



Clark Athletic Booster Club Newsletter September 2009

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A Note from the President...

Welcome back, Clark Cougars!

As I'm new to the Booster Club presidency this year, please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Kathy Ogletree. My husband, Jamie, and I are in our eighth year of 11 straight having a student at Clark. We've been football and volleyball parents with our older two and are now football and basketball parents with our youngest. I've served as the VP of spirit sales and also of spirit representatives in past years.

As we near the end of the first month of school, I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Clark Athletic Booster Club and our kids involved in athletics at Clark High School. Your volunteer efforts and financial support have helped us get off to a great start.

We were able to donate \$20,000 to the athletic program at the Back in Black/Gucci Bowl pep rally. That money came from ad sales for this year's outstanding football program, sales of spirit items, membership and our share of concession sales revenues from last year's NISD athletic events. We also purchased two new mascot costumes that made their debut at the pep rally for the Alamo Heights football game and first cross country meet.

The Booster leadership is made up of parents from all sports. If you are interested in working with us, there are many volunteer opportunities. Please make sure that your child's sport spirit representative has your email address as all of our volunteer requests come through them. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer, but isn't the parent of an athlete yet, they can contact Sonya Wright, our volunteer coordinator, to request notification about our needs for volunteers.

We're told we have the best athletic booster organization around and, judging from our volunteers, I would have to agree with that. Thank you for your support!

Go Cougars!

Kathy Ogletree
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Thank You, Sponsors!

Due to the generosity of our **Gucci Bowl** sponsors Health By Design, Wright Start, Centerpoint, and EyeTx Vision Centers, and all of those who purchased this year's Gucci Bowl t-shirt, we will be donating \$7500 to the Gridiron Heroes Foundation (gridironheroes.org). We sold out of this year's edition of the shirt. Thanks to all who bought them and to those who sold them for us!

Kristina Wise and Kelley Hinojosa have been hard at work organizing our **Blackout** shirt sponsors, and they have filled all of the spots. We will begin selling them this week at Clark. The Blackout game is the football game against O'Connor and is on October 9th this year. We sell these shirts for \$5 and hope to sell out! We'll also sell them the week of the game at Hobby and Rawlinson as well as at Clark, so we'll need a few extra sales volunteers that week.

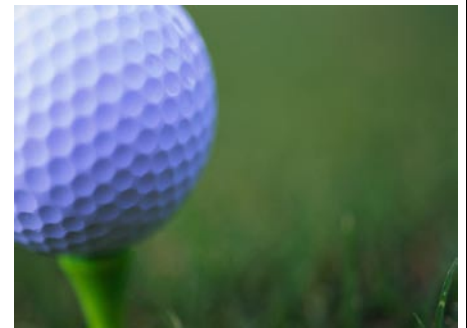
Membership

One of our goals as an organization is to have 100% of our athletes represented. For this to happen, we need all of you spreading the word about our purpose: to support the Clark athletic program and all students involved in all sports.

There are varying levels of financial support, from the basic \$25 per family (regardless of how many students are participating or the number of sports they're in, you just join once for your family), to any additional gifts you are blessed to be able to give. With that \$25 membership, you will receive your choice of one stadium seat cushion or a car decal. Other available gifts are: additional \$50—Booster reusable shopping bag; additional \$100—sport duffle bag; additional \$250—folding stadium seat; additional \$500—set of four etched crystal barware.

Please remember that in order for your athlete to apply for one of the \$1000 scholarships that we award to graduating seniors each year, you must be a member of the Clark Athletic Booster Club each year that they participate in Clark athletics. This is a valuable opportunity for each student. We award several of these each year (7-10 over each of the last three years).

The membership form is also available for download from our website at clarkathleticbooster.com.



AT&T Golf Tournament

On October 21st and 22nd, we will provide volunteers at the AT&T Golf Tournament at Oak Hills. This will be our fourth year to do this. Over the last three years, AT&T has donated \$45,000 to the Athletic Booster Club for this effort. Please remember to sign up for this event with Heidi Lentz. The form is available to print from this newsletter or to download from our website: clarkathleticbooster.com.



Support All Clark Athletics
Volunteer At
AT&T Golf Tournament
Oak Hills Country Club

Wednesday, October 21st & Thursday, 22nd

Walking Scorers & Standard-bearers Needed

6:30 am - 2:30 pm

Or

11:30 am - 7 pm

Volunteers receive a package valued at over \$350:

Tournament Golf Shirt

Cap or Visor

Volunteer Badge

Volunteer Lapel Pin

Ticket Book (Fri. - Sun.)

