



# AVON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

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**4/16/2018** Welcome back from spring break. For a brief and glorious moment (i.e. Friday and Saturday) it actually felt like spring! Today, not so much. Such are the weather challenges of April in New England.

Because New England weather is so unpredictable, our school athletic schedules are, too. Snow and sleet result in wet fields and postponed games - and I suspect we'll have some of those today. Your best source for up-to-date cancellation/postponement information is the CIAC website, which you can access [here](#). For real convenience, sign up through the site for email updates.

One way Connecticut schools accommodate for the challenges of fulfilling game schedules with fields of snow, is by playing during vacation weeks. **For at least the ten years my children have played for the Falcons, their coaches have made it clear that student-athletes (at least at the Varsity level) are expected to be available for games during winter and spring breaks.** As a big family that loves to travel, the Daveys have never liked that rule but, when our kids began playing Varsity (and even JV in some cases), we respected it. In our son Jackson's sophomore year, he was invited to swing Varsity on the basketball team. He was thrilled, until he realized that it would mean missing two family ski trips (December and February). He chose skiing over basketball, and paid the penalty (sitting on the bench for two separate weeks). It wasn't easy (Jackson doesn't like to sit in the best of circumstances) but he knew the rule and the consequences for not following them, and he took his licks.

The following year, Jackson had a decision to make. As a varsity player, he would feel obligated to fully commit, but it would mean missing those ski trips he loved. I resented the fact that we might be leaving him behind or that I might be staying home with him but, again, we knew the rule, and like other rules I don't necessarily agree with (like the 25 mph speed limit on Huckleberry Hill Road) we were going to honor it. In the end, Jackson decided he loved skiing more than basketball. He resigned from the team before the season started and never looked back.

Anyway, I've told this story today because as I made my way to various games on various fields this past vacation week, I heard many parent rumblings about the vacation week rule. I get it. You're either upset that you had to forego a vacation or you're upset that you went to Mexico and now your child has to sit on the bench for a week. Such is life. It is all about choices and consequences and we don't help our kids develop into responsible adults by fixing (or fighting) it. Jackson has had many more (and bigger) decisions to make as a Villanovan, and now as a first-year "grown-up". Figuring out what to do at 15, was good preparation. *GO FALCONS! Susan RD*



## SCORES

*for the week of 4/2-4/15/18*

Team	Opponent	Score
V Baseball	Platt Enfield Conard Glastonbury	L 2-13 W 7-2 L 0-10 L 3-6
V Ultimate Frisbee	Middletown	Cancelled
V Softball	Glastonbury	L 1-17
V Girls Tennis	Middletown	W 6-1

V Boys Tennis	Middletown	W 7-0
V Boys Lacrosse	Northwest Catholic North Haven	L 5-11 L 9-10
JV Boys Lacrosse	Northwest Catholic	Cancelled
V Girls Lacrosse	Rocky Hill Conard Granby Memorial	W 12-3 L 7-17 L 9-10



## SCHEDULE

for the week of 4/16-/22/18

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>
Mon. 4/16	3:00 pm	V Girls Golf	New Britain	Home - Blue Fox Run
	3:45 pm	V Girls Tennis	Manchester	Home - Avon MS
	3:45 pm	V Softball	MLC	Away - MLC
	4:00 pm	V Girls Lacrosse	Lewis Mills	Home - Avon HS
	5:30 pm	JV Girls Lacrosse	Lewis Mills	Home - Avon HS
Tue. 4/17	3:00 pm	JV Boys Golf	Southington	Home - Blue Fox Run
	3:00 pm	V Boys Golf	Southington	Home - Blue Fox Run
	3:45 pm	V Boys/Girls Outdoor Track	Northwest Catholic, Public Safety	Home - Avon HS
	3:45 pm	V Softball	Platt	Home - Fisher Meadows
	4:00 pm	V Boys Lacrosse	Newington	Home - Buckingham Field
	4:30 pm	FR Girls Lacrosse	Rocky Hill	Away - Rocky Hill HS
	5:30 pm	JV Boys Lacrosse	Newington	Home - Buckingham Field
Wed. 4/18	3:00 pm	JV Boys Golf	Berlin	Home - Blue Fox Run
	3:00 pm	V Boys Golf	Berlin	Home - Blue Fox Run
	3:00 pm	V Girls Golf	Wethersfield	Away - Wethersfield Country Club
	3:30 pm	Ultimate Frisbee	Cheshire Academy	Home - TBS

