

Booster Blast

Maury High School Boosters Association

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Welcome To Maury Boosters!

Maury High School Boosters Association is the fundraising and grant-making arm of Maury High School. It is run by and supported by parent volunteers. If you are a parent, community partner or supporter of our school in any way, you are a member of Maury Boosters! We ask for no dues, just your support.

We will send our email newsletter the "Booster Blast" to you periodically throughout the school year to keep you updated on our fundraising efforts, as well as how we give those funds back to our school. We also will include information about events and volunteer opportunities, and we'll let you know who is benefitting from those efforts.

The boosters sponsor two primary fundraisers each year.

- The Fruit Sale, which runs from November to April. Much of those profits go directly back to the student groups who work at the sales. Last year we netted \$6,875 and gave \$6,000 in work stipends to the many student clubs and teams that helped. Go to our website at www.mauryboosters.org next week to find out more.
- A Silent and Live Auction in the spring. The proceeds from that event provide most of our grant money. Last year we raised more than \$28,000! Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's auction, which is Saturday, April 20 at Norfolk Yacht Club. More information also can be found on our website.

During the 2011-12 school year, Maury Boosters raised nearly \$35,000. We used most of that money to make a wide variety of grants to academic departments, teams, clubs and other school organizations. Some of the grants included: trophies for the athletic department, printing costs for the school newspaper, fees for the WebAssign online homework and grading program used by some of the AP classes to help our students improve their AP test scores, electronic balances for the biology department, archival preservation materials for the Media Center, district chorus fees, and funds for the High-Five Club for students with disabilities. The funds allowed the club to purchase equipment for a student-staffed coffee station for teachers. These are just a few of the grants and academic stipends the Maury Boosters gave out last year. Many of these requests would have gone unfulfilled without our support. We also like to show our support for our outstanding teachers and staff with breakfasts at the beginning and end of the school year and special treats on holidays.



Join Our Auction Committee Team

The Maury Auction Committee will meet for the first time this school year at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11**, at the home of Ann Golski in West Ghent. **This meeting is for anyone interested in working on the auction.** We have small jobs and large jobs and we really hope to see you there! Email Ann Golski at amgolski@cox.net if you are interested in coming.

Please Support Our Fruit Sales

Our annual fruit sales begin next month. In November we will be selling pink grapefruit for \$18 for a half box and \$28 for a whole box; naval oranges for \$18 for a half box and \$30 for a whole box; and tangerines for \$12 for a half box. **The deadline for placing orders is Nov. 5. The fruit will be ready for pickup Nov. 16** at the school. You can place your orders by calling 628-3349 and leaving a message, or going to our website at www.mauryboosters.org. More details will be available next week on our website. We also will need volunteers to help on our pickup days. Contact Denise Bashara at b3bashara@aol.com or Mary Ruth Nottingham at maryruthn@aol.com to volunteer.



Help Us Show Our Support For Our Teachers & Staff

The boosters love letting our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them! We hosted a breakfast for them at the start of the school year and will hold another in May. We also plan to provide treats for them at Halloween, the winter holidays, and Valentine's Day. If you would like to help, please contact Amber Pickrell at pickrell13@cox.net.