### Wilson Wall of Fame Inducts 8<sup>th</sup> Class

The Wilson Athletics Wall of Fame inducted four deserving individuals and one outstanding team on September 27th at the Wilson Fire Hall. The Class of 2014 included photographer extraordinaire Ed Goodnight, legendary coach Ray Groff, and two of the finest athletes to wear the Orange and Black, Meghan McCabe Czapla ('98) and Roger Moore ('47). Rounding out the class was the 1999 Girls Soccer team coached by Wilson WOF'er Meg Thompson.



The weekend was a huge success due to the Wall of Fame committee and the countless hours they spent preparing a wonderful Wall of Fame weekend. They even ordered summer-like weather all weekend for all to enjoy! The culmination of Homecoming and Wall of Fame weekend was Saturday's Induction dinner and ceremony. From presenters to speakers and everyone in between, the night was certainly a memorable one for all involved. Thank you to all who made the night special.

#### **Fall Athletes of the Week**

Connor Seeley Rachael Cobo Zipporah Barrett Kayla Neumann Justin Daul Tori Coutourier

## Wilson Golf Team Captures League Title!

The Varsity Golf team had an amazing season. The team finished their season in 1<sup>st</sup> place and as the Niagara Orleans League Champions with an undefeated 14-0 record. Every player improved over the course of the season due to hard work and the dedication to get better. Although they were serious about the game they were also able to have fun and enjoy the game. The team was led by Connor Seeley who



registered a 79 in the 18 hole All-League match at Willowbrook. Brandon Seider, Jonah Miller and Nate Fox also competed in every match this season. Other key contributors were Gabe Curcione, Tom Carr, Nick Seider, Dominic Curcione, Max Faery, Mitchell Peck, Jeff Ess and Noah Rzucidlo. Dom is the only senior graduating from the team after playing for many seasons. The team set a school record by scoring a 208 in their match against Albion at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. That is

an average of 41.6 strokes for five golfers! The team is looking forward to even better things next year!



# **Varsity Girls Soccer Team Dominating**

The Girls Varsity Soccer Team are the two-time defending Niagara-Orleans League champs and looking to make it three in a row. They have knocked off 2013 sectional champs Akron twice and league rival Newfane once. The team is led by Senior captains Lauren Austin, Katlynne Tubo, and Gina Godwin. Sophmore Kayla Neumann leads the team in scoring while Senior Rebekah Blasius and Zipporah Barrett anchor a defense that has given a league low 7 goals. The girls are also excelling off the field having raised over \$2000 for Niagara Hospice.



## **Boys and Girls Cross Country Running Well**

Both teams are off to a good start. To date, all 18 runners have set new personal record times this season. Earlier this year the team participated in the ALS ice bucket challenge and donated \$100 to the organization. The teams traveled to Canton, NY Sept. 20th in order to participate in the Section X Invite. This is also the site of the NY State Meet in November.

The boys team has been lead by sophomore captain Trey Rees. Also making big contributions have been Nathaniel Johnson, Jordan Stoelting, Matt Dispenza, and Cal Seeley.

The girls team has been led by 5-year varsity runner and captain Torey Couturier. Shea Munnikhuysen, Amber Harding, Cheyenne Wagner, and Julie Reagan have consistently rounded out the team's top five each meet.



The Wilson JV Volleyball team has improved tremendously over the course of the season. The team is young and inexperienced but has great leadership from our captains and returning players. The future looks to be very promising as the girls are practicing hard and it is showing on the court with some very well deserved wins! The team consists of four sophomores including Katie Johnston and Maura Bull who are captains, as well as Brynn Vandermast and Nicole Leder. The lone freshman is captain Raechel Blasius. There are eight eighth graders: captain Jenny Myers, Olivia Zappy, Faith Herlan, Julia Johnston, Brooke Wisor, Lindsey Parisse, Tara Simpson and Lyndsey Pawlak. Our seventh graders include: Marissa Eames, Anna Stevenson, Caitlyn Mazur, Emaleigh Herlan, Sarah Nugent, Shayna Rutty and Sierra Lackner. There's been many memories made throughout the season including, the league tournament where we placed third overall and the Starpoint tournament where we learned our team was too big for "selfies". Our bus rides are always memorable, big sister / little sister, homecoming game, beating Newfane, team bonding days and "zesty peppers". We will be making many more memories throughout the season especially when we play Grand Island in our "DIG PINK" game to benefit cancer research. A big thank you goes out to all of our parents, friends and family who have showed the girls their unending support. It is always great to look out into the crowd and see how energized you are about the game it certainly encourages the girls to give it their all for you!