	3:45 pm	V Softball	Conard	Away - Conard HS
	3:45 pm	FR Baseball	Conard	Away - Conard HS
	3:45 pm	JV Baseball	Conard	Home - Avon HS
	3:45 pm	V Boys Tennis	East Catholic	Home - Avon MS
	5:00 pm	FR Girls Lacrosse	Hall	Home - Avon HS
Thur. 4/19	3:00 pm	V Girls Golf	Hall	Awa - Rockledge Golf Course
	3:00 pm	JV Boys Golf	Northwest Catholic	Away - Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford
	3:00 pm	V Boys Golf	Northwest Catholic	Away - Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford
	3:45 pm	JV Baseball	Granby Memorial	Home - Buckingham Field
	3:45 pm	V Baseball	Granby Memorial	Away - Granby Memorial HS
	4:00 pm	V Boys Lacrosse	Suffield	Home - Buckingham Field
	4:00 pm	FR Boys Lacrosse	Suffield	Home - Buckingham Field
	4:30 pm	V Girls Lacrosse	Somers	Home - Avon HS
	5:30 pm	JV Boys Lacrosse	Suffield	Home - Buckingham Field
	5:45 pm	JV Girls Lacrosse	Somers	Home - Avon HS
Fri. 4/20	3:00 pm	JV Boys Golf	Conard	Away - Rockledge Golf Course
	3:00 pm	V Boys Golf	Conard	Away - Rockledge Golf Course
	3:45 pm	V Softball	Northwest Catholic	Home - Fisher Meadows
	3:45 pm	FR Baseball	New Britain	Home - Avon HS
	3:45 pm	JV Baseball	Northwest Catholic	Away - St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield
	3:45 pm	V Baseball	Northwest Catholic	Away - Northwest Catholic HS
	3:45 pm	V Boys Tennis	Conard	Away - Conard HS
	3:45 pm	V Boys/Girls Outdoor Track	Hall	Away - Hall HS Stadium (Turf Field)
	3:45 pm	V Girls Tennis	Conard	Home - Avon MS
	3:45 pm	JV Girls Tennis	Conard	Home - Avon MS

	4:00 pm	Ultimate Frisbee	Gunnery	Away
	4:00 pm	FR Boys Lacrosse	Hall	Away - Hall HS Boys Lacrosse Practice Field
	4:00 pm	FR Girls Lacrosse	Simsbury	Away - Simsbury HS Grass Field
	5:00 pm	JV Girls Lacrosse	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
	6:30 pm	V Girls Lacrosse	Farmington	Away - Farmington HS
Sat. 4/21	11:00 am	V Boys Lacrosse	Bethel	Away - DeSantis Field at Bethel HS
	12:45 am	JV Boys Lacrosse	Bethel	Away - DeSantis Field at Bethel HS



## Spotlight: Baseball

This Baseball season begins with a young team, due to the loss of 7 seniors last year. There are five seniors this year, **Ryan Ollestad, Connor Harris, Will Boone, Kyle Zarwanski** and **Chris Angus**. “We have witnessed them grow over the years and become amazing young men” says Coach Jon Yolles, a Falcon grad himself. “It’s been a privilege to have these young men in our program for the past 4 years.” There is a large group of freshman and sophomores in the program; two freshmen and a number of sophomores are on the varsity roster this year.

Coach Yolles highlights the good in every situation, “whenever something bad happens, some good will come from it.” The team focuses on what they can control and how they react in the face of a problem. “We strive to test our team during practice so that during a game they will be prepared to react to the situation confidently” says Coach Yolles. The team’s goal for this season is to focus on the mental side of baseball, not just the physical side.

“We are very grateful for all of the support from our parent group, the Booster club and the Athletic Director, Tim Filon. I’m also grateful to the coaches we have on staff currently as many of them volunteer their time to help our student athletes both on and off the field.”



Coach Yolles with the team ([Collinsville Press](#)).



Seniors (from left): Will Boone, Connor Harris, Chris Angus, Kyle Zarwanski, and Ryan Ollestad.

Avon lost to Platt at the season opening game (13-2). The team had four hits and two runs over six innings, where **Ryan Ollestad**, **Zack Aiello**, and **Connor Harris** each had singles. Avon last played Platt in 2013 in the first round of the Class L tournament where they beat them 4-3.

Image: **Ryan Ollestad** in Monday's 13-2 season-opening loss to Platt High in Meriden ([Collinsville Press](#)).



Avon won their first game of the season over Enfield (7-2) in the Central Connecticut Conference play. **Will Boone** hit two home runs and **Chris Angus** doubled.

Image: **Will Boone** helped the Falcons beat Enfield Wednesday and win for the first time this season ([Collinsville Press](#)).





