

ETHS Booster Club

“Raising money and raising spirit!”

Mission: The purpose of the ETHS Boosters is to encourage and promote a wide variety of extracurricular activities for all ETHS students.

What makes the ETHS Booster Club unique?

1. Boosters supports **ALL** extracurricular activities at ETHS
 - ✓ Athletics
 - ✓ Fine Arts, Theater and Music
 - ✓ Student Clubs, Activities and Student Government

** ETHS Boosters is the ONLY high school Booster Club in the Central Suburban League South (i.e. New Trier, Glenbrook South, Maine South, Niles West, Niles North) that supports music, fine arts, and after school clubs in addition to athletics.

2. ETHS Boosters is a 501(c), non-profit organization. The Boosters raise money through:

- Annual Benefit (Boosterpalooza)
- Concessions
- Spirit Wear sales
- Membership fees & donations

3. The Booster Board is made up solely of ETHS parent/guardian volunteers who devote hundreds of hours to Boosters -- operating Concessions, selling Spirit Wear merchandise, selling memberships and coordinating an annual event (Boosterpalooza).

4. Basic Family membership rate (\$50) is among the lowest in the Central Suburban League. Individual Booster membership rates begin at \$5.

Here's a sample of what Boosters funded in 2016-18

robot kits for Robotics Clubnew helmets for Girls Softball***cameras and mics for Filmmaker's Club***ETHS Speech & Debate travel expenses for nationals***soup kitchen supplies for Community Service Team***fabric and patterns for Sewing Club***3D printer kit for Youth Technology Corps***Amazon Fire Tablet for Girls Who Code***guests artists for Jazz Fest***goalie equipment for Girls Field Hockey***lighting kits for the ETHS Film Club***studio time & engineering costs for Hip Hop/Poetry Club***new molds and glazes for Ceramics Club***sled weight system for Girls Cross Country***Mock Trial state championship expenses***competition T-shirts for SHPE Jr. (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers***consoles and games for All About Games Club***generator & sound system for ETHS Marching Band***underwater camera system for Swimming/Diving/Water Polo***button maker for Dreamers Club***portable PA systems for Pomkits***sandwich supplies for Anti-Hunger Club***giant poms for Willie the Wildkit***37 Spaulding basketballs for Special Olympics***banner and signage for SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism)***outfield fence for lacrosse and baseball fields***books for Books R Us Club***a composting trial for ETHS Green Team***musical rights for ETHS Football game music for Marching Band***Wrestling & Gymnastics mats***golf umbrellas for Girls Golf***practice jerseys for Girls Basketball***sound system for Lake Street tennis courts***Robotics Competition Field for NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers***new percussion set for the MusicDepartment***drumstands for Marching Band***ball racks, basketballs & jump ropes for Boys & Girls Basketball***ice cream social for all ETHS freshmen***warm weather gear for Cheerleading***ice makers (for injuries & rehab) in Aquatics wing***end-of-year breakfast for Wildkit Buddies***4th of July parade balloons***music speakers for Evanston Dance Company***school flags/poles/carriers for Military Interest Club***prom make-up & haircuts for GLAM and PromCutz***indoor/outdoor batting cage for Baseball***recovery supplies to help athletic trainers with student athlete rehab & injury recovery***yoga & meditation training for sports teams***tackling dummies, helmets & end zone camera for Football***Vertimax platforms (training system for jumping & explosive movements) for Volleyball & others***makeup & photo backdrop for Beauty Club***Lion Dance costume for Chinese Club***warm-ups for Wrestling team***digitally controlled lighting & strobe light for Theater***software for Hudl film breakdown for Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Football, Boys/Girls Soccer, Boys/Girls Volleyball***flags for ETHS Color Guard***Girls Basketball warm-ups***editor workshop for *The Evanstonian* school newspaper***dance workshop for Israeli Club***a scoring machine, blades & carrying cases for Fencing Club***punching bags for the Boxing Club***music stands for Choir***soccer balls for Girls Soccer***guest artist for Jazz clinic**

How do Booster Allocations work?

Annually, ETHS Boosters provides \$80,000 - \$100,000 in allocations to support requests from the various clubs, fine arts groups and athletic teams at ETHS. The Boosters support extracurricular activities at ETHS by raising money primarily through membership, donations, concessions and an annual benefit. These funds are then made available to Student Activities, Fine Arts and Athletics to benefit ETHS students and enhance the quality of their extracurricular experiences.

Requests for funds are solicited twice a year – in October (Fall Allocations) and March (Spring Allocations). All requests for funds are first submitted (by coaches, club sponsors and music/arts leadership) via an Allocation form to Department heads: to Nichole Boyd for Student Activities; to Nick Gehl for Fine Arts and to Chris Livatino for Athletics. The 2-3 person Booster Allocation Committee meets with department heads to learn of each department's funding priorities – allocation funds are limited, so not all requests can be approved. The Allocation Committee then brings their funding recommendations to the Booster Board for discussion and a vote.

The goals of the Booster Allocation Committee are to:

- 1) Be good stewards of the funds that have been contributed to and earned by the Boosters;
 - 2) Make the available funds benefit *as many students as possible*;
 - 3) Use funds to meet needs that have no other sources of funding;
 - 4) Enhance extracurricular experiences for as many ETHS students as possible.
- The request should directly benefit enrolled students.
 - The requested funds should be used the following academic year.
 - Boys' and girls' teams within the same sport are encouraged to share equipment that is purchased with Booster funds.
 - Funds are generally not used for travel, meals or accommodations. Special situations may be considered.
 - Uniforms are the responsibility of ETHS. However, Boosters funds may be requested for rain gear or other specialized garments.
 - If a request is over \$1,000, two bids are required from vendors.
 - A coach/club sponsor may combine funds from their Activity Account with a request for an allocation.

Boosters works hard to ensure that funding is divided equally among Student Activities, Fine Arts and Athletics (e.g. if \$45,000 is available for an Allocations cycle, each area receives as close to \$15,000 as possible).