

Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Cross-Country

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8 Girls	Ryan Davis	25
7/8 Boys	Don Schiffer	26
Girls Varsity	Molly O'Keefe	21
Boys Varsity	Molly O'Keefe	26
Total Participating		98

Boys Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Runner - **Michael Gomes**
Most Improved Runner - **Gavin Gowing**
Hammer Award - **William Madden**
Impact Rookie Award - **Keene Goff**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Michael Gomes**
Aidan Sheaffer Award - **Tyler Gorzka**

The Girls Varsity Cross Country team is a sport where growth happens slowly and quietly- not instant results. These girls showed up everyday to support each other through tough workouts and embraced the challenge with determination and positivity. We had strong finishes at invitationals and placed 6th at Sectionals with a highly competitive field. Congratulations to our seniors and thank you for your outstanding leadership.-Molly O'Keefe

Team unity guided this hard working group of young men to their successes this season. These boys trained together and held each other accountable paving the way for a strong finish at sectionals. The laughter at practice and support on race days provided an upbeat environment and opportunities for gritty performances. We will miss our senior leadership but they have taught their younger teammates how to lead the way. -Molly O'Keefe

The Girls Modified Cross Country team had an exceptional season marked by tremendous growth and success. Participation increased by 200%. Through hard work, dedication, and team spirit, the Wildcats achieved a 9-1 league record, earned three second-place finishes at major invitationals, and capped off the season by winning the Metro Division SCAC Championship. The team was led by a trio of 7th graders, **Maevie Shanahan**, **Catherine Coleman**, and **Naudia Grabowski** who consistently finished in the top 10 at major invitationals. The teams' consistent progress and unity exemplify the Wildcat Way and the bright future of this Cross Country program. -Ryan Davis

What an incredible season it has been! As we reflect on this year, I am so proud of how our Boys Modified Cross Country team grew stronger with each race. Many athletes finished the season with personal bests, a true testament to your hard work and improvement. Throughout the season, you supported each other, pushed through challenges, and demonstrated incredible sportsmanship. Each of you contributed to making this a season to remember. I'm excited to see how much further you'll go as runners, and I can't wait to watch you continue to grow and achieve new personal records next year. Thank you to all our athletes, coaches, and families for making this season so special. -Don Schiffer

Girls Volleyball

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Madison Stanton	13
Varsity	Carolyn Corley	15
Total Participating		28

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Madison Cook**
Most Improved Player - **Elizabeth Dunham**
Coaches Award - **Eliana Becker**
Hammer Award - **Miley Ginty**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Madison Cook libero of the year**, **Eliana Becker**, **Miley Ginty**
2nd Team - **Isabella Morrell**, **Elizabeth Dunham**
Honorable Mention - **Sara Napierski**, **Ella Camacho**

All-State Awards:

2nd Team - **Eliana Becker**
3rd Team - **Miley Ginty**

We had a successful and fun volleyball season. We grew as players and as a team. I am so proud of these girls for their hard work and dedication. -Madison Stanton

This team capped an incredible season by winning both the league title and the sectional championship, showcasing their skill, determination and teamwork every step of the way. With big wins at tournaments and against a tough AAA schedule, this team proved itself time and time again. By the end of the postseason, they had not only proved themselves as the best in the league, but also a powerhouse in the entire section - earning a well deserved place in school history as sectional champs, only the third in school history. Seasons like these do not happen just during the season - it takes countless hours in the off season to create championships. Thank you to the players and the parents for all their dedication to making this season such a great success. Thank you to our Captains **Eliana Becker**, **Isabella Morrell** and **Madison Cook** for their leadership. -Carolyn Corley

Girls Swimming & Diving

Team	Coach	Participants
Modified	Margaret Barbuto	19
Varsity	Bob Marks	30
Total Participating		49

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Improved Swimmers - **Cona McLaughlin**, **Mia Berrios**, **Claire Heaphy**, **Olivia Nabewaniec**
Rookie of the Year - **Hannah Nabewaniec**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Madeline Owczarzak**, **Jocelyn Owczarzak**, **Lily Mauro**
2nd Team - **Allison Ivery**
Honorable Mention - **Olivia Nabewaniec**, **Mia Berrios**

It was an exciting season for the Lady 'cats as we returned after two years to our home pool. Special THANK YOU to the entire WGHS community for supporting the WGHS pool renovation. Leading us this season was diver **Lily Mauro**, who broke all pool and school records as well as qualifying for the State Championship. She and her fellow seniors led us all year as we got back to the joy of practicing at home and hosting home meets. -Bob Marks

This years team was very special! The team always worked hard, wanted to improve and supported each other throughout the season. Not only did individuals set personal best times, they continued to improve their times every meet throughout the entire season. It is a very promising future for our swimmers and divers. -Margaret Barbuto

