



# The Lion's Den

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## Girls' Volleyball

### **OLL vs. St. Thomas More, August 28th**

JV – This was the first game ever for the 6th graders on the JV team. With the starting lineup including 7th graders Leah Cox, Millie Piggott and Kimmy Thompson, the girls overcame their jitters and played great. The girls were getting their serves over and fought for each point. Millie Piggott didn't let up, and Kimmy Thompson dove to make several points. Mary Neil Hodl scored the last 3 points with her serve, and Carmen Sigmon had a great save on the last point of the game. Final Score 25-23

Varsity 1 - The girls played this one as a team. Each girl contributed to this win with 4 nice points by Claudia Schweighardt on her serves. The girls used their skills to set up the ball and make their shots count. Ashton Byrne had a number of nice digs, and Nicole Gooch showed lots of hustle to get a win for the Lady Lions 25-19

Varsity 2 -In game 2, the girls showed confidence, with clean play, hard hits, and good tips over the net. Joanna Powers had several good set-ups and tips over the net. Nicole Gooch played tough, sliding to make a hit and score. The Lady Lions lost the lead mid-game, then tied it up 20-20. The game was point for point. Lane Huger, Kimmy Thompson and Millie Piggott were brought in to finish the game. OLL won this one on a beautiful serve by Claudia Schweighardt. Final Score 25-23

### **OLL vs. St. Michael's, September 2nd**

JV – Although the JV girls' serves were on early in the game, it wasn't enough to beat the St. Michael's girls Tuesday afternoon. Maggie Dever made 2 in a row for early points in the game. Midway through the game, the girls were down 15-9. The girls hustled and came close with a nice play by Grace Massarelli. Grace made a nice dig to move the game within 1 point. There were several good plays in the game but the Lady Lions lost 25-21

Varsity 1 - The Varsity came out to play the St. Michael's girls, but fell short and lost 25-23. There were many long points and a couple of violations to give the Lady Lions a point or two. Ashton Byrne tied up the game 14-14 and took the lead for 4 service points in a row. Joanna Powers showed hustle and concentration as she ran outside the court to keep the ball in play to give the Lions an extra point when needed.

Varsity 2 - This game began with a few nice serves for points. Joanna Powers had a nice net shot and great kill to make the game 15-12. The game then was tied at 15. The girls did work together to try and make things happen but fell short for a 21-25 loss to St. Michael's.

### **OLL vs. St. Raphael's, September 4th**

JV –A spirited crowd was on hand in the sweltering gym to watch the JV girls get a big win at home. Grace Massarelli started with 2 aces in a row. The team was very focused and confident as Sarah Blelloch, Carmen Sigmon, Millie Piggott, and Morgan Manning all made many great serves. Mary Neil Hodl showed leadership with good communication on the court. The team showed great spirit, often congratulating each other on the play. Lourdes wins this one 25 – 14.

Varsity 1 -The first game of the afternoon for the Varsity was certainly a team effort. Millie Piggott dove for several saves. Claudia Schweighardt made 3 points early with her serves. Lane Huger had a nice tip over the net. Rachel Lanzone had good, hard overhand serves. Joanna Powers and Nicole Gooch had a great play at the net. Ashton Byrne and Lane Huger made 5 points in a row on their serves. Most of the 7th graders came in early to play this game and remained in the lead to finally win 25 – 7.

Varsity 2 - Kimmy Thompson made a tough play at the net to start this one. The team really talked it up so the girls were aware of who was making the play. Nicole Gooch was another force at the net. The St. Raphael's girls stayed on their heels. It continued to be neck and neck. Our coaches have done a great job teaching the girls to talk to each other. It was evident that this was a huge advantage over our opponent. Kimmy Thompson held the serve 5 points in a row and Joanna Powers then had a great dive to save the ball. Lions win this one 25 – 17.



