

Basketball

The 5th and 6th grade gray girls' basketball team lost a well-played game to Eden Christian last Saturday. They took Holy Sepulcher to overtime Wednesday night. Unfortunately, they lost by two in a thriller. All of the girls played amazingly well.

The 5th and 6th grade navy girls' basketball team beat St Monica 20-3.

The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball team beat St Monica 22-8.

The high school girls' basketball team ended their regular season with a big win against Evangel Heights Christian Academy on senior night. Seniors Susie Austin, Lizzie Blume, and Anni Truschel were recognized for their outstanding play donning the blue and gray. The team plays their first playoff game on Tuesday 2/19 at 6:30 pm at Keystone Oaks.

The 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaker to Blessed Seelos by two last Saturday. They beat Sacred Heart handily on Monday. They couldn't overcome a strong start by Divine Mercy losing by 14 on Wednesday.

The 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball team also lost to Blessed Seelos last Saturday. They lost to Sacred Heart Monday and they were one point shy of a victory over Divine Mercy on Wednesday. The blue team beat Blessed Seelos last night.

The high school boys' basketball team finished their season Monday night beating Evangel Heights Christian Academy in a well-played game. Seniors Anthony Hite and Adam Paterson were recognized for a great basketball career in the blue and gray.

Friday February 15th: High school girls' basketball practice 3:15 – 5:00 pm
3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball home game against St Kilian 6:00 pm
Diocesan Girls' Playoff game 7:30 pm

Saturday February 16th: 3rd and 4th grade boys' basketball practice 8:00 – 9:30 am
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3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball away game at Blessed Seelos **canceled**
High school girls' basketball practice 11:00 – 12:30 pm
5th and 6th grade girls' navy home game against Holy Cross 1:00 pm
7th and 8th grade girls' home game against Holy Cross 2:15 pm
5th and 6th grade boys' basketball home game against Holy Cross 3:30 pm
7th and 8th grade boys' basketball home game against Holy Cross 4:45 pm
7th and 8th grade boys' blue basketball home game against St Kilian 6:00 pm

Sunday February 17th: 3rd and 4th grade boys' away game at St Kilian 12:15 pm (**note new time**)
3rd and 4th grade girls' away game at St Kilian **canceled**

Monday February 18th: No School – President's Day – In Service
High school girls' basketball practice 11:00 – 12:30 pm
5th and 6th grade boys' basketball practice 5:00 – 6:30 pm
7th and 8th grade boys' basketball practice 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Tuesday February 19th: 5th and 6th grade boys' away game at Shady Side Academy 4:00 pm (leave 3:00 pm)
High school girls' WPIAL playoff game against Avella at Keystone Oaks 6:30 pm
(leave 4:30 pm)

Wednesday February 20th: High school girls' basketball practice 3:15 – 5:00 pm
5th and 6th grade girls' gray basketball practice 3:30 - 5:00 pm
7th and 8th grade girls' basketball practice 5:00 – 6:30 pm
5th and 6th grade girls' navy home game against Penn Christian 7:00 pm

Thursday February 21st: High school girls' basketball practice 3:15 – 5:00 pm
3rd and 4th grade boys' basketball practice 3:30 – 5:00 pm
3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball practice 5:00 – 6:30 pm (**note new time**)
5th and 6th grade boys' basketball practice 5:00 – 6:30 pm
7th and 8th grade boys basketball practice 7:15 – 8:45 pm (**note new time**)

Friday February 22nd: High school girls' 2nd round playoff game against Rochester w/win Tuesday

Saturday February 23rd: 3rd and 4th grade boys' basketball away game at OLMBS 10:00 am
3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball away game at OMBS 11:15 am
Mother/Son Games in the gym 1:00 – 4:00 pm
5th and 6th grade girls' gray away game at Blessed Seelos 2:15 pm

Fencing



Article from the Trib about fencer Harry Hardman

Pine Township resident and Aquinas Academy athlete Harry Hardman solidified his future path and accomplished one of his longtime goals by committing to fencing at Cleveland State.

The senior's decision to fence for a Division I program represents a major accomplishment, but Hardman said he is more satisfied with his decision because of how Cleveland State aligned with what he wanted beyond athletics.

“I'm very excited about it. I think there's a lot to look forward to with this decision. It'll present a lot of exciting opportunities for me. I was definitely considering Cleveland State all along, and I just felt that it really would be the best environment for me to grow as a student, a fencer and as an individual, in general,” Hardman said.

“It's located in the city of Cleveland, so there should be opportunities down the road for internships. And

it's a city, so there's a lot going on with pro sports teams, concerts and things like that. Plus, fencing at the Division I level is a goal I've had ever since I started fencing."

