



Boosters meetings will be held monthly at 7pm on Zoom - get the meeting ID and passcode on the Meetings Tab @ ConantBoosters.com



August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 6
May 11

We support the students, staff and community! Join us, join the fun!

Your February 2021 Boosters Newsletter

Conant Athletics needs 1,000 subscribers on its YouTube channel to be able to live stream from a mobile device. If they can get 1,000 subscribers we'll all have the ability to see more sports being played at Conant right from home. [Click here](#), and hit the subscribe button. Thanks!



Yearly the Boosters Support:

- Freshman night
- Event hospitality
- Cougars in Need
- Scholarships
- Post Prom
- Mini grants for athletics/activities/academics

Boosters Projects Include:

- Raising \$ for new marquee
- Spirit windscreens for stadium
- Recycling bins for school-wide program
- New sports banners in the gym
- 635 gallon fish tank for the media center

President's Letter

Hello Conant Community,

Wow! 2021 is already cruising along and we're down to our final three Boosters meetings. If you're interested in hearing about plans for the 2021 senior class, make it a point to attend our final meetings so you can be in the know!

2020-2021 Parent Volunteer Board

Elizabeth Paveza
President

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Vice President

We are also looking to fill several positions on next year's board and committees, so if you're interested in getting involved please reach out to me at epaveza@ameritech.net.

The school administration would love it if our parents would take the [5 Essentials Survey](#). It takes about 10 minutes and greatly affects school climate initiatives and school ranking.

Read below for info on senior scholarships and a spotlight on the Charrelles and Cheer teams. Best wishes to the athletes getting to compete after all!

Thanks,

Elizabeth Paveza
Conant Boosters President



Attention Senior Parents - Scholarship Applications Are Open!

The Conant Boosters is awarding \$20,000 in college scholarships for 18 deserving Conant seniors.

- 1 Joseph Schlender Scholarship for \$1,500
- 1 Timothy Cannon Scholarship for \$1,500
- 2 Conant Cougar Boosters Scholarships for \$1,500
- 14 \$1,000 general fund scholarships

The link to the online Google Form application, as well as the list of questions to prepare before your student goes into the Google Form, are available on the [Conant Boosters](#) website, on the Scholarship tab.

The Scholarship Application is due no later than Friday, March 12!

For questions please contact our Scholarship Committee Chair, Kelly O'Hara: 224-345-1586 or oharak1@comcast.net.

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The Online Spirit Store is Always Open!

Remember to order your Conant spirit wear through the online **Spirit Store**. It's open 24/7!

You can find Conant Cougar facemasks and Cougar Crazyes 2020-21 shirts online while supplies last. We also have a wide variety of sweats, t-shirts, hats, blankets, car magnets, yard signs and MORE!



The Career Services Department Needs YOU!

Calling all parents! The Career Services Department is looking for creative ways to share your occupations with students during this strange time in our history. With career treks and career fairs off the table at this time, this department is looking for interesting and effective ways to share a wide variety of careers with our students.

If your company would be interested in hosting a virtual tour of your office and do a Q&A with students via Zoom the CSD would love to hear from you! OR if you have an idea that might make virtual career exploration spark an interest with our students please reach out.

Contact Kristen Fitzgerald- kfitzgerald@d211.org
Conant Career Advisor

Your Amazon Purchases Can = \$ for Conant Boosters!

Every time you shop at Amazon you can select a charity to get .05% of your purchase total.

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and select "Conants Cougar Booster Club Inc." as your charity. We received more than \$250 during the last school year - let's bring in more this year!

Spotlight on the Cheer and Charrelles Teams



The IHSA recently gave the green light for *some* winter sports to resume and compete! Two Conant teams eagerly prepping for competition later this month are the Charrelles and Co-ed Cheer! However, competition season looks a lot different this year.

"This year competitive cheerleading cannot have contact, which means no stunts, coed skills, baskets, or pyramids, and athletes must be 6ft apart, and cannot share props during the routine. We definitely have to be more creative with this new format and think outside the box. Additionally, all invites are virtual and only our MSL Conference competition will be held in person," reports Cheer Varsity coach Amanda Schweinebraten.

The Charrelles have similar COVID-19 requirements for their dance routine. Coach Jennifer Crassweller says other huge differences this year were significant, not only for skills but also emotional connections.

"One of the biggest differences in the 2021 CHS Charrelles competition season compared to seasons past is the lack of team technique classes & team bonding activities. We've always felt that these things are the most important to the Charrelles program & help us be a strong, united, elite team."

Both teams will also be submitting video recordings for most of their competitions rather than being able to perform live. The mask requirement also eliminates facial expressions as part of either of their routines. The cheer team is also not allowed to *cheer*.

"Our biggest challenge is showing off our team's passion, energy, and endurance through a video format versus being live. Athletes cannot show off presence or expressions with masks, so we have to work even harder to show off our skills while making it look effortless and larger than life on video," says Schweinebraten.

Both teams' coaches are extremely happy their sports get a state series, when most other winter sports will not. They're especially happy the eight seniors on each team will have this final opportunity to compete in a high school sport they love. Both coaches say their athletes have endured and pushed through these unprecedented times with a strong work ethic.

"I'm inspired by our dancers every day! Their positive attitudes, willingness to participate & dedication is amazing," exclaims Crassweller!

With competition right around the corner, these teams are ready to not only perform, but shine!

"Conant Cheerleading has qualified for the IHSA State Series for 15 consecutive years (every year competitive cheerleading has been an IHSA sport) and we are hoping to add a 16th year to the 2021 season," declares Schweinebraten.

Good luck to both teams at the JV and Varsity levels! Go Cougars!



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