



The Lion's Den

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Thanks to our Volunteers!

The Booster Club is growing. Our membership list is getting longer each day. Our Lady of Lourdes athletic teams continue to benefit from all levels of volunteering. The money raised when we volunteer for NC State ball games, sell athletic wear, and join the Booster Club goes directly to the athletic funds. But we can't play the games without the parents who bring the water coolers to the game, run the scoreboards, and help as linesmen. Thank you!

If you play on a team, we are grateful to you for your sharing talents. Parents, consider sharing some of your talents too! Take photos for the yearbook, web site, or eighth grade video. Offer to submit a story to the web site, or to The Lion's Den. We have great families at Our Lady of Lourdes, and we thank you for all that you do. Join the fan frenzy and become a member of the Booster Club to help support our teams.

Boys' Soccer



The Lions have been on a run, winning some big games in the last few weeks.

The team played Cathedral for the first time this season and had a solid win. The whole team contributed, with the defense holding Cathedral to one goal, and the offense providing eleven goals for a big win.

The improved teamwork contributed to a lopsided victory over rival St Michael's. The improved offense and stalwart defense led to a rewarding win in the rescheduled rematch. Patrick Domville and Robert Povlock had outstanding games, but the highlight was a header

shot into the goal by Noah Dickerson.

The game against St Timothy's was a nail-biter too. Both teams had strong defensive efforts leading to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation. In overtime, Andrew Mihok crossed to Robert Povlock for the overtime winning goal.

The team played two more schools in conference matchups. The Lions faced St. Raphael's in a home match. Unfortunately, the Guardians outpaced the Lions and won the game. Goalie Ryan Lawrence kept the Lions within reach, but the Guardian's defense was too strong.

The Lions also faced another conference team, The Franciscan School, twice in the last few weeks. Both games were tightly contested. Defensive pressure dominated the game, with Nick Despotes and Matt Bass leading this effort, but the Lions came up short. The Timberwolves won 1-0 in the first game, and won 2-0 in the second game.

This week also saw another bright spot - the long anticipated return of Andrew King. He has recovered from his foot fracture and has rejoined the team workouts. With only six more games left to play in the regular season, come out and cheer for the Lions.



Volleyball

Wed. Sept. 10th

OLL vs. St. Thomas More

Varsity 1

After beating the St. Thomas More team the first game of the season, it was clear the Knights wanted revenge. In the game Wednesday afternoon in Chapel Hill, the Knights got what they wanted. OLL lost 11-25

Varsity 2

In game 2 the Lady Lions appeared to be more focused. With fine execution by Joanna Powers at the net for key points, the OLL girls were up 6-1 early on. Several nice serves by Lane Huger kept the girls on track to win. Nicole Gooch, Claudia Schweighardt, and Joanna Powers had a nice 3-touch play mid-game. With a nice save by Lane Huger late in the game and a great tip by Nicole Gooch, the Lady Lions finished off the Knights with great set-ups keeping the ball in play to our favor on the scoreboard. OLL wins 25-16.

Varsity 3

Game 3 proved consistent for the Lady Lions. The girls showed good control of the ball with many 3-touch shots. A nice point by Claudia Schweighardt put the game in the W column for the Lions. Lions 25 – Knights 18

Tues. 9/16

OLL vs. TFS

JV – Although the JV girls had many good serves, it wasn't enough to beat the Timberwolves of St. Francis. The game was close early on then the girls of TFS went on the beat OLL 13 – 25.

Varsity - In game 1 against TFS, the girls truly played as a team. There were several "3 and over" shots for points and nice long rallies with the ball to keep the game exciting. Nicole Gooch, Lane Huger,

and Joanna Powers showed focus with a great save from the floor and tip over for a point. Rachel Lanzone contributed greatly in this game with 4 nice serves in a row and great effort for a number of points during the game. OLL 25 – TFS 18

Varsity – The Lady Lions led the entire way in this game to add another win to start the week. Claudia Schweighardt, Ashton Byrne, and Krissy Thompson worked together for many points to put the Lions up mid-game by 8. Leah Cox came in and contributed with 3 nice serves for points and the win. OLL 25-TFS 21.

Wed. Sept 17th

OLL vs. The Montessori School

JV

The Montessori School came to our gym to play on Wednesday afternoon. Our girls showed concentration and teamwork to pull off a nice win. Megan Bleloch made 2 great serves in the game. Sarah Bleloch and Millie Piggott made other nice serves. Mary Neil Hodl made a hard play with a save to put the Lady Lions up by 5 in the middle of the game. The Lions win the game 25 – 18.

Varsity

The Varsity girls dominated in the game Wednesday, and with substitutions by Coach Byrne, showed an incredible team effort. Strong serves by Lane Huger and Joanna Powers put the girls up early by 3. Claudia Schweighardt had 5 serves in a row and a nice kill to put the game out of reach for TMS. Lions win 25 – 13

In game 2 for the Varsity, the coaches continued to make substitutions in the game. All the girls contributed. Leah Cox and Kimmy Thompson had nice plays followed later

by a three-touch play to put the game away by Kimmy Thompson, Lane Huger, and Grace Massarelli. OLL 25 – TMS 12

Thurs. Sept 18th

OLL vs. St. Mary Magdalene

JV – The JV Lady Lions played hard Thursday afternoon but it wasn't enough to beat the Monarchs of Mary Magdalene. Leah Cox, Maggie Dever, and Grace Massaralli had 2 nice plays in a row at the net for early points. The Lions stayed on their toes as their teammates and the crowd cheered. It was an exciting game, but the Lions lost 18 – 25.

Varsity 1 – The girls came on the court a little edgy with thoughts of past appearances on the court with Mary Magdalene. They had never beaten the Monarchs, and it was on their minds. The team cheered from the bench as the Lady Lions used good defense to keep the Monarchs from scoring. Joanna Powers hit one from deep on the court to make it over the net by a tip from Nicole Gooch. Claudia Schweighardt showed consistent hustle throughout the game. The Lions win to the cheers of a roaring crowd 25 – 16

Varsity 2 – Game 2 Thursday afternoon was exciting as it was neck and neck the entire way. The Lady Lions had shaken any thought of defeat to the Monarchs after their first win. The girls fought for each point. Joanna Powers had nice movement to get to the ball and 2 nice kills for points during the game. Nicole Gooch had a nice save early on, and Lane Huger made her serves count.

It was a "nail-biter" with points back and forth at the end until the Lady Lions came up the winner at 25 – 23.

Mark your Calendar

Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tryouts - October 27th and 28th

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Tryouts - October 29th and 31st

Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Tryouts - October 29th and 30th

Varsity Cheerleading Tryouts- October 28th and 29th

Junior Varsity Cheerleading Tryouts- October 30th