



July 29, 2019

Dear Patrons:

Attached hereto is the 2019-2020 Brookhaven Academy Booster Club Membership Form. Please review the form and take note of changes that have been made to the packages. It is with much time, effort and consideration of all factors involved that the changes have evolved. The specific changes include the following:

1. THE FALL SPORTS PROGRAM ADVERTISING HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES. All proceeds from program book advertising will continue to go to the Booster Club but in order to streamline advertising and to lessen confusion with payments and placement of ads, the ads will be handled entirely through Brian Emory and the Development Office. There is a separate form for advertising (SEE ATTACHMENTS) and will not have any effect on membership.

2. WE ARE OFFERING BRAND NEW RESERVED SEATING IN FOOTBALL. The Reserved Section will be in the same place as it has been in the past, however, the seat backs have been removed and replaced with aluminum seating with back rests. There will be NO ASSIGNED NUMBERS for FOOTBALL or BASEBALL. The seating will be in a Reserved Section for Football and Baseball. Football seating will be monitored at the entrance to the reserved section before HIGH SCHOOL GAMES. BASEBALL will not be monitored and the "honor system" will be in place. The reserved section will be clearly marked on the home side of the baseball stands and it will be first come, first served.

3. RESERVED PARKING WILL NO LONGER BE RESERVED BY NUMBER. Many of you are aware of our ongoing efforts to improve campus facilities. One of our upgrades is a complete re-paving of parking on campus. This project has been in the works for months and is near completion. **However, there is a risk of paving not being complete before the first regularly scheduled home football game on August 30.** This is due to many factors including but not limited to weather and other issues like drainage, pipe work, dirt work and fencing. As I am sure you are aware, this project is very costly and has taken quite a while to bring to fruition. All of that said, we will soon have brand new paved parking, including adequate handicap spaces for football and basketball. The new parking layout will have an increased number of reserved booster parking spaces as well. Due to the complication involved in assigning numbers, the added expense of individual numbering of spaces, the lack of manpower involved in "policing" the reserved parking at games and making all of the packages work in tandem with one another, we will NOT assign individual reserved parking spaces. WE WILL have a parking attendant at HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES to monitor the reserved section. The reserved section is available only for those who have purchased a paid space with their BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP. Jr High Football and all basketball reserved

parking will be on an “honor system”. There will be a sign that clearly marks the reserved sections for Jr. High football and all basketball, however, there will **NOT** be a parking monitor for either.

4. WE WILL NOT ISSUE CARD passes this year. As with the other changes, this is in an effort to simplify the process of coordinating all the aspects of packages. Colored arm bands will be provided that are coordinated to the package purchased. This will serve as your admission pass at games, for seating and parking, according to the package purchased. It is essential that you wear your arm band to games.

5. ALA-CARTE SEATING OR PARKING WILL NOT BE OFFERED. There are three levels of booster club membership available. There should be a package suitable for your needs. One of the major factors affecting this change is the amount of time required to collaborate and coordinate all the different choices in each package. The volunteer manpower necessary to administer this is not sufficient.

Many of the changes to the campus and facilities cost substantial amounts of money. The Booster Club is committed to making improvements to our athletic programs and athletic facilities. We provide a tremendous amount of financial support to BA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. A fine example of Brookhaven Academy BOOSTER funds at work is in our brand new trophy cases located in the John R. Gray Gymnasium foyer. The trophy cases were paid for entirely with BOOSTER Club funds. Brookhaven Academy Booster Club has worked diligently to accommodate the wishes of all its patrons for the past five plus years. We have reached the place that we need to simplify the process for the dedicated Booster Club volunteers who work countless hours to bring all of this to you. There are many things that go into the work behind the scenes in the Booster Club. It is a pleasure to serve our student athletes as a parent, patron, alumni, board member, financial supporter and Cougar FAN.

I thank each of you for the sacrifice that you make for BROOKHAVEN ACADEMY. I could not be prouder of the progress we have made in Booster Club over the past five years. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in the Booster Club, please feel free to contact me. “COUGAR BLUE NEVER LEAVES YOU!”

Sincerely,

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