

Duxbury Boosters

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There is something about driving by the school fields in late summer and seeing all the activity for the first time that is bittersweet. It signals the end of summer and the beginning of another school year. New uniforms, new cleats, back to school shopping for clothes and supplies... so much for the lazy days of summer! As you make your punch list for the fall of 2011 we hope you will put renewing your Boosters membership on your "to-do" list. Membership is vital to the Boosters and it allows the Boosters to continue to be committed to promoting excellence in the school's athletic programs. Over the past 15 years the Duxbury Boosters has fulfilled over a quarter of a million dollars in grant requests. For more information and to become a member please visit the Duxbury Boosters website at www.duxburyboosters.org, where you can easily renew your membership online by credit card. Many thanks.

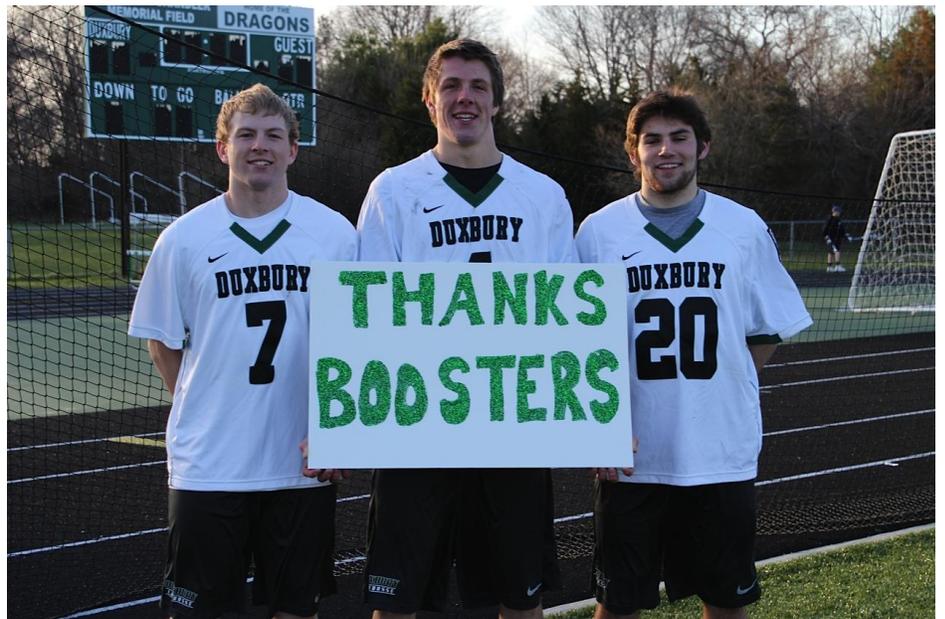
Boosters Grant Feature: Ball Safety System

In the spring of 2010 Duxbury High School seniors Sam Reinhart and Matt Savard took being a team player to the next level when they did their senior project. Matt and Sam decided to research a way to protect other athletes on the surrounding track and playing area from stray balls when the lacrosse, soccer and field hockey teams are playing or practicing on the turf field. Matt and Sam proceeded to do their senior project on finding a way to increase the turf fields' usability, and most importantly creating a safer playing surface for multiple sporting events.

Matt and Sam researched various options and visited fields in other towns in search of ideas, and to observe what other schools do to allow multiple teams to use a sports playing area. The result of their efforts was the Ball Safety System.

The safety system allows both the girls and boys lacrosse teams, and the field hockey team, and the soccer teams to practice and have games on the field while a track practice is in session.

The cost of the ball safety system was approximately \$2,000.00, and it was paid in full thanks to a grant from the Duxbury Boosters. The ideas and hard work of Matt and Sam paid off this past spring when the Duxbury High School lacrosse team was able to start using the nets.



DUXBURY High School Varsity LACROSSE CAPTAINS 2011

L to R: Bryan Barry #7, Peter Willauer #4, Kane Haffey #20

Photo by Gale Willauer



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Boosters Concession Stand

Did you know the Boosters Concession Stand makes eight to twelve thousand dollars a year? The amount varies depending on the number of home football games, and if Duxbury hosts the popular Thanksgiving Day game. Plans for a new snack bar are included in the new school construction project, but final details are still being worked out. The late Al Doscher, a former Boosters President, started the Boosters snack bar in the early 1980's. After selling hot dogs and hamburgers out of the back of his station wagon for years, Doscher led the way, along with other Boosters members, in having an actual concession stand built. The concession stand was dedicated in memory of Al Doscher in 1984.

So don't feel guilty next time you buy a hot dog or candy bar at the Boosters snack bar. You just made a small donation to the Boosters!

Boosters DHS Coach Feature

Our Coach featured in this Issue of the Duxbury Boosters eblast is Coach Chris Sweet, who recently led the Duxbury Boys Lacrosse Team to a Division I State Championship Title.



Photo by [Jim Tarbox Photography](#)

Coach Chris Sweet Favorites:

Favorite Food: Sushi

Last book read: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

Favorite Movie: 'Bang the Drum Slowly' (1973) starring Robert De Niro, Michael Moriarity, and Vincent Gardenia

Pet Peeve: Using a cell phone while driving

Favorite Sport: Skiing

Favorite Professional Sports Team: New York Giants

Person I would most like to meet: John Wooden (UCLA basketball coach)

Favorite thing about Duxbury: Island Creek Oysters

Duxbury Dragon Stadium Blankets

Stay warm this fall, show your Duxbury pride, and support the Boosters while you cheer on your favorite teams! The Boosters are selling green fleece blankets with a black nylon, water and wind resistant shell. The blankets have "Duxbury Dragons" embroidery and fold into a neat carrying pouch and can also be used as a padded stadium cushion. They are perfect to keep in the car, and they make great gifts too. Blankets are \$40.00. Please email [Nancy Brooks](#).

