



Clark Athletic Booster Club Newsletter December 2009

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From Kathy Ogletree, Booster Club President:

Our fall sports have all concluded their seasons now, and our congratulations go out to all of our athletes and coaches on great competitions! Once again, they all participated in post-season play and represented Clark very well. Our tennis team won its 19th straight District championship, two cross country athletes competed in the State meet, and our football team went all the way to the State quarterfinals. And, several Clark athletes have signed to participate in college athletics. For specifics on all of these, go to clarkcougarsports.com.

Swimming, which began in the fall, continues through February. As always, Clark Aquatics is a strong program.

Winter sports have begun, with both boys and girls varsity basketball doing very well. Both have competed well in preseason tournaments and are now in District play. Boys and girls soccer begins soon, too.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered with us selling spirit items and football programs, and working the concession stands throughout the football season. Your help enables us to raise funds through those sales to offer more scholarships to graduating seniors and to give money back to Clark athletics. So far this year, the Booster Club has given \$35,000 back to the athletic program (\$15,000 of that was actually from our share of last year's district concession sales profits). Coach Lloyd Alexander expressed his gratitude as they have the new weight room, but not much equipment for it. Our December gift of \$15,000 will help them equip that facility.

My thanks, too, go to all the great volunteers who make up the Booster Club Board this year. In addition to sales of spirit items, they communicate with spirit representatives from each sport, organize membership, seek sponsorships, put together the football program, sell football tickets, organize volunteers for the AT&T Golf Tournament, coordinate the All-Sports Banquet in April, coordinate volunteers for all of our events, pay the bills, keep the records, edit the newsletter and keep our website up-to-date.

I would like to wish each and every one of them – and you – a very Happy New Year and all the best in 2010.

In Appreciation of Coach Lloyd Alexander

Clark Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Lloyd Alexander announced his plans to retire at the end of this school year. Coach Alexander was at Clark when it opened in 1978. Most of his career has been spent in various coaching positions at Clark, and he will be a hard act to follow.

The Clark Athletic Booster Club Board would like to express its appreciation for Coach A's years of dedication to the students at Clark. Thousands of students who have taken P.E. at Clark have benefited from his positive example and his honor and integrity. Over the years, he has influenced not only the lives of students, but many teachers and coaches as well.

While his success as a football coach is well documented, his quiet activity in the lives of his students outside of athletics may not be. His concern for the academic success of student athletes led Coach A to develop the tutoring program for freshman athletes, which was piloted last year. He was also instrumental in the development of the mentoring program that takes some of our athletes to Locke Hill Elementary to work with children there.

Thank you, Coach Alexander, for everything you've done in your career at Clark. We pray for your full and quick recovery from hip surgery and the best for you as you complete your teaching career this school year.

Clark Athletic Booster Club Board for 2009-2010

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Booster Club Scholarship Information

The Clark Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Application will be available online in late January/early February. All senior athletes and senior Cougarettes whose families have been members of the Booster Club each year they have been in athletics or Cougarettes at Clark are eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship.

Please remember to join the Booster Club each year so your child can qualify his or her senior year. If you have not joined yet this school year, it's not too late. The membership form can be found at www.clarkathleticbooster.com.

Mark Your Calendar for These Events in 2010

February 8	Booster Club Meeting (7:00pm / Clark Cafeteria) Water Polo Spring Tennis Pep Squad
March 8	Booster Club Meeting (7:00pm / Clark Auditorium) Baseball & Softball (Varsity & JV) Pep Squad Golf (Boys & Girls) Track (Boys & Girls)
April 22	All-Sports Banquet (all varsity athletes) St. George Maronite Catholic Church



We Eat Hills For Breakfast!

Cougars Celebrate District Success

The Cougar Cross Country teams can look back with amazement and pride as the 2009 season ends. Both Varsity teams qualified for Regionals – the girls for the third year in a row, and the boys for the first time in years AND, even better, as District Champions. The boys just missed out on a trip to the State Meet, finishing 4th at Regionals, but each team qualified a runner for State – read on for more details!