## Thanks to our coaches:

### **Boys' Soccer**

Gavin Parsons

Jeff Fleming

### **Girls' Volleyball**

Mary Byrne

Lorraine Powers

Peggy Piggott



# ATHLETICS

*Parents, won't you*

*please consider*

*supporting our boys'*

*soccer team by writing*

*a news story for the*

*Lion's Den? Our kids*

*love to read about their*

*friends and their teams!*

*If you want to help, let*

*us know!*

Mark your Calendar

September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Booster Club Kickoff Party

September 20<sup>th</sup>  
NC State Football  
Volunteers

September 27<sup>th</sup>  
NC State Football  
Volunteers

December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Omega Sports Night

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Booster Club Kickoff Party

Parents, make plans to attend this event for new and current Booster Club members. You can join the club at the party too! We will be recognizing volunteers, corporate sponsors and Lion's Circle members. Held at North Hills Club, this party is a great way to start the year.

The Booster Club party brings together OLL supporters for a night of fun. The outstanding

athletic programs at Lourdes are due to the hard work of the athletes, coaches, school administration, and the parents. All that hard work deserves a little recognition. Plan to kickback at the Kickoff party.

It all gets started on September 18<sup>th</sup>, at North Hills Club at 7:00 pm. We will have information on upcoming Booster Club events including the Boy's Soccer Cookout,

Omega Sports Shopping Night, Wolfpack Sports Marketing volunteer opportunities, and OLL merchandise sales.

Over 200 students participate in OLL athletics, with 12 teams benefiting from the work of the Booster Club. Let's celebrate our success together. We hope to see you there.

## Boys' Soccer

The Lions roared out scoring the first goal of the first game of the season against St. Thomas More. Robert Povlock quickly took a shot that deflected off one of the St. Thomas More players into their own goal! Next STM scored a goal to tie the game up 1-1. Then Robert Povlock made 2 additional goals, taking the ball down the field each time and shooting to the far post--one out of the reach of the goalie's hands and into the net, and then not too long after that one, another shot over the goalie's head and into the net. However, STM came back at the Lions with a goal of their own.

With the score now Lions 3-STM 2, the Lions worked hard. As goalie, Ryan Lawrence saw quite a bit of action, stopping balls from getting through. He was in the air stopping balls--he was on

the ground stopping balls--he even made some sweet diving stops that were--as the boys would say--sick! Nick Despotes' big boots from the back line cleared the ball far away from our goal to save us many times. New players, James Sriraman, David Ogburn, Matthew Bass, John Mrozak, Carter Durling, and Preston Butler weren't shy as they got right in there to mix it up with the STM players. Veterans Andrew Mihok, Noah Dickerson, Phillip Cooley, Patrick Domville, Andrew King, Robert Povlock, and Jeffrey Crawford put up a fight to take the ball from their opponents and attempt additional goals. It appeared our team was tiring and STM kept possession of the ball most of the second half. Despite having infrequent

possessions, Jeffrey Crawford was still fighting out there, using his size, determination and speed to challenge the STM players and take the ball away from them. Nevertheless, STM had numerous corner kick attempts and ultimately scored a goal off of one of our players to tie the game. The regulation game ended with a tie score of 3-3, forcing a 5-minute overtime. Neither team was able to score a goal, so the game went into double overtime. Again, no additional goals were scored by either team, so the final score of the game stood as a tie at 3-3. The Lions are still battling some injuries and illnesses--even coach was sick and couldn't make this game! The Lions have a chance to redeem themselves against STM again on 9/10--GO LIONS!!!

## Booster Club on the World Wide Web

"The Lion's Den" is moving to its new virtual home in a new form on the OLL web site. Go to Our Lady of Lourdes web site and click Athletics in the menu bar. Up to date scores, photos, and news will be available on our OLL Athletic web site. Team schedules as well as game locations and directions are posted for your convenience. You can find volunteer opportunities that help raise funds for our athletic programs. You can even see photos of our "crew team" on Lake Lourdes produced by the latest storm Hanna. Information on volunteer opportunities that include a chance to go to Wolfpack football and basketball games are posted on our site. Plans for social events, information on OLL spirit apparel and goods, and ways to sponsor our teams by supporting the Booster Club are a click away. But we NEED YOU! OLL families can help make this site and this club **better**. Your input will make the difference. Sending photos, stories from the sidelines when you watch a game and from the trenches when you volunteer, will help support our web site and our school. Look for the Lion's Den posted on the web in the future. We will lighten the Wednesday folder, and save a tree! We hope you will continue to follow the Lion's on the Web. GO LIONS!