

Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Cross-Country

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8 Girls	Molly O'Keefe	13
7/8 Boys	Don Schiffer	20
Girls Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	15
Boys Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	24
Total Participating		72

Boys Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Runner - **Dillan Holzwarth**
 Most Improved Runner - **Alexander Bojarski**
 Hammer Award - **Sean Moser**
 Impact Rookie Award - **David Petrus**

All-League Awards:

2nd Team - **Alexander Bojarski**
 Aidan Award - **Garrett Bleskoski**

With 50% of the runners incoming freshman, this was a very young team, one learning to train and compete on a varsity level. That was a competitive challenge this season but will be a valuable asset in the future, with many ready to step up into important team roles in the coming seasons. Thanks to our senior group for all their seasons of commitment to our Wildcats XC program and traditions. -Jim Vermeulen

Participants

Girls Varsity Team Awards:	
Most Valuable Runner - Rebecca Dickey	
Most Improved Runners - Lilyanna Kupiec	
Hammer Award - Thalia Petrie	
Impact Rookie Award - Harper Flynn, Juliana Fasulo	
Aidan Award - Ashley Foss	

What an incredible season it has been! As we reflect on this year, I am so proud of how our 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. Great job, Wildcats—onward to even bigger goals next season! -Don Schiffer

This hardworking and committed team lost its best runner for the entire season but still finished one of Section III's top teams. They raced their best in the big meets and supported each other at every meet and every practice. We will miss our seniors for their long years of investment but are excited for all the talent and enthusiasm returning in 2025. -Jim Vermeulen

Great season with hard working girls and fantastic 8th grade leadership!
 -Molly O'Keefe

Girls Volleyball

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Madison Stanton	15
Varsity	Carolyn Corley	15
Total Participating		30

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Alaina Dudzinski, Isabella Vallety**
 Most Improved Player - **Hollis Pfeiffer**
 Coaches Award - **Sidney Hamilton**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Hollis Pfeiffer, Alaina Dudzinski**
 2nd Team - **Isabella Vallety, Sidney Hamilton, Celia Spicer**
 Honorable Mention - **Norah Emery, Eliana Becker**

All-State Awards:

4th Team - **Hollis Pfeiffer**

We had a wonderful and hardworking team this year. The amount of growth we had throughout the season was exponential. Each individual had an integral role to the team. Overall, we had so much fun playing together and working as a team! -Madison Stanton

Girls Cheerleading

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Denise Walker	13
Varsity	Tiffany Rutledge	16
Total Participating		29

Awards:

League 1st Team - **Solé Monds, Haleigh Mattice**
 League 2nd Team - **Madelyn Bestul**
 Section III Game Day All-Stars - **Sole Monds, Enya Dafoe, Riley Kittle**
 UCA All-American - **Sole Monds, Enya Dafoe, Riley Kittle, Emily Hanlon, Haleigh Mattice, Sa'Maurhi Hunter, Jaelah Bledsoe, Madelyn Bestul, Korinne Castrello, Mila DiNicola, Carmela Giarrusso, Isabelle Grandinetta, Reagan Needham**

JV Cheer had a strong fall season. We grew as a team, improving each week on the basics of our sport. We had 3-2nd place finishes and 1 first place win! -Denise Walker

The team did a fabulous job this year with learning and changing the routine almost every week! We finished with 4 first place and 2 second place finishes. That included us being named SCAC Metro Division Champions and Section III Class A Game Day Champions. We were also able to represent Section III at the NYSPHSAA Game Day Championships! -Tiffany Rutledge

Girls Swimming & Diving

Team	Coach	Participants
Modified	Margaret Barbuto	11
Varsity	Bob Marks	36
Total Participating		47

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Improved Swimmers - **Jocelyn Owczarzak**
 Rookie of the Year - **Clara Hann, Madelyn Neuman**

This was our second season 'on the road' as we await the awesome upgrades of our home pool. With solid senior leadership we navigated seven away meets and still managed 70% best times at our last dual meet and an astounding 92% at our sectional championships. All the credit to a resilient group of young lady athletes. 2025 home meets here we come!!! -Bob Marks

