

Barrington High School

PTO Academic Boosters

2011 - 2012

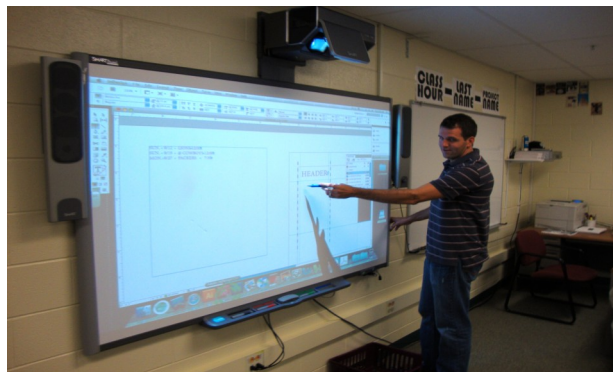
“No Stress Fundraiser”



**Your donation can help the
Barrington High School
Academic Booster Project
reach the finish line !!!**

Academic Booster Project for 2011-2012

Completion of SMART Board Technology
throughout the entire high school.



YES! I WOULD LIKE TO HELP FUND ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS AT BHS!

NAME: _____
(Please print name as you would like it to appear in a printed acknowledgement)

ADDRESS: _____
(Please include town and zip)

Your gift of any amount is appreciated!

\$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ \$ _____ Other

Please make all checks payable to BHS PTO Academic Boosters.

Please mail checks to: Claire Hamilton, 150 Coldspring Rd., Barrington IL 60010
All contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law.

Does your employer offer matching donations?

Contact Claire Hamilton at CHamilton150@aol.com for questions about matching donations.

What is Academic Boosters?

Academic Boosters was established by the BHS - PTO to provide additional funding for academic needs that are not addressed by the District due to financial constraints. The funds raised are used for projects that will enhance the learning experience of our children at the high school. Each year the BHS staff and the BHS - PTO collaboratively determine where the funds raised will be dispersed. The needs of the school, faculty, and students are evaluated prior to a final decision. This year the focus is to raise money to complete the placement of SMART Boards in the classrooms.

Currently, BHS is at 88% completion and are striving to reach the goal of 100%.

How can you help?

Funds are raised in the "No-Stress" format. This format is also used throughout BMS Station and BMS Prairie Middle Schools. There is nothing for you or your child to buy or sell. Instead, we ask you to just write a check in the amount of your choosing. When contributing please remember to check with your employer to see if they will contribute any matching funds. A partial list of companies that have matched in the past include Ameritech, Baxter, HSBC, Kraft, Motorola, and Washington Mutual.



A Letter from Our Principal...

Throughout the Barrington High School Campus, there are countless examples of our community's generosity and commitment to providing our students with the highest quality education possible. These contributions touch all aspects of life at BHS and extend into the community in areas including, but not limited to:

- The development of arguably the finest Fine and Performing Arts program in the state
- A state-of-the-art television studio in which our students have the unique ability to learn the art of broadcasting
- A stellar BHS Community Stadium which continues to be a source of pride for our entire community

Each of these represents highly visible examples of how fund raising activities have improved BHS. Perhaps a bit more subtle, but none the less important, are the improvements funded by the PTO's Academic Booster's "NO STRESS FUNDRAISER." Over the past five years, money donated to the Academic Boosters has been used in partnership with district technology fees to purchase LCD projectors for every classroom at BHS. These extremely important pieces of equipment are used in a variety of ways to show videos, or display computer images from programs such as Power Point. They become an even more powerful teaching tool now that interactive white boards have been introduced into our classrooms. Interactive white boards, (commonly referred to as SMART Boards), used in conjunction with a classroom's LCD projector and specialized software, turn what appears to be an ordinary white board into a large computer display with touch screen capabilities.

Furthermore, several SMART Boards throughout the building have been equipped with an additional component known as a SENTEO system which allows teachers to gather real-time quiz data from their students. These features, along with countless others, are providing teachers and students a technologically advanced instructional platform which has aided with our efforts to integrate "21st Century Skills" into our curriculum and classroom experience. 21st Century Skill sets focus on, among other things, the effective use of technology for research, for efficient and appropriate communication, and as a way to gain global perspective. While our staff continues to develop ways to effectively integrate this technology into their daily lesson planning, this exciting new technology will continue to transform teaching and learning at BHS.

As we look toward the future, it is our intention to continue to utilize district technology funds and your generous donations to Academic Boosters to expand the scope of SMART Board technology throughout BHS. Similar to the multi-year focus of installing LCD projectors throughout the building, much of the purchasing and installation of the SMART Board technology will occur during the summer. This allows the school district to purchase both the technology and installation at a reduced cost. To date, 88% of our classrooms which can physically utilize them (80% overall) have been equipped with SMART Boards. We anticipate installing the SMART Boards in the remaining 25 classrooms during the summers of 2012 and 2013.

On behalf of the BHS staff and students, I would once again like to thank you for your continued support and greatly appreciated generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. McWilliams".

Stephen McWilliams
Principal