

Wilson CSD Athletics Fall 2021 Newsletter



FALL SEASON

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

 **CHRIS DISPENZA**
FOOTBALL

 **SOPHIA FIGURA**
CHEERLEADING

 **KIRSTEN DAY**
FIELD HOCKEY

 **KEEGAN HERRMANN**
BOYS SOCCER

 **CAIT CLIFFE**
VOLLEYBALL

 **NATHAN MEYERS**
GOLF

 **JAYDEN RUBLE**
CROSS COUNTRY

 **ISABELLA LEMKE**
GIRLS SOCCER

 **LUKE ATLAS**
FOOTBALL

 **HANNA ROBERTS**
VOLLEYBALL

 **ELLA INGWERSEN**
CROSS COUNTRY

 **PATRICK HEMMING**
BOYS SOCCER

Varsity Golf Finishes The Season Strong

The Wilson Golf completed the 2021 season with a league record of 2-10, placing 6th in the league. Despite struggling to put together wins in the matches, all players improved throughout the year attaining various personal goals.

Nathan Meyers led the team finishing 2nd overall in Niagara Orleans league play and qualified for sectionals and 1st Team All League for the third straight year. Nathan was also selected as team MVP for the second straight year. Michael Bubar had a strong finish to the year finishing tied for 5th in the league tournament and 2nd Team All League. Michael won the sportsmanship award. Nathan and Michael will be a strong one two punch in the league as seniors next year.

Sophomore Grant Dixon, a newcomer to the team, had a successful first season. Grant competed in 8 of the 12 matches and continually improved throughout the season, and received the Coach's Award. Senior Richie Meyers, and 4 year letter winner played in 10 of 12 matches and will be greatly missed next year. 7th Grader Ben Meyers played in every match and finished 20th in the All League Tournament. CJ Humphrey rounded out the team and showed marked improvement competing in the Novice Tournament and several exhibition matches.

Coach Meyers would like to thank the administration, parents and the staff at Willowbrook Golf Course for helping to make it a great season.

Boys Varsity Soccer Led By Seniors

With a roster filled with experience and Senior leadership, the 2021 team went into the season with big goals and had an extremely successful season. With most of the starting lineup returning from last year the team hit the ground running and ended up finishing their season with an 11 - 7 - 0 overall record and a 7 - 3 record in League Play. After just missing out on the League Title, the team went into Sectionals as the 4th overall seed. After a dominating win in the quarterfinals against Chautauqua Lake, the boys eventually fell in the Semifinals against #1 Seed Lafayette International.

On the scoring front, Senior Captain Joey Moote led the team with 12 goals, Senior Captain Patrick Hemming chipped in with 11 goals, Senior Captain Owen Cloy added 9 assists and freshman Keegan Herrman had 27 points on the year. On Defense, Seniors Jack Schultz and Zachary Schwarzmuller, Junior Charles Clemente and Sophomore Blake Simpson anchored an impressive unit that only surrendered 21 goals all season and allowed Sophomore Goalkeeper Jake Austin to amass 8 clean sheets in net.

Once again, the Lakemen were well represented in the postseason awards. Jack Schultz, Blake Simpson, and Jake Austin earned All-League Honorable Mention. Senior Captains Noah Kurial and Joey Moote along with Junior Charles Clemente made 2nd Team All-League. Senior Captains Owen Cloy and Patrick Hemming and freshman Keegan Herrmann earned 1st Team All-League.

Girls Varsity Soccer Goes To 3rd Straight Finals

The 2021 Girls Varsity Soccer Team had a great season. They finished 2nd in the league with a 6-2 record and, for the third straight year, sectional runner-up, losing a heartbreaker to Frewsburg 1-0 in the Class 'C' finals. The girls say goodbye to 4 great seniors; Isabella Lemke, Aeris McGill, and co-captains Kaelin Faery and Morgan McInnis.

Post-season honors were given to Leia Cloy (Sophomore), who was named 1st team all-league, and 5th team all-state. Kaelin Faery (Senior) and Rian Faery (Sophomore) were also named first team all-league. Maddie Miller (Junior), Kaylee Allcorn (Junior), and Maddie Schultz (Junior) were selected to the 2nd team. Honorable Mention went to Morgan McInnis (Senior), Isabella Lemke (Senior), and Sara Urban (Junior).

