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## PONIES TOUCHDOWN CLUB

Happy New Year from the Ponies Touchdown Club (PTC). As we've turned the calendar to a new year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments that Ponies football and the PTC enjoyed this past year.

On the field, the team compiled a 7-3 record and played in both the Suburban East Conference and Class 6A Section Championship games. The 2014 roster was the largest since the late 1980s and set or tied four school records and entered the top ten in the record books in 11 other categories. The team excelled on both sides of the ball, posting a point differential of 18.6 points per game, largest margin since 1995, and averaged nearly 320 yards of offense per game, the most since 2003.

Off the field, Pony football players excelled in the classroom and in the community. Stillwater Area High School was named a Silver Academic Team by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) for the third consecutive year. And our student-athletes served the St. Croix Valley with over 1,500 hours of community service, including Special Olympics, Feed My Starving Children, Pony Youth Football Camp and Adaptive Football Day among other community initiatives. The team also hosted a food drive to benefit Valley Outreach and raised over \$4,000 for Tackle Cancer.

In just its third year, the PTC and its members continue to significantly impact the football program over and beyond the fundraisers conducted by our players, coaches and parents. Since its inception in 2012, the PTC, a 501(c)(3), has helped improve the program while supporting the long term vision of the program under Head Coach Beau LaBore.

Some of the biggest financial contributions the PTC has made the past three years include funding for the finest football helmets on the market, weight room improvements and the recently constructed equipment garage. In 2014, the PTC continued its support of various other programs, including a scholarship fund, end-of-season banquet, player awards, acquisition of mouth guards and nutrition program. The PTC also provided financial assistance for players participating in the All-Star Game and with the acquisition of a sports video software program (Hudl) for the coaching staff.

The PTC also strives to make Ponies football more enjoyable for fans of all ages by creating a fun atmosphere at Pony Stadium on Friday nights. Recently added in-game features include an audio recording of Hall of Fame announcer Dick Enberg highlighting the Ponies' proud football history, 48-page 4-color game program, professionally trained mascot, enhanced live and pre-recorded music, halftime entertainment and a cowgirl (SAHS graduate) on horseback leading the team onto the field. For fans unable to attend games, the PTC has coordinated live broadcasts of home games on Valley Access.

The many contributions of the PTC would not be possible were it not for the generous support of our members. Membership now exceeds 200, many of whom are player families and alumni. The PTC would also like to thank the following local businesses for their support:

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Special thanks to all PTC members for their continued support of Ponies football.  
If you're not a member, please consider [joining the Ponies Touchdown Club](#) today.