



VALENTINE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the Valentine High School Foundation newsletter. The VHS Foundation has plans to publish a newsletter twice each academic school year.

History regarding the Foundation: The Foundation was formed in 2000 with the main purpose to build up a monetary base to allow enough interest to accrue from that base to offer scholarships to graduating seniors from Valentine High School. The Foundation was able to build up enough base to begin offering \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors beginning with the Class of 2003. Since that time, the Foundation has continued to offer scholarships each academic year with as many as five \$1000 scholarships offered some school years. With the Class of 2011, the Foundation has issued \$36,500 in scholarships to VHS.

Hopes for the Future: The Foundation would like to expand its' scope to help the school district with projects that cannot be afforded through the annual budget process for the school district. In recent years, the Valentine School District has lost all state aid, which in turn has not allowed the district to offer upgraded facilities and materials for our students. The Foundation is now reaching out to many different people and entities to try and facilitate the raising of money for specific projects. Once the necessary funds are raised for specific projects, the school district will move forward with those projects to make them a reality. Projects being considered at this time in no particular order include:

- Increase in scholarships to be offered to graduate from VHS.
- Upgrade of the track facility.
- Technology upgrades that include a new network infrastructure and upgraded technology for student use.
- Wrestling room and possible weight room – use for high school, junior high, and local youth wrestling organization.
- Additional competition gym that would also help improve practice facility.
- Upgrade of locker room facilities.
- Parking lot expansion on the east side of the high school building.
- Conference room and public use area attached to the high school building.

The Foundation 'donation board': This board is displayed in the high school gym area with donators recognized by the amount of money donated. Those donation levels are as follows:

- BADGER CLUB \$2500 and up
- VARSITY CLUB \$1200 - \$2499
- RED CLUB \$750 - \$1199
- WHITE CLUB \$300 - \$749

As stated earlier, donations to the Foundation can be earmarked for any specific project. Anyone wishing to donate to the Foundation can detach the form on the back of this brochure and mail it to the address listed.

Thank you for taking time to read about this project. To find out more about what is happening in the Valentine District Schools you can view the website at :

www.valentinecommunityschools.org

If you would like more information please contact: Jamie Isom (Superintendent of schools)

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GO BADGERS !!!

Name: _____

Amount to be Donated: \$ _____

Address: _____

Specific Project Money to be Earmarked for: _____

Donations can be mailed to: VHS Foundation – 431 N. Green Street – Valentine, Nebraska 69201