Even though this team was small they really had a lot of depth. This group of young ladies always worked hard, showed improvement, competed fiercely and most importantly showed caring and kindness to their teammates. This group was truly a very special group of athletes. -Margaret Barbuto

Boys Golf

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

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Jonathan Shoultz**
 All-League Awards:
 1st Team - **Jonathan Shoultz, Frankie Barbuto**
 2nd Team - **Andrew Banish, Lincoln Christopher**
 Honorable Mention - **Riley McAloon, Christopher Shoultz**
 SCAC Player of the Year - **Jonathan Shoultz**

The varsity gold boys golf team had a very successful season and finished with a 13-1 league record, a league title, and another sectional title! It was rewarding to see how well the players pushed each other to succeed in pursuit of their team goals. Seven of these athletes will continue their season in May at the state qualifier at Colgate - good luck! We also wish graduating senior **Jonathan Shoultz** the best of luck in the future and look forward to the returning players coming back next year for another strong season. -Tom Cole

Our golf program continues to thrive and succeed at the Sectional level due to our player's commitments in the off-season. They work hard to perfect their sport and show up at the start of the season ready to compete at the highest level. We are so fortunate to have the caliber athletes that we have in our golf program here at West Genesee. -Dana Eells

Boys Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-Blue	Terry Sparks	25
7/8 Gold	Jake Sparks	24
Freshmen	Rick Francisco	22
Jr. Varsity	Matthew Makowiec	22
Varsity	Scott Fiello	28
Total Participating		121

Varsity Team Awards:
Most Valuable Player - **Kyle Klaben**
Most Improved Player Award - **Sean Dunning, Faris Malovic**
Coaches Award - **Connor Lamberton**

All-League Awards:
1st Team - **Logan Scott, Tighe McMahon, Jake McMahon**
2nd Team - **Kyle Klaben, Boston Crandell**
Honorable Mention - **Christian Ball, Nathan Quirk**

These boys worked and played hard every time they took the field. They represented WG well with their effort, class, and sportsmanship. They were a pleasure to coach. -Terry Sparks

The West Genesee Boys Modified Soccer Gold team showed constant improvement throughout the season. They came to practice everyday eager to learn more and work hard on every aspect of the game. The team was very selfless and played for each other which made it a very fun team to be the coach of! Great job this season boys!
-Jake Sparks

What a great group of men we had this year that went to work every day all season long. It is a season all the kids should be proud of! Seeing our two, 4 year starters, **Jake and Tighe McMahon** walking of the pitch for the last time. Filling our seniors shoes will be hard to do, but these young players are hungry and ready for that challenge. Watching these kids grow into men this year was a joy and all of us coaches are proud of every single one of you!-Scott Fiello

This was our first season with a JV B soccer team. We finished with an impressive record of 7-5-1 playing almost all of our schedule against schools that fielded just one JV squad. We are grateful that the District and Athletic Department supported the creation of a 2nd JV team as our soccer numbers continue to grow.
-Rick Francisco

We had a very talented team this fall with a bright future and outlook for many of them to move up to the Varsity level next season.-Matthew Makowiec

Football

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8	Steve Shoultz	47
Jr. Varsity	Brian McAvan	50
Varsity	Joe Corley	44
Total Participating		141

Varsity Team Awards:
Impact Player- **Elijah Apps**
Wildcat Award- **Jack Wade**
Most Improved Players - **Raul Colon**
Scholar Athlete- **Zakaria Zagha**
Big Hit Award - **Jay'Mari Newsome**

All-League Awards:
1st Team - **Jack Wade, Peter Guy, Connor Parker, Elijah Apps**
2nd Team - **Raul Colon, Omar Almlaiti, Brian Simmons, Evan Dufford**
Honorable Mention - **Zakaria Zagha, Jaedyn Barfield, Ryan Payne, Jay'Mari Newsome, Colton Keller, Robert Newell**