Hardman has accomplished a lot in the sport while establishing himself as one of the premier fencers in Western Pennsylvania.

Over the last two years, Aquinas Academy's top foil has gone 43-4 in PIFA league play. During that time, Hardman also has been named to the USA Fencing All-Academic first team twice and the High School All-American second team twice. On the regional circuit, Hardman has worked his way up to earn a "C" rating from the U.S. Fencing Association, granting him eligibility in Division I North American Cup competitions.

However, Hardman's most lasting accomplishment might be that Aquinas Academy did not have a fencing program before his freshman year. As a ninth grader, he petitioned the school to create a fencing program. The school granted his request, and since then, Hardman and team coach John Carroll have helped grow the program to 13 student-athletes. That is a significant number given only 105 students attend Aquinas at the high school level.

"It's been a very positive experience. For me, it was beneficial because it taught me that if you want something to happen, if you think it will be beneficial to a community such as a school or a business, then you have to take initiative and put your idea out there and take action. It was a good lesson for me to learn," Hardman said.

"I'm just very happy that we're sharing the sport of fencing because it's a wonderful sport. And I don't necessarily care if everyone that fences for Aquinas becomes good fencers. I think it's more important that they learn lessons through the sport. I certainly have, and I think those are the things that last, and I think it can help other kids."

Friday February 15th: Match vs Mt Lebanon at Winchester Thurston

Monday February 18th: No School – Teacher In Service

Wednesday February 20th: Practice 3:15 – 5:30 pm

Friday February 22nd: Home Fencing Tournament

Swimming

Sam Schirra qualified for the WPIAL Swimming Championships Wednesday in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Congratulations Sam!

Lacrosse

North Pittsburgh Saints

Dedicated to providing lacrosse for parochial schools and districts that do not have a feeder youth teams. We also accept students that are home schooled, or go to a charter school.

In addition to developing strong fundamental lacrosse skills, the North Pittsburgh Saints look to develop players with strong character and respect for coaches, players, referees, as well as fans.

2015 was the inaugural season for the North Pittsburgh Saints. Our goal is to provide continued lacrosse instruction and formation for boys in the North Pittsburgh schools. The Saints compete in the Western PA Youth Lacrosse Association.

In 2016 our U13 team was undefeated. Great job boys!!

For 2017 we had great success fielding our U11, U13 and U15 teams.

For 2018 we will be shifting our age groups with US Lacrosse and WPYLA to U10 3/4th grade team, U12

5/6th grade team and a U14 7/8th grade team.

The time commitment for lacrosse is around two-three times a week. The season is March through May. Our teams play between 9-12 games in those months. We have a number of new families always concerned with how lacrosse will fit into existing commitments. We work at being flexible.

To register click on the Registrations Button on the home menu.

We practice Monday and Wednesday evenings at Wildwood Highlands Dome from 6pm to 7:30PM. Most games are on Saturdays.

Questions can be emailed to npsaintslax@gmail.com

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Track

The high school track team will start preseason workouts in the Bubble this week. Please pick up your runner at the bubble at the end time.

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Alumni Spotlight

Emmitsburg, Md. (January 26, 2019) – The Mount St. Mary's men's swimming & diving team broke four school records on Saturday, but fell to La Salle by a 134-73 margin.

John Wilson was responsible for setting a pair of new records in the 100 breast and 200 IM. The sophomore won the 100 breast with a time of 1:05.69, eclipsing his own school record of 1:06.65 set earlier this season. Wilson also set a new mark in the 200 IM (2:12.42), besting out Will Twizell's previous record of 2:13.56.

In the 50 free, Peter Jones raced to a time of 24.26 to take second place and break his own record of 24.68, which was set earlier this season.

The final school record to fall on Saturday came in the 400 medley relay. The squad of Ryan Griffiths, Twizell, Ryan Carroll and Andrew Jones clocked in at 3:57.72 to beat out the previous record by nearly two seconds. The time was good for a second-place finish in the event.

In the 400 free relay, the Mount's relay team of Brock Cudahy, Jonathan Mata, Peter Jones and Andrew Jones placed first with a time of 3:38.84.

Ian Schirra posted a second-place finish in the 100 breast (1:09.35), Twizell took second in the 100 back (59.75), and Carroll claimed second in the 100 fly (59.31) for the team's other top finishes of the day.

Ian's top finishes at the most recent Loyola meet, the last of regular season, were 3rd in the 50 free and a 4th in the 200 IM. Next up for the team is the postseason Coastal Collegiate Sports Association Championships on February 20-23.