

“Pride of Methacton”
Warrior Athletics – October/November Celebrations
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This marks the fall sports edition of the “Pride of Methacton” for the 2020-2021 school year. The “Pride of Methacton” serves as our athletics newsletter, which updates Methacton Athletics in order to best communicate to our schools and community the wonderful accomplishments of our sports programs. We will include outstanding individual student-athletic achievements as well as team accomplishments. Please enjoy our November installment of the “Pride of Methacton”, which focuses its attention on a recap of our fall sports season.

Fall Sports Update:

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Student-Athletes of the Month:

September- **Irene Biju-** GirlsTennis Team & **Jacob Gorczyca-** Boys Soccer Team

October- **Mackenzie Clark-** Girls Cross Country Team & **Qu inn Shields-** Football Team

PAC Fall Citizen Award Recipient:

Chris Spletzer of the Boys Cross Country Team

PAC Fall All-Academic Team:

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| <u>Cheerleading</u> Emma Spinelli | <u>Field Hockey</u> Alexa Kratz | <u>Girl's Soccer</u> Mairi Smith |
| <u>Boy's X-Country</u> Charlie D'Orazio | <u>Football</u> Justin Gumienny | <u>Girl's Tennis</u> Alice Liang |
| <u>Girl's X-Country</u> Maya Leber | <u>Boy's Soccer</u> Zach Stevenson | <u>Boys Golf</u> Colin Meyer |
| <u>Girls Volleyball</u> Allison Hazlett | <u>Girls Golf</u> Cerise Walker | |

Girls Volleyball:

The 2020 Methacton Volleyball team finished with a 5-5 record. It was a very different season adjusting on the fly with changing Covid rules. We played some matches with fans in the stands and some without. Some matches were played with all the substitutes standing in the hallway. We had a beautiful senior night honoring our four seniors, Alison Hazlett, Emme Brunt, Andria Santangelo and Emma Ginther. We were very competitive in every match including taking league champion Boyertown to a fifth set. We were very strong in the middle with Junior Melinda Eglinton and Senior Alison Hazlett forming the best middle hitter combo in the conference. We had tremendous contributions from younger players such Sophomore Mandy Baldwin and Freshman Kayla Ginther. Senior Andria Santangelo was a powerful weapon on the right side while Junior Meghan Haftl ran the offense smoothly and effectively from the setter position. Senior Libero Emma Ginther and senior defensive specialist Emme Brunt solidified the defense. Juniors Claire Ferrance and Maddie Roth supplied versatility, skill leadership in various positions to make the team successful.

Girls Cross Country:

The 2020 Girls X-C season was obviously unique because of the impact that the COVID-19 virus had on our efforts. In reviewing the season it would have to be declared a total success! First, the summer was highlighted by the on again, off again, nature of even having a fall sports season. The Team met and trained through all of that uncertainty. The evolution and growth of the four senior captains (Casey Biglin, Lindsay DiSalvo, Maya Leber & Aly Markley) was evident during these training sessions as attendance was good and the workouts were great. Then, the season started and the team performed well, finishing with a 5-2 PAC record and qualifying as one of the three teams to represent the PAC at Districts. In addition, the Captains welcomed six "new" runners: Sophomore Caitlyn Hennessy & five freshmen, including Allie Conrad, Molly Keegan, Austin King, Emily Kirschner & Molly Thomas.

The '20 X-C team navigated the season without a key component of a typical schedule, which normally would include the Saturday Invitational X-C races. All invitationals were canceled and this would be a big disappointment for returning runners Mackenzie Clark, Iris Gong, Devon Peteri, Caroline Cherekos, Brianna Christmann and Bipasha Moktan. The team trained hard without this aspect to their X-C season and should be commended for their efforts. And finally,

without some team bonding activities which were limited because of the virus, the girls X-C team rallied around each other and continued to be upbeat. All of these efforts were rewarded with an All-PAC selection for Freshman Molly Thomas, who had a breakout season made a little bit easier by the entire '20 Methacton Girls X-C Team.

Methacton Boys Cross Country:

The boys cross country team finished with a record of 5-2. The Varsity team qualified for districts and finished 9th out of 14 teams with a separation of 22 points from 6th to 14th place.

At districts Methacton defeated Spring-Ford who was undefeated within our conference.

Junior, Vaughn Lackman finished in either first or second place in 6 out of our 7 races and came in 3rd in the other race. Freshman Matthew Sandners earned respect as he earned the right to run for the varsity team.

Congrats to Vaughn Lackman, Chris Spletzer and Matthew Sandners on making the All-Conference Team.

This was a very competitive young team. They were an underdog in some races and refused to accept it and won them which was in part due to the attitude of the captains that permeated the team! Next year 5 out of the 7 varsity runners return.

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Methacton Football:

Football finished the 2020 season 4-3, giving us our first winning record since 2014. Standout offensive performances came from Justin Carfrey, who led the area in rushing and Mike Merola who threw for over 600 yards and 5TDs. On the defensive side we held our opponents to 13.7 points per game, the lowest mark since 1988. Standout performers on defense included Dan Meier who recorded 3 Sacks and 2 Fumble recoveries on the year and Matt Blakemore who finished the season with 3 interceptions and 2 forced fumbles. Big wins this year included victories over Pottsgrove (2nd time in school history), and Council Rock South (first win vs a Suburban 1 opponent since 2014).

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Methacton Field Hockey:

The 2020 Warriors Field hockey season was one that the team will never forget. Throughout the summer the team worked very hard to prepare for the season not knowing if we were going to have one or not. The team participated in virtual workouts and eventually participated in in-person training sessions once it was allowed by the school district. When it was announced that the season was ON, the team was ready to go! With the short time frame the team had to get

ready, and they really showed how much they all really wanted to play. Seniors Alexa Kratz and Grace Shields, along with junior Kristen Riddell were named team captains.

