

**2024 Boys’ Tennis Team Update / #4: 04/14/24**

**Here’s our look ahead for this coming week:**

1. **Our schedule for this coming week**.

Monday 4/15: Matches against Roseville: V home, JV away

Tuesday 4/16: V match vs. North Branch at home

Wednesday 4/17: Practice 3-5:30 at home (Adrenaline Fundraiser Kick-Off)

Thursday 4/18: Matches against Princeton: V away, JV home

Friday 4/19: Practice 3-5:30 at home

1. **Fundraiser.** I’m going to take a bit of time here to explain our fundraiser.

**First of all the importance of money.** Yes – money. I’ve sometimes referred to it as that necessary evil in life. But it is necessary. It’s necessary for us to acquire a third paid coach in time (which we will absolutely need if we hit the 40 boy mark), to pay for *actual* inside tennis facility training, to afford extra bus expenses (which by the way we couldn’t afford this year) and/or motel expenses if we want to add extra trips to our schedule, to pay for extra fun SWAG for the boys, to pay for part of our banquet, etc. It all takes money. The current approx. $600 in the boys’ tennis coach’s budget doesn’t get it done.

**Unlike several of the ‘center sports’ at the high school that are traditionally financially supported because we either live in Minnesota or the US, tennis is not funded that well.** It is therefore up to us to find alternative ways to fund the sport. It is my dream that we can somehow have a local tennis association to support our sport (both boys and girls) in time, but that’s another topic altogether. For now it’s up to us.

**I chose the current fundraising method.** If anyone does not like the idea, I guess you can blame me. But, in lack of an alternative idea and since this is my first year, I chose Adrenaline Fundraising. They are a legit organization that has helped hundreds of sports organizations raise money, and they can do the same for us. Do they take a cut? Well of course they do. That’s how they make their money. It’s all fair. But personally, rather than have the boys sell bags of popcorn (for example) at $25 per bag (and everyone knows $20 of it goes for the effort), I felt that simply asking those we know in a direct honest way works just as well. If every boy simply raises only $10-$15 per each person on their list of 25 individuals on their list, that’s $250-$350 per boy. And that will add up for sure.

**Finally, if you choose not to participate in the Adrenaline Fundraising drive, perhaps you will consider an alternative donation to the cause.** One of our boys has already chosen this method. He took it upon himself to approach the local fire department and the word is that he has raised $400. I personally am going to write a $500 check to the cause myself. But I am not telling you what to do here. I’m only suggesting that if the Adrenaline Fundraising idea really doesn’t sound like something you want to do, please consider an alternative. Thank you.

1. **Remind App.** (This will be the last time I include this in my weekly letter.) Make sure you sign up for the Remind app as it will be the main way we let everyone know of last minute changes. This is especially important when weather affects our plans. If you aren’t signed up already, you can get all the information for signing up for Remind at our website. Go to: [**https://www.chisagolakestennis.com**](https://www.chisagolakestennis.com) and then click the Boys’ HS Team button and then scroll down.

If you have any further questions and/or comments, email me @ ingallsrontennis.com.

Thanks, Coach Ron