



The Lions Den

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Winter Sports Begin!

The winter sports season is in full swing. Early in November, middle school boys and girls tried out for the varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and cheerleading squads. We look forward to seeing these teams on the court representing us as the OLL Lions. The team roster for JV Boys' Basketball includes John Michael de Guzman, Jeffrey Crawford, Joey Aschenbrenner, Noah Dickerson, Peter Marino, John Stephen Proctor, John Pompiano, Carter Durling, Matt Bass, James Sriraman, Shane Toole, David Ogburn, Joseph Moore, and Greyson Kelley. The Boys' Varsity team has some familiar faces, and some young blood as well. The team includes Kieran Fleming, Thomas Bernhardt, Reese Abee, Preston Butler, Phillip Cooley, Michael Billy, Nick Despotos, Robert Povlock, Patrick Domville, Robbie Lavelle, Patrick McIntyre, Dillon Finn, and Taylor Finn. The Girls' Varsity team has some returning and new players. This year's squad includes Kathleen Hickey, Samara Knuckley, Nicole Gooch, Kasey Janes, Lane Huger, Maggie Mueller, Stephany Michalak, Annetta San Diego, Joanna Powers, Rebecca Wiley, Rachel Lanzone, Hayley Edmonds, and Kelsey Dupere. The JV Girls' Basketball team includes Megan Comstock, Sarah Comstock, Hannah Jefferson, Kaylan Joseph, Carly Morris, Brenna Buckley, Maggie Dever, Meghan Garney, Sammie Gaudette, Samantha Geaslen, Mary Neil Hodl, Kathryn Wright, and Alexandra Yanoschak. The JV Cheerleaders this year are Megan Belloch, Madison Bonavita, Sydney Cavallaro, Mary Hutson, Catherine Jarema, Anna Kehoe, Carina Kling, Morgan Manning, Emily Neff, Grayson Reuther, Sophie Sajovec, Lydia Trogdon. The Varsity Cheerleaders are Alana Klein, Grace Masserelli, Heather Elliott, Brittan Harrell, Tess Bettinsoli, Mary Grace Doggett, April Zaetz, Adonna Biel, Kelly Cockrill, Katie Kehoe, Amanda Fristoe, Wynn Saleeby, Lauren Romer, Madeline Crone, Millie Piggott, and Claudia Rutkowski. Congratulations to the new teams.



ATHLETICS

Volleyball

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team made a huge season even better by advancing to the Conference Tournament Finals this year. After closing out the season with some big wins, the team was ready for the tourney the Girls' Volleyball team finished its regular season on Wednesday with a win over Cathedral 25-17, 28-26. Earlier in the week the Lady Lions won big over Immaculata 25-10, 25-9 before dropping a tough match to Mary Magdalene 23-25, 27-25, 21-25. The girls finish with a 12-4 regular season record.

The Girls' Volleyball team placed in second in the Triangle Middle School Catholic Athletic Association volleyball tournament. After defeating two conference teams, they advanced to the finals of the tournament.

The final matchup was closely contested on a neutral court. The Lions played a hard-fought game against St. Michael's, whose team that had mostly 8th grade girls. The Angels started all its most senior players, and in a tough match at the St. Mary Magdalene gym, the Lions fought hard.

The Lions lost in the first game, won the second, but closed out the match with a tough tiebreaking loss. They played so well. Long volleys meant it just came down to which team made the first mistake in a volley. The girls played their hearts out! The team spirit was great. All the girls felt it was a fun team to be a part of. The older and younger girls worked so well together. Way to go, Lions!



Boys' Soccer

The Boys' Soccer team ended the year with the return of several injured players, and renewed spirit. The boys played hard in all the games-- good defense, good goalkeeping, good passing. The hard work in practice showed. They had several nail-biters, including the overtime loss in the tournament. Hard work paid off with good play.

On October 13th, OLL played Immaculata at home and we won 4-2. Good defense kept us in the game, while the offense took charge. On October 14th, OLL played St

Mary Magdalene. This home game began with OLL starting off strong, but the Knights took the victory. The game with Cathedral, on October 15th was set, but Cathedral had to forfeit the Game,

The next week, tournament play began. The first conference tournament game was away against Mary Magdalene. This was the same team we face in the tournament match up last year so the OLL boys really wanted to win. Coach Parsons said it was the best

game the boys played all season. It was a hard fought game and we lost 1-0 in overtime. Saint Mary Magdalene scored with about 1 minute left in the 2nd overtime. The boys played great and gave it all they had. They just missed several scoring opportunities by inches! Though the season ended on a loss, the great play should be commended. Way to go Lions!

Thanks to our Coaches

Boys' JV Basketball

Tammie Kelley- Head Coach
Jeff Moore – Asst. Coach
Charles Craven- Asst. Coach

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Jeff Fleming – Head Coach
Phil Domville- Asst. Coach

Girls' JV Basketball

Jim Dever – Head Coach
Dick Wright – Asst. Coach

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Kelly Damare - Head Coach
Mary Ann Enzweiler- Asst. Coach

Girls' JV Cheerleading

Lisa Jarema
Lori Neff
Richelle Sajovec
Michelle Kling

Girls' Varsity

Cheerleading

Leslie Klein- Head Coach
Rebecca Harrell – Asst. Coach
Mary Cockrill – Asst. Coach
Alexis Klein- Choreographer

Fall Sports Awards

The fall seasons ended with teams and families gathering to celebrate. It was an opportunity for the players to be recognized, and for the teams to thank the coaches for all their dedication.

The coaches told stories about the teams, and awarded special recognition to some of the leaders of the teams. At Lourdes, being a great player is acknowledged, but as important, character

and leadership are highlighted with the Sarah Almon Christian Leadership award.

The Boys' Soccer team awards were: Most Valuable Player- Robert Povlock, The Sarah Almon Christian Leadership Awards - Nick Desportes and Preston Butler, and The Defensive Stopper - Matt Bass.

For the Girls' Volleyball team, the awards were:

The Coaches Award-Claudia Schweighardt, The Sarah Almon Christian Leadership Award -Lane Huger, The Most Improved Player -Rachel Lanzone, and The Most Valuable Player- Ashton Byrne.

Congratulations to each team player. Lourdes is proud to have you represent our school.

Special Shout-Out To

Running practices, reviewing skills and drills, hauling equipment, answering emails, returning phone calls, and making long drives are just part of the fun. The work isn't complete without relishing in exciting victories, and enduring tough losses. These are just a fraction of the things our coaches do. They make an enormous commitment to our school. They set a great example for our kids, and we can't give them enough thanks for working to make our young adults better adults. Kudos to Mary Byrne, Lorraine Powers, Peggy Piggott, Gavin Parsons, and Jeff Fleming for doing it all.

I would also like to thank Lorraine Powers, Amy Dever, Ellen Crawford and Meredyth Andersen for reporting the games for the Lion's Den. It's not easy to coach, or be a parent at a game AND keep all the stats for the articles. Thank you for your help.