed by all.



Winter Track

The inaugural year for the Winter Track Club was a success. Battling the harsh winter elements, 40 dedicated athletes gave it their all and many achieved personal bests. Although new to the sport, many athletes had impressive performances. Abe Malik had several victories in the 300 Meter. Hector Marcias had some great performances in the shot put. The boys distance squad was led by Captain Matt Sylva. For the girls, Jess Hurst, Kelsey Cartwright, Nicole McGuigan, and Victoria Ha all had dominating performances in the distance races. Samantha Preston placed often in the 50 Meter Hurdles, and Angelina Lampros in the 50 Meter Dash. Mary Brinkmann high jumped a state qualifying height. All in all, it was a success first season.

Can You Help?

St. Ann's BINGO continues to be the main fundraiser for the Booster Club. By supplying the volunteers to help run the event each week, we receive a significant portion of the proceeds. Of course as students graduate, their parents also graduate from these events. We need new faces to help keep this relationship going. Most volunteers "work" a 2-hours shift once a month (or every other). These volunteers sell instant tickets to the bingo players (6:30 – 8:00 pm). We also coordinate the volunteers who actually call the bingo numbers. We have four Callers on rotation each month and a backup who covers when there is a fifth Thursday. Two of these callers will be "graduating" this year. ANYONE interested in learning more about what goes on at bingo and what type of support we need, PLEASE call Carol at 508-587-2149. *The process is automated – knowledge of bingo is not necessary.*

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.