Girls Cheerleading

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Taylor Zimmer	12
Varsity	Tiffany Rutledge	17
Total Participating		29

Awards:

League 1st Team - **Sa'Mauhri Hunter**, **Niyemah Jackson**
Section III Game Day All-Stars - **Sa'Mauhri Hunter**, **Sophie Flanagan**, **Niyemah Jackson**
UCA All-American - **Sa'Mauhri Hunter**, **Niyemah Jackson**, **Mila DiNicola**, **Sophie Flanagan**, **Reagan Needham**, **Veajah Hicks**, **Ava Parker**, **Abigail Phillips**, **Juliana Mattice**, **Isabelle Grandinetta**, **Carmela Giarrusso**

Great team with a lot of motivation and determination.-Taylor Zimmer

We kicked things off with a strong start at UCA Camp, where the team set the tone with hard work, energy, and determination right from day one. That momentum carried us throughout the year as we consistently performed at a high level, earning second place at most of our competitions and proving ourselves as a team to watch. What made this season truly unforgettable were the moments where all the dedication and heart came together. The team rose to the occasion when it mattered most—bringing home 1st place at our SCAC League Competition and finishing the year as the Section III Class A Champions. -Tiffany Rutledge

Boys Golf

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity-Blue	Dana Eells	9
Varsity-Gold	Tom Cole	11
Total Participating		20

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Francesco Barbuto**, **Jack Cosamano**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Francesco Barbuto**, **Andrew Banish**, **Lincoln Christopher**, **Christopher Shoults**
2nd Team - **Finley Ball**, **Riley McAloon**
Honorable Mention - **Jack Cosamano**, **Maxwell Buranich**, **Nolan Carvel**

This was another phenomenal year for West Genesee Golf. We are so grateful for the hard work our athletes put in to prepare for this past season. Their dedication continues to raise the bar for what's possible for the success of our program. Congratulations to the players for all their individual and team accomplishments!-Dana Eells

The Varsity Gold Boys Golf team had another tremendous season and finished with a 13-1 overall record and captured another sectional title. The golfers pushed each other throughout the season and were able to produce two team scores under par. Six of these athletes will continue their season in May at the state qualifier at Colgate University - good luck! We also want to wish our graduating seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors and look forward to the returning players coming back next year for another strong season.-Tom Cole

Boys Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-Blue	Terry Sparks	26
7/8 Gold	Jake Sparks	26
Freshmen	Rick Francisco	23
Jr. Varsity	Matthew Makowiec	23
Varsity	Scott Fiello	29
Total Participating		127

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Logan Scott**

Most Improved Player Award -

Bryce Wells

Coaches Award - **Luke Irvin**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Logan Scott, Faris Malovic,**

Bryce Wells

2nd Team - **Oleksandr Pushkarenko,**

Nathan Quirk, Luke Irvin

Honorable Mention -

Brandon Glowacki, Jeffrey Mercer,

Cole Hamilton, Jeremy Clifton,

Nathan Chandler

Congratulations to the boys on a fabulous season! Both modified teams finished among the league leaders this season. They should be proud of how hard they worked, how they improved, and for the way they represented WG this fall! -Terry Sparks

Both modified soccer teams showed tremendous growth this season, on and off the field. The athletes developed a strong work ethic, improved their fundamentals, and built a supportive, team-first culture. Their commitment to growing together as a program was evident every day. -Jake Sparks

The boys played lights out all year long! Going 9-3-6. Two of our three losses were to sectional champions and state semi finalists. This team started working hard the minute our 2024 season ended. Each player coming to offseason training, training with their club team and training on their own, and it showed! Our team defense was outstanding all year! Scoring 33 goals and conceding only 13 in regular season play, with our strength of schedule, this is something to be proud of! We thank and wish all the seniors well in their future, and for those returning.....its time to put in the work! -Scott Fiello

An extremely young team with ten 8th graders and no Sophomores on our JV B squad. Playing against older competition brought our level of play up substantially. Practice sessions and games were hard fought. We are so grateful for the boys to have the opportunity to play at this level. -Rick Francisco

Undefeated season! -Matthew Makowiec

Girls Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-Blue	Kathleen Clark	21
7/8-Gold	Kelli Slate	22
Freshmen	Colleen Shewchuk	18
Jr. Varsity	Dan Hallinan	21
Varsity	John McCloskey	19
Total Participating		101

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Players -

Offensive MVP - **Chelsea Donaldson,**

Bridget Petrus

Defensive MVP - **Lyla Dunham**

Jeff Proietti Ideal Teammate Award -

Ellie McMahon

Spirit Award - **Bella Togias**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Ellie McMahon, Chelsea Donaldson, Riley Butler, Bridget Petrus**

