

Spartan Booster Club News, May 23

Save the Date!!! The Booster Club Auction will be held on Friday, October 19.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the auction or would like to make a donation during the summer months, contact Co-Chairs Suzanne Brann brannfamily@earthlink.net or Mari Graham mggardendesigns@yahoo.com also....

Fall 2007 Football and Volleyball Schedules have been posted on www.shsboosterclub.com. See below for a links.

Hello Sparta,

It may be the off-season, but our Spartans are not staying out of the news! Bloomberg (the news service, not the presidential candidate) ran a story that was in the Tuesday, May 22 issue of the Chronicle [click here for article](#). The headline read "Spartans low on weapons". Naturally, as I glanced at the headline over my morning coffee I had the thought that this certainly does not apply to any of our Spartan athletic squads, each of which feature a variety of weapons that often leave our opponents trembling in their boots.

Well, upon a closer reading I was pleased to learn that the story involved the rising popularity of Spartan memorabilia (surely caused in part by the hordes of followers of Stratford High School). Rest assured that the Booster Club Presidents would like to travel to Greece this summer and work diligently to acquire some of the original bronze swords for the football home opener against Cy-Fair.

In the meantime, don't get caught without a coveted 2007/08 Spartan Booster Club shirt to wear during the upcoming school year. The shirts must be ordered before July 31, 2007 even if you won't be wearing them until the baseball, softball and track seasons. Thank you to Julie Gibson and Jenni Bredthauer for handling membership for the Booster Club and to the 200+ people who have already joined, including many grandparents who have taken advantage of our new level for them. Check it out: [click here](#)

Congratulations to Lucy Herrera who signed her letter of intent to play college tennis at Lee
Congratulations also to our Greater Houston Scholar athlete finalists

Brad Daniel - Basketball

Sarah Grace - Volleyball

Ryan Haselden - Golf

Thanasi Skafidas - Tennis

Scholar athlete winners were Thanasi Skafidas and Sarah Grace.

Weekly e-mails will resume in August, periodic e-mails from the Booster Club may reach you during the summer. Go Spartans!

Oliver and Kathy Luck

*****Things to Do*****

Take Care of Next School Year's Physicals for just \$20! Today – Wed May 23 1:30pm

Information [click here](#) Physical Form [click here](#)

Join the Booster Club!

Membership Form: [click here](#)

Place a Program Ad! Deadline for the ads in July 15 – but don't wait, space is limited!

Click on these links: [Information](#) [Contract](#) [Examples](#)

Sign your Spartan up for Summer Conditioning! Open to all Stratford Student Athletes.

Info [click here](#) Registration Form [click here](#)

Football Fans – Come to Summer Games!!!

Blue Chip All Star Game Jake Huggins, Hunter Jefferies, and Mike Luttrell will be playing in the Blue Chip All Star football game. The game will be held at Delmar Stadium on Saturday, June 2nd at 7:30.

Bayou Bowl Graduating Senior John Sorsby will be playing in the Bayou Bowl this year. The game will be at Stalworth Stadium in Baytown on Saturday, June 9th at 7:30 pm. The game will also be televised (not sure if it will be live yet) on FSN and the NFL Network.

*****Liaison Reports*****

Baseball

Liaisons – Lisa and Bill Schwartz lisaschwartz@houston.rr.com

Varsity Baseball Seniors **Barret Loux** and **Matt Evers** have both been named as pitchers to play on **Team Texas** which will travel for 10 days this summer (June 13-23). On June 13-15 they will compete in the **Lone Star Classic** in College Station , TX against all-star teams from 4 other states - Louisiana , Ohio , Florida , and Arizona . They then travel to Norman , OK to compete in the **All-Star Senior Sunbelt Classic** which includes teams from 7 states - Georgia , Maryland , California , Louisiana , Ohio , Florida , and Arizona .

Sophomore **Jake Miller** was selected to play for Texas in the **Sophomore-Junior Sunbelt Classic** which will be held in Edmond , OK on May 31 – June 3. This tournament has 8 teams from Texas , Oklahoma , and Nebraska . Jake is also one of a select group of sophomores who are invited to the Texas Rangers Area Code Tryouts in June. Normally this is an honor reserved for Juniors. Junior **Will Gould** has also been invited to tryout for the Ranger Area Code Team. About 225 of the top players from Texas/Louisiana are invited each year to compete for one of 20-25 slots on the Ranger Team. Teams representing 8 MLB organizations will participate this year in the Area Code games located out in Long Beach , CA in early August.

We wish all of these players the best of luck as they not only represent Texas but Stratford High School as well!

Basketball

Girls Liaisons – Tiffany and Brian Burgher burgher5@sbcglobal.net

Boys Liaisons – Elane and Pete Dailey elanedailey@yahoo.com

Cross Country

Girls Liaison : Martha and Leigh Moore martham@houston.rr.com

Boys Liaison : Joanne and Dave Thomas Jojomombe@aol.com

Football -- Fall Varsity Schedule [click here](#)

Liaisons - Janice and Bill Burge janiceburge@yahoo.com

Write-A-Check Any amount is appreciated! Contact the Burge's to contribute: janiceburge@yahoo.com

Spring Game Lisa Gibson took some great photos – to view, e-mail Lisa at jwlagibson@msn.com and put “Spring Game Photos” in the subject line. Also check out www.athletesconnection.com coverage of the game. And last but not least, Denna Tekell will take orders for the Spring Game DVD's until tomorrow – Thursday, May 24. DVD's are \$20 each, just please contact Denna to place your order: shsfbfilms@att.net or 713-410-9221.