Team awards were MVP Offense, Maddie Schultz, MVP Defense, Kaelin Faery, Coach's Award Kaylee Allcorn, and IGA Sportsmanship award Gracie Phillips (Junior). Congrats, girls, on an outstanding season!



Varsity Field Hockey Makes A Difference

The girls Varsity Field Hockey team placed 7th in the league this season. We had a league record of 0 wins and 12 losses. Our biggest accomplishment as a team this season is being selected for the League Team Sportsmanship Award, for the 4th straight year. The girls earned this by losing with pride and representing Wilson with class. Individual All-League honors this season include: Kirsten Day- 1st team, Natalie Rossi- 2nd team, and Bella Merino was selected as the league Sportsmanship representative. Each year, we have a Play for the Cure pink game. This year we played in honor of Christa Zimmerman and raised \$500 for the National Foundation for Cancer Research. We also sold Mighty Niagara cards and were able to raise \$600 to donate to Niagara Hospice. Despite being a young and inexperienced team, the girls continued to work hard and learned a lot along the way while having a great time building friendships.

Modified Cross Country Shines

The modified Cross Country team had a solid and competitive season, with each member of the team showing outstanding growth. The team consisted of all 7th graders, each of whom brought a critical complement to the dynamic of the team. Team Captain, Noah Johnson had a strong season, even placing 3rd in a home meet against Medina. Ryder Wolcott had a great finish to the season, especially at all-league. Lastly, Ben Gentile set personal records every time he stepped on the course, a true testament to his work ethic and growth. The greatest trait they showed was their support not only for each other, but for the opposition as well. The team showed others how important sportsmanship and respect is at Wilson!

Coach Friedrich would like to say thank each of the boys for the effort, dedication and perseverance throughout the season.

Girls JV Volleyball Plays Hard

The Wilson JV Volleyball team finished out our 2021-2022 Fall season with a 4-6 Niagara Orleans League Record. The team had great leadership by our captains, Makenzie Dagustine and Riley Robinson. Our team was rounded out by sophomores, Emma Dirig and Sierra Pizzo; freshman, Kristen DuPount, Maddie Duxbury, Andrea Martin, Ava Mielke, Juliana Ryan, Mackenzie Weinkowski, and Lillie Wilson; and Eighth graders, Lyla Adamczyk, Donna Clark, and Cassie Ranney! Our team manager this season was ninth grader, Eva Loncar. We were able to complete a full regular season, playing in all of our league and non-league competitions! This gave everyone a chance to find their niche on the court and really excel in their positions! With all of the hard work put into every practice and game, everyone was able to improve both on and off the court! This team did so well, there was only one instance that we did not win at least one set out of all of our matches! All of our competitions were very close and this team held their opponents to a tough battle every single time! The perseverance, determination and hard work given every day was phenomenal and really paid off in the end. This team really came together to work towards achieving their goals as one throughout the season! It was visible with their smiles and laughter, even through the worst drills or toughest competitions, that they were all having fun out on the court. It was such a fun and unforgettable season! Great season ladies and good luck to those moving up to varsity!



Varsity Football Wins Funke Bowl

The Varsity Football Team "Bowl"ed over the competition this year and finished on a high note winning the Section VI Class C Chuck Funke Bowl Championship. The team had 15 seniors this year and finished the season with 7 wins and 3 losses. And most importantly, one of those 7 wins was against rival Newfane.

Being principal in the offense was Tyler Yousett, leading the offense in all passing categories. Luke Atlas led the team in rushing and scoring. Chris Dispenza led the team in receiving, and Xavior Fitzgibbon led the team in tackles. The offensive line consisting of Josh Hoyt, Matt Carr, Evan Mahar, and Brandon Martin opened up gaping holes for our runners to maneuver through.

Key players Paul Smith, Drew Dabill, John Ernest, Ben Wortkoetter, Carter Pytlik, Mason Branca, Jayden Dietz, and Evan Krieger, propelled the Lakemen to great heights.

Looking forward to the future, things will be changing for the short term. Our league assignment will be different next year, meaning new opponents and longer trips, but the Lakemen are up to the challenge. Thanks men for a great campaign.