## DID YOU KNOW? SCHOLARSHIP APPS ARE DUE TODAY!

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 are available [here](#) and will be accepted until the end of the day, today. Good luck to all applying student-athletes!

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**FOR THE MIGLI TOURNAMENT :** Each athletic team has been asked to create and donate a themed gift basket to be auctioned off at the end of the tournament. Examples from last year include a beach basket containing everything you need for a beach vacation (from towels to sunscreen to sunglasses); a Yard Goats basket with game tickets and other baseball/softball memorabilia; a BBQ basket with everything you need to host a backyard barbeque; and a bar basket stocked with beer, wine and spirits (very popular).

Find out what you can contribute to **YOUR child's team gift basket by contacting the team rep today** (consult the chart below for contact info). This is a fun and inexpensive way to honor Dick Migli, the tournament's namesake, and to support today's Falcons. Questions? Contact Susie Downey at [susiedow@aol.com](mailto:susiedow@aol.com). Thank you!

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## COMING UP:

**Monday April 16th**, Booster Club General and Named Scholarship applications are due. Please click [here](#) to access the application. All AHS graduating student-athletes are encouraged to apply.

**Monday, April 16th**, monthly Booster Club meeting at **7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room.

**Monday May 7th**, the 25th annual **Richard Migli Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held at the Golf Club of Avon. This event honors fallen falcon, Dick Migli, a highly decorated and beloved athlete. Money raised funds scholarships for student-athletes and resources for the teams. This year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the ALS Association, in honor of Dick Migli who died from the disease.

**Wednesday, May 9th @ 6:00 p.m.**, the Booster Club will recognize all graduating AHS athletes (and their families and fans) who will be going on to play their sport at the varsity collegiate level. Our **Senior Athlete Recognition** event is not to be missed! If you or someone you know is such an athlete, please contact our B.C. Events coordinator Jen Gorack, [lodovicog@hartford.edu](mailto:lodovicog@hartford.edu).

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## The **25<sup>th</sup>** annual **Richard Migli Memorial Golf Tournament**

will be held on **Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Golf Club of Avon and hosted by The Booster Club and tournament chair, Steve Hahn. All money raised from the tournament funds scholarships and valuable resources and programs (like the capital items we just voted to fund!) for Avon's athletic teams. All Falcon parents are welcome and encouraged to participate as golfer (18 or 9 holes), diner (for dinner only), or donor.

Click [here](#) for full event details, to register, or learn how you can support this important event.

This year, in honor of the event's 25th anniversary, a portion of the tournament proceeds will be donated to the national ALS Association to fund research for this dreadful disease. The tournament's namesake, standout athlete Dick Migli, AHS class of 1970, died of the disease in his early 30s. His friends and classmates travel from as far as California - every year - to participate in the tournament that bears their friend's name. **Please help us make this year the most successful year ever.**

**Northwest  
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**Avon High School Booster Club**  
announces the **25<sup>th</sup>** annual

**Richard Migli  
Memorial Golf  
Tournament**

**Monday, May 7, 2018**  
**The Golf Club of Avon**

**18 Holes . 9 Holes . Dinner Only**



## IN THE PRESS

- ❑ The Collinsville Press covered Baseball's season opening game against Platt [here](#), their first win of the season over Enfield [here](#), and their tough loss to Conard [here](#) and Glastonbury [here](#).
- ❑ The Collinsville Press reported on Girls Lacrosse losing their first game of the season against Conard, read the article [here](#).
- ❑ The Collinsville Press wrote an article on Avon graduates thriving in college sports, including Hannah Davey, Sandra Stephan, Scott Ziegler, and Justin Olson. Read the full article [here](#).
- ❑ Tyler Hahn and the Boys Golf Team were focused in the April 5th in Spring Preview edition of [The Valley Press](#).



## LINKS

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, announcements, and the AHS Athletic Handbook which provides essential information for athletes (and fans). To visit click [here](#). Other essential forms and calendar info can be found by visiting our [our Booster Club website](#).

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



## FUNDRAISERS

This week, the **Baseball team** is raising money for its program.

Head on over to **The First and Last Restaurant in Avon**, this Tuesday night (4/17).  
A portion of proceeds from your order will be donated to the baseball team.

Please come out and support our boys *and* a local business, and be sure to mention the AHS baseball team when ordering.

**Go Falcons!**





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The Booster Club also has two student representatives. This year's are Sara Leavens (XC and Track) [leavenssara@gmail.com](mailto:leavenssara@gmail.com) and Luke Davey (Soccer and Lacrosse) [lukerdavey7@gmail.com](mailto:lukerdavey7@gmail.com). For a complete list of current season Booster Club *Team Reps*, please scroll above to the **Spring Contacts** section.

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