Cooler weather welcomed over 30 teams to the Matador Invitational in Seguin's Starke Park on October 17th. The boys' team did fantastic by placing 3rd, with David Scorcelletti (16:10) finishing 13th, Jose

Sierra (16:11) 14th, Austin Wells (16:22) 19th, Ryan Pavlich (16:44) 32nd and James Leopold (17:00) 49th for a total of 125 points, only 16 points behind 1st place. The girls' team took 8th, with Shantel Swift (12:27) coming in 16th and Glynnis Meade (12:31) 19th, followed by Shaneve Swift (13:12), Katherine Ritchie (13:25) and Stacey Wilkens (13:32).



The final warm-up to District was back in town for the SAISD Meet on Oct 24th, held on the grounds of the San Antonio State School. The Varsity Boys dominated the field of 18 schools with all five scoring runners finishing within the top 11 spots for the 3.4 mile race. David (16:40) was 3rd and Jose (16:51) 4th, followed by the 9-10-11 slam of Austin (17:09), James (17:11) and Ryan (17:13), giving them a team score of 34 points. The Varsity Girls also scored well, finishing 3rd for the 2.1 mile course – trophy time for both teams! Shantel was 3rd (13:07.2), with Glynnis a split second behind in 4th

place (13:07.9). Next in was Shaneve (14:13), Katherine (14:16) and Stacey (14:23). The JV Girls also finished in 3rd place (Kathrine Reamsnyder, Ariel Schmid, Erika Parsons, Valerie Vacek and Mary Maloney), and the JV Boys (Lance Elliot, Matt Bastoni, Alex Scorcelletti, Bryson Hearne, and Harry MacTough) were 6th.

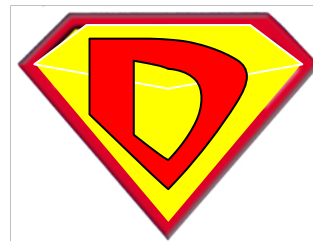
Trick or Treating began early as the Hardin Athletic Complex hosted the District 28-5A Meet on Oct

31st. The course wound its way around the baseball diamonds, past rows of school buses, across a parking lot – repeating this a few times to end in Gus Stadium before a few hundred cheering fans. The girls' team kicked off the bright cool morning by finishing 3rd in a close race, only 6 points behind O'Connor, who was only 1 point behind the winner, Brandeis. Shantel (12:22) and Glynnis (12:26) powered home in 2nd and 3rd place. Shaneve (13:20), Mel Schwartz (13:30) and Katherine (13:42) finished in the remaining scoring spots, followed by Stacey (13:46) and Toria Seifert (14:04). The boys' team did a total turnaround from last year's 8th place by



taking 1st, last accomplished nine years ago! They honored the passing of Super Dave's father with special tattoos and strong finishes – David in 2nd place (16:06), Jose (16:24) 6th, Austin (16:31) 7th, James (16:48) 10th and Ryan (16:54) 13th. Jim Wells and John Bodkin completed the effort for the Cougar team. The temperature warmed up from 50 to 60 degrees for the JV races, and the spectators and runners began peeling off layers. The girls' team (Ariel Schmid, Catherine Seifert, Erika Parsons, Kara Jarzombek and Diana Tabarez) finished 5th, and the boys (Lance, Harry, Bryson, Gabe Reichman, and Andy Lin) were 7th.

One week later, the Region IV Meet took the team back to Brooks Base, the site of two early season competitions. This year's race put the 5A start at mid-afternoon, back to running in the heat. A start is crucial, as competition at this level can quickly find a in the midst of many others, boxed in with nowhere to go. Therefore, we were most excited when Shantel (11:49.2) placed the girls' two-mile race, and David (16.04.8) was 8th in the boys' qualifying them for the State Meet. Just outside the top 10 spots great efforts were Glynnis (11:58.4), 11th, and Jose (16:25.0), 12th, in their respective races. With the top three teams advancing, and the boys finished an amazing but heartbreaking 4th. Freshman Austin (16:36.2) kicked in for an impressive 17th place, followed by James (17:12.0), Ryan (17:35.8), Jim (19:33) and John (20:01). Stacey (13.08.4), Katherine (13:31.1) and Shaneve (13:35.3) wrapped up



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the girls' score, followed by Mel (13:50) and Toria (14:00). The girls' team finished 12th, behind O'Connor (9th), but ahead of District winner Brandeis (14th).

After a grand send-off, Shantel and David returned to Old Settler's Park in Round Rock for the State Meet on Nov 14th, site of the McNeil Meet in early October. An ankle injury prevented David from capping off what has been an amazing season. Shantel (13:03/91st) raced with some of the best in the U.S. – the winning time was an unbelievable 10:45. It was an experience that neither will ever forget, and we're so proud to have



had two Cougars at State!

