

# The LionBacker Ledger

March/April, Newsletter 7

**Hello LionBackers and welcome to spring!!** Yes, there is still snow on the ground, and it sure doesn't feel like it yet, but we are putting the winter sports season in the books (*congrats to all of our athletes*) and are preparing our kids (and our fields) for the busy spring sports season. Tryouts began March 1<sup>st</sup> for baseball, softball, track, lacrosse, tennis...and Liberty hosts its first official varsity game of the season on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, when our boy's baseball team takes on Glenelg. Don't forget that our website, [www.libertyathletics.com](http://www.libertyathletics.com), is a great resource for athletic forms, policies, contacts, and schedules. Spring, in particular, has its share of rescheduled games so check our website often for a link to any changes. Please also remember how hard all of our student athletes work, both in the classroom, and on the field. They LOVE to have a spirited crowd to cheer them on so, purchase a spring sweatshirt from our flash "spirit wear sale" [www.twistedsportswear.com/libertyab/](http://www.twistedsportswear.com/libertyab/) and come out early and often!!!

## Busy Times here at the Boosters and we have lots to report!

**Bull Roast.** We just completed another very successful Bull Roast with a Rocking 80's Theme. We raised over \$4500 for our student athletes and had a "totally awesome time" doing it! Thanks to the over 200 people who attended, to everyone behind the scenes, and to our community sponsors who always step up, when asked, to support our cause. We're already planning next year's Bull Roast with a Western Theme so get out your Cowboy Hats, and look for a date to circle soon.

**Snack Shack.** We are always on the lookout for ways to improve the mix of products we offer at our snack shack. Lion Dogs, Walking Tacos, Chicken Fingers, Nachos, Pizza, and Candy (*of course*) will always be on the menu....but **what other products should we add to the snack shack?** Please send us your suggestions at [lionbackers@libertyathletics.com](mailto:lionbackers@libertyathletics.com).

**Another "Pre-Opening" Restaurant Fundraiser.** Those of you lucky enough to RSVP *early* to the pre-opening fundraiser we held at Noodles & Company in December will remember it was lots of fun, *very cool* to have a chance to try them before they opened to the general public, and that it raised over \$1,000 for our student athletes. We are working hard on another fundraiser, just like this, with a restaurant launching in April so if you see a special email—*jump on it quickly!* Noodles sold out in less than 2 days.

**Forever Wall Bricks!** Starting at only \$50, and *customizable* in many ways (sports, music, drama, lion, and other graphics available), Forever Wall Bricks are an awesome way to memorialize your student in the hallowed halls of Liberty High School forever!!! Senior Parents, order today and we can have your brick installed by graduation!! Details on our website.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean Up Day!** Although we are all super-excited about the new sod installed on multiple fields, the winter weather is never kind to our sports fields so we're holding a spring clean-up day on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm until? Meet us at the stadium and help us weed, pick up trash, clean up the various track areas, etc., etc. All student athletes, students, incoming students, parents, you get the picture...everyone is welcome. **Circle March 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar today and come out to show your Lions Pride!!!** Service learning hours are available.

**Booster Elections Coming Soon!** Please consider attending our next meeting (April 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm in the Media Center, as we will be nominating new officers (and then voting on them May 4<sup>th</sup>) for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year! We are an entirely volunteer organization. We have lots of fun together raising money and planning cool events for our student athletes, and our community, but, just like our students...some of us *graduate* and sadly leave the boosters behind. We need fresh recruits on a yearly basis to continue the strong work we've done these past 20+ years. Check us out today. **We need your help!!!**

Need proof of the good work that we do? Here is a summary of our fundraising efforts for the year.

**Fundraising Ledger:**

<b>Money Earned</b>	<b>Money Invested</b>	<b>Upcoming Investments</b>
2015-2016 \$49,434.66	2015-2016 \$36,806.58	2015-2016 \$19,000.56
Stadium Banners Bull Roast Membership Sales Snack Shack Donations Other Fundraisers	Sod for Field Hockey Field Benches Outside of Locker Room Snack Shack Maintenance Volleyball Net/System Gym Logo & Dugout Repair Other Sport-Specific Purchases	Scholarships Indoor/Outdoor Track Warm Ups Cement outside Locker Rooms Cement for Softball Dugouts
<b>2015-2016 Major Investments</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased student scholarships from \$3,000 to \$4,000</li> <li>• \$9,000 investment in field maintenance (stadium sod)</li> <li>• \$3,000 investment for “student artwork logo” on new gym floor this summer</li> <li>• \$8,100 investment for indoor/outdoor track warm ups</li> </ul>		

**Did You Know?...**that it takes 2-3 hours to organize all of our thoughts into the wonderfully creative and hopefully, *useful*, information-packed newsletters we’ve been producing all season long? Before we make the investment of time next year to continue its publication, we’d like to test to see if anyone actually reads it. If you are reading this, please send an email with your contact information, and any thoughts you might have on our newsletter, to us at [lionbackers@libertyathletics.com](mailto:lionbackers@libertyathletics.com) for your chance to win a FREE Liberty lanyard. We will select a winner on April 6<sup>th</sup> at our next booster meeting and will notify you immediately!

**Monthly Meetings.** We meet formally the first Wednesday of every month and always have more requests than we have money for, but our goal is to maximize every hard earned dollar in order to benefit the *most kids (and sports teams)* possible here at Liberty. In order to meet this goal, we need help from our parents, members, and sports teams. Feel free to attend our next meeting; we would love to have you there.

**Upcoming Events.**

- **Spring Clean Up Day (Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2pm until?).** Calling all student athletes and parents! We need your help! Service hours available! Please see details above.
- **Booster Board Nominations (April 6<sup>th</sup>) and Elections (May 4<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Community Day (Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>).** LIONBACKERS will be hosting a flea market (2 parking spaces \$20-- 1 for your vehicle 1 for your table). Order forms will be available in the LHS Daily News letter by mid-March. Also Drama Booster will hosting Len Stoler Ford and the Drive 4UR School; along with Pamper Chef, and other local business. And, PTSO will be recruiting food trucks and food vendors.

Thanks for listening everyone and, remember, in just a few short weeks...spring will have *sprung!!!*

***Go Lions!!!***

The Liberty Athletic Booster’s Board

- Paula Leonard (President)
- Terri Parris (Vice President)
- Sheila Burrows (Treasurer)
- Amy Engle (Secretary)