

ST JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA TRACK & FIELD

BIG BLUE - Sat April 5, 2025

March 6, 2025

Dear Sea Track Parents:

BIG BLUE IS BACK!!

On Saturday April 5, 2025, we will be hosting our home meet - The Big Blue Track & Field Classic. This event in previous years, attracted up to 2,000 athletes from the Northeast, as well as Canada, and Grenada, Jamaica and teams from the West Indies! Big Blue has been consistently one of the top scholastic meets in the northeast with many state and national ranked performances set right here at our facility.

The expenses for running such a huge track meet can be very expensive. In the past, we've spent close to \$15,000 in equipment, awards & other essential meet supplies.

✓ **FINANCIAL HELP!**

At this time, we are looking for each Sea Track family to raise at least \$100.00 in donations for our meet. (See the sample donation form on the back). In years past, families have asked for donations from local businesses that they frequent and relatives that may own companies. Although you can donate from your family, we really don't want this money coming out of your pocket. If you can, please consider raising more than \$100 – we desperately need your help!!

Any person or business that donates \$100.00 or more will be listed on the back of our meet t-shirt and in our program. For \$300.00 or more, the company also can supply a banner that we will hang up along the track.

We uploaded the donation form on www.vikingtrack.org if you need more forms.

ACCOUNTABILITY

However, if you or your family can not or will not support the meet through donations, we will excuse them from this request as long as you let us know. Just send in a note that says something like "The Smith Family doesn't want to help fundraise for this year's Big Blue."

✓ **PARENT MANPOWER**

Since we are planning to host between 1,500-3,000 athletes and spectators; we NEED help! Each athlete's family is asked to have 1-2 volunteers for the meet on the day of the meet. You don't need to know a thing about track; just bring a good attitude and the "experts" will have you assist them! Of course, you'll have the best opportunity to see your child compete! Figure the bulk of the help needed is from 9 AM to 3 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Coach Chris Mancusi
Boys & Girls Track Coach
CoachMancusi@aol.com

Return this Cut-Off by Fri 3/12/25

I have read the above Big Blue information and understand the financial and manpower needs for hosting BIG BLUE!

Athlete's Name

Parent's Signature

BIG BLUE MEET DAY VOLUNTEER NAME(S)

9AM-3PM

11AM-5PM

ALL DAY



January 2025

Dear Friend of St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School:

I am writing to you on behalf of St. Joseph by-the-Sea's boys and girls track and field team. On April 5, 2025, we will be hosting our home meet - The Big Blue Track & Field Classic. This event in previous years, attracted up to 2,000 athletes from the Northeast, as well as Canada, and 2 teams from Grenada, West Indies! In 2013, we welcomed Westerhall from the Caribbean island of Grenada and in 2016 we welcomed a team from Jamaica!

Big Blue has been consistently one of the top scholastic meets in the northeast with many state and national ranked performances set right here at our facility. As a matter of fact, we have had international fields in the past as teams from Canada and Grenada have competed at our meet. We encourage you to pay a visit to our 12 million dollar sports complex, Viking Park. The St. Joseph by-the-Sea sports facility is considered to be one of the finest in the tri-state area. The track and field surfaces were completely re-surfaced in the summer. In addition to our 6 lane lightning fast track; all of our sports fields are made of *Fieldturf*, the same material used at Giants Stadium.

In years past, Big Blue has received contributions from local banks, businesses, families and friends. This year we are inviting you to join as a contributor to this great athletic competition. All contributors will be listed in our program guide given to all coaches and officials. For your contribution of \$100.00 or more, we will list your name or business on the back of our meet t-shirt. For a donation of \$300.00 or more, if you have a company/business banner we will also hang it up around our track for all of the spectators/athletes to see. If you have a banner, be sure to drop it off the week of the meet!

Big Blue in previous years has drawn local coverage in the Staten Island Advance newspaper prior to the days leading up to the meet as well as full coverage and results the day after the meet. In addition, we have been featured on many of the national track & field websites.

Thank you for your contribution showing your support for America's Youth at our Big Blue Track & Field Classic on April 13, 2024. Who knows, maybe this year's event will include a future "Olympian!"

SPONSOR	\$500 and over
Platinum Donation	\$400
Gold Donation	\$300
Silver Donation	\$200
Bronze Donation	\$100
Friends of Big Blue	\$25
Other	\$ _____

Note: A donation of \$300.00 or higher will allow your company to hang up your banner around the track.

In order to include your name on the tee shirts and program, **we must receive your donation by March 28, 2025.** Please Print. All checks payable to: "St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School", and mail to: ***Big Blue c/o 135 Delmar Ave, Staten Island, NY 10312. Any questions, e-mail CoachMancusi@aol.com***

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