

Hello 2023-2024 AHS Booster Club Members,

I just wanted to write to all of you and provide a bit of a mid-year update on the 2023-2024 Booster Club. We have had an very active first half of the year building community and supporting the following activities:

- Fall and Winter Meet the Pioneer nights
- Fall and Winter Concessions
- Two Football tailgates (Homecoming and Senior Night)
- Pioneer Party in the Courtyard

-- Janey Lane, aka Ally Zaringer, performed. She is a 2016 AHS alum and a Nashville-based artist and songwriter. She was great and very entertaining.

From a financial perspective, we are running behind on our budget due to concessions earnings being lower and the execution of the Pioneer Party not netting out what we projected. We need a strong 2nd half with concessions, the fish fry and the 40th annual Don Morris Golf Outing to meet our \$25,000 net proceeds goal. This is important because we have a donor that will match that amount if we are able to hit the goal. This means \$25,000 that will go to supplementing our athletic department. We have used some of the funds from the last two years of matching donations on new practice mats for the wrestling room and new soccer goals for the Athletic Complex in Moline. These are impactful capital purchases that are making a positive impact on our athletic programs.

As far as concessions, we are wrapping up the regular season home games this week for the boys and girls basketball teams. We still need some volunteers so if you are able to support please sign up at the links below.

**Boys Basketball-Hall of Fame**

2/7 7:00 - 8:30 (3 people)

2/9 5:15-7:00 (1) 6:45-8:30 (3)

[AHS Boy's Basketball: AHS Boy's Basketball \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

**Girls Basketball**

2/7. 5:30-7 (2)

2/8. 5:15-7 (2) 6:45-8:30 (2)

[AHS Girls Basketball: AHS Girl's Basketball Concessions \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

The Alleman Girls are hosting their Regional, so we have an opportunity to cheer them on as well as benefit from concessions. We will need help with concessions for the three Regional games (Tuesday 2/13 -- 2 games 6:00 PM ( Alleman girls play) and 7:30 PM game 2...Thursday 2/15 -- 7 PM Regional Championship game). We will need 3-4 volunteers per game (3 games) so if you are interested in helping please contact Angie Alonso by emailing her at [jewelryforfun08@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelryforfun08@yahoo.com) or via text at (309) 269-3879. If you aren't able to support, please come cheer on the Pioneers and purchase concessions.

We will also be providing concessions for the Spring sports (Baseball, Softball, and Girls Soccer). Please be on the lookout for future requests for helping with concessions at the complex.

The Fish Fry is being held on Friday, 16 Feb from 4:30 - 7:30p. It has been a great event the last two years so please come support the booster club and enjoy the great food and camaraderie. The link below has all the information and you can purchase meals and 50/50 ahead of the event.

[Fish Fry — Alleman Catholic High School \(allemanhighschool.org\)](http://allemanhighschool.org)

We will also need a lot of volunteers to support the event. We need help with set-up, serving food and beverages, 50/50 drawing, tear down/clean-up. Please sign up at the link below and help the booster club make this another extremely fun and successful event.

[Alleman High School: Alleman High School Fish Fry \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

The final and largest event the booster club puts is our annual golf tournament. This year is the 40th Don Morris Golf Outing and it will be held on Friday, 31 May 2024 at Highland Springs Golf Course. I know this is several months away but wanted to share the date so you can schedule in your calendar so you can plan to participate. We need to meet or exceed last year's participation (31 teams) and earnings of approximately \$16,000 in order to meet our 2024 financial goals. I hope to see you there. Joe Gende and Kris Beardsley are the co-chairs and will be getting information out closer to the event. If you want to help this year or have thoughts on making this year even more successful, please reach out to them.

Finally, the booster club meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7p in the AHS Cafeteria. Please consider coming and sharing your input. Here is a list of the meetings for the rest of the year:

- 7 Feb (Wed) -- we moved this meeting to the 1st Wed of the month to avoid Valentine's day
- 13 Mar (Wed)
- 10 Apr (Wed)
- 8 May (Wed)
- 12 Jun (Wed) -- the last meeting of the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Thanks for your support to the Booster Club and Alleman High School. It is making a difference.

Regards,

Dave O'Keeffe, AHS '87