



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 January 2021 Boosters Newsletter

We welcome all parents and staff to join our monthly meetings. Be sure to check us out during one of our final meetings of 2020-2021 school year. We keep it short and it's great to get information directly from Conant administration.

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,

We are already almost through January! We have four meetings left this school year and we'd love to have any newcomers stop by - either via Zoom, or in person if we are able to meet at the school soon. We'll always announce where our next meeting is via email and on the Conant Boosters website on the Meetings tab. Our next meeting is February 9.

Read below for information on senior scholarships, spirit wear and the school's chess team!

Thanks,

Elizabeth Paveza
Conant Boosters President

2020-2021 Parent Volunteer Board

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Attention Senior Parents - Scholarship Applications Are Open!

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

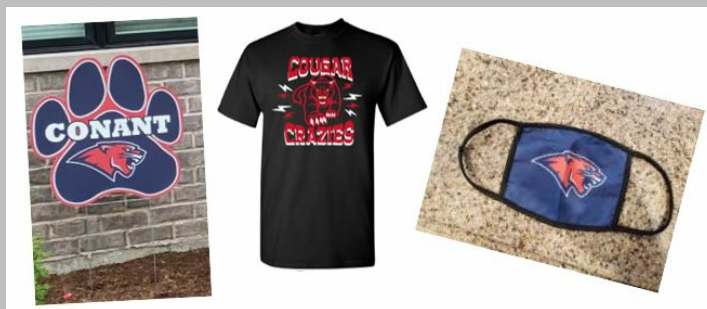
- 1 Joseph Schlender Scholarship for \$1,500
- 1 Timothy Cannon Scholarship for \$1,500
- 2 Conant Cougar Boosters Scholarships for \$1,500
- 14 \$1,000 general fund scholarships

The link to the online Google Form application as well as the list of questions to prepare before going 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!

We are also looking for a couple more volunteer readers among our parent and faculty population. There are no meetings to attend and you can read and rank the applications from the comfort of your home in March. It's a 5-10 hour commitment.

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



The Online Spirit Store is Always Open!

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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 Crazy's 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! Get your SENIOR 2021 yard sign now.



**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!



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

Spotlight on the Chess Club



Conant Chess Team after a win last year.

The Conant Chess Team is getting ready for a big tournament in February, COVID-style of course. Staff sponsor, Samantha Serrano, says they've consistently had 12 players meet virtually twice a week this school year to get ready.

"We have a state meet on February 12th and 13th that needs to be conducted in the building with my/Dave Jonen's supervision. Our top eight boards will be competing in a virtual setting."

The team is coming off winning the Glenbard East Turkey Tournament two years in a row. Five of the top eight boards are seniors.

"We had a very good team last year that used their momentum to keep us running this year. We have very good players that want the opportunity to compete. This would have been the best chess team that represents Conant in person and with so many seniors graduating, we will be in a rebuilding phase again next year. They had been waiting for this year for four years, knowing we had the potential to be a top 5 team in the state."

Luckily COVID hasn't totally taken away the opportunity to compete, even if it is altered to adhere to social distancing standards.

"Students log into Zoom and log into LiChess.org. When we compete against other schools both teams meet in a Zoom session and go to breakout rooms where they are silent, but challenge each other through the LiChess platform. The sponsors have the ability to view all of their games at once. When they are done with their games, the sponsors record their official score and the kids return to the breakout rooms to discuss their games and or go to the team breakout room to chat about games that are remaining."

We wish the entire team the best of luck next month at state! Go Cougars!

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