That's it for Cross Country this year. Thanks to all that dropped their runners off for early morning



practices and departures to meets, fed them lots of pasta and power bars, made posters / locker decorations / driveway signs, cheered them on at meets, and captured them in pictures (<http://clarkcrosscountry2009.shutterfly.com/>).

We will certainly miss our seniors next year – David, Jose, James, John, Jim, Toria, Shaneve and Stacey. Best wishes to those runners going on to other sports – soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and, of course, track. And, a HUGE thank you for all the hours and miles put in by Coach Ager, Coach Kelly and Coach Pedroza – you are the best!

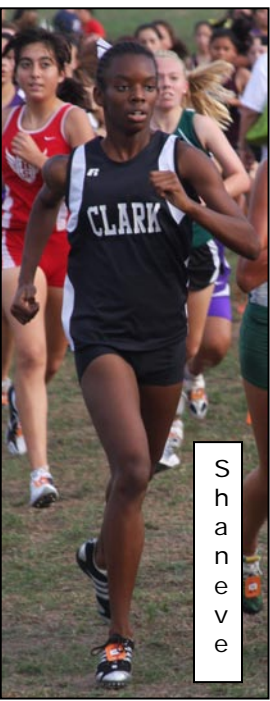
Congratulations to David Scorcelletti, Glynnis Meade and Shantel Swift for being named to this season's 5A cross country team for the Greater San Antonio area!! For details on the Super Teams and other class teams for cross country, go to http://www.mysanantonio.com/sports/high_school/Cross_country_super_teams_2009.html.



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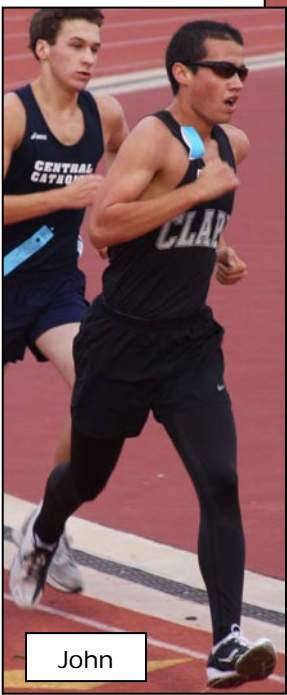
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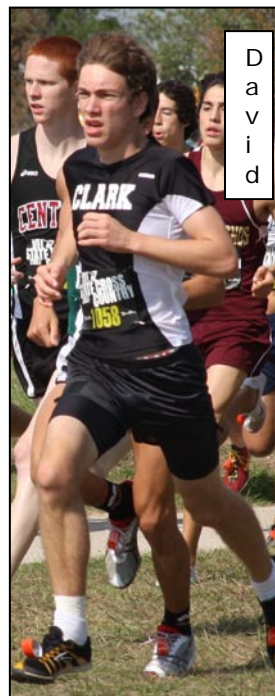
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Varsity Football Makes History