# **Varsity Volleyball Looks For A Strong Finish**

The 2014 varsity volleyball team has turned up the momentum and is kicking off the second half of its season by coming back to avenge its first two losses of the season, by defeating Newfane and Medina. Leading the team to its victories are returners Ana Bryer (L), Megan DiLaura (OP), Sam Ess (S), Katie Myers, (OH) Emma Okoniewski, (MH) and Mercedees Rees (OH). Taking the net by storm in the middle is newcomer Amanda Culverwell.

The team attributes its steady growth to a well-rounded team of committed athletes who worked

hard in the off-season and who just love the game of volleyball. The experience of competing against higher-level schools during tournaments and non-league games has proven its benefits. Both new and returning players have developed an incredible sense of confidence and intensity that will certainly prove its worth in the

#### **Girls JV Soccer Reloads**

The girls JV soccer team lost 7 players to the varsity team causing many to call this year a "rebuilding" year. Despite this, the team has had only one loss which was the first game of the season at Akron. Since that day, the team has dominated every team they faced with the highlight being tying Lew-port the last two minutes of the game and beating Nardin Academy. The team made up for the opening game loss to Akron by beating them 1-0 the next time they met. The two teams are now in a tie for first place. This is a team to watch both now and in the future!

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Nov 19th: Fall Sports Awards HS Aud 6:30pm

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Winter Sports Begin

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: Winter Sports Parent Orientation Mar 25<sup>th</sup>: Winter Sport Awards HS Aud 6:30pm





# **JV Boys Soccer Dominating Again**

From the times we informally met during the summer to the season itself, the boys have been extremely dedicated, both on the field and off. Their hard work has really paid off, with an 8-1 league record and 10-1 overall record we are very strong contestants for the JV League Title again this year. The boys teamed up with the rest of the soccer program selling discount cards to raise money for Niagara Hospice. A particular mention goes out to Mason Secor and Matthew Couturier who have led the team extremely well as captains. Both Matt and Mason have a great understanding of the game and are hugely respected by their teammates. Mark Varallo, Sam Johnson (7th graders), Kyle Lyon (9th) and Nick Martin (10th) lead the team in points. This has been a great season thus far and we anticipate walking away with the League title again this year. Thank you to all the parents who faithfully come out to every game, we couldn't do it without you.

#### **Varsity Football Future is Bright**

There have been some standout performances in the first half of the season for the Wilson Varsity Football Lakemen. Including a victory over Akron, the boys have put up more victories this year than last year already. Newcomer quarterback Justin Daul has passed for an average of 135 yards per game and an average of a TD per game, which is tops in the Section for Class C. Jacob Rice, Hunter Howland, and Alex Fox lead the team in receptions. The two headed threat of Nick Thuman and Wade Rick have run the ball well and Dylan Thompson-Cox and Jarred Held are tops on the defense in tackles. We are eager to have a strong finish going in to the playoffs, hoping to be playing our best football at that time.

# **Modified and Freshmen Football Numbers Go Through the Roof!**

The modified football team had such outstanding interest this year, the team was divided into two teams to get everyone more playing time.

The modified team is made up primarily of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a few first year 9<sup>th</sup> graders. So far so good, this team has shown resolve and battled through some very tough times with some very high expectations for the rest of the season. Wilson has showed true grit and even had a goal line stance this season against a very good Lockport team. Some real standout players are captains, Robby Clark and Cody Greenlief. Other real standouts have been first year players: Mark Coder, Mitch Mahar and Aaron Wiech. The heart of this group shows up with the tough running of seventh grader Drew Westmorland.

The freshman team consists of 18 young men who have given their heart and soul to the season so far. The kids have participated in 5 contests and have come out on top in each one. The goal for the TEAM this year is to prepare for battle each week, be good students and citizens on and off the field. Many kids have volunteered at various community events. Those include hours in the concession stand, helping at the Wilson Wet and Wild Triathlon, and at the Wilson Field Days. I am impressed how the older players have supported and have been good role models for the modified team. Most of these players have accepted the invitation from Coach Atlas to move up with the Varsity team for Sectional play. I am looking forward to the future of Wilson Lakemen Football with continued dedication to improving each day!