The 7/8 Football team worked hard and progressed as the season went on. The staff looks forward to seeing them all continue to improve and play at the next level. -Steve Shoultz

Outstanding Offensive - **Brian Simmons**
Outstanding Defensive - **Omar Almlaiti**
Outstanding Specialist - **Connor Parker**
Outstanding Lineman - **Peter Guy**

This team battled through a very challenging schedule. I was proud of the competitiveness and mental toughness that our players demonstrated throughout the season. Although we came up short in the postseason, it was not due to a lack of effort or fight. The 2024 team set a standard that our football program will continually strive to measure up to.
-Joe Corley

We played some great teams, and our record reflected that. Overall, we got better every week. I look forward to seeing how this group of players does in future seasons.-Brian McAvan

Girls Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-Blue	Kathleen Clark	20
7/8-Gold	Kelli Slate	20
Freshmen	Colleen Shewchuk	24
Jr. Varsity	Dan Hallinan	22
Varsity	John McCloskey	24
Total Participating		110

Varsity Team Awards:
Most Valuable Players - **Offensive MVP - Addison Kensey**
Defensive MVP - Sofia Barba
Jeff Proietti Ideal Teammate Award - **Rowan Prior**

All-League Awards:
1st Team - **Julia Poissant, Anna Nelson, Addison Kensey, Kyra Lynch, Chelsea Donaldson**
2nd Team - **Victoria Hulbert, Jamie Tessier, Maria Snyder, Sofia Barba**
Honorable Mention - **Alyssa Winters, Bridget Petrus, Sofia Snyder, Madelyn Mango, Riley Butler**

What a season. The girls allowed only 7 goals and scored 66, while finishing undefeated. The team won the Laker Cup Tournament at Skaneateles and handily beat teams that they tied earlier in the year. The team play and overall improvement was impressive. Congratulations on a memorable fall and best of luck next year.
-Dan Hallinan

This years varsity team finished with a 15-3 record despite playing a strength of schedule that was amongst the hardest in the state. We won our third consecutive SCAC Metro League Championship, going 9-0 against all SCAC Teams. A large number of our players were recognized by league coaches as SCAC 1st and 2nd Team and Honorable Mention. Though we fell short of our ultimate goal of winning another sectional title, the team had a very successful season. Best of luck to our 12 Seniors, who depart the program after overseeing our most successful two year stretch in decades!
-John McCloskey

Despite a difficult schedule, the girls were competitive with some very experienced teams. The season brought many close games, along with impressive individual and team development.
-Colleen Shewchuk

The Modified Blue Girls Soccer team had a great season! They finished 4-6-2 with many close games. The girls worked hard each day with enthusiasm!
-Kathleen Clark

The Modified Gold team had a fantastic season with so much to be proud of! This group has a lot of talent and they continue to work and push themselves to be better each and every day. Way to go girls! It has been an exciting season and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for these ladies. -Kelli Slate

Girls Tennis

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Tim Lane	21
Varsity	Nicholas Bentley	13
Total Participating		34

Team Awards:
Most Improved Player - **Emily Page**

I could not be prouder of what our team of scholar athletes accomplished this season. We faced challenging opponents, celebrated successes, and learned from every match, ending the season with a record of 9-3 and qualifying the maximum number of players for the individual sectionals tournament. Congratulations to singles player **Helena Allen** and doubles team **Angelina Allen and Calina Olson** for earning seeds at the sectionals tournament. Thank you to our seniors, **Angelina Allen, Ava Amadio, Kaitlyn Drury, Calina Olson, and Zaida Talev** for their leadership. Thank you for everything you have done for the program. We will miss you! -Nicholas Bentley

This was the first year for Modified Tennis as we have been a JV team in the past. The number of girls that came out for the team were the biggest numbers we have had in years and the girls really came a long way. The team was filled with mostly first time players and they showed a tremendous amount of improvement from Day 1 to the end of the season. Great job ladies! -Tim Lane