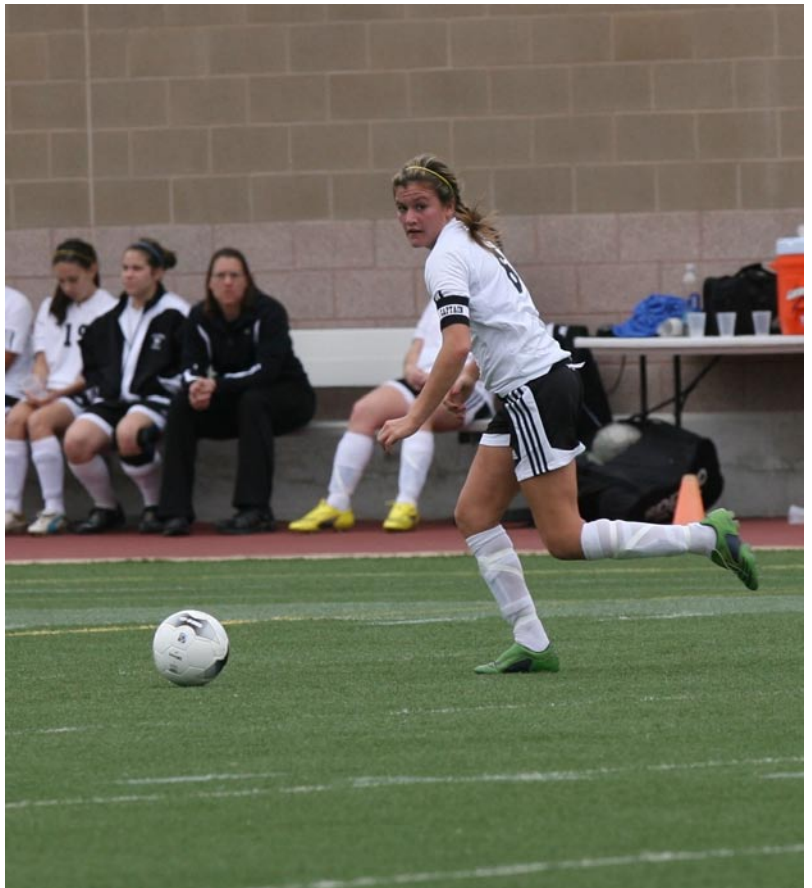


The Cougar varsity football team had a great season, including the best record in Clark, Texas history, with a 13-1 record this year and a 26-3 record over the past two years. Congratulations to the team for being District champs and making it to the State Quarterfinals. Also, congratulations to all the players who won District awards. Go to clarkcougarsports.com for a full listing of the 28-5A District teams. Thanks for a great season and for making it a great year to be a Clark Cougar!

Lady Cougar Varsity Soccer Preps for a Promising Season

Coach Walter Rule is extremely optimistic about the prospects of a long playoff run for the 2009-2010 Lady Cougar soccer team. He has eight returning starters, two first team all-district and five second team all-district selections to contribute to the success of the team. The team is also optimistic and very motivated to do well, even creating their own optional morning workout. Most players participate, coming in the very early and cold mornings for an intense workout. The entire team trains with Coach Rule during 8th period until around 6:00pm.

The team is under the leadership of its captains Macy Ellis, Toria Seifert and Gabby Santorio. The season starts on January 2nd with scrimmages against MacArthur and Steele. Come out to a game this season and support these wonderful ladies.



Girls Varsity Basketball Starts Season Strong



The Lady Cougars' basketball team wrapped up a successful preseason by taking second place at the Austin Bowie Tournament on December 3-5. They posted wins over Waco University, Drippings Springs and Austin McCallum to place them in the championship game. Though they came up a bit short against Round Rock Stony Point, they girls played a great game for a second place finish.

District play opened with a win against Brandeis on December 9th, where the Lady Cougars dominated the boards with a score of 56-37. On December 11th, the girls posted another decisive victory of 51-39 over the Stevens Lady Falcons. Currently, the team has an overall record of 15-8 and a District record of 3-3. Keep it up ladies!

Games are played weekly through early February, so come out and roar for the team. Be sure to check out their schedule at the Booster Club website or on clarkcougarsports.com.



Men's Varsity Basketball Dominating Opponents

The men's Varsity basketball team started the season by dominating its opponents in decisive fashion. After finishing second at the NEISD Tournament, the team traveled to South Padre Island, where they took top honors. Senior Jason Brickman was named the tournament MVP, and senior Elhad Emerllahu, and junior Ansley Benjamin joined Jason on the all-tournament team. Before starting District play, the Coogs finished 4th in the SAISD Tournament, and Jason was named the Express-News Player of the Week. Congratulations!

Currently, the team is undefeated in District play, with a 95-56 win over Jay, led by Jason's 24 points. The team outlasted O'Connor 76-72 in a thrilling double overtime win and then pounded Warren 98-63. Against Warren, scoring was led by both Elhad and Ansley, with 22 points each, and Jacob Palacios with 19.

A complete schedule of games can be found on the Booster Club website. Come out and help cheer on the Coogs!

Clark Swimmers Speed by New Braunfels Canyon

On November 14th, Clark swimmers took on New Braunfels Canyon High School at the Northside Natatorium. The Cougar men's and women's relay squads took first place in all relay events – 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay – providing a huge point buffer to favor Clark over Canyon at day's end. First place women's 200 medley relay finishers were Coral Crouch, Chelsea Miller, Victoria Gutierrez and Andrea Wallace. Immediately following, Derek Poirier, Darren Sanchez, Luke Harle and Andrew Sanchez took first place in the men's 200 medley relay.

