



7th Annual Gridiron Fest

Saturday **June 18th**, 2011 from 3-11 pm at Lynch's (Hwy 100 & Lincoln)

Supporting Nathan Hale Football in West Allis

Dear Local Business Owners,

Yes, this is a request for assistance. Please take the time to read our mission and accomplishments before you make a decision on this request. We are confident that your generosity will be a great investment for the community, and you will be recognized in our Game Day Programs offered at all of our home football games.

The Huskies Gridiron Club was formed 7 years ago by parents of the Nathan Hale Football team in order to provide the necessary support to maintain a quality football program at our school. Our mission is to provide the tools that are outside the school district's financial responsibility necessary to win Championships, boost school pride, and involve as many student-athletes as possible in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

Team sports provide an opportunity to learn valuable life lessons such as the rewards of hard work, leadership, teamwork, and a sense of achievement and success outside of the classroom. Studies have shown that children involved in team sports have higher performance in their academic endeavors and are more productive away from school due to their added commitment to coaches and teammates as well as the structure and discipline of the sport.

Football is unique in that there are 11 players on the field on each and every play with a job to do and an individual battle to win. The team that has the most players on each play win their battle will come out on top. By a large margin, more student-athletes participate in football than any of the other sports offered at Nathan Hale. Because of the nature of the physical contact there is a greater need for costly equipment. Therefore, football simply costs the most to operate.

Therefore, as school budgets are strained we want to avoid limiting the opportunities for kids to play. Each season the Huskies Gridiron Club has provided a Football Family Picnic, Color Game Day Programs, a Pasta Dinner for Players, and Football Banquet Activities to name a few. In addition, the Club has funded valuable donations to the NHHS football program such as Officials and Transportation for Freshman Level "B" games, Coaching Headphones, Flags and Goal Post Covers for Stadium Decoration, Portable and Stationary Hydration Systems for Practice and Game use, Telescoping End Zone Video System with Digital Video Editing Software and Coach's Laptop Computer, and facilitated the creation of a successful Helmet Donation Program.

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We understand that virtually no business has been spared from this difficult economic climate. However, with the background provided above we respectfully request your consideration for contributing to the success of our Club's **primary** fundraising event by choosing one or more of the following:

- Make a Cash Donation
- Donate an Item or Items for the Silent Auction
- Volunteer Time at the Fest
- Attend Gridiron Fest

The fest will offer food and beverages along with a variety of raffles, a silent auction, music, and a lot of FUN and Camaraderie! There is no entrance fee and everyone is invited. You must, however, be 21 years of age or older to attend.

The Club, Coaches & Players greatly appreciate your support. Coach Hegarty and his staff will lead the Huskies into his second season with experienced players at several positions along with a return to an exciting "option-oriented" offensive football scheme.

Those individuals/firms who make donations will be acknowledged in the Gridiron Football programs that are handed out at each of the home games. ALL funds collected will go directly and exclusively to the activities outlined above. We are an ALL-Volunteer, not-for-profit organization.

If you would like to make a donation, volunteer at the event, or would like additional information please use the donation form enclosed or contact our donation coordinator:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Williamson, President

The Huskies Gridiron Club Appreciates Your Support!