



AVON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

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1/16/2018 This issue covers a week and a half of action during which we celebrated Spirit Week, two snow days, and the Martin Luther King holiday. It was great to see fans braving record cold temperatures (and record heavy rains) to watch their favorite Falcon teams this past two weeks. Let's hope the weather settles, so we can watch more. *GO FALCONS! Susan RD*



SCORES

for the week of 1/2-1/12/18

Team	Opponent	Score
V Girls Basketball	Granby Memorial Glastonbury Bulkeley Simsbury	L 25-35 L 37-44 W 60-37 L 27-40
V Boys Basketball	Glastonbury Rocky Hill Bristol Eastern	W 55-46 W 55-44 W 54-43
Girls Ice Hockey	Amity-N.Haven-Cheshire Fairfield Ludlowe/Warde NW Catholic/Mercy E. Catholic-Glastonbury-S. Windsor	L 5-7 L 2-5 L 2-6 W 6-1
V Coed Swimming & Diving	Southington Holy Cross	L 86-95 L 86-100



SCHEDULE

for the week of 1/16-1/20/18

Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
1/16	3:45 pm	FR Boys Basketball	Hartford Public	Away - Hartford Public HS
1/16	4:30 pm	V Swimming & Diving	Middletown	Away - Middletown HS

1/16	5:15 pm	JV Boys Basketball	Hartford Public	Away - Hartford Public HS
1/16	6:45 pm	V Boys Basketball	Hartford Public	Away - Hartford Public HS
1/17	5:15 pm	JV Girls Basketball	Suffield	Home - Avon HS
1/17	6:00 pm	V Wrestling	New Britain	Away - New Britain HS
1/17	6:45 pm	V Girls Basketball	Suffield	Home - Avon HS
1/18	4:20 pm	V Girls Ice Hockey	Suffield-Enfield-Housy-Ellington-MLC	Home - Newington Arena
1/19	3:30 pm	V Swimming & Diving	Hall	Away - Cornerstone Aquatics Center
1/19	3:45 pm	FR Girls Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
1/19	4:00 pm	V Wrestling	Farmington, Terryville, Gilbert	Home - Avon HS Gym #2
1/19	5:15 pm	JV Girls Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
1/19	6:45 pm	V Girls Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
1/19	3:45 pm	FR Boys Basketball	Farmington	Home - Avon HS
1/19	5:15 pm	JV Boys Basketball	Farmington	Home - Avon HS
1/19	6:45 pm	V Boys Basketball	Farmington	Home - Avon HS
1/20	9:00 am	V Boys Indoor Track	NCCC Invitational	Away - Hartford Public
1/20	9:00 am	V Girls Indoor Track	NCCC Invitational	Away - Hartford Public
1/20	3:15 pm	V Girls Ice Hockey	Hand-Coginchaug-Old Lyme	Away - Northford Ice Pavilion



CAPITAL DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS BEING SOLICITED

- The Booster Club considers funding requests by teams/coaches for supplemental equipment and resources not covered by the Athletics budget through its annual *Capital Disbursement* program. Requests can be made via [this form](#) and are due by **Wednesday, January 31st**. Voting will take place on ...

- **Monday, February 12th** - Monthly BC meeting; 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Coaches and Team Reps will present their capital disbursement requests to the board and membership. All dues-paying members who have attending three BC meetings this school year (the 2/12 meeting included) are eligible to vote on which disbursements the club should fund.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Turf Field Update

The Booster Club was delighted to welcome outgoing Town Council chair, **Mark Zacchio**, to our member meeting last week. Mark, a Falcon himself (class of '85 and father of Falcon graduates Nick and Dean), has long supported the concept of installing turf fields here at the high school.

Mark spoke to us as a private citizen, providing information and history from when he led the council (his term ended last month). Following are some highlights:

- In 2015, preliminary drawings were created for a new turf football field, 8 lane track, stands, press box, scoreboard, and turf field hockey field here at the high school. Planning was completed to a very detailed level ("99%") and the project is officially "shovel ready".
- The project plan was approved by the town council in late 2016 with an approximate cost of \$4.6 Million. Funding is the big challenge and council members felt (and feel) that we will need money from the state to bring the project to fruition (this is how neighboring towns were able to afford their turf fields). Mark, as town chairman, wrote to state legislators (Witkos, LeGeyt, Slap) asking them to formally request funding from the state. Given the current state budget crisis, his request did not get traction in 2017. Mark has recently written again to the same legislators requesting funding.
- The shared sentiment of the TC and many in town is that without state funding and a grass-roots fundraising effort, this project will likely not pass in a referendum - and typically, the TC doesn't put out a referendum without strong voter support. Using the library as an example, Mark explained that the referendum only passed by a slim margin - despite overwhelming support from people in town.
- There was discussion of possibly bundling the turf project with another town need - e.g. a new radio system for police and fire departments. (This strategy proved successful in Granby.) People in the audience supported this idea. Generally, those who spoke are concerned that it has taken so long to get to this point and they are frustrated that so little progress has been made in the past year.
- Mark outlined 3 things that he thinks need to happen to move this forward:
 - Get the Boards (Town and Education) excited. Reach out to town representatives.
 - Set up a fundraising team to solicit resident/business *pledges* of financial support for the project
 - Contact our legislators and request that Avon receive funding for this project, as many other towns in the state have (for example, Darien just received \$4.5 million in state funds for expanding their turf field complex). Here are the email addresses for our state legislators::
- Kevin Witkos: <http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/contact-witkos/>
- Tim LeGeyt: <http://www.cthousegop.com/legeyt/contact-me/>
- Derek Slap: <http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Slap/contact-me/>
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The Booster Club looks forward to being part of the community effort to move this project forward!



IN THE PRESS

☐ **The Valley Press** included girls cross country team winning the class MM Championship in their Highlights of 2017, see it [here](#).

☐ The Valley Press also included our Boys Golf team winning the Division II tournament in that same segment, [here](#).



Previous months' Booster Club meeting notes/agendas can be found [here](#), and previous months' financials can be found [here](#).

Full season schedules, scores and standings are available at the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference [website](#).

The Avon Athletics website is your source for forms, up-to-date announcements, and a copy of the AHS Athletic Handbook which provides essential information for athletes (and fans), to visit click [here](#).

For additional info, forms and other calendar items, please visit [our Booster Club website](#).

To see what the Avon athletics fan base has to say, check out the **Falconatics** twitter page [here](#).



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BOOSTER CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017-18:

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The Booster Club also has two student representatives. This year's are Sara Leavens (XC and Track) and Luke Davey (Soccer and Lacrosse). For a full list of current season Booster Club *Team Reps*, please scroll above to the **Winter Contacts** section.