



AVON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

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2/12/2018 Well, last week was another weather-interrupted week but, with some juggling, most teams got to play out their schedules with some stand-out results from our boys and girls hockey teams and some broken records by the Indoor Track team.

Tonight, coaches and team representatives will present their capital disbursement requests to the Booster Club executive board and membership. If you are interested in how (and what) funds are disbursed by the club to AHS teams and programs, please join us tonight to learn more.

GO FALCONS! *Susan RD*



SCORES

for the week of 2/5-2/11/18

Team	Opponent	Score
V Girls Basketball	Maloney Glastonbury Bacon Academy	L 47-49 L 43-51 L 46-53
V Boys Basketball	Platt Glastonbury	W 74-56 L 62-74
Girls Ice Hockey	Ridgefield/Danbury E.Catholic-Glastonbury-S.Windsor	W 3-2 W 4-1
Boys Ice Hockey	East Catholic Conard	W 9-0 W 4-3
V Co-Ed Swimming & Diving	E.O. Smith/Tolland Conard	L 83-101 L 83-89
V Girls Indoor Track	CIAC Class L Championships	5th Carly Carpino was 2nd in long jump, Rhiannon Richmond was 2nd in 1,600m, and Haley Gens was 2nd in 3,200m
V Boys Indoor Track	CIAC Class M Championships	25th, with new school records set by Anish Rajamanickam (300m) Jack Stokebury (600m), and the 4x400 relay team.



SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
2/13	3:45 pm	FR Boys Basketball	Simsbury	Home - Avon HS
2/13	4:30	V Co-ed Swimming & Diving	Rocky Hill	Home - CCSU
2/13	5:15 pm	JV Boys Basketball	Simsbury	Home - Avon HS
2/13	6:45 pm	V Boys Basketball	Simsbury	Home - Avon HS
2/14	8:00 pm	Boys Ice Hockey	Simsbury	Home - Avon Old Farms
2/16	3:45 pm	FR Boys Basketball	E.O. Smith	Home - Avon HS
2/16	5:15 pm	JV Boys Basketball	E.O. Smith	Home - Avon HS
2/16	6:45 pm	V Boys Basketball	E.O. Smith	Home - Avon HS
2/17	9:00 am	V Girls Indoor Track	CIAC Open Championship	Away - Floyd Little Athletic Center - New Haven
2/17	10:00 am	Boys Ice Hockey	Cheshire	Away - Wesleyan University Ice Rink
2/17	10:30 am	FR Boys Basketball	Hale Ray	Home - Avon HS
2/17	12:00 pm	V Boys Indoor Track	CIAC Open Championship	Away - Floyd Little Athletic Center - New Haven
2/17	6:30 pm	Girls Ice Hockey	NW Catholic/Mercy	Away - Champions Skating Center, Cromwell
2/19	1:00 pm	Boys Ice Hockey	Hall-Southington	Home - Loomis Chaffee
2/19	3:45 pm	FR Boys Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
2/19	5:15 pm	JV Boys Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
2/19	6:45 pm	V Boys Basketball	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS



Monday, February 12th, monthly BC meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Coaches and Team Reps will present and explain their capital disbursement requests to the board and members.

Monday, March 12th, monthly BC meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. All dues-paying members who have attending three BC meetings this school year (including on 3/12) are eligible to vote on which disbursements the club should fund.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Swimming & Diving

Avon's Co-ed Swimming & Diving team's record so far is 2-8-1, beating Watertown (95-86) and Wethersfield (104-76). "We lost a lot of good swimmers last year" says captain **Emily Foley**, "but we don't like to call it a rebuilding year, that sounds too negative, we are just working with what we've got." Captain **Sarah Osiecki** adds: "Our biggest strength as a team is our ability to work together. Supporting each other in and out of the pool is really important."

Head Coach **Diana Cesaro** has been at Avon for ten years, six as head coach. She was a former competitive swimmer and swam on the University of Connecticut team. Coach Diana is "a talented coach with a lot of experience" says Emily. At practice, Diana creates an environment where swimmers can better themselves as athletes and students. She encourages a positive attitude towards competition where students can learn how to handle stress in athletics and in school.

Sibylle Guenzl has been Diana's assistant coach for six years. She was a breastroker for the German National Swim Team and a lifeguard at Wheeler Regional YMCA and Camp Chase. Described as "the mother of the team," Sibylle brings a positive attitude to every practice and competition.

"Swimming is a great stress reliever" says Emily Foley, "it's very physically challenging which is a good thing when you want to take your mind off of school." (The team has time to unwind every day on the long bus ride to Central Connecticut State University, where they practice and compete). Their one main goal this year is to win the conference and have more individual swimmers qualify and place in the Class M State Meet. "The team is working really hard to achieve personal bests this season and everyone is really putting in full effort and teamwork" said senior Manager **Sam Gorack**.

