

June, 2015

Dear Parents and Friends of Kennedy High School:

Welcome to Kennedy High School! We hope that the 2015-2016 school year is a memorable one for you and your student.

This is it! The start of a new and exciting athletic and performing arts season is upon us and the journey to state is about to begin! The Cougar athletic and performing arts groups gear themselves up for that journey to state or nationals. Athletes condition themselves for that Friday night contest while actors and musicians prepare themselves for an award winning performance and vocalists get ready for that stunning solo. The Kennedy High School activities program is second to none.

Kennedy High School invites you to become a part of that excitement. **We encourage you to support your Cougar athlete or future Cougar in his/her activity by becoming a member of the Kennedy High School Athletic Booster Club.** Additionally we invite you to attend Kennedy High School athletic and performing arts events.

The purpose of the Cougar Booster Club is to provide financial support for our activities program. Booster Club members serve as a valued source of volunteers for ticket takers, scorekeepers, and concession workers at athletic contests. The Booster Club has also been instrumental in several major fundraising projects for the school including lights for the soccer field, upgrading weight room facilities, new softball dugouts and storage shed, field maintenance and improvement projects, and many other capital improvements on our campus. The Booster Club is a major financial contributor to the Activities program at Kennedy High School. It is interesting to note that Activities programs receive no State or District funding beyond coach/director salaries and **partial** coverage of transportation. **Zero tax dollars are used in support of the activities program.** All revenues are obtained through Booster Club fundraising and private donations, entry fees, and gate receipts. **Thus, your financial support is critical to the success of our Activities program.** Your support benefits more than 1000 student/athletes participating in the Cougar Activities program. Thank you!

Enclosed is the Kennedy Booster Club membership form. Please take a moment to review the options listed. We look forward to seeing you at Cougar events! **If you return your membership by August 15th your name will appear in the first printing of the Fall Sports Program.**

2015-2016 Booster Club Meeting Schedule (located on Kennedy Activities calendar online)

- All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Kennedy High School IMC
- All members of the Kennedy Athletic Booster club are welcome to attend
- Committee nights are intended for standing committees and task forces to work on projects and prepare reports for the Board of Directors

August 24	Board Meeting	February 22	Board Meeting
September 21	Committees	March 28	Committees
October 26	Board Meeting	April 25	Board Meeting - Elections
November 23	Committees	May 23	Committees
December 14	Board Meeting	June 27	Board Meeting
January 25	Committees		

Kennedy High School Athletic Booster Club Volunteer Form

By their very nature, most activity programs are very costly to run. Uniform expenses, specialized equipment, officials' fees, transportation and lodging expenses, and participation/entry fees are the most notable. Certainly, there is a great financial burden one associates with athletic participation.

We encourage parents to be active participants in the Athletic Booster Club. **The Kennedy Athletic Administration and the Booster Club value your financial, political, and service contributions.**

As most of you are aware, it takes many volunteers to run a successful athletic program. The Kennedy Booster Club hopes that many parents can find the time to contribute to the effort.

Please return this form to: Kennedy High School Booster Club
4545 Wenig Road NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

Parents' Name: _____

Phone: **Home:** _____ **Work 1:** _____ **Work 2:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Athlete(s) Name/Grade: _____

Listed below are Athletic Club projects that raise money for the Kennedy athletic program. Please check the projects for which you would be willing to volunteer.

- _____ Football stadium host/ticket taker.
- _____ Selling Booster Club Athletic Programs (Fall/Winter 2015-2016)
- _____ Work in the Cougar Shop at Kingston Stadium selling LOGO items (home football)
- _____ Booster Club Cougar Den sales (Home events sales of Kennedy merchandise).
- _____ Concession Stand worker (Home athletic and special events).
- _____ Ticket Booth (Athletic events): FALL _____ WINTER _____ SPRING _____ SUMMER _____
- _____ Junior Kennedy Cougar Basketball Tournament (January/February, 2016)
- _____ Junior Kennedy Cougar Volleyball Tournament (January, 2016)
- _____ Time-keeper and Score-keeper for Kennedy Athletic Events
- _____ Cougar Best Shot Golf Tournament (Summer, 2016)
- _____ Sale of Sports program advertisements (Summer, 2014/5 or 2016)
- _____ Sale of Pre-Season Football Tickets (August, 2015)
- _____ Benchwarmer Raffle – coordinator or sales (May-Aug, 2015 or 2016)

Booster Club Meetings are held in the Kennedy IMC on the 4th Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm. Please join us! All opinions are valued and welcomed.