

## Cedar Creek Crew Booster Club

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Dear Supporters and Local Business Owners:

Thank you for your interest in supporting our young rowers on behalf of the Cedar Creek High School Crew Club.

If you are unfamiliar with our program, it was established in 2012, just 2 years after our school opened. Because it is considered a club and not a sport, our parent volunteer booster club must raise funds for most expenses, such as racing boats, oars, launch boats and engines, maintenance, trailers, and food/beverages for the rowers on long race days. In 2019 we broke new ground with the help of Jersey Cape Yachts as the owners graciously allowed our club to use their Lower Bank marina as our boathouse enabling more practice time with better water conditions conducive to racing. That year was also the first time in Cedar Creek Crew's history that our Girl's Junior Varsity boat qualified to participate in the Scholastic National Championship. This past season, our Boys Novice 4 boat placed 3rd in their category at Philadelphia's City Championship. Our club has also been exceptionally proud to have had 14 rowers earn college scholarships, and we are proud to hear about the successes of our rowers at respected universities such as Stockton, Jacksonville, St. Joseph's, Embry-Riddle, and Drexel.

As we look towards the 2023 season, in which our senior rowers have named it "Redemption Tour 2023" because of the setbacks they faced due to 2 years' of Covid restrictions, we want to make it the best possible for them and all the rowers due to the challenges they have faced. However, we need our local communities' and businesses' help to keep our fees low and attainable for our young students and our equipment in good condition to enable the rowers' success.

Our club will be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, February 24, 2023, and we need donations to make this event a success for the anticipated 300 attendees. As Cedar Creek Crew is a 501c(3) registered organization, the contribution you make will be tax-deductible. Donations such as gift baskets, gifts, or gift cards for products and/or services for raffle items are in great need. All proceeds directly benefit our club and its young rowers. The value of your donation to Cedar Creek Crew, in whatever amount you can give, will grow exponentially over the next several years as your help will provide opportunities for our rowers to further their education through college scholarships. Donations are due by February 15, 2023.

On behalf of the rowers and parents, we thank you in advance for your generous donation. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 609-377-4796 or <a href="mailto:com">ccpiratescrew@gmail.com</a>

Sincerely,

Bob Ponzetti

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