Round of Golf at Oak Hills

Lunch & Beverages provided on days worked

Volunteer Parking Pass & Shuttle Service

Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, October 24th

For more information contact:

Heidi Lentz: hgang6@sbcglobal.net or Sam Guido: guido.sam@satx.sysco.com

Any Clark Family member or Friend can volunteer.

Invite your golfing friends to come out and enjoy a day with the Golf Pros and local celebrities.

Football Seniors Lead the Way



The Clark Varsity football team is off to a strong start, led by its large contingent of seniors (pictured above). So far this season, the team is undefeated, with a record of 3-0. Good luck boys!

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2009-2010 Pep Rally Schedule

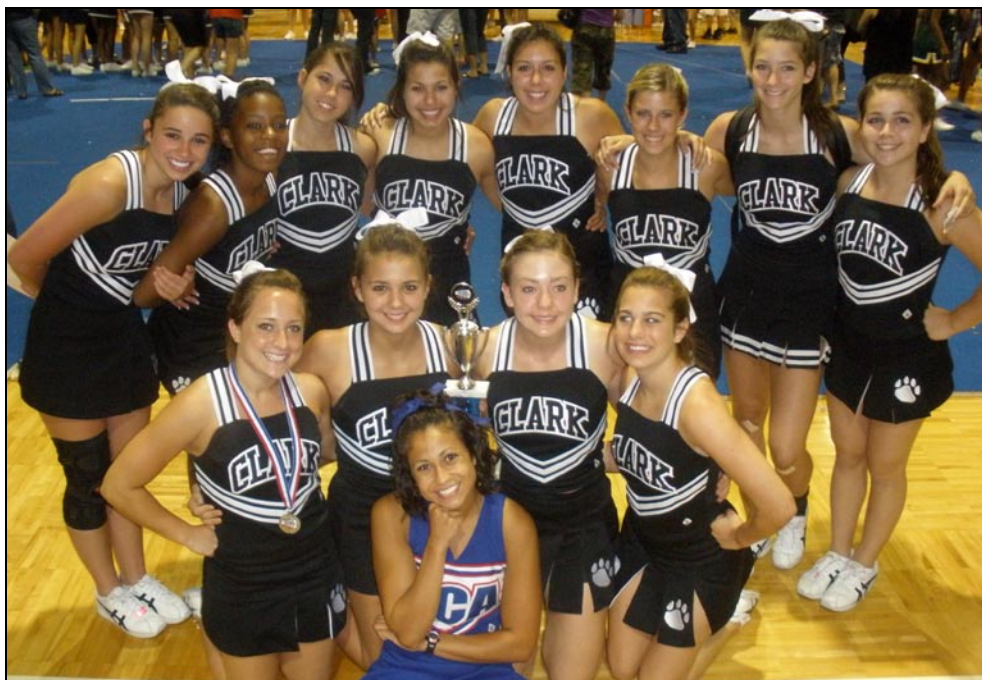
Date	Time	Location
Friday, September 25 Theme: Rock the Rams (Rock star day)	8:15am	Courtyard
Friday, October 2 Theme: Clown Around with the Mustangs (Circus day)	8:15am	Courtyard
Friday, October 9 Theme: Peace out Panthers (Hippie day)	8:15am	Courtyard
Friday, October 16 Theme: Wreck the Warriors (Construction day)	8:15am	Courtyard
Friday, October 30 Theme: Reign over the Raiders (Royalty day)	8:15am	Courtyard
Friday, November 6 Theme: Sock it to the Huskies (Crazy Sock day)	6:30pm	Auditorium

Clark Cheerleaders Prepare for Busy Year



The Clark cheerleaders spent the very first week of summer preparing for the 2009-10 school year. Twenty-four cheerleaders, two mascots and their coach, Mrs. Kelly Young, boarded the bus early in the morning on June 7th, to make the six-hour trip to NCA Cheer Camp at North Texas State University in Denton. This year's squads, including seven seniors, seven juniors and 10 sophomores, are led by captains Ashley McNeil and Nicole Nash. This was the first cheer camp for the 14 cheerleaders and one mascot who are new to the squads this year.

Varsity cheerleaders enjoy their time at camp.