Golf

Liaisons – Nancy and Tony Radecki njradecki@sbcglobal.net

Soccer

Girls Liaisons - Susan and Bill Davis sidavis@houston.rr.com

Boys Liaisons – Peggy and Mike Perry plperry7@houston.rr.com

Softball

Liaisons – Mary and Hugh Jackson

Swimming

Liaison - Lori Bayley bayley713@aol.com

Tennis

Liaison - Andrea Hatridge arhatridge@houston.rr.com

Varsity

Congratulations to **Lucy Herrera** who signed her letter of intent to play college tennis at Lee College on Monday, May 21. Lee College has just won the **NJCAA National Championships**. Lucy will be joining former Stratford team mate Andrea Villasana and U of H transfer Anna Djananova next year as they try to defend their national title. Lucy and Carlene Leydon also were honored for their appearance in the state championships by the Spring Branch Board of Education Monday, May 21 at 6:30PM at the administrative building.

Congratulations also go out to former Stratford player, **Adam Ewing**, who was selected as McMurray College's Most Valuable Player of the year. Adam is a sophomore majoring in Business and Marketing.

Varsity, JV and Freshman

The year-end Tennis Team banquet was held Monday, May 14. These are the awards that were given:

Varsity

MVP: Lucy Herrera and Brett Mays

MIP: Julia Hatridge and Harish Narayana

Spirit: Alejandra Borges and Andy Stephens

JV

MVP: Yuquin Ma and Young Yoo

MIP: Chelsea Kaplun and Matt Moreman
 Spirit: Tracey Hwang and Patrick Mai

Freshman

MVP: Hannah Yancy and Young Kim

MIP: Ian Campbell and Joanne Lee

Spirit: James Birdsong and Haley Goren

Tryouts for the 2007 – 2008 school year will be held during the week of August 13 through the 17. There may be additional days needed after 3:00PM the following week. Players will need to be available during that time in order to secure a spot on next years team.

STRATFORD SPARTAN TENNIS
2007-2008 TRYOUT SCHEDULE
Message from Coach Frazee

I am proud of the hard work that all of our players put into the 2006-2007 fall and spring seasons and am excited that you wish to become part of our “Winning Tradition” for the upcoming 2007-2008 school year. Because of the late start to the new school year and the fact that the UIL has not changed their schedule from last year, we will have to have our teams picked before the first day of classes – September will be a very busy month!

It is important that each player must agree to a few guidelines, before taking on the challenge of trying out:

- Do not try out if you intend to have an after school job that would require you to miss practice. After school practices end at 4:30PM and are required for any JV and Varsity players not taking an outside lesson or participating in a club workout.
- Do not try out if you plan to be involved in other school activities that will require you to miss several practices.
- Spots will not be held for players who are injured or become injured during the tryout. Injured players will have to wait for the second semester spring season to try out again.
- Do not try out if you do not have room in your schedule to be in the assigned tennis period.
- Players will not be guaranteed a spot just because they played on a team before. Seniority is not a factor in the final selection regardless of grade level.
- Seniors are only eligible to compete on the Varsity team.
- Participation in a summer program is recommended, but will also not guarantee a spot on the team – please consider this when committing your time and money this summer.

The process is simple. Each returning player has an established ladder position based on challenge matches that took place throughout the previous school year. All graduating seniors and players who are not returning (please let Coach Frazee know if you are not planning on trying out) will be removed from the list. New players who have not played on a team will be evaluated and placed on the ladder in a position which most closely represents their relative ability. Once the beginning ladder is set, each player will play as many matches as time allows to determine their final ladder position. Players who are on “the bubble” will be playing the greatest number of matches to make the final selections as fair as possible. Once the final ladder is set, the top 12 boys and girls will be selected for the varsity period, the

next 12 will be selected for the junior varsity period and the remaining 12 freshman for the freshman period.

ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED PHYSICAL ON FILE IF THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN A SUMMER CAMP AT STRATFORD AND PRIOR TO THE TRYOUT. PHYSICALS WILL BE HELD AT STRATFORD AT 1:30PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23. PLAYERS MAY USE THEIR OWN DOCTOR, BUT SHOULD USE THE DISTRICT FORM WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SPRINGBRANCHISD-ATHLETIC WEBSITE (WWW.SPRINGBRANCHISD.COM).

Summer Tryout Schedule:

Monday, August 13: All new incoming **freshmen** who are not qualified in USTA champ or super champ division. Report to Tennis courts with racquet, water bottle and physical. Report at **8:30AM**.

Tuesday, August 14: **Returning sophomores** and any **new sophomores** and **new juniors** to Stratford. **Freshman** that are USTA **champs** should also attend. Report with Racquet, water bottle and physical at **8:30AM**.

Wednesday, August 15: **Returning Junior Varsity Players** report. **New Seniors** to Stratford and **any super champ level player** will also report. Report with racquet, water bottle and physical at **8:30AM**.

Thursday/Friday, August 16/17: **Returning Varsity** and assigned players from previous week's matches. Report with racquet, water bottle and Physical at **8:30AM**.

I look forward to seeing you all this summer at tryouts. Until then, may you enjoy the best that the summer months may bring. Go Spartans!

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Track & Field - Girls

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Track and Field – Boys

Liaisons -

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Volleyball -- Fall Schedule [click here](#)

Liaisons - Desha and Greg Nunn gnunn@sbcglobal.net

First day of practice for next fall semester will be August 6th.