

# The Prairie Ridge High School Booster Club

## FAQ'S

### What does the Booster Club actually do?

Mainly, we raise MONEY for our kids. We enrich the PR community 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.

### In what ways do you raise money?

Our main source is our annual fundraising event. "Ridge Fest", will be held on October 21st, 2023. 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. If you are interested in your business being represented, please visit our website here: <https://www.prathleticboosterclub.com/ridge-fest-fundraiser.html>

Tickets are on sale now and we hope you can join us to connect with your PR family!

Click here for tickets and to buy raffle tickets!

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Last Spring, we hosted "Ridge Raffle At Rookies" that was very successful. We also sell PR Spirit Wear at home football and basketball games, online and 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, (possibly adding 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 invite families to become "Family Sponsors" who get a bumper magnet and other perks, and occasionally we make money on various isolated endeavors such as selling "Home of a PR Grad" signs.

### Who is on the 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 Merchandise (Spirit Wear), Katie Czarnecki, a Treasurer, Tatiana Gray and a Secretary, Margie Palmer. 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!

### Where and when can I buy PR Spirit Wear?

We set up our display at all home football games, and home combined boys/girls basketball games! We also have various sales at distribution days, right before the holidays, at Ridge Fest and in the spring at 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. You can always visit our spirit wear section on the website at <https://www.prathleticboosterclub.com/spirit-wear.html> and purchase online as well!

## 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 14 volunteers 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, soccer, 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 President 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! There is still room to be a part of this if you act fast! Check out our website here for information:

<https://www.prathleticboosterclub.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 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 \$76,000 to our athletes, clubs and activities. It was a stellar hand out due to some funds being kept over from covid years, but with your help we hope to have a lot to give away this Spring as well! To see a breakdown of actual funds distributed in 2023, please visit our website, at the bottom of the front page for details.

We also purchase items that assist ALL of the teams....such as this year, we funded part of the new flooring in the weight room for \$25,000.

## How do I stay informed?

- (1) **Sign up to get booster club emails (one every Friday) with this QR code.** 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, Twitter and Instagram
- (3) Come to our meetings in the PR Library at 7PM on 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8 and 5/13.
- (4) Check out our website and learn all about us! [www.prathleticboosterclub.com](http://www.prathleticboosterclub.com)
- (5) Please feel free to contact our President, Sieglinde Savas, at anytime with questions.  
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This year we are really looking for parent 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. It's a great way to keep informed while also serving a critical role on your students' activity.

## What's next for the Booster Club?

This year was an amazing year for us! Not only did we transition from an athletics-only Booster Club to an athletics and activities and clubs Booster Club in December, 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!