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Save The Date!

Sports Boosters Meeting, August 29th, 7pm

Bringing the Sports Boosters' Year to a Close

Message From Our President

In the first newsletter of the year, I talked about CELEBRATING THE LEIGH ATHLETE all year long. Sports Boosters helped in this process in various ways. We re-established a trophy display case to show off awards earned by Leigh teams and athletes, both recently and over Leigh's history. Sports Boosters also established a stipend for each team to financially support the recognition of all seniors at the end of their final high school athletic season. We continued to financially support the Scholar Athlete program that recognizes athletes who maintain a 3.75 GPA during their sport's season. And Sports Boosters is highlighting many team and athlete accomplishments in our monthly newsletter, now wrapping up it's second year. Celebration of Leigh athletes is something we will continue to champion.

Sports Boosters could not have accomplished all that we did without the help of Leigh's Athletic Director, Mike Scialabba. Mike enhanced the Scholar Athlete program at Leigh, first with keepsake awards and this year by adding a lunch recognizing the scholar athletes every season. He started a @LeighAthletics twitter account and has populated it with all things Leigh sports. He recognized five athletes continuing their athletic careers in college at the first ever College Commitment Ceremony in Leigh's quad at lunchtime - where the athletes had the opportunity to address and thank their families, coaches, and teammates. Mike went above and beyond to celebrate the athletes and teams here at Leigh and we are grateful for all he has done in that regard. Thank you Mike!

Have a fantastic summer and we will look forward to kicking off a new year in August -

Leanne Johnson
President, Leigh Sports Boosters

Spring Sports - It's a Wrap

Four Leigh teams advanced their way through various playoffs and tournaments, continuing to compete

long after most high school athletes' seasons had ended. Leigh was the only school in the CUHSD that still had teams competing as of last week! But, all good things must come to an end, and the seasons all wrapped up over this past weekend.

Boy's Volleyball

The team earned two home games in the NorCal Playoffs last week. They kicked off against Berean Christian (Walnut Creek) on Tuesday and won 25-15, 25-12, 25-20. That win earned Leigh the first hosted NorCal Semifinal playoff game in Leigh's history. They played that game last Thursday night and beat Alhambra HS 25-17, 25-22, 25-23. That win earned the Longhorns a spot in the NorCal Division II Championship Game last Saturday at Dublin HS against Saratoga HS. The Leigh boys' ended up runners up, losing to Saratoga 25-20, 25-17, 25-17. The team ends up 2nd in Norcal Division II, 2nd in CCS Division II, and 1st in BVAL Mount Hamilton.



Congratulations on a fantastic season!

[Cal-Hi Sports video clip: Team Interview](#)

[Cal-Hi Sports video clip: CCS Championship Game highlights](#)



Softball

Leigh travelled to Fremont HS for their Division II Quarterfinal game against Mountain View. The team won that game 6-4 to move on to the SemiFinals against Mitty HS at PAL Stadium. The Longhorns got out to a quick start against Mitty, leading 2-1 at the end of the first inning. The tying run was on base in the top of the 7th for Leigh, but Mitty secured the final out and won the game by a score of 7-5. Leigh ends their season with a record of 17-7 and ranked 10th in CCS by Prep2Prep Sports (click [here](#) for more info).

Baseball

The team played against Monta Vista in the Division I Quarterfinals. Leigh won 10-3 in a game that was played under pretty steady rain. The win earned Leigh a spot in the Semifinals against Milpitas, held at San Jose Muni (home of the SJ Giants) last Thursday. The



Longhorns won that game with a score of 5-1, earning them a spot in the CCS Division I Championship Game against league rival Leland last Saturday, again at San Jose Muni. Leland secured the championship with a score of 8-2. The Leigh team ends up 2nd in CCS Division I, with a season record of 17-14.

[Cal-Hi Sports video clip: Leigh-Sequoia highlights](#)

[Article in Mercury News on Leigh-Milpitas game](#)

[Cal-Hi Sports video clip: CCS Championship game highlights](#)



Track and Field

Three Leigh athletes qualified for the CCS Finals that were held last Friday night. Cullen Williams finished 7th in the Discus, Sophia Le finished 5th in the Triple Jump (see photo), and sophomore Kyler Spindola finished 7th in the 800 M (pictured with Sophia and Coach

Evans).

