PMHS Unified Booster Club

Monday, November 11, 2024

- The November meeting of the Portal Unified Booster Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dr. Blackmar. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance & a word of prayer.
- **Administrator Address - Dr. Julie Blackmar**
    - PBIS - Infographics were handed out among our members. Dr. Blackmar provided some background for context. Dr. Blackmar shared findings from our state visit 2 weeks ago. Visitors were astounded that our students could answer questions regarding PBIS. Of all of the students interviewed, only 1 could not identify an adult in the building they could turn to if they had a problem.
    - We are in the midst of "No Miss November." We are using incentives to encourage attendance and timeliness. After week 1, 10 names were drawn & prizes were awarded to those students. We will do this each week in November. Look for details coming - 12 Days of December is next! Eligible middle school students will have a celebration next month as well!
- **AD Address - Mr. Justin Chester**
    - We are in transition from fall to winter sports - Mr. Chester applauded our coaches for pushing through this unprecedented time of weather and the absence of an athletic trainer.
    - All of our fall teams fought hard through the end of their seasons. We are especially proud of our boys & girls cross country teams for sweeping the region.
    - Our track is complete - we have had a few PE classes enjoying the training space.
- October Minutes & Treasurer's Report were approved as sent.
- **Coaches' Corner:**
    - **Varsity Baseball - Coach Brantley Spence & Travis Motes**
        - We have started our fall 4 on 1s and have had pretty consistent attendance, weather permitting. We are excited to add a fantastic group of freshmen to our roster. They will give us some much needed depth and experience. Not having a senior last year was a blessing and a curse. Not losing any talent or experience gives us hope that we will be able to compete at a high level given the successes and challenges we endured last year. We will have our Steak Dinner this year on Feb 4th. We will kick off practice on Jan. 27th and our season Monday Feb. 10th at Montgomery Co.
    - **Varsity/Middle School Girls' Basketball - Coach Cliff Hubbard**
        - Varsity - Looking forward to a good year, we brought a lot of talent back this season. Our first game is Saturday at Groves.
        - MS - We have a lot of new-to-basketball players this season, and we got off to a late start, so we are teaching a lot in a short amount of time. We have a few players returning from last year, and they have been a great help to our new girls.
    - **Cheer - Coach Ashley NeSmith**
        - Football cheer: Great season! We ended the with our biggest fundraiser yet! Kids camp had 112 elementary girls participating throughout the week and many came Friday to cheer on the field for our last home football game.

        - Basketball cheer is just getting started but we are excited for another fun season.
    - **Varsity Cross Country - Coach Shannon Davis**
        - Awesome group of kids who had a very successful season with both boys and girls winning region for 3A DII. On the girls' side, Savannah Arnett was #1 in region & at sectionals. Competing at the state championship meet was an experience those kids will not likely forget. They ran hard and we are extremely proud of them.
    - **Varsity & Middle School Football - Coach McEachin**
        - Just finished our season this past Friday. Each level of our program experienced success at some point. Our region meeting is coming up soon to vote on All-Region players. We had a final meeting today & began taking up equipment. Many thanks to Chase Smith for being our only senior to have played all 4 years - he saw 0-10 and a region championship! He has been an incredible captain.
    - **Varsity & Middle School Softball - Coach Motes**
        - Our 2024 softball season has ended. We had a good season with a very young team. We did not make the playoffs this year. Only 8 teams from each division that make it to Columbus. We had 3 of our 4 teams that made the playoffs reach Columbus this year. So 3 of the 8 teams were from our region. ECI won state. That is a huge accomplishment for our region. Our girls are eager to get back at it. They have high expectations for next year and one of our goals is to make it to Columbus.
    - **Soccer - Coaches Deena Scarborough & Ashley NeSmith**
        - We will hold an interest meeting next week & begin our 4 on 1 conditioning after that. Girls are defending region champs & our boys had a strong season, too. Maggie Brannen has verbally committed to GMS, so we have a lot of exciting things surrounding our program.
        - Middle school soccer will begin in December. We will hold an interest meeting after Thanksgiving and begin with conditioning. Our first game is scheduled for **Feb 4th.**
    - **Flag Football - Coach Huey Williams**
        - Flag football is away tonight at a game in Claxton. Their current record is 5-4 overall, and 1-1 in area, putting them 4th prior to today's games.
- **Old Business**
    - Track & Field State Championship Rings - Several Booster Club members & other community members expressed interest in donating to this fund. If you would like to support this cause, please contact Ashley B. Thompson (abthompson@bullochschools.org) or Mr. Chester (jchester@bullochschools.org).
- **New Business**
    - **Allocations** - Thanks to the generosity of our faithful member as well as new members, we are able to award $1675 to each of the 14 programs we support totaling $23,450. This is $425 more per sport than we were able to allocate last year! We were also able to give $1000 to the boys' and girls' cross country teams tonight for their state meet attendance. The Booster Club and Portal Middle High School express our heartfelt gratitude for the support of our club and our student athletes.
- The November meeting of the PMHS Unified Booster Club was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 13, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. in the PMHS Media

Center.