Modified Volleyball Has A Blast

Modified Volleyball had an exciting season as it finished with a winning record. The players worked hard to learn and improve their basic skills of volleyball. Everyone contributed to the team's success this season. Colleen Cliffe, Savanna Jones, Avery Nedelko, and Shelby Robinson could always be relied upon to have a power house serve. Stella Cooper tracked down every ball that came near her and made a lot of offensive plays. Avia Byers was consistently there to make a tough defensive play on the hard service returns. Skylar O'Connor and Stephanie Mondanos turned out to be our most improved players over the season. Highlights of our season include our come from behind win over Akron, milkshakes at McDonalds, and the friendship the player made along the way. We wish the players good luck next year as many of them will be playing on the JV squad.

Game Day Cheer Wows Wilson

Our squad this year was led by captains seniors Lilly Fuller-Delmont, Brecken Gritzmacher and junior Sophia Figura. Tenth graders Nick Figura and Natalie Budde. Assistant captains Ella Alessi, Stephanie Atlas, and Jaylin Held. And to round out the team, we had middle-schoolers Samantha Serafini, Fiona Srock, Isabel Nugent, Carrie Simmons and Ciera Strack.

We had a great time supporting our football team this year in a number of really great contests, our fans are the best in the Section. We also participated in our Game Day Fall Competition.

Game Day competition is a new concept rolled out to New York high schools this year, this type of competition comes with a completely separate set of rules and new expectations. Preparing for something new like this takes a lot of research and studying of the rules, buy in from the team, and lots and lots of practice. It was so grueling in fact that there were a number of cheer squads around the state that opted to not participate in the Sectional competition because it was just too difficult and they couldn't meet the challenge. For this squad, quitting was not an option! We added the necessary elements to our repertoire, added in props like flags, megaphones and signs and performed very well in that competition. Our performance was just about flawless and placed us 4th for our class in the entire section and 5th overall for the West Region.

JV Football Dominates

This year started off mostly normal, stayed mostly normal, got a little weird there for a bit, and then finished up mostly normal. Although we missed one game to an opponent's quarantine situation, and some of our own players to our own quarantine situation, we had, for all intents and purposes, a mostly normal season. Camp was back in August, seemingly three weeks after we finished our 2020 "Spring Season." Water. Bring water, guys. Stay hydrated, guys. Drink plenty of water. If you don't drink enough water, you'll cramp up. And so, we did. Cramp up, that is.

We had a good chunk of returning players this year, even considering we had some "one and done" guys last spring, just looking to stay active. Last spring's roster peaked at forty, and this year, we held the line at twenty-eight. Numbers are good. The future is so bright, we have to wear shades.

This season was the story of the team that lost its first game, and didn't like how that felt. This season is about the team that never, ever, gave up on a game. This season is about a group of guys who decided, early on, they weren't going to lose. Again. And they did not. After dropping the season opener at Pioneer, this team ran the table on six straight opponents.

Including Medina, Akron, and Newfane. How about a thrilling, last second victory against Depew? How about a thrilling shoot-out victory over Cleve Hill? This season was also about rolling with the punches. Guys quarantined? Next men up. Guys injured? Next men up. Name the position, and guys stepped up at a moment's notice, sometimes, and took care of business.

Cross Country Team Show Tremendous Promise

The 2021 cross-country season was an excellent one for both the boys and girls team. Both teams showed tremendous improvement and worked hard all season.

The girls team capped off their best season since 2012 by finishing with an 8 - 4 record in the very competitive N-O League and placed 5th at the sectional meet on Nov. 5th at Knox Farm. The girls' team was also selected for the league sportsmanship award voted on by the coaches. This is the 2nd straight season the girls' have received this honor. This year's team had three strong runners up front. Ella Ingwersen, Madelynne Jowdy, and Jaqueline Thompson all took turns as the team's top finisher. Cassidy Wagner and Ashlyn Foxvog typically rounded out Wilson's top five. Newcomers Abigail Freatman and Aurora Chase were first year runners who showed considerable improvement and were great additions to the team. Ella Ingwersen earned 2nd Team All-League honors while Madelynne Jowdy and Jaqueline Thompson made Honorable Mention All-League. The team looks forward to an even stronger season next year as six runners return.