Leigh Athletes in the News

Zach Hott, Greg Le, and Cullen Williams were selected to play in the Charlie Wedemeyer All Star Football Game which will be held at Levi's Stadium on Saturday, July 16, at 6:00 pm. Information on the event, along with a history of game that is now in its 42nd year, can be found [here](#).

Adina Greene was presented with the Grand Prize \$3,000 Lexus Volunteer Scholarship Award at the Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area Awards Banquet that was held on May 23rd at Levi's Stadium. Lexus of Stevens Creek awarded scholarships to Adina and four additional local students who not only excel in the classroom and in their sport, but also give back to the community. Congratulations Adina!

Senior **Dani Wheeler** joins **Meghan Maiwalk** (a 2008 Leigh grad) on the Deaf World Cup Soccer Team which will play in Italy at the end of June. You can follow the team [here](#).

Football Program Ad Sales Benefiting Sports Teams

Football Program Ad sales is one of Leigh Spirit Boosters largest fundraisers and they are inviting Leigh Sports Teams to get involved in selling ad space for the football programs. 70% of all ad sales secured by parents or athletes will go directly back to the Sports Teams! This is a great way to advertise your business while helping raise money for a sports team of your choosing.

Sponsors who purchase ads can get exposure in up to 3 football programs, 2 roster cards, and a basketball program. If you own a company and would like to advertise or know of a local company who would be interested in advertising their services in the Leigh football programs, please use the links below to purchase the ad. There is a space on the online form to note which Leigh sports team should get credit (the 70% back) for the ad sale!

- Click [HERE](#) to access the online order form (pay by Paypal or check)
- Click [HERE](#) to view a document describing the Sponsorship Levels
- Click [HERE](#) to view a list of sponsors who have already purchased ads

All ads are due to by August 1st. Please contact lhsfbprogram@leighhsc.org if you have questions.

New Coaches at Leigh



Todd Baldwin named Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Leigh High School has hired Todd Baldwin as the new Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Coach Baldwin moves up to take over the program after three seasons as the Frosh Soph Boys Basketball coach. In his three seasons leading the Frosh Soph program his teams compiled an overall record of 46-30. Highlighted by last season's team that finished 22-2 (14-0) to win the Blossom Valley Athletic League Mount Hamilton Division championship.

Coach Baldwin has over 10 years of High School Basketball coaching experience. He began his career at Valley Christian High School where he served as a Freshman Head Coach and Varsity Boys Assistant Coach for two seasons. He spent the next four seasons as the Frosh Boys Basketball coach at Los Gatos High School before joining the Leigh program.

Coach Baldwin currently works as the Director of Operations at Valley Christian Schools in San Jose. Coach Baldwin is also an accomplished public address announcer and serves as the official voice of Valley Christian Athletics.



Sami Alayoubi named Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Coach Sami Alayoubi is a 2005 graduate of Leigh High School. A 3 year Varsity player and Captain of the team, Coach Alayoubi helped his HS team reach #7 rank in state. Alayoubi would finish his Varsity career selected as the league Academic-Scholar Athlete before moving on to San Jose State University where he received his Bachelors of Science in Microbiology.

Coach Alayoubi spent his last two seasons at Prospect HS where the team most recently went 20-6 capturing the MHAL title. Before Prospect, Alayoubi coached one year of JV Girls at Branham HS and two years of JV Boys at Leigh. Alayoubi also has prior coaching experience at Union Middle School for 3 years as the Boys 8th grade coach. Coach Alayoubi's coaching experience also spans across a season spent as Video Coordinator for the Santa Clara University Women's Basketball (D1) program under current Texas A&M Coach Michelle-Bento Jackson.

A native of San Jose, California, Alayoubi currently resides with his wife Nikia (who coaches at Branham) and his newborn son Anton.

Did You Know?

There are several news outlets that cover Leigh High School sports, and some of the news is brought to you straight from Leigh students.

The **San Jose Mercury News** covers high school sports in their print edition every Thursday morning, with box scores from various games running all week. They also provide more high school sports information online through their High School Sports Blog. Click [here](#).

Leigh sports teams are also highlighted in the **Cambrian Resident**, one of the Mercury News' Community Newspapers. That print edition is delivered to Cambrian Park residents on Friday and is also available online [here](#).

Last, but in no way the least, **Prep2Prep Sports** provides online comprehensive high school sports coverage, written primarily by high school students. Photos on the site are also contributed by high school students. Leigh students are frequent contributors of both articles and photos. You can find Leigh's home page on Prep2Prep [here](#).

Second Annual Pasta Feed!

