



Dear Shiocton Booster,

The Shiocton Gridiron Club was started 18 years ago by a group of dedicated community members for the purpose of supporting the needs of our football athletes and coaches, as well as the overall football programs from middle school through high school. Over the past 18 years, we have raised almost \$300,000, of which 100% of that money has been shared directly with the football program and with the school.

Some of the bigger ticket items purchased with these funds include redevelopment of the natural-grass football field, and revival of the natural-grass practice field complete with new black dirt and seeding. The funds have also supported the installation of new goal posts, a new scoreboard, and a new 35' Flagpole and base. An enclosed equipment trailer was also purchased, as were end zone cameras. Additionally, funds were shared directly with the school's football programs to provide helmets with the safety upgrade, as well as additional uniform pants and jerseys that their annual budget could not afford.

While funds have been well spent on these necessities, the Shiocton Gridiron Club has also been setting aside some of the funds in an account with the school specifically earmarked for new bleachers. Our current bleacher system is more than (??) years old, is not compliant with the Americans Disability Act, and is not elevated such that those seated in the first few rows are unable to see over the players standing on the sidelines. As well, the home bleachers face the West setting sun and are on the opposite side of the playing field causing many challenges for our less-ambulatory fans. The new bleacher system would face the East and be constructed at an elevated level for a clear view over the standing players accessible for all levels of ambulation. Additionally, we are hoping to complete the full project that would include the construction of a press box, as well as storage under the bleachers.

Most recently, the proceeds from our Gridiron Banquet helped us to surpass the \$100,000 needed to initiate the Bleacher Project. As word spread of the goal achieved, a few more donations rolled in, including a very generous donation of \$100,000. To date, we have fundraised \$210,000 of the \$380,000 needed to complete the Bleacher Project.

Our dream 18 years ago was to raise sufficient funds for a new bleacher system. We now feel we can make that dream come true already this summer with just a bit more support from our community and nearby businesses.

This past Fall, the track was resurfaced with a rubberized surface. This put the renovation of the bleachers in urgent need. The old practice of walking the track to watch football games will be eliminated.

How You Can Help

Many of you receiving this have been very generous over the past 18 years, donating annually to the Gridiron Club Banquet Fundraiser. If sufficient funds can be raised through this outreach, the Club can accomplish our goal of providing Shiocton football fans with new bleachers in time for the 2025 season.

You can help the Shiocton Gridiron Club achieve this goal by making a financial contribution to the Bleacher Fund. While any financial contribution is appreciated, a sponsorship wall will proudly host the names of those individuals, families, and/or companies making donations by way of a list or different sized footballs:

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| Honorable Mention (list of names) | -- \$500 to \$999 |
| All Conference (small) | -- \$1,000 to \$2,499 |
| All State (medium) | -- \$2,599 to \$4,999 |
| All American (large) | -- \$5,000 - \$9,999 |
| All World (prominent) | -- \$10,000+ |

Thank you very much for considering a donation to the Shiocton School Bleacher Fund. We greatly appreciate any support you may be able to offer,

The Shiocton Gridiron Club

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ on behalf of _____ (Name to Display) in contribution to the Shiocton Bleacher Fund.

Please make checks payable to "Shiocton Bleacher Fund". Checks can be mailed to: PO Box 68 Shiocton, WI 54170.

For those who wish to donate online, below is a scannable QR code to our Zeffy online fundraiser; (*Zeffy is a non-profit organization that ensures all proceeds go directly to the Bleacher Fund*)