Even with such a young group, Clark was able to continue its tradition of excellence. The Varsity squad won Top Team in the Performance Division, while JV took the honors in the Game Day Division. Both teams also earned the coveted Spirit Sticks. Clark had seven Varsity members receive the All-American Cheerleader distinction: Alisa Harps, Ashley McNeil, Nicole Nash, Samantha Philipp, Meg Weiss, Rachel Wenzlaff and, earning the Top All-American Award for the highest score at camp, Tori Klabunde. The Individual Leadership

Award was presented to Ashley McNeil. Clark also received a bid to compete at NCA Nationals on December 28-29 in Dallas.



All-American Cheerleaders!

More recently, the Clark cheerleaders hosted their annual Gucci Bowl Cheer Clinic on August 22nd for almost 100 girls from the community, ranging in age from kindergarten through high school. The girls did a great job inspiring the participants as well as fundraising for their program.



Brandeis Pep Rally

In addition to hosting clinics and cheering at pep rallies and football and volleyball games, the members of the competition squad are hard at work preparing for the competition season. When they step out onto the mat this fall, two-thirds of the 12-member team will be competing for Clark for the first time, but that isn't stopping them from setting their sights high.

Varsity Volleyball on a Roll



The Clark Varsity Volleyball team has been busy this season. Before the first day of classes began, the team had already competed in 14 matches! They also represented Clark very well in the NISD and NEISD tournaments. The Lady Cougars brought home second place in the very competitive Northside tourney, and senior Claire Webster was named to the All-Tournament Team. The following week, junior India Hartwell was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Northeast tourney.

The team faced tough competition in Pearland at the Nike Invitational, where they fought hard against some of the top-ranked teams in the state and battled point-for-point, taking most matches to three games. Coach Daniell was very proud of how well they played.

Next week will mark the halfway point in the season, so if you haven't had a chance to see the team in action, please join us at Paul Taylor and help cheer the Lady Cougars on to victory!



Freshman Volleyball News

The newest Clark Cougars to hit the volleyball scene are hitting it hard! The freshman girls are in the gym before the sun rises every morning, full of life and ready to be "served" a season of skill building and team bonding. So far, they have had many close games, coming out on top of some. They get better each week as the team grows closer together. The Cougar spirit is not lacking with these young ladies!

Freshmen parents have decorated the locker room and turn out in full force each week to cheer for their Cougars. Many parents have jumped right in to help at concession stands, prep days and t-shirt sales. Thank you parents for your support!

The freshman volleyball team looks forward to many Cougar victories ahead.



Clark Cross Country Varsity Team

Bring On the Mud...

It's 7am, and you're driving down DeZavala. It's dark, but suddenly your eyes are bombarded with several flashes of light. What can it be? Aliens? The Northern Lights? No – that's your Clark Cross Country team, out for its daily workout, complete with reflective belts so that hopefully they won't be hit by any passing traffic! Every school day, they meet at 6:30am to stretch and then head out for a long run, approximately six to eight miles, or speed work on the track, which could be several 1600s (a mile), or a "fun" combination like a 1600, a few 800s, a few 400s, a few 100s...all in order to race once a week against a few hundred other crazy runners – two miles for the girls, three miles for the guys, over hill, over dale, through puddles and worse, mud, to get to the finish line.

The team's first meet was cancelled since the Southwest High School course is below street level and much welcome rain quickly flooded the area. The team invited its friends from Warren High School over for a practice meet on a course that wound through the Clark campus. It was a good introduction for those new to both teams.

The second meet was nearly cancelled as well, but what's a little mud? The runners ventured south to Brooks City Base on Saturday, September 12th, for the NEISD meet. The

Varsity girls team finished ninth out of 31 teams, led by two top-10 finishers, Shantel Swift (So), 6th (12:19) and Glynnis Meade (Jr), 9th (12:27). Rounding out the girls' team was Stacey Wilkens (Sr), 13:23, Mel Schwartz (Jr), 13:37, Shaneve Swift (Sr), 13:41, Katherine Ritchie (Jr), 13:41 and Kathrine Reamsnyder (Sr), 14:15. Stacey is a transfer from TMI, Mel is new to cross country but already playing basketball and softball for Clark, and Shaneve is one of Clark's great track sprinters and is finding out that two miles is a lot further than 400m. Thanks for joining the team.

Rain held off until the middle of the Varsity boys' race and then stopped, but left the course a muddy mess, especially toward the finish line. Congrats to the Varsity boys for finishing seventh out of 29 schools, only a few points behind O'Connor. The team was led by David Scorcelletti (Sr), 16:55 and Jose Sierra (Sr), 17:05, followed by James Leopold (Sr), 17:43, Austin Wells (Fr), 17:50, Ryan Pavlich (So), 17:52, John Bodkin (Sr), 18:47 and Devon Gonzales (Sr), 18:48. Jose had a great spring last year, running distance events for the Clark track team after moving to San Antonio. And, Austin may look small, but he leaves others in his dust. Welcome to these newest members of the team.

