

Mariner Gold

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Fall Athletic Recognition Celebration

Go Team Go!

There is nothing like interscholastic high school athletics to bring unity to a school and community.

Welcome to the Fall 2009 athletic recognition celebration. Whether you or your student-athletes are from Beaufort, Harkers Island, Cedar Island, North River, South River or all points in between...this season they joined as one team...one band of brothers or sisters...in football, soccer, volleyball, girls tennis, cross country, girls golf, cheerleading, and sports medicine.

Tonight, we are here to recognize them for their individual participation and achievements...but more than that we are here to recognize the power of teams, school and community...east of the bridge

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This year our 110 fall athletes and 16 coaches competed in over 65 events. To put this in perspective, I want you to understand the input of the adults involved before the game whistle even blows. Starting in the front office, Mr. Holloway is the head coach who oversees it all. How fortunate we are to have someone at the helm who has led a football team to a state championship and who is a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Also, in the front office, Ms. Thomas assists in event supervision. Ms Debbie certifies athletic eligibility. Ms. Abi keeps track of all event finances. Ms. Perri and Ms. Patti keep track of all the comings and goings. And you should have seen Ms. Patti get this room organized in so short a time earlier today.

And Mr. Clinton Montford saved us at the 11th hour by bringing in a fresh PA system for tonight's event.

Then in AEC, Ms. Lawrence organizes the activity buses. Coach Anderson attends the county and conference meetings. Coaches Correll and Anderson organize teacher duty stations. And all teachers participate in gate and parking duty.

In football, Jim Shady, David Dudley and Thomas Wood handle the chains. Jonathan Barnes, Sandy Treadway and Don and Liz Kappel help in the booth.

In volleyball, Sue Way handles stats.

And teacher Dave Johnson and his students help with all construction needs. And teacher Zach Davis and his students help with all landscaping needs.

And where would we be without our fine custodial staff who keep us rolling right along.

Then there are Bill Stanley, Grady Fulcher, David Fulcher, Holly Minchen and the athletic boosters that keep us in fine uniforms and equipment. And Tammy Schooley and Bridgeway Church of the Nazarene do a phenomenal job with football concessions on behalf of the boosters.

I want to recognize the “Voices of the Mariners”, Grady Fulcher and Don Kappel, who give freely of their time and talent to energize each contest with play-by-play and color commentary over the loudspeakers.

And if you haven't seen the 80 or so sponsorship signs hanging on our fences, give them a good look...and give them good business...because they are funding 50% of our entire athletic operation.

So, we haven't even blown the game whistle yet for Go Team Go ... and you see how extensive our team really is. We thank every one of our supporters for their unyielding efforts and resources.

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