



# Potomac Falls High School

## Athletic Booster Club

### Message from PFABC President

I graduated from Park View High School in 1991 when Sterling was a tight knit bedroom community for the federal government and our father's employers were an alphabet soup of governmental agencies. There were four high schools in Loudoun County then and Patriots, Raiders, Spartans, and Vikings competed against one another vigorously in season and with one another in the off season. Playing fields were level back then. Competition was honest. And while we had our share of good old boy politics, life, academics, and athletics were not nearly as out of balance as they are now. Real or perceived there is inequality across our Loudoun County High Schools that must be rectified.

The PFHS Athletics Booster Club has taken the lead to ensure our student athletes are provided resources and facilities similar to their peers across Loudoun County. Over the past several months we have pursued and held conversations with our County, School, and Parks and Recreation Board Representatives to address several questions: First, as tax payers shoulder the burden of bond referendums to develop new schools outfitted with state of the art athletic facilities, why was money not appropriated to retrofit and refurbish older schools to create parity? Next, why have select schools received county funds for facility improvements while others are now tasked to raise money in good faith to receive the same capital investment? Finally, why is there no comprehensive, long-term strategy to ensure uniformity?

The questions posed are serious, the capital necessary to provide solutions significant. Our self-sustaining athletic departments cannot be expected to generate the revenue required for such facility and plant improvements. Moreover, booster clubs across the county should not have to re-purpose revenue earmarked for scholarships, uniforms, equipment, activities and meals for capital investments which should be the obligation of local government.

This is a community matter and we must band together and become agents for change. As the dialogue proceeds we will continue our attempt to shape the narrative. We will update you often and expect your support as we strive to provide our PFHS student athletes an experience equivalent to their peers across the county. Let us ensure level playing fields, honest competition, and balance across our ever growing county.

Kevin Cowden  
President, PFHS Booster Club

### Save The Date!

The Booster Club will be hosting an end of the year Sports Banquet and Auction to celebrate our coaches and raise funds for our Athletic Program. Join us for this fun Parents Night Out event on Saturday, **May 9, 2015**. Details about ticket sales coming soon, be on the lookout!

### Join the Athletic Booster Club

Thanks to all that have already become a member of this year's Athletic Booster Club. Not a member yet? Go to <http://potomacfallsathletics.org> and click on the Booster club link, fill out the application membership form, and mail it to PFHS Athletic Booster Club, ATTN: Julianne Pasco, 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls, VA 20165.

Remember in order for seniors to be eligible for the Athletic Scholarship, parents must be a booster club member.

This year any team that has 60% of families join the boosters will earn \$50 for their end of the year team banquet. Congratulations to the Golf team that has already earned this!

## PFABC Scholarship Program

A total of \$20,000 will be awarded as four (4) individual \$5,000 scholarships to eligible Potomac Falls' graduating senior athletes for the 2014-2015 school year. The scholarships are intended to reward not only strong academic performance, but also the exceptional leadership, sportsmanship, conduct, and citizenship of our student athletes.

Key eligibility criteria include:

- PFHS graduating senior
- Athlete, Trainer or Manager
- Earned varsity letter in a PFHS sport
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Parent/Guardian is a current PFHS Athletic Booster member
- Accepted into a college, university or accredited trade school
- Coach's written recommendation
- Examples of exceptional leadership, sportsmanship, conduct and citizenship

Those interested should contact the Potomac Falls Career Center or the Athletic Booster [PFABC](#) website for an application and more information. Completed applications are due by April 15, 2015.

## Concession News

Spring Concessions: Our outdoor concessions will be open during all of our spring sports events. Boys and Girls Soccer, Lacrosse, Track & Field as well as Baseball and Softball would appreciate all of the fan support during their home contests. Concessions will be open and offering their delicious new grilled hot dogs, pretzels, funnel cakes, and the ever-popular popcorn. Of course, all of your favorite drinks and candy will be available too.

## Sports Physicals for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mark your Calendars for Thursday May 28, 2015. Potomac Falls will be holding Sport Physicals for the 2015-2016 school year starting at 6:00 pm at Potomac Falls High School. No registration required, cost is \$35.00 - checks should be made out to PFHS. See attached flyer or go to <http://webinter.lcps.org/SPAR> for more details, or contact Mr. Cocrane at 571-434-3210 [Timothy.Cocrane@lcps.org](mailto:Timothy.Cocrane@lcps.org).

## PFABC Fundraising

It's not too late to advertise your business with a banner on the Potomac Falls Stadium. Banners are placed on the outside stadium fence during Fall and Spring Sports seasons. There are still prime viewing spots on the fence for sale! Be part of the "Fill the Fence" Sponsorship Program - 50% of the proceeds goes to the sports team of your choice. Your sponsorship dollars help fund improvements to the sports facilities, supplies direct funding to sports teams, and funds scholarships for our athletes and managers. Website banners are also still available for purchase.

Contact Nancy Tessman at [nancy.tessman@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.tessman@verizon.net) for details and pricing.

## Spring Sports

Good luck to all of our Spring Sports – Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis and Track and Field.

GO PANTHERS!

## PFABC Web Site

To access the PFABC web site you can either click on the **BOOSTERS** link from the [Potomac Falls Athletics](#) website or go directly to the [PFABC](#) website.

## PFABC is on Social Media



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Friend us on Facebook:  
Potomac Falls Athletic Booster  
Club



**Get your Sports  
Physical Examination  
for the 2015 -2016  
school year!**



**Who:** Anyone trying out for sports at Potomac Falls for the 2015-2016 school year

**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2015

**Time:** Starts at 6:00 PM

**Where:** Potomac Falls High School  
46400 Algonkian Pkwy  
Potomac Falls, VA 20165

**Cost:** \$35 (Please make checks payable to PFHS)

**No registration: First come, first served**

\*Reduced price compared to local clinics

\*Money goes directly to Potomac Falls HS Athletic Training Program

\* Discounted price for students on a free/reduced lunch

\*Details can be found at <http://webinter.lcps.org/SPAR>

**For more information please contact:**

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