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Dear BCHS Hall of Fame Member:

August 21, 2017

Most of you are probably aware that the new baseball/softball complex at BCHS was dedicated to and named for our legendary coach Gerry Ramsberger. Shortly thereafter, the class of 1960 undertook a beautiful project to erect a monument at the site with a bronze plaque featuring an image of Coach Ramsberger and verbiage to commemorate the dedication. The class of 1959 then added signage at the entrance to finish the project.

With that in mind, the thought came to Richard "Dick" Roberts, '59, that we should do the same thing at the football/track stadium. The idea was to honor Coach Dan Wickline, the Pirates most successful football coach in the history of the school, who had loyally and enthusiastically served BCHS for over 20 years. The stadium had been named for and dedicated to Charlie Beauchamp years ago, and the track had been named for its builder, Mr. Gene Rutledge, but never properly dedicated. Principal Michael Vigue got permission from the County for the dedications within the requirements that all monuments had to be identical, and that all three had to be erected at the same time. We obtained some cost estimates and began raising the funds necessary to complete the Project. Richard Roberts '59, working with Principal Vigue, agreed to be the project coordinator and fund raiser, and the Pirate Athletic HOF Committee having 501C-3 status agreed to handle and recognize all donations.

The project's progress has gone well, however, we need a little financial help to finish it off. Some individuals and classes have already contributed and we are not asking you to do more. The stadium signage, double sided so that it can be seen from the school and from the stadium, is beautiful and is in place and has been paid in full. It tells all who see it that they are looking at Dan Wickline Field and Gene Rutledge Track at Charles Beauchamp Stadium. The contract was signed and the monies were in place for the erection of the three monuments. They are now installed and are beautiful. All totaled we have currently raised over \$15,000 for the project. However there is some work yet to be completed, as additional funds are needed to complete the surrounding lighted courtyard with professionally installed pavers, this final step is estimated to cost about \$3,000. All funds received beyond that amount will be dedicated to maintaining the monuments to "Pirate" standards and will be controlled by Principal Vigue.

Your help in this extremely prestigious and worthwhile project would be very much appreciated. For donations of \$500, or more there will be name recognition at the site for those contributors. This could be individuals or perhaps members of a particular team or class that gave \$500 collectively. That team or class would get the recognition. Any group could put together a contribution and receive group name recognition. The recognition will be in the form of polished and etched granite tablet to be located in the front center of the courtyard.

The dedication ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, September 30th, @ 9:00am** inside the



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stadium. At that time, a short dedication ceremony will be held with time to congratulate our honorees and photo opportunities. All donations should be made to Pirate Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc. and mailed to **Barry Wax, Treasurer, 5940 Pelican Bay Plaza #602, Gulfport, FL 33707**. Please note on check that your donation is for the **BCHS Stadium Project**. All contributors of \$500 or more should include their graduation year, if alums, and their name as they wish it to appear on the recognition granite,

No other high school in Pinellas County has anything like this. Probably nowhere in the state of Florida can you find a school who can take pride in having done something of this nature.

Thank you in advance for considering helping to bring this endeavor to a successful conclusion. When that happens, and it will happen, we can all share once again in the pride that we feel as having been Pirates and helping to enhance our great alma mater.

The BCHS Stadium Project Team

Richard Roberts '59, Project Coordinator

David Punzak '78, President, "Pirate" Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc.

Michael Vigue, Principal, The Boca Ciega High School



"Pirate" Stadium, Track and Field Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, September 30, 2017 @ 9:00 am inside the stadium - rear of the school

"Pirate" Athletic Sports Hall of Fame 24th Annual Induction Ceremony

Fri., Oct. 6, 2017 @ 5:00 pm - school's cafeteria. RSVP to Coach Randy Shuman, 893-2780

"Pirate" Athletic Sports Hall of Fame 18th Annual Golf Tournament

Sat., May 5, 2018 @ 1:00 pm Pasadena Country Club, for additional information,
Call: Rex Gaugh '79, Tournament Chair (727) 434-2165