See the Co-ed Swimming & Diving Team's next meet against Rocky Hill at CCSU 4:30 Tuesday the 13th.



Head Coach Diana Cesaro (left) and Assistant Coach Sibylle Guenzl (right).



DID YOU KNOW? SCHOLARSHIP APPS ARE OPEN!

The Booster Club awards a number of scholarships to qualifying AHS student-athletes every year.

The club sponsors two different scholarship categories: **Named Scholarships** (which honor specific, fallen Falcons) and **General Scholarships** (which recognize athletes for their participation and performance in the school athletics program). Student-athletes may apply to both.

Applications open today and are due April 15th. To review the applications or to apply, please click [here](#) and select the scholarship(s) you wish to explore in left-hand the drop-down menu under "Scholarships". Good luck!



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

ONLINE Spring Sports Registration is open. For those of you who didn't register for a winter sport, the process has changed as we are using a new ONLINE REGISTRATION program called **FamilyID** (which was a big hit with the winter with families and coaches). Through Family ID, you now have the ease of paying **online or by check**. All of your athlete's registration info is stored electronically for easy updating, re-use, and retrieval by the coaches - saving us over 4000 pieces of paper a season!

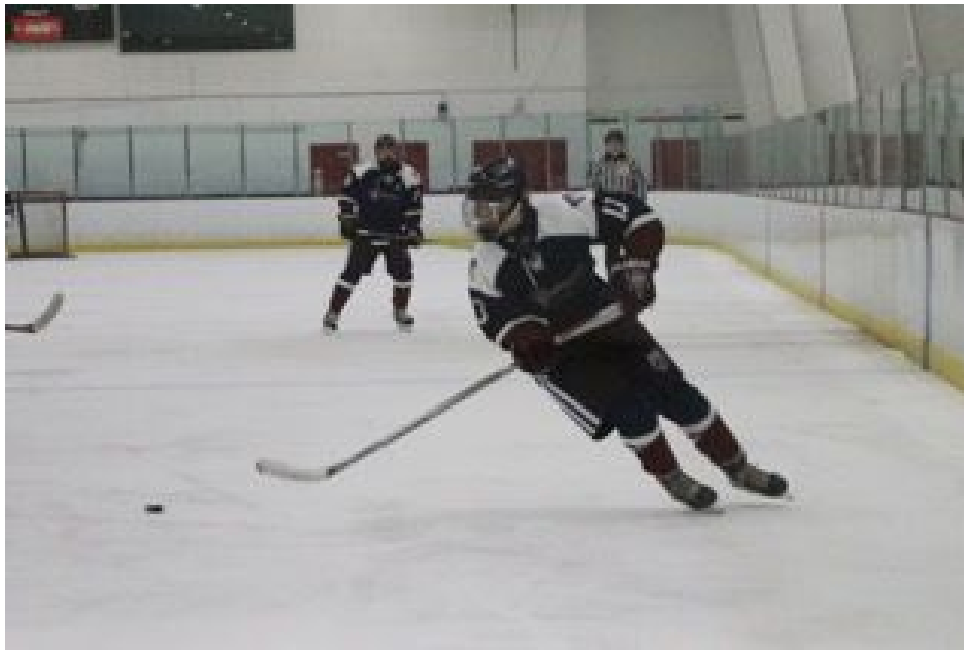
If your athlete registers but does not make a team, or switches teams, the change can be easily made online - or, with a simple click, the athletic office can refund your payment.

In other news, we are amending our **Fee waiver policy**, and you can find this information on our website. If you believe you will need an fee waiver, please begin the process for approval as soon as possible so it can be processed and your athlete will have no risk missing tryouts or practice time.

All this information can be viewed on our [website](#). **Go Falcons!**



PHOTOS



Jack Noble (top) and **Peter Hoffman** (above) are two reasons the hockey team is doing so well this season!



IN THE PRESS

- ❑ **The Avon Patch** reported on the boys (Farmington Valley Co-op) hockey team's 9-game winning streak, and their place (8) in the most recent statewide poll of top ten hockey teams. You can read the article [here](#).
- ❑ **The Collinsville Press** wrote an article on Girls Indoor Track placing 5th at the Class L Championships with Carpino, Rhiannon, and Gens winning silver medals, [here](#) ...
- ❑ And **The Avon Patch** featured a piece about the same event, which you can read [here](#).
- ❑ **The Valley Press** reported that Girls Basketball is qualifying for the State Tournament, read about it [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.
