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CHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM TO ‘DIG PINK’ FOR CANCER AWARENESS DURING HOMECOMING WEEK

The Clinton High School volleyball team will host a “Dig Pink” night Oct. 6, hoping to involve students, teachers, and the community in an awareness and fund-raising event for breast cancer research.

The junior varsity Lady Dragons will play William Blount High School on Court 1 at CHS at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon, with Stone Memorial High School and Lenoir City High School’s JV team meeting on Court 2.

At 6 p.m., the CHS varsity will take on WBHS at 6 p.m. on Court 1, with SMHS playing LCHS on Court 2. The 7 p.m. match will feature CHS vs. LCHS on Court 1, and SMHS vs. WBHS on Court 2.

“It is a night to raise money for breast cancer and we want to involve the whole school,” said Susan Zellner, volleyball coach and PE/wellness teacher at CHS.

Oct. 6 falls in Homecoming Week, and Zellner said the day will be designated “pink day.”

“We are asking that all the teachers, male and female, wear pink that day,” Zellner said, adding that a number of activities are scheduled for the afternoon and evening volleyball matches, and that breast cancer survivors will get in free.

Zellner said the team is also encouraging individuals to help with their fundraising efforts; donations will go to the Side-Out Foundation, which is promoting hundreds of high school and college volleyball matches across the country during the month of October to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and treatment.

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The Side-Out Foundation is a Virginia-based 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that takes its name from the volleyball term that describes the situation when one team wins a point while its opponent is serving, regaining serve or control of play.

In the fight against cancer, the Side-Out Foundation says it is supporting health care professionals pursuing solutions for women and men, “enabling those affected to regain control of their lives and living them to the fullest.”

“I think that this is a worthy cause for the volleyball players to undertake because I think they need to know as much as possible about breast cancer,” Zellner said. “I have my grandmother, aunts, and cousins who have died from this disease and some that have survived the fight. It has touched us all in some way.”

CHS is one of nearly 600 middle and high schools and colleges participating in the challenge. For more information or to make a donation that will be credited to the CHS team’s effort, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pjun86> on the web.

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