



LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Lafayette High School Girls Soccer community. Over the past seven years, the LHS Girls Soccer program has experienced tremendous growth and success.

Our girls finished the Fall 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023 season as runners up in the 43rd District and runners up in the 11th Region tournament in 2020 as well. We enjoyed a winning season including big wins against inner-city rival schools and advancing to the Region 11 tournament for the fourth year in a row. Most importantly our girls grew individually as players and developed strong bonds as a team, overcoming the unique challenges of a pandemic season through cooperation, resilience, and teamwork. We are thrilled to build on our success in the coming 2024 season.

This kind of success comes through a cooperative relationship between coaches, players, and parents. As we prepare for the season ahead, our coaches have thoughtfully considered the team's needs in the coming year and worked closely with the Boosters to develop a budget that will meet those needs in an efficient and responsible way.

Fayette County Schools provides funding for one Varsity coach and one JV-level coach each year, and a field to play on. **All other needs of the team must be paid for by the team itself.** Because of this, a cooperative commitment to fundraising is a crucial element in the success of our program. The list of items that our fundraising covers includes:

- Assistant Coaches for both Varsity and JV teams
- Trainers
- Referees
- Goals and nets
- Game balls
- Uniforms
- Cones
- Practice pinnies
- Buses and drivers
- Tournaments and travel expenses
- Team bonding/social events
- Awards and banquet

The operating budget that provides for the above needs for the season is about \$22,000. We cover

these expenses through a variety of fundraising activities that provide multiple channels for families, players, and our local community to support the continued success of our program. Some of our fundraising activities for the coming season include:

- SnapRaise (the bulk of our income comes from this important program)
- Sales of Ads and Banners
- Event-based fundraising: Pancake Breakfast, Car Washes, etc.
- Ticket sales at the Gate of each game (these cover referees)
- Cash Donations

While fundraising is an important and necessary part of our program, it is never a condition of participation in the team. However, we hope that every family will consider supporting the team through one or more of the opportunities provided. With approximately 42 girls engaged in the program each year, the average contribution, if *all* families contribute, is \$500.

Please note that we do not ever track the amount contributed by any individual player, and that your participation is completely voluntary. Coaches do not receive any details about contributions and are only aware of how much funding is available in the budget through our collective fundraising efforts.

Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtful consideration and partnership in the year ahead. We hope that you and your player will be actively engaged in each of our programs as we work together to provide the necessary resources for the successful operation of the team in the year ahead.

Go Generals!

Lafayette High School Girls Soccer Booster Club

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