The Warriors started off the season very strong with wins over OJR and PV. With the extension of league play, the Warriors were able to play each team twice. Varsity finished the regular season with an 8-1-3 record, only losing once to OJR and tallying three ties: two against Upper Perk and one at the end of the season against PV. JV finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 8-0-4. In the District 1 3A tournament, the Warriors were seeded 7th. In the first round, they defeated 10th seeded PV at home with a score of 2-0. The second round meant a tough away game on grass, where the Warriors made a comeback and defeated #2 Neshaminy 2-1 in OT to advance to the District 1 3A Semifinals since they last made it in 2018. After a very well-played game, the Warriors lost in OT to #3 Plymouth Whitemarsh 3-2. Although the team's season did not end the way players wanted it to, the team is very proud of the successful season they had, ending with an overall record of 10-2-3. The team looks forward to the future successes which will be built from the solid foundation built this year.

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Methacton Boys Soccer:

The Boys' Soccer Team managed to overcome the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic and have a successful season. Play began with a winter indoor league, but play ceased in March due to the Covid spread. Despite the disappointment of not finishing indoor, the boy's hopes of playing in the fall materialized, after optional summer training sessions proceeded with Covid prevention guidelines. With a condensed PAC league, the team faced six tough opponents twice, and while many games were close, the Varsity team's final record was 4-8-1. The Junior Varsity recorded a 6-4-2 record. Congratulations to all the players for putting out a great effort despite all the uncertainty. A special thanks and congratulations to the following Seniors who completed their high school soccer careers: Denny Bachman, Ryan Baldwin, Charle Bordonaro, Jacob Gorczyca, Joseph Mun (Captain), Steven Penjoke, Chris Rowland (Captain), John Schmitt, Matt Schwertfeger, Jake Smeykal, and Zach Stevenson (Captain).

Methacton Girls Tennis:

The girls tennis team wrapped up the season with a 7-1 overall record. Our only loss was to Spring-Ford, who ended up winning the state championship this season. This season we welcomed new talent to the top of our lineup. Sophomore Alice Liang and incoming freshmen Hana Nouaime and Lauren Montgomery competed in our singles positions. Hana Nouaime completed the season undefeated at the 2nd singles position. Lauren represented the Warriors in our league singles tournament and Alice and Hana competed as a team in the doubles tournament winning the league and district tournaments and finishing in 2nd place at states. We are graduating 3 of our 11 varsity players (Amanda Wang, Katie Chan and Lindsey Horowitz) and

look forward to the remainder of the team returning for another strong season next year. Overall we are a young team and look forward to competitive seasons to come!

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Methacton Boys Golf:

The Boys Golf team completed the season at 8-0. The team won the PAC this year which was given to the top league record instead of a final four format. The team had four golfers qualify for the District One Individual Golf tournament: Jason Rieger, Jeff Cooper, Andrew Lasecki, and Colin Meyer. The team also qualified for the Team Event and finished 9th overall.

Methacton Girls Golf:

The Girls' Golf team finished undefeated with a 7-0 record this season and earned a berth into the District I Team Championships for a second consecutive year. The team finished fourth in the District and captured the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championship. The team was led by 1st Team All-Conference Senior Riley Thomas. Riley qualified for the District I Tournament again for the fourth straight year finishing 12th this year. She has earned her 3rd All-Conference Team honors. Seniors Cerise Walker and Catherine Connolly finished their high school golf career by qualifying for the PAC Tournament and finishing in the top 20 and just missed the cut to make it to Districts. Junior Sarah Lawrie and Freshman Kate Thomas (District Qualifier) capped off the team's five District I Team Championship participants. The team looks forward to growing and continuing their success next season.

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Methacton Girls Soccer:

The girls varsity soccer team finished their season with an overall record of 6-4-3, for their first winning record since 2010. Highlights for the season included a 2-2 tie with PAC co-champion Owen J Roberts that included freshman Aubrey Beaugard's first varsity goal, a 1-1 tie with PAC co-champion and district finalist Spring Ford where senior captain Jess Lineen scored the tying goal with 1:39 left in regulation, and a season sweep of rival Perk Valley for the first time since 2013.

Leading the way offensively for the Warriors were senior captain Julia McCann with 6 goals and 2 assists, junior captain Ruby Murray with 4 goals and 3 assists, freshman Aubrey Beaugard with 2 goals and 4 assists, junior midfielder Kirsten O'Brien with 3 goals, and senior midfielder Madia Mazzucola with 1 goal and 2 assists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mairi Smith registered 4 shutouts on the season, and made several spectacular saves throughout the campaign. She was helped by defenders Lizzie McNichol, Jess Lineen, Camryn Steere, Mackenzie Coupe, Shannon O'Brien, Mikayla Sheedy, and Morgan Richardson.

Midfielders Molly Rowland, Kirsten O'Brien, Madia Mazzucola, and Sarah Kenwood provided tireless attacking and defending support throughout the season. Also contributing to the attack were seniors Bella Spataccino and Danielle Hollidge, along with sophomore Liv Navarrete.

The Warriors had 5 players that received All-PAC Conference honors: Jess Lineen and Lizzie McNichol were selected to the First Team, and Julia McCann, Molly Rowland, and Kirsten O'Brien were selected to the Second Team.

With the number of players that the Warriors have returning next season, they will look to build on all the successes they had this year and earn a spot in next year's District Playoffs..

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