



BALLARD ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

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Online Athletic Registration

Parents will register 7-12 athletes with the online athletic registration. The registration program, which is also designed by the same company that operates the activities calendar, will allow for a seamless transition of participant's information into the R-School Today system. R-School Today is the scheduling and athletic management system that is used by the Ballard activities department. The athletic registration program eliminates parents and students from turning in physical and concussion forms to the activities office. The physical form will be uploaded into the registration program and

parents and athletes will electronically sign the mandatory concussion form. The registration program also collects



The athletic registration system will allow parents to register athletes online.

medical contact information that replaces the white Emergency Cards (E-Card).

Physical forms will still be accepted in the activities office

if you do not have the ability to scan the document to upload into the system. The concussion form will no longer be accepted in a paper format and must be submitted through the athletic registration.

To get started, simply go to the athletic registration website at <https://ballardcommunity-ar.rschoolday.com>.

Anyone having any issues using the athletic registration system should contact Terri Weeks in the Activities Office at 515.597.2971 ext. 2138 or email her at tweeks@ballard.k12.ia.us.

MS Wrestling To Go To Split Season

Middle school wrestling will go to split seasons starting in 2018-19. Several factors influenced the decision to move to the split season, but most importantly to allow boys to participate in both wrestling and basketball. Practice will begin on Octo-

ber 29 and the meets will start two weeks after that. The season will conclude on December 17.

Middle school boy's basketball will start their season after Christmas Break and it will last until February 19.





Athletic Camps Go Online

Ballard athletic camps have made the transition to registering online for athletic camps.

My Online Camps provides the service which allows parents to register their students for Ballard camps online. Event information about the camp is available on the site in addition to costs, time, location, and fees. Each payment is safe and secure. They also offer re-

mindings to parents of upcoming camps that are being offered by the Ballard School District.

By going online, it allows coaches to manage the camper's registration easier while not having to handle the registration fees. Coaches also have the ability to email parents of the campers to communicate with them.

For more information on

Ballard athletic camps, visit ballardcamps.com or call the Ballard Activities Office at 515.597.2971 ext. 2138.



Admission Prices for 2018-19

Varsity	
Adult	\$5.00
Students.....	\$5.00
*Any FR/JV event played prior to a varsity event will be charged this rate.	

Freshman/Junior Varsity	
Adult	\$4.00
Students.....	\$3.00

Middle School	
Adult	\$3.00
Students.....	\$2.00
*Students are school aged at up.	

Vocal – Band Concerts	
Adult	\$2.00
Students.....	\$1.00
Family.....	\$5.00

Student Activity Ticket
\$50.00
Punch Pass
\$25.00
\$30.00 Value



**Activity passes are not accepted for Ballard tournaments and state hosted postseason game.*

Reserving Seats Reminder

A reminder to football fans that the seating at Richard Strouse Field can not be held or reserved by placing blankets or signs in the seating. All seating at Richard Strouse Field is general admission.

This practice is discouraged and we ask you to please be courteous of other fans by not engaging in this activity. Any items placed at the stadium will be removed.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please call Nate Boock at 515.597.2971 ext. 2139.



Reserving seats at Richard Strouse Field is not allowed.



Senior Night Dates Set

Senior Night dates have been set for the 2018-19 season. Letters will be mailed home prior to the Senior Night event that will include an information page. The information page will need to be returned to the activities office.

Football, Cheerleading

Friday – August 31

Cross Country, Band

Friday - August 31

Volleyball

Tuesday – October 2

Cheerleading, Women's and Men's Basketball

Friday – January 25

Cheerleading, Wrestling

Thursday – January 10

Women's Tennis

Thursday – May 2

Men's Tennis

Tuesday – April 23

Women's Track

Friday – April 26

Men's Track

Tuesday – April 16

Women's Golf and Soccer

Thursday – May 2

Men's Golf and Soccer

Monday – May 13

Softball

Wednesday – June 26

Baseball

Wednesday – July 10



"Booster Club members

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Become A Booster Club Member

The Ballard Athletic and Fine Arts boosters are comprised of parents, alumni, and friends working together to support, promote, and encourage Ballard Athletics and Fine Arts.

Over the years, the Athletic and Fine Arts booster clubs have assisted in providing an additional amount of funding for the Athletic and Fine Arts Depart-

ments.

The **athletic boosters** run a youth basketball tournament, comedy night, and a golf tournament and much more.

The **fine arts boosters** run all the varsity football and basketball concessions. They also have a tailgate supper at one of the home football games.

To become a member, please

contact the following people:

Athletic Boosters:

Chad Winterboer
chad.winterboer@channel.com

Fine Arts Boosters:

Kim Clinton
kimmclinton@gmail.com

Athletic Booster Registration

[CLICK HERE](#)

Fine Arts Booster Registration

[CLICK HERE](#)



Sign Up For Athletic & Activity Notifications

Parents can sign up for Ballard athletic and activity notifications. Notifications include postponements, cancellations, and time or date changes.

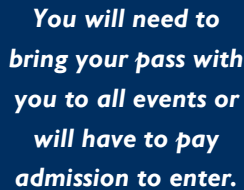
To sign up for notifications, go to www.raccoonriverconference.org.

1. Select "Ballard".
2. Click  on the right.

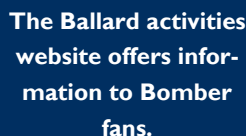
3. Create an account.
4. Choose activities that you want to be notified about.
5. Click "Continue to next step".
6. Pick your settings to receive automatic text or email notifications.
7. Click "Save my settings".