2nd Team - **Jami Tessier, Lyla Dunham,**

Reagan Koch, Aislenn Mehl

Honorable Mention -

Bella Togias, Kelly O'Donnell, Alessandra Vigliotti, Keira McGlaughlin, Olivia Tarolli

This group of girls delivered an undefeated season that included a lot of tough opponents. Their team play and individual skills improved week by week and was a testament to their hard work. The team defense was very impressive, allowing only 8 goals in 12 games. Beyond being great athletes, these girls were better people. They will really help the program in the coming years. -Dan Hallinan

The modified blue girls soccer team had a great season! They worked hard at every practice and got better each day. The future of West Genesee Soccer is bright! -Kathleen Clark

What a wonderful soccer season with an incredible group of girls who showed up, worked hard, and grew every single day. I'm so proud of their effort, their heart, and the way they supported one another all season long. I can't wait to see what the future holds for them! -Kelli Slate

The 2025 Girls Varsity Soccer team had a historically successful season. We finished with a 15-4-2 record while playing one of the toughest rated schedules in NYS. We won a AA Sectional Championship, then won our sub-regional state match for the first time in decades. Our season only ended when we fell 1-0 to top ranked and eventual AA State Champion Albertus Magnus. I can genuinely say this team was an honor to coach. Our senior leadership was excellent, achieving success despite replacing 9 starters from the 2024 team. Our team chemistry and work ethic was amongst the best I've seen in 15 years of coaching. Best of luck to our departing 9 seniors - I know they'll be successful in whatever path they pursue. -John McCloskey

The girls wrapped up an outstanding season with an impressive 7-1-2 record, showcasing teamwork, resilience, and continuous growth. From leadership moments to breakout performances, every player contributed to a fun and memorable season. -Colleen Shewchuk

Football

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8	Eric Cizenski	46
Jr. Varsity	Brian McAvan	57
Varsity	Joe Corley	44
Total Participating		147

Varsity Team Awards:

Impact Player- **Alejandro Molina**

Wildcat Award- **Colton Keller**

Most Improved Players -

Braylon Kelley (Special Teams)

Scholar Athlete- **Giovanni Capria**

Outstanding Lineman - **Dontae Rufus**

Outstanding Offensive Player -

Evan Dufford

Outstanding Defensive Player -

Raynard Bullock

Outstanding Specialist - **Braylon Kelley**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Alejandro Molina,**

Evan Dufford, Dontae Rufus

2nd Team - **Raynard Bullock,**

Brody Knox, Samir Aboshreakh

Honorable Mention - **Jacob Blanton,**

Braylon Kelley, Shakair Jones,

Liam Kelly, X'zavion Streiff,

Thomas LeBarron, Ryan Payne,

Colton Keller, Jayden Maeweathers

This team practiced hard through the season and got better every week. We finished with a 4-3 record vs. the top competition in section 3. -Brian McAvan

The West Genesee Modified Football team finished the season with a 6-1 record! This was an extremely enjoyable team to be around, as they came to practice every day to work hard, have fun and improve as players. They played together and for each other, and that translated to tremendous success on the field. Coach Cizenski, Coach Berkey, and Coach Capria want to thank each and every player and their families for all the support throughout the entire season. Congratulations on a great season! -Eric Cizenski

After a difficult start against a very challenging schedule, this year's varsity football team played with a tremendous amount courage and resolve. We lost four of our first five games, but both players and coaches refused to quit. We ended our season with a Class AA semifinal appearance. I was extremely proud of both players and coaches for the great character they displayed as they faced adversity. -Joe Corley

Girls Tennis

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Tim Lane	14
Varsity	Hank Domin	14
Total Participating		28

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Sarah Domin**

Coaches Award - **Emily Page**

*The Girls Varsity Tennis team had a terrific season. We competed in team sectionals for the first time. Four of our players-**Sarah Domin, Helena Allen, Evelina Mauro,** and **Rosalie Thurston**-qualified for individual sectionals, and all won at least one postseason match. Domin, finished 3rd at sectionals and 5th at the state qualifiers. Beyond all of those numbers, the team got much better as the season progressed. Many younger players stepped up and helped us get key wins. It was a pleasure coaching this team, and I'm excited for the future. -Hank Domin*

The Modified Tennis team had a very successful year this year, finishing with only one loss. But more important than wins, these girls showed a lot of growth throughout the year and improved tremendously as the season progressed. Great job, girls! -Tim Lane

Boys Volleyball

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Dan Mercado	10

This season, our JV Boys Volleyball team showed growth and tenacity. While we didn't come away with a match victory, the progress the team made from day one to the final tournament was incredible. Their dedication and hard work laid a strong foundation for the future of WG Boys Volleyball. I couldn't be prouder of how far they came this season. -Dan Mercado