



August 12, 2009

Dear CDS Family Members,

The summer is quickly coming to a close and a new school year is upon us. The 2008-2009 school year is also gone and we can look back and appreciate the fact that we had another successful year for athletics with many individual and team accomplishments. Men's swimming won the 3A State Championship, Men's and Women's soccer both won MAC Championships. In addition, several students received athletic scholarships to college: David Batson-King College in basketball, Ethan Rowan-St. Bonaventure in swimming, Katie Weigel-Coastal Carolina in soccer. Katy Foltz-Wheaton College and John Kempf-Gardner Webb will be competing in college as well. One fact remains true and provides great pride; our student athletes continue to shine and glorify God with their talents and their actions on the field of play. CDS competed for the first time at the 3A level for independent schools in North Carolina and in the MAC conference. All athletic teams competed well in the MAC conference and in the NCISAA State Tournaments.

Last year I wrote that CDS would be competing at the 3A level for the first time and further that this would require our athletic programs to take a step up. In order to make this "step up" it requires more participation and commitment from our families, parents and students. I commend each of you for your participation last year and your contributions of time, talent and treasure to support our student athletes. Without your support, our school and our kids could not have achieved so much! In spite of a difficult economy we were able to maintain a net even income for the Booster Club this past year. As a Booster Club we were able to economize and keep expenses low and make smart choices in purchasing our membership items, apparel and concessions.

I know that this economy has created challenges for families in many ways. I would like to encourage you to consider joining and supporting our membership and our athletes and athletic programs this school year. The mission of the Booster Club is to provide incremental financial support to the CDS Athletic program, as well as oversee the ancillary non-athletic operations of our Athletic program, in an effort to build a competitive, strong and Christ-Centered athletic environment for our children. Your participation is fundamental to their success. Not just for now, but for the future. Whether your child is in elementary, middle or high school, your continued participation and contributions will help to build a successful athletic program for this year and beyond.

Financial Stewardship and Investments:

In 2008-2009 we raised over \$99,938 and invested \$74,293 into the athletic program, leaving the rest in reserves.

Some of the key projects that your participation in the Booster Club helped to make a reality this past year are:

- New Gravel for Cross Country Trail at Warner Park
- Warner Park Field Improvements
- Weight Room Updates
- Girls' Softball Equipment
- Summer workouts for the HS Baseball team
- Updates to the Concession stand at Warner Park

We also supported Athletes at the State Tournaments and continue to provide incremental funding to our sports teams for special requests or needs.

As I wrote last year, for our athletic programs at CDS to continue to flourish and grow toward the future, the Booster Club must provide the support and funding that augments the Athletic budget, which comes directly from tuition. Without this additional funding, tuition would be pressed to pay for the kind of athletic program that we have now or aspire to have in the future.

The new school year brings new challenges and opportunities. The Booster Club will continue to make enhancements and support our student athletes. This year will be different than in the past, however. In the past, each year the Booster Club would prioritize projects through input from the athletic director and coaches. This past year the Booster Club committed \$200,000 in support of development of new athletic fields at CDS. This "seed money" has been committed contingent upon a successful agreement to gain access to new land adjacent to the school. The Booster Club committed \$80,000 (which we currently maintain in our Booster account) and \$40,000 each year for the next three years. The \$40,000 is the typical amount of net income after expenses that the Booster Club is able to generate at our current membership level and includes profit from concessions, gate and profit from the annual golf tournament. If CDS is unsuccessful in obtaining further land for development, we will re-evaluate and continue to work closely with the athletic director and coaches to determine where support is needed the most. I encourage you to consider how you can contribute and participate with the CDS Booster Club this year! We need your help!

The 2009-2010 school year brings some new names and faces to the CDS Booster Club board. Starting with the '09-'10 school year the board members are as follows:
President: John Stewart; Treasurer: Kelley Turner; Membership: Larry Englert and Carol Smith; Apparel: Cheryl Mara; Special Events: Linda Glass; Concessions/Gate: Mark Fisher; Secretary: Jan Porter

Booster Club Memberships:

Attached is a membership form that displays the different levels of membership and a CDS Branded item gift and free concession dollars. In recognition of the economic environment that currently exists, the Booster Club will offer two levels this year, Red Level \$75 and Blue Level \$250. You can also join with a higher level of giving if you feel led. We are also allowing for the option to buy a membership for some other family if you wish. To join the Booster Club this year, please complete the attached form and return it to one of the school offices. Shortly afterwards you will be sent your membership package including a membership card for each family member. The membership cards need to be presented at the gate for free admission, so we are providing one for each family member.

Thank you for your support of the CDS Athletic Program and we look forward to another successful year. Please feel free to contact any board member to provide feedback or if you have any questions or suggestions for the Booster Club.

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2009-2010 CDS Booster Club Membership Form

Membership Levels:

*** All membership levels include free admission to regular homes games, CDS Booster Club car window sticker and Key Chain Tag for each family member.*

Blue Level _____ **\$75 per family**

Red Level _____ **\$250 per family**

Red Level membership also includes a CDS branded gift and free admission to Conference Tournament Games and State Playoff Games.

I would like to “gift” a membership to a family at the Blue Level _____ \$75 Red Level _____ \$250

* Please make check payable to **CDS Booster Club**

* Mail Membership Form/check to CDS Attn: Booster Club or drop off at the Main or High School Office.

Family Information:

Family Last Name _____

Parent #1 Name _____

Parent #2 Name _____

Child #1 Name _____ Grade _____

Child #2 Name _____ Grade _____

Child #3 Name _____ Grade _____

Child #4 Name _____ Grade _____

Preferred Email Address:
