



PRAIRIE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## Welcome to PR Boosters!

### What does the PR Booster Club actually do?

Mainly, we raise MONEY for our kids. We enrich the PR students in sports, clubs and activities by providing financial support. This is done by funding areas of need identified by coaches, activity directors and parents that are not fully covered by the school and district. We are also a presence and help promote various events at PR. We also give away \$1000 scholarships to at least six Seniors at the end of the year to further their educational/vocational plans after high school.

### In what ways do you raise money?

Our main source is our annual fundraising event. "Ridge Fest", and this year it will be at The Dole again on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. It is open to the public and is an adult-only ticketed event, with raffle baskets (donated by businesses and our own teams and activities), auctions and many other money-making activities. We have several sponsors for that event that are represented. Tickets will be available soon. Please join us! It's a great way to get to know your PR family! Let us know if your business is interested in donating a basket or becoming a sponsor!

We sell PR Spirit Wear at home football and basketball games, Fall Kick Off night on August 23<sup>rd</sup> this year, online always, during the holidays, Distribution Days and 8th Grade Night. In addition to this, we stock and run the concession stands at home games for football, basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, Girls' soccer, Boys' soccer and baseball. Although we give direct money to the teams whose parents volunteer to work, concessions are also a money maker for us. We also sell ads to businesses and produce the sports rosters that you see at the home athletic events. We help out Fine Arts by running fundraisers for them with ad sales in the musical playbill, and selling flowers and candy for performances. Occasionally we make money on various isolated endeavors such as selling "Home of a PR Grad" sign, Dining for Dollars events, and various businesses who sell products that we help promote, and they donate a percentage.

### Who is on the PR Booster Club?

**Everyone!** As a PR Parent, you are automatically a Booster Club member. We welcome you to join us at our monthly meetings in the PR Library. The Booster Club is board-run and consists of a President, Sieglinde Savas, VP of Operations, Shannon Vrbancic, VP of Fundraising, Margie Palmer, VP of Merchandise (Spirit Wear), Katie Czarnecki, VP of Technology, Liz Instefjord, Treasurer, Tatiana Gray, and Secretary, Erin Kaye. We have lots of help from other consistent volunteers such as Kelly Demakis, parent volunteer and graphic designer, does so much for us, including designing the entire sports rosters. Johanna Donahue, is our Ridge Fest Chairperson. Kevin Koeppen, the Vice Principal at PR, is our Booster Club Liaison. We also work closely with our Athletic Director, Chris Schremp. We are so lucky to have the support and assistance from both of these amazing gentlemen on staff at PR.

We are always looking to expand our group and welcome you to join us. We periodically ask for volunteers to help with distribution days, selling spirit wear and concessions. This is a great way to get involved and learn about how Boosters supports our kids!

## How can my child's sport or club/activity earn money at the football concession stand?

In the fall, our Concessions VP will reach out to all of the coaches and activity directors with the dates of the home football games. If they chose, they will select a game and set up (or ask a parent volunteer) and recruit at least 10-14 volunteers over 2 shifts from your group. We will have everything ready for you, as well as a contact person, and all you have to do is work! Your group earns money for your volunteer support! We offer this during volleyball, lacrosse, baseball, and boys and girls basketball season as well. As with all school parent organizations, we rely heavily on parent volunteers to ensure success, so please know how much we appreciate your support!

## How does my business get a spot in the sports rosters?

The process for the following school year begins in January. The VP of Fundraising will promote the existing offers for roster spots, as well as the annual fundraiser event sponsorships. If you'd like to receive information when that rolls out, please contact us! Check out our website here for specific information and current list of sponsors: <http://www.prwolvesboosterclub.com/roster-sponsorships.html>

## How do the groups get the money allocated to them that you've raised?

In the Spring, the coaches and activity/club sponsors fill out an Allocation Application and if they fulfill the requirements and pass the committee of school administrators, the requests are presented to the Booster Club Board for final approval, and from that we allocate funds accordingly. This past Spring, we allocated over \$54,000 to our athletes, clubs and activities. To see a breakdown of actual funds distributed in 2024, please visit our website, at <http://www.prwolvesboosterclub.com/about-us.html>

## How do I stay informed?

- (1) **Sign up to get booster club emails (one every Friday.)** VERY IMPORTANT, this gives you the rundown of all the weeks activities...and where we promote YOUR group! Let us know what to celebrate!
- (2) Make sure to follow our pages on Facebook ("Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club"), X formerly Twitter (just athletic - "PRHS Athletic News") and Instagram ("prwolvesboosterclub")
- (3) Come to our Booster Club monthly meetings in the **PR Library at 7PM** on 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, and 5/12. We are usually done within an hour.
- (4) Check out our website and learn all about us! [www.prwolvesboosterclub.com](http://www.prwolvesboosterclub.com)
- (5) Please feel free to contact our President, Sieglinde Savas, at any time with questions. [PRBoostersPresident@gmail.com](mailto:PRBoostersPresident@gmail.com).

Every year we look for parents to represent every sport, club and activity at the Booster Club meetings. We can't help you if we don't know what's going on. We would ask you to take back the information presented at the meetings to your group in whatever manner you use...a Facebook page, text strand, emails, whatever. Our Booster Club meeting minutes taken by our secretary will be published for your convenience on that week's Friday's email. It's a great way to keep informed while also serving a critical role on your students' activity.

## What's next for the PR Booster Club?

These last 2 years have been amazing years for us! Not only did we transition from an athletics-only Booster Club to an athletics and activities and clubs Booster Club, we gained so much traction with our community and support like never before. The Board is proud of its accomplishments and we hope to expand and be of even more service to our students at Prairie Ridge. Please join us to be part of this amazing group! We need new people to fill some big spots at the end of this school year, so please consider checking us out and seeing where YOU'D like to fit in!

