

# Athens Athletic Booster News

March 2016

## SPRING UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

March is a key month for our members. It's time to take care of those last details to qualify your student athlete for scholarships and grants. Have you accumulated eight points by volunteering at the concession stand? If not, this is the month to step behind the counter and it couldn't come at a better time. While many members realize the concession stand needs people during the fall, typically the spring season finds us scrambling to cover all the shifts.

In addition to eight volunteer hours, parents must attend a meeting in the first and **second** semester. The meeting on March 7 is the last one before applications are due. March 31 is the last day to accumulate points. Applications are due April 1, 2016.



### *It Takes a Team! Get involved.*

Sign-up at: <http://athensathleticboosters.org/sign-up>



The boosters' goal is to support athletics at Athens, so every year, money is allocated for each sporting activity. In addition, there are funds set aside to support enhancements to the athletic program. A coach only needs to download a request form from the boosters' site, complete it and submit it to Mr. Dowd. The web site also lists the guidelines for approved expenditures. The budget planning begins in August and that is the best month to request additional funds. Fortunately, more coaches are stepping forward to request funds, don't be left out, put in your request now!

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### Meeting Dates

>March 7

>April 11

>May 2

Held in the TACC  
@ 7 pm

### Find us online:

<http://athensathleticboosters.com>



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## COACH'S CORNER



*In this issue, we spoke with the boys' varsity lacrosse coach Justin Suarez.*

### >What are you looking forward to this season?

*The boys have put in a lot of practice since last season, and I'm looking forward to continue working with them. I love the first day of spring practice, always bursting at the seams with enthusiasm and optimism!*

### >Are there key players that we should watch for?

*Junior attackman and two time all-state selection, Jake Lining should be in line for another great season. Defensemen Nick Hayden, Mitchell Gorski, and midfielder Elliot Gorski will be back for their third year on varsity. Defenseman A.J. Shaw and goalie Max Cavallier will be back building on last year's great season.*

### >What is your feeling about the competition?

*Our league, the OAA, is always tough, with perennial top 20 teams Birmingham, Clarkston, Troy, and Bloomfield. Haslett-Williamston, DeLaSalle, and Northville are all very good programs as well.*

### >Do lacrosse skills transfer well into well into other sports?

*Most of our team plays more than one sport. Lacrosse skills align well with football, soccer, basketball, and hockey – all use teamwork, field/ice awareness, understand angles and leverage, and develop fine motor skills.*