

## Coaches and TSRs-

Welcome to Homecoming week...an exciting time around the school for all students and faculty! We look forward to the Homecoming parade and pep rally on Thursday evening, as well as the tailgating and football game on Friday night. You should be receiving or already received separate emails regarding the logistics for both evenings. Be sure to talk up the festivities throughout the week with your players, students and parents!

We hope the start of your school year and sport seasons are going well. Panther Pride is excited to roll out a brand new website just introduced a few days ago! The new web address is <a href="www.rppantherpride.com">www.rppantherpride.com</a>. Please take a look at it and become familiar with its contents. It should be most helpful to coaches, TSRs and parents in general. The home page and the first tab is where the most up-to-date news and notices are located.

The second Membership tab provides information on joining Panther Pride, and recognizes our corporate sponsors. These invaluable partners have made wonderful donations to help support our student-athletes and the Ridge Point athletic program as a whole. Make note of these businesses and thank them when you have a chance. Please encourage your parents to become members of Panther Pride and remember it is a fundraiser for you with half of their dues going directly to your team accounts.

The next tab are the individual sports pages. Please become familiar with your team's webpage. Updating the content is as simple as either you or your designated TSR sending information to the Panther Pride Webmaster at <a href="webmaster@rppantherpride.com">webmaster@rppantherpride.com</a>. Please note that schedules and scores are linked to the FBISD Rank One page, so your game scores will need to be reported to the district, not to the webmaster.

Panther Outfitters is our school store for official apparel and accessories for RPHS. A portion of every sale goes to support all of the sports teams as well as cheerleading and sports medicine. The brand new store front is located on Main Street to the left of the cafeteria and is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am-1pm. Additional hours are available during special event weeks. Remember that when your team's parents volunteer to help in the store your team will share in the profits. It is an easy and fun way to fundraise.

Panther Pride is the next tab which contains several sections: Membership (once again information on how to become a corporate or personal member of Panther Pride), Coach & TSR Support (info on how to request and/or deposit team funds and a copy of the TSR manual, and a link to get approval for a fundraiser), Links & Records (meeting minutes and by-laws as well as links to common outside webpages, and Contact Us (email links for all RPHS coaching staff and Panther Pride board members).

The last tab is for Booster Ball, our main fundraising activity for the year. This years' event will take place on January 14, 2017 at the Stafford Centre. The theme is "Rodeo Drive - Panther Style"! Tickets to the event go on sale next week Monday October 3 at 6:00am. In years past, the Booster Ball has sold out in less than 24 hours! This year should be no exception. Please make your parents aware of this or unfortunately they will be left out!