

# ST JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA TRACK & FIELD

March 23, 2018

Dear Sea Track Parents:

On Saturday April 21, 2018, 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 the West Indies! As a matter of fact, in 2012, we hosted Westerhall that came all the way from the Caribbean island of Grenada! 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. Last year we spent close to \$15,000 in equipment, awards & other essential meet supplies. Unfortunately the meet wasn't held from 2003-2011 due to many reasons, lack of finances being one of them.

## **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!**

At this time, we are looking for each Sea Track family to raise \$100.00 in donations to help defray the expenses of the meet. 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. **All donations need to be in by 4/6** so we can get the donors listed on the back of our meet shirt.

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.

For your convenience we posted the donation form on [www.vikingtrack.org](http://www.vikingtrack.org), click Big Blue.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Since most of our athletes seem to *never* let their parents know what's going on haha!

**We have told your son/daughter that no athlete will be allowed to compete at the first track meet in April without handing in their \$100.00 in donations.**

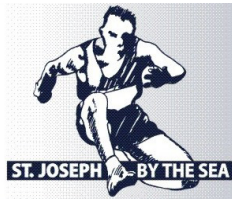
*However, if you or your family can not or chooses not to support the meet through donations, we will excuse them from this request as long as you let us know. Just send in a note that simply says "The Smith Family will not help fundraise for this year's Big Blue." No questions will be asked; this is your decision.*

We just want to make sure that the message is getting home and that each athlete is accountable. We hope you understand our thought process.

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

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Girls Coach

Coach Chris Mancusi  
917-837-0594  
Boys Coach



# BIG BLUE TRACK & FIELD CLASSIC

January 2018

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 Saturday April 21, 2018, 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 Jamiaca!

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 Saturday April 21, 2018. Who knows, maybe this year's event will include a future "Olympian!"

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

**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 April 6, 2018.** Please Print. All checks payable to: "St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School", and mail to: **Big Blue c/o Chris Mancusi, 132 Demopolis Ave, Staten Island, NY 10308**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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