

Wow, we are in the middle of an exciting Fall Season! The football team is working hard to repeat as District and State Champs, although some of the exciting finishes have added a few gray hairs along the way. Our cross country team captured the District Title with some great individual performances, including a first place finish by Joey D'Eramo and Coach Preston Smith, girls volleyball coach, brought some great excitement and enthusiasm back to the volleyball program. The Booster Club has been busy as well supporting Panther athletics. We ran into some tough luck with plans for the practice fields. After the fields were cleared, the summer rains took over and prevented the seeding of the fields. Our plans are to pick up this project once the growing season starts in the spring. We know this is a real need for the school and are committed to getting it done. If you have not been in the gym lately, stop by and check out the new banners recognizing our past Panther teams, as well as our District rivals. It really helps complete the look and reflects positively on Panther Pride. We also have contributed some of the equipment to the new training room and purchased two defibrillators which allow for a total of four units to be dispersed throughout the campus. All of these expenditures would not have been possible without your support of the Booster Club and the work of our terrific volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to highlight the recent work of two terrific Panther parents. First, LaDonna Pye has led the many volunteers that staff the concession stand on those busy Friday nights. This person is accountable for ordering the food and drinks, scheduling the workers and accounting for the funds, a very challenging and time consuming job. LaDonna has done it so very well! Have you picked up one of our Fall Sports Programs? If you have, the quality and professionalism reflected in this Program is through the efforts of Peggy Kircher. This program is as good as any we have seen in our travels to other schools and reflects very well on ALL of our fall student athletes. Plans are already underway for the Winter Sports Program.

Although, I highlight the work of Peggy and LaDonna, I want to thank all the volunteers who share their time to make our school and athletic programs just a little bit better. This allows our coaches to really focus their efforts on the improving the teams, while we take care of things behind the scenes.

Although it is only November, it is not too early to begin planning for the annual golf tournament to be held this year on April 28 at Augusta Pines. We can use help with sponsors, auction items and volunteers. Last year we sold out so get your registration in early!

Go Panthers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike O'Connor
Booster Club President