Great food and good fun was had at the Pasta Feed held the night before the Longhorn Stampede. A big thank you to Gina Ashe and her crew of dedicated volunteers who organized and ran such a wonderful event.



Summer Camps at Leigh

Summer camps are put on by Leigh coaches and athletes for elementary and middle school campers (including incoming Freshman).

Field Hockey	June 13-16. Click here for info.
Girls' Soccer	June 20-23. Click here for info.
Baseball	June 13-16. Click here for info.

Newsletter Archive

Read past newsletters here

<http://www.leigh.cuhsd.org/domain/426>

Leigh Fan Gear

Tshirts, hoodies, hats, beanies, stadium chairs, and more!! Longhorn Fan Gear is available at all home football games or can be ordered anytime using the form found at

[Leigh Merchandise order form](#)

Leigh is looking for girl golfers!

Leigh Sports Boosters Purpose

Please encourage your girls to consider joining the Leigh girl's golf team this Fall. No experience needed. Any questions contact Coach Jim Hohenshelt at jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com.

Sports Boosters Update

Leigh Sports Boosters will kick off the year with it's first meeting on Monday, August 29th at 7:00 PM. Agenda and details to follow. Meetings will typically be held on the first Monday of every month at 7pm.

Leadership for 2016-17

At the May 23rd meeting, the slate of Board members for next year was presented and approved. All current Board members will be continuing in their positions for another year, with the addition of a Co-Treasurer, Cindy Smith. Thank you to all the Board members for their continued service and to new Board member Cindy!

Funding Update

At our two meetings in May, Leigh Sports Boosters approved funding for the following:

General Athletics

Two new Leigh canopies
Water faucet/bottle refiller for gym lobby
Gym closet shelving and racks

Sports Teams

Boy's Volleyball - League Champ tshirts
Track & Field - potential state meet travel stipend
Basketball - New rims (6) and basketballs (15)
Baseball - New lawn mower

Where did we Spend our Money this Year?

Thank you to all of the families who donated to Sports Boosters this year and to those who worked so hard to fundraise. Leigh Sports Boosters approved over

The purpose of Sports Boosters is to encourage participation in all aspects of Leigh school sports, to promote awareness of all Leigh athletic teams, and to fundraise and provide other services and assistance to benefit Leigh athletic programs and facilities.

El propósito de Boosters Deportes es para fomentar la participación en todos los aspectos del deporte escolar Leigh, para promover el conocimiento de todos los equipos atléticos Leigh, y para recaudar fondos y proveer otros servicios y asistencia en beneficio de Leigh programas e instalaciones deportivas.

www.Leigh.CUHSD.org/AllSportsBoosters

Sports Boosters Membership

You can become a member of Leigh Sports Boosters at any time. Membership at the \$90 level gets you in to all regular season home games for all sports. To join, complete this form:

tinyurl.com/BoostersMembership

Or join online through the Home & School Club's Annual Giving Campaign:

www.leighhsc.org/annualgiving.html

Leigh Sports Boosters Board

2015-2016 Board Members

President	Leanne Johnson
Vice President	Sheila Billings
Treasurer	Michelle Ryder
Secretary	Kimberly O'Brien

Volunteers Needed

Leigh Sports Boosters could use your help, even if all you have is a few hours a month to spare.

Please email Leanne at asbcpresident@leighhsc.org if you are able to volunteer - there are a variety of opportunities available.

\$39,000 in funding over the 2015-16 year. A list of what was approved for purchase is below...

General Athletics

Scholar Athlete water bottles
Trophy case supplies
Two Leigh Athletics canopies
Water faucet/bottle refiller for gym lobby
Stipends for Senior Athlete recognitions
Game Operations positions
Gym closet shelving and racks
BVAL championship shirts for boys soccer, girls soccer, and boys volleyball
Flagpole at softball field

Sports Teams

Field Hockey ball shooter
Cross Country Printable Stopwatch
Girls Volleyball - Backpacks, ball carts, balls, other equipment
Tennis - new ball cart
Wrestling uniforms and tournament fees
Girls Soccer - Uniforms and backpacks
Pop Up Soccer goals
Girls' Basketball warm up suits
Softball pitching machine
Baseball - Infield improvements and new lawn mower
Swimming - Two storage bins for pool deck
Track & Field training equipment/wagon
Baseball field leveling
Golf bags
Football tackle wheels
Swimsuits and swim fins
Basketball - New rims and basketballs



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