Now back to the mud...The JV girls slogged through to the finish line, led by Kara Jarzombek, Catherine Seifert, Ariel Schmid, Mary Maloney and Valerie Vacek, followed by the JV Boys headed up by Matt Bastoni, Harry MacTough, Phillip Meyer, Alex Scorcelletti and Gabe Reichman. Others participating in the JV race, some for the very first time, were Madison Thomas, Samantha Verheyen, Celina Salas, Andy Lin, Bryson Hearne, Hudson Lentz, Jordan Thomas, Jerzan Hanson, Hayden Lentz and Brian Hausman. Pictures of all the fun can be viewed at <http://clarkcrosscountry2009.shutterfly.com>.

Cross Country's Head Coach is Anne Ager, who is in her seventh year at Clark. She has been joined by two new assistants, D'Layne Kelly and Mark Pedroza. Coach Kelly, better known as Clark's head softball coach, says "While this is my 11th year coaching at Clark, it is my first being involved with the cross country team. I am very excited to be working with these highly dedicated and motivated young athletes! I have been thoroughly impressed with them thus far and am really looking forward to a great year! And, just so everybody knows how we get our energy...we eat hills for breakfast!" Coach Pedroza attended UTSA and ran cross country and track. He previously worked at East Central, where he coached girls' basketball and boys' track and field. Then, he headed to Lee High School for two years to "just" teach, and has now joined the Clark math department and will help coach track as well. Prior to teaching, Coach P worked several summer running camps, ranging anywhere from 20 to 50 athletes. We're glad to have them both as part of the Clark Cross Country team!



Girls Basketball Looking Forward to 2009-2010 Season

Prospective members of the girls' basketball teams are already hard at work in pre-season practice during first period (freshmen) and fourth period (JV and Varsity).

With tryouts a month away, Coach David Creekmore (Head Coach/Varsity) and Sarah Duitsman (Assistant Coach/JV) are running drills and trying out plays to get the girls ready for competition. The freshmen girls are also in team-building mode, under the direction of Coach Jamie Bellamy, who is new to Clark this year.

All teams expect to keep the Clark spirit and winning tradition going even stronger this season, carrying momentum from last year's improved Varsity record of 17-17 (7-9 in district), JV overall record of 12-8 (6-8 in district) and freshman record of 18-3 (12-2 in district). The girls are ready to rumble on the courts in '09-'10!

Returning Varsity lettermen include seniors Taylor Buck, Vanessa Casanova, Carolyn Chavana, Haley Cook and Courtney Rhodes, and juniors Hannah Gulley and Melanie Schwartz.

Tennis Team Aims for #19

As the 2009 Team Tennis season begins, we want to introduce you to the 18th straight District Champions. There are several returning players as well as a few new faces.

Returning Varsity players are:



Shaina - Captain, Senior



Patric - Captain, Senior



Brooke - Captain, Senior



Jake - Captain, Senior



Sergio - Captain, Senior



Sarah - Junior



Maeve - Junior



Justin - Junior



Kristen - Junior



Richie - Junior



Mariam - Junior



Ben - Junior



Matt - Sophomore

New faces to the Clark Varsity Tennis Team include:



Ava - Freshman



Carla - Junior



Carlo - Senior



David - Freshman



Gavin - Freshman



Crystal - Junior



Eli - Junior



Jordun - Sophomore



Jacob - Freshman

When asked what the expectations were for this year's team, Coach Byrd stated, "Once again winning district for the 19th straight year. I expect my players to continue a great tradition at Clark of loyalty and pride in their school and tennis team. I expect them to realize that being on the Clark tennis team is an honor and privilege and that they are representing something bigger than their individual accomplishments." Good luck Cougars, and here's to number 19!

Along with the Varsity players, we would also like to mention the JV players as well. They, too, work extremely hard and deserve to be recognized. First, returning to the tennis scene is Coach "C". Welcome back, and it's great to have you with us again! Now for the players; on the boys' side, we have Austin Bates, Ben Deschner, Mitchel Fitzsimmons, Estefan Garcia, Alex Goodwin, Jake Harle, Kyle Kloza, Mitchell Newberger, Chuck Ramos, Jacob Ratner, Richie Tan and Connor Young. Our girls include Amber Call, Cayce Carle, Erin Edwards, Angelica Gray, Morgan Hoffman, Sarah Kazan, Elizabeth Quintanilla and Audry Valia.