Later in the meet, Chelsea Miller, Marina Gonzalez, Amber Martinez and Jeslene Renteria finished first in the 200 free relay, with a time of 1:52.95. The men followed suit when Luke Harle, Andrew Sanchez, Tyler Covington and Derek Poirier combined their swims for a time of 1:37.93.

The last event of every high school meet is the always exciting 400 free relay. The Clark girls' "A" team – Jeslene Renteria, Andrea Wallace, Coral Crouch and Victoria Gutierrez – finished first by a large margin, and the men's "A" relay answered back with a first place finish by Andrew Sanchez, Brad Ogden, Joseph Jaime and Andrew Ulcak.

Individual first place finishers who helped propel the Cougars to victory were:

200 Free:	Victoria Gutierrez	Derek Poirier
200 IM:	Chelsea Miller	
50 Free:	Andrea Wallace	
100 Butterfly:	Victoria Gutierrez	Luke Harle
100 Free:	Coral Crouch	Derek Poirier
500 Free:	Jessica Rourke	Jim Helm
100 Back:	Izabella Maciakiewicz	Andrew Ulcak
100 Breastroke:	Chelsea Miller	

The next meet for the Cougars is the City Invitational on Saturday, January 9th. The meet begins at 9:00am at the Josh Davis pool (Blossom Athletic Complex). Come out to the pool and cheer on Clark!

Three short weeks after the City Meet are the District Championships on January 30th. Clark will be swimming at the Northside Natatorium (1604 and Bandera). More details on Districts will be available in January's newsletter.

On an academic note, five juniors were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Jeremy Kustoff, Jessica Rourke, Victoria Gutierrez, Melanie Macha and Marina Gonzalez. Keep up your good work in the pool and in the classroom!

Clark Aquatics Wishes You and Your Family Happy Holidays and the Very Best in 2010!

Celebrating a win over New Braunfels Canyon on Nov. 14th



Spirit Rep Corner... by Patti Guido, Spirit Rep Coordinator

Congratulations once again to the Clark Cougar Varsity football team on their advancement to the 2009 playoffs. What a great and exciting season it was! These men worked long, hard hours and definitely made all of Clark, Texas proud.

Little do you know, but behind the scenes were two Varsity Spirit Rep moms that also worked hard throughout the season. They are Tammy Greenbauer (whose son is senior Hayden Greenbauer) and Luanne Mire (whose son is senior Andrew Mire). Tammy and Luanne deserve kudos for all they did this year in continuing the traditions of Clark Football. They coordinated locker room decorations every week, send-off celebrations for the team before every game, parking lot cougar paw painting, dinners for Varsity moms and dads, the Varsity mom pep rally, plus much, much more.

Because of their loving spirit, their love of Clark High School and Clark Football, they had great support from the Varsity football parents. It would not have been a great success without the efforts of both. They helped create memories for their young men that they will never forget and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Thanks to both Tammy and Luanne for a great year!



Tammy Greenbauer and Luanne Mire

Do You Know Your Spirit Rep?

Baseball - Gayle McFall
Boys Basketball - Sherri Chapman
Girls Basketball - Nancy Chavana & Ellen Buck
Cheerleading - Shannon McNeil
Top Cats - Donna Smith
Aristocats - Karan Cook
Pep Squad - Laura Miller
Cross Country/Track - Rose Meade
Varsity Football - Tammy Greenbauer &
Luann Mire
JV Football - Steven & Cindy Rodriguez

Freshman Football - Dinah Seago &
Denise Reyes
Golf - Susan Glenny
Girls Soccer - Dorothy Ellis
Girls Softball - Maria and David Regino
Swimming/Water Polo - Allison Kustoff
Varsity Tennis - Terri Howard
JV/F Tennis - Lulu Ramos
Varsity Volleyball - Shanan Webster
JV Volleyball - Denise Wood
Freshman Volleyball - Julie Stokes
Boys Soccer - Rochelle Javors

Clark Athletic Booster Club

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A limited number of James Avery Clark Cougar charms (at left) are available for purchase at the Booster Club meetings in February and March. The charms are \$55 each. Or, you may contact Rhonda Brockett at rhondabrockett@yahoo.com or 394-9003 to place your order.

Clark Cougar Chrome Car Emblems – \$15

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