The boys team finished the season 4-8 and placed 5th in the N-O League. The boys placed 5th in the class C2 sectional race. The team was also selected for the league sportsmanship award. This was the 4th consecutive season the boys' team has received this honor. The team was led by freshman Jaydan Ruble who was a 1st team all-league selection. Freshman Joey-Dane Jones capped off an excellent season by making Honorable Mention All-League. Seniors Amel Jowdy and Justin Messing and freshman Tyler Johnston were consistently top five runners. Rounding out the team were Ryan Messing, Keegan Foxvog and newcomers Tyler Goff-Brown and Parker Selbert. With 7 runners returning next season, the team has an opportunity for a strong season next fall.



A Word from Wilson Athletic Director, Mr. Roth...

While the craziness continues for the outside world, we were able to creep a little closer to normalcy here in our small Wilson Athletics world this fall. I'd like to take a moment to recognize the Wilson student-athletes, the Wilson coaching staff, and the Wilson parents and fans. You have helped in ways you cannot see today. I appreciate all of you.

- Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer team on reaching a 3rd straight Sectional Final.
- Congratulations to each of our fall varsity teams for qualifying as a New York State Scholar-Athlete Team.
- Congratulations to Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Varsity Field Hockey on their League Sportsmanship Awards.
- Thank you to the Wilson Booster Club for allowing our Girls Soccer team to ride in style on a coach bus to the sectional final.
- A big thank you to our photographer, EJ Johnson.
- Congratulations to the following 1st team All-League selections:
Nathan Meyers (golf), Leia Cloy (girls' soccer), Chris Dispenza (football), Xavier Fitzgibbon (football), Evan Mahar (football), Luke Atlas (football), Patrick Hemming (boys' soccer), Jayden Ruble (cross country), Rian Faery (girls' soccer), Keegan Herrmann (boys' soccer), Kaelin Faery (girls' soccer), and Owen Cloy (boys' soccer)
- Congratulations to the following Fall All-WNY Scholar-Athletes: Luke Atlas, Owen Cloy, Kaelin Faery, Ashlyn Foxvog, Lily Fuller-Delmont, Brecken Gritzmacher, Patrick Hemming, Samantha Herlan, Joshua Hoyt, Abigail Hurtgam, Emma Hurtgam, Amel Jowdy, Noah Kurial, Bella Lemke, Juliana Levesque, Evan Mahar, Aeris McGill, Morgan McInnis, Evan McKinney, Spenser Merchant, Justin Messing, Richard Meyers, Tyler Muoio, Paige Rodger, Jack Schultz, Paul Smith, Chelsea Wheeler, and Tyler Yousett.

JV Girls Soccer Has the Goods

This season, the JV Girls soccer team was a force to be reckoned with in the NO League! With being the youngest team in the league, with 18 Middle School aged players, and 1 High Schooler, the girls went on to finish second in the league with a 8-2 record! This gives promising hope for the programs future, as the boys continue to work hard in playing and learning all aspects of the game. Leading the pack for scoring goals was Grace Raczkiewicz-Smith with a total of 11 goals and 6 assists. Following shortly behind her with six goals was Kairi Beck. Excellent play development was created this season by Rowan Simpson and Meghan Seider. On the defensive end, no nonsense defending was instilled by Kylee Elia, Abbie Faery, Tessa Guenther and Gwendolyn Letts! Furthermore, Brooke Urban finished the season with a total of 7 shutouts in net! With all the great efforts from these hard-working girls, I am excited to see what the future holds, and the direction this truly impeccable program is headed!



Varsity Volleyball Builds a Strong Foundation

The Varsity Volleyball Team placed 4th in the league this season with a 4-6 record, and 7-9 overall after sectional play. Overall, this season was a building year, a learning experience and a fun time above all else. Although there were some tough competitors in our league, we were able to improve significantly throughout the season due to hard work at practice and really getting to know each other as individuals on and off the court. Captains this year were Sam Herlan and Abby Hurtgam. All League Honors were given to Sam Herlan - 2nd team, and Emma Hurtgam, Hanna Roberts and Cait Cliffe - all honorable mention. We continued the tradition of having a Dig Pink game to raise money for breast cancer research through the Side-Out Foundation. We were able to raise over \$600 for this fantastic cause. Our season was certainly one to remember! We made significant improvements as we progressed through the weeks and built wonderful friendships and memories as a team! Thank you to everyone who supported our team this season!