Special thanks to Coach Carney and Coach Lange for volunteering their services all year long! We are a FAMILY! Lakemen Pride.

# Varsity Boys Soccer Playing for Deep Run In Sectionals

The Boys Varsity Soccer team is off to a great start this season. On the field, we've stayed towards the top of the Niagara Orleans League and are competing for a league title as we build towards Sectional play. The teams leading scorer is freshman Cesar Carlin and captains Zach Sarratori, Josh Van Buren, and Adam Murray have all contributed to the teams great start to the season. Come on out and watch the boys compete!

Off the field the boys teamed with the girls soccer program to raise money for Niagara Hospice. The boys are looking forward to future charitable projects.



### JV Field Hockey Working Hard

JV Field Hockey is lead by captains Connie Lepsch, Gabrielle Graca and Natalie Ryan. As a team we are excited to have a larger team than years past. There are many new players that have improved a great deal since the first day of practice as well as returning players that have shown great leadership. Each player has set goals for themselves and a majority of them have already achieved it. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for us!



# Varsity Field Hockey Making Others Take Notice

The Varsity Field Hockey team has seen marked improvement over last year's record. The team is currently 3rd in the League. Captains this season are Juniors Rachael Cobo and Courtney Wheeler. The team consists of 8 juniors, 3 sophomores, and 3 freshmen. They are working very well together and not losing anyone to graduation can only add to their success.

On the forward line Rachael Cobo and Maddie Mocarski are leading the way in scoring and assists. The midfielders are lead by Courtney Wheeler and JoJo Turvey who consistently help the team change fields and score. The defense is solid with Erin Boyle flying on penalty corners and even scoring goals for the team, while Taylor Cyphert can maneuver the ball out of our circle down the field and Taylor High is finding her way to be an assertive goal keeper who has earned a few shut-outs this season. The team is very excited about post-season play. Their hard work and commitment towards excellence will hopefully provide them

## **Varsity Cheerleaders Young But Strong**

The 2014 Varsity Football Cheerleading team consists of 10 girls. We have one senior and captain Brittany Clark, two juniors: Kallie Olear and Jenna Schlosser, three sophomores: Jenna Chestnut, Sabrina Ganshaw and Sarah White, and four freshmen: Alexis Provenzano, Hailey Roberts, Yvonne Shepherd and Sadie White. Since August these girls have been putting in hard work and dedication to learn A LOT of sideline cheers for the games also while creating and learning a routine to perform at homecoming. The girls worked extremely well as a team throughout the entire season and continued to surprise us with their knowledge and passion for the sport. We look forward to our next season with the girls.

### ... A Word from Jeff Roth, Athletic Director

The fall season is in full swing and I cannot remember a fall that had better weather! I know for parents, spectators, coaches, and players alike we can all agree that win or lose, it's not bad playing in the warm temps. Our participation numbers for fall sports teams are great again with full rosters all around. Our teams are competing each day and many have league titles within their grasp. The coaching staff has been busy mixing in sport-specific skills with life-lesson. The positive experiences these student-athletes acquire will benefit them greatly down the road as they prepare for the next chapter of life.

- **Congratulations** to our Varsity Golf team coached by Mark Kurtz on winning a Niagara-Orleans League Championship! The kids have worked extremely hard and I cannot praise them enough. They have been as good as any Wilson team ever!
- Congratulations to the Wilson Wall of Fame Class of 2014.
  The WOF Committee put together a great weekend.
- **Congratulations** to former Wilson athletic director Charlie Jufer. He will be one of three people to receive the prestigious Niagara Orleans Foundation Award at the N-O Coaches Banquet in Middleport. This award is given in recognition of the dedication, efforts, and achievements while involved with interscholastic athletics of the Niagara Orleans League. Congrats Jufe!



- Wilson Athletics fans can check us out on Twitter at @WilsonLakemen.
- **Congratulations** to our '13-'14 student athletes, teachers, and coaches... Wilson was again recognized as a New York State School of Distinction! This is 4 of 5 years.
- **Cheerleading** will become an official sport this winter. Not much will change here in Wilson as our cheer teams have been considered a sport for quite a while.
- Good luck to all of our teams and coaches as we enter sectionals for the fall season. You all have been really fun to watch