May the Clark Tennis teams experience successful winning seasons, and may they keep the tradition of District Champions alive!

Back in Black and in the Pool

The Clark Aquatics team is back in action with 27 returning swimmers, three new divers and 21 new freshmen and sophomores for a total of 51 hitting the water at the Farris Natatorium either first or eighth periods.



Clark's Aquatic team members and captains for 2009-2010 include:

11 Seniors: **Team Captain Boys, Luke Harle**
Jim Helm
Izabella Maciakiewicz
Amber Martinez
Team Captain Girls, Mariana Medina
Team Captain Girls, Chelsea Miller
Team Captain Boys, Andrew Sanchez
Brian Sanchez
Team Captain Boys, Kyle Spencer
Katy Valentine
Team Captain Girls, Andrea Wallace

9 Juniors: Marina Gonzales Jeslene Renteria
Victoria Guterrez Jessica Rourke
Jeremy Kustoff Emily Socks (Diver)
Melanie Macha Andrew Ulcak
Derek Poirier

14 Sophomores: Chloe Burchell Brad Ogden
Miguel Carcamo Ryan Pressey
Derek Dillard Andreas Sanchez
Evan Dionne Darren Sanchez
Josh Dryer Chris Sanders
Candice Helm Adriana Vargus
German Martinez Nicole Whitmore (Diver)

17 Freshmen: Steven Altamaier
 Tyler Covington
 Coral Crouch
 Daniel Fink
 Josh Fyda (Diver)
 Chase Gonsalves
 Sydney Harris
 Taylor Howard
 Joseph Jaime

Wesley Norket
 Daniel Panchevre
 Juan Ramos
 Gabe Reichman
 Jesse Renteria
 Kati Schiebel
 Stefan Schluter
 Avery Stockstiel



Coach Anthony Plummer addressed the parents at a swim meeting in the Clark Cafeteria on August 29th, telling them how excited he was about the high caliber of students who were a part of the aquatics team. "Swimmers tend to be the cream of the crop on the Clark campus. They are leaders both academically and in school activities and organizations. They are good kids who come from involved families, which can be seen by the number of swim parents that volunteer at the swim meets and who get involved with the various swim committees." He then introduced swim mom, Susan Ogden, who in turn introduced the various swim committees and their roles and responsibilities.

The swim season runs from August to February, with the water polo season beginning in March and ending in April. That's a lot of time in the pool! Check out the swim season schedule, and make plans to come and support the fightin' Cougar Aquatics team.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sept 26	NISD Pentathlon	1604 pool	9:00 am
Oct 10	Class Meet	TBA	TBA
Oct 17*	<u>Dual Meet</u> : Alamo Hts.	Davis	8:30 am
Oct 31*	<u>Dual Meet</u> : Reagan	1604 pool	1:00 pm
Nov 14*	<u>Dual Meet</u> : NB Canyon	1604 pool	4:00 pm
Nov 20/21	South Zone TISCA (Qualifiers only)	Davis	8:30 am prelims 5:00 pm finals
Dec 5	County Invitational (those not qual'g for SZ TISCA)	TBA	TBA
Jan 9*	City Invitational	TBA	TBA
Jan 30*	DISTRICT CHAMPS	1604 pool	TBA
Feb 12/13	REGIONAL CHAMPS	Davis	TBA
Feb 26/27	STATE CHAMPS	UT Austin	TBA

* Diving @ Davis, Friday night before meet.

NOTE: Check the website aaaa-sa.org for updates and changes throughout the season.

CLARK BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT REPS

With the 2009-10 school year underway and our athletic teams off to a great start, I have to begin by thanking the many dedicated and excited parents that have stepped up to be the Spirit Representative for their child's sport. They are as follows:

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 and 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 - ???? still looking; any suggestions are appreciated

These Clark parents serve as liaisons between the parents and the Booster Club, and also encourage parents to join the Booster Club. They help to organize activities that provide team support and to organize volunteers for spirit sales, concessions and the AT&T golf tournament. **But they can't do it without YOU!**

Please contact your Spirit Rep with your contact info. If you need help with this, feel free to email your contact info to me (pattiguido@sbcglobal.net), and it will be my pleasure to pass it along to your Spirit Rep. Be sure to include your child's name and sport.

The Clark Athletic Booster Club is envied throughout the city because of parents like you!!!

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