Activity notifications keep you up-to-date with any changes.



***“The Bomber Beat
will allow parents
to receive an up-to-
-date activities
schedule weekly.”***



The new cards will be a hard plastic card that will have a bar code designated to the recipient of the card. Each day when you attend an event, you will need to have your card with you so that you can be scanned by the ticket taker. Spectators must have their card with them to be scanned or will have to pay the admission price to

Senior citizen cards will switch to the new plastic card. Current senior citizen holders need to simply bring their old passes to a ticket taker to exchange for the new card(s). Senior citizen cards are available for only those individuals that live in the Ballard School District.

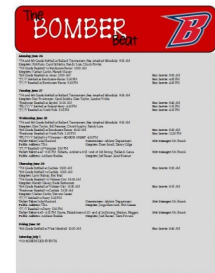
want to renew will keep the card and the same card will be reactivated for the next year. There is no need to turn the card back in or get a new one. Once payment is received for the next year, your card will be activated.

There is a \$5.00 fee for lost cards.

Bomber Beat Coming Your Way

To sign up for the Bomber Beat, send an email to nboock@ballard.k12.ia.us and enter BOMBER BEAT in the subject line. Once signed up, you will start to receive weekly emails and activity announcements.

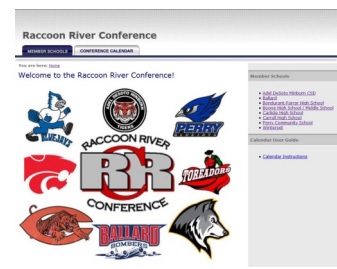
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nboock@ballard.k12.ia.us.



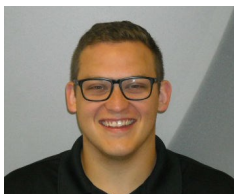
Activities Website & Calendar

To visit the Ballard activities website, go to www.ballardactivities.com.

click on the “Fan Zone” tab, and click “Activities Calendar”.



New Athletic Trainers Serving Ballard Athletes



Jordan Hayes of DMOS Orthopedic Centers will be one of the new athletic

trainers of Bomber athletics. Jordan is a certified LAT and ATC. Jordan will provide coverage for the following athletic events:

- *Home JV Football
- *All FR/V Football
- *Home XC Meet
- *Home FR/JV/V Volleyball

*Home Women's Varsity Basketball – Will cover FR/JV if played before varsity.

***Home JV/V Wrestling**

*Home High School Track Meets

***Home JV/V W and M Soccer**

*Home JV/V Softball – Will cover freshman if played before varsity.

***Home JV/V Baseball**

Jordan will also attend practices every day during the school year to work with athletes and coaches. He will service athletes in-season and out-of-season. Jordan

will provide service to the cheerleaders, the dance team, and the performing arts.

Rob Drew of Huxley Physical Therapy will be the other athletic trainer of Bomber athletics.

Rob is a certified MS, PT, and LAT. Rob will provide coverage for the following athletic events:

- *All FR/V Football
- *Home Men's Varsity Basketball

Please help us welcome Jordan and Rob to our school district.



"Use the

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Use Social Media To Keep In Touch

Keep up with Ballard activities by following and liking us on our twitter and facebook accounts. These accounts provide information at the touch of your fingertips.

Facebook:
facebook.com/bhsbombers

Twitter:
Ballard Activities: @bhsbombers

Athletic Booster Club:

@AthBoostersBHS
FCA: @BallardFCA
FFA: @Ballard_FFA
Football: @BombersFB
Volleyball: @ballardvball
Cross Country: @ballardcrossco1
Men's Basketball: @bomber_hoops
Wrestling: @BallardLegacy
Women's Tennis: @BallardGTennis
Men's Tennis: @BallardBTennis
Women's Golf: @BallardGGolf

Softball: @bombersball
Baseball: @flyhighbaseball



Pets Not Allowed At Ballard Activities

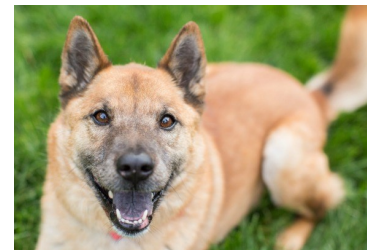
A reminder to Bomber fans that in accordance with the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union, pets are not allowed at Ballard activities. This includes activities that are off campus but a Ballard events in occurring (ie. Nite Hawk Field, Centennial Park) Most occur-

rences of this happening are at outdoor events.

Pets may be calm in nature in their natural surroundings but may display a different behavior around other fans and may be a direct threat to the health and safety of other individuals.

Service animals assisting indi-

viduals with disabilities are permitted on the Ballard campus provided the clear markings of it being a service pet. Please contact the Ballard activities office if you have any questions.



Help out by leaving Fido at home.

Branding Project At High School

The Ballard High School got branding done over the summer to help spruce up the building. Projects included adding stripes in the high school gymnasium, vinyl graphics in the athletic hallway and front lobby, and the addition of record boards.

Other projects will be done throughout the year and next summer including adding a Bomber plane graphic in the gymnasium

and branding the fine arts hallway.

The project was funded with the PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy).

A special thanks to the Ballard Board of Education for making these funds available for facility upgrades throughout the district.

