

## 2012 AHS Track & Field Fundraising Information

Thanks to all of the parents and athletes that came out to Thursday night's meeting. As a reminder, *Parents and Seniors -- There will be a short meeting in the cafeteria Monday night, January 23rd, 7:00pm* to talk about the mattress sale fundraiser. I will be there to answer any questions you might have about the Run A Thon also. I know it was difficult to hear and we covered a lot of information so I wanted to explain it a little by email.

### Annual Run A Thon

For the Run A Thon (RAT) each athlete is required to raise \$100 (ask neighbors, friends, co-workers, etc. to make a donation). I will collect the RAT money (bring your envelopes with your name on them) on Tuesday February 7th at practice. Raising money through the RAT makes it possible for you to attend the meet in Florida (it will be the Coaches' decision who attends, but if you don't raise the money, you won't get the opportunity). I will be at practice Monday, January 30th, with a time sign up sheet. The exact time each athlete runs will depend on how many students we have on the team. It will be somewhere around 15-30 minutes each. Seniors will get to pick their time slots first, then Juniors, then Sophomores, then Freshmen. That means that most Freshmen will probably be running late at night and you will need to plan on spending the night in the gym with your coaches, teammates and chaperones. It is possible for an athlete to have their parents bring them for their time slot, even if it is middle of the night. We will work out those details once athletes know when they are running. The Run A Thon will start promptly at 4:30 pm in the AHS Cafeteria, and if the weather is decent, we will be running on the track, if not it will be in cafeteria, until the basketball game ends. At 9:30 those that are spending the night will move to the gym and the RAT will continue until 4:30 Saturday. We had a great showing with parents signing up to bring food, and I will have reminders for that as time gets near. Dinner for all athletes will be at 6:00 Friday the 10th, in the cafeteria. Parents can drop food off after school. **If donors want to write a check please make it payable to: AHS Track.** If any of this is confusing, please feel free to contact me, and I will answer any questions.

### Mattress Sale Hosted with AHS Girls Soccer Team

This is new to AHS this year, but some schools have made over \$10,000 from this fundraiser. I will attach a flyer that is being distributed to area schools advertising the mattress sale. The Mattress sale will be held February 11th & 12th, from 10am -5pm, in the cafeteria. Track is responsible for working the Saturday sale, and Girls Soccer is responsible for Sunday. It is expected that parents and seniors will attend the meeting on Monday January 23rd at 7:00pm in the cafeteria, to hear the specifics and receive flyers to hand out. The mattress manufacturers are two companies that have been in business for a very long time (one of them over 100 years). They have solid reputations and don't manufacture the mattresses until they are sold. The brands are Restonic and Southerland. Please google them and check out their reviews. These are highly rated, quality mattresses that we can sale for 30%-60% less than retail because we are doing their advertising. No ads to pay for during the Superbowl! Mattresses range in price for \$199-\$6000, if someone is in the market for a new mattress encourage them to look here! For each twin sold, we make \$50, for each full/queen we make \$75, for each king we make \$100. I have been telling people I know and I am amazed at how many people are in the market and would love to get a discount! Once you say it a couple of times, it gets easier. :) We will have a schedule for athlete volunteers to work that as well. There will be a lot going on for Track & Field Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th, but then we will be done with Fundraising for the season. I realize it is asking a lot from students and parents at the beginning of the season, but if we really get the word out we can raise enough to get new uniforms and have a well supplied team.

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