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Wilson Athletics Newsletter
Wilson All-Sports Booster Club
Spring 2014

Wilson Qualifies as a NYS School of Distinction

The Wilson Central School District has qualified as a New York State School of Distinction for the 2013-2014 school year. This prestigious honor is given to schools who have every varsity sports team achieve New York State Scholar Athlete status, meaning that each team had grade point average of 90% or higher. This is Wilson Central Schools 4th time receiving this honor in the past five years! Congratulations to all of our student athletes, coaches, and teachers who helped make this possible!



Photo Credits...

Thank you to Ed Goodnight and Bill Carpenter for their many hours spent taking pictures at all of our events. All of the pictures in this newsletter are courtesy of these two gentlemen.
Thank you!!



Wilson Coaching Great To Retire At Year's End

One of our best has called it a game/set/match... Longtime Wilson teacher and coach Jackie Luff Benton has decided to retire at years end. Jackie has been a big part of Wilson Athletics since her days wearing the orange and black as a 1977 graduate of Wilson. During her years at Wilson High, Jackie was a football cheerleader, basketball cheerleader, played field hockey, volleyball, basketball, and softball. Jackie talks fondly of her time spent with Coach Gerry Julias, Coach Larry Lash, AD Bob Dinse, and AD Charlie Jufer.



Wilson CSD was lucky to get Jackie back in the district when a Physical Education position opened up in 1982 and she immediately began coaching upon her return. She started with varsity field hockey, which she did for 8 consecutive seasons and was named coach of the year twice during that time. Jackie led the Lakewomen to four league titles (1985-1988) along with Section and Far West titles in 1987 and 1988.

Jackie also coached JV volleyball and JV softball for a number of years, band was extremely successful. Jackie then took ten years off from coaching to be with her three beautiful baby girls: Jamie Lea, Shelby, and Lindsay. Jackie returned to coaching in 2000 with modified volleyball. After a few years at the modified level, she moved to JV volleyball, and eventually on to Varsity volleyball in the fall of 2011. Jackie finished her career coaching her daughter Lindsay and leading the Lakewomen to two straight undefeated League championships in 2011 and 2012.

As the current Athletic Director, I speak on behalf of all the past and present students, athletes, teachers, coaches, and administrators in wishing Jackie Benton the very best in retirement. She has made Wilson her home and has left Wilson a better place then she found it. I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for Wilson Athletics and the Wilson Central School District. Enjoy retirement!

WILSON ALL-SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB CONGRATULATES



EMILY LASHER
WILSON HS

ANDREW KOROSCHETZ
WILSON HS

Congratulations to Seniors
Emily Lasher and Andrew Koroschetz for being
selected as our 2014 Thomas E. Hewitt
Scholarship nominees!

Varsity Softball In the Hunt

After such a long, harsh winter, the players on the Varsity softball team knew that the spring may bring a lot of indoor practices. So instead of doing 'hands-on' practices on Saturdays, they instead turned the weekends into goal-setting sessions. While many families enjoy sharing 'Sunday night dinners' together, the team took seats around one big table and enjoyed Saturday morning breakfasts' together. Along with enjoying fresh fruit, bagels, and chocolate chip banana bread (homemade by Coach LiPuma), they reflected on both individual and team goals. The process helped them truly think about what they wanted to accomplish this season, and sharing out loud led to both support and accountability from their teammates.

Despite being stuck indoors for over nine weeks, the team was able to keep a positive outlook and still remain encouraged about the possibility of actually playing softball on dirt and grass. When they finally got their chance, they came out and capitalized immediately, edging out Barker with a 6-5 win, and beating league champion Akron in the bottom of the 7th inning at home, 4-3. They dug deep and played hard during a stretch in early May, when weather forced them to play 8 games in 9 days. During a season that could've been incredibly frustrating, the team remained very motivated and supportive of one another, consistently trying to focus on the positives. As the team is only graduating 3 seniors this year, hopefully the new team traditions that have helped propel the program forward will carry on and be passed down from player to player, and continue to improve Wilson softball for years to come.



Mark Your Calendars

Sports Physicals at the HS: May 27th & June 3rd at 2:30pm by appt.

Spring Sport Awards: June 9th at 6:30pm HS Aud

MS Selection Classification Summer Dates: July 9, 16, 23; August 6 at 8am

Fall Sports tryouts begin on August 18th

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Athletes of the Week

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| Lauren Austin | Vanessa Moebius |
| Allie Bubar | Michelle Myers |
| Torey Couturier | Kayla Neumann |
| Dom Curcione | Kallie Olear |
| Jen Darlak | Mike Patterson (2) |
| (2) Kevin Daunce | Trey Rees |
| Taylor Devole | Connor Seeley |
| Jacob Farmer | Kaylee Stoelting |
| Angela Goodman | Dylan Thompson-Cox |
| Jarret Johnston | Wes Trank |
| Emily Kam | Justin Westmorland |
| Emily Lasher | Chase Wheeler |
| Joe Littere | Courtney Wheeler |

4th Annual Reverse Draw

Raises Big Money for Athletics

The Wilson All-Sports Booster Club hosted their 4th Annual Reverse Draw and Basket Auction on Saturday, April 26th at the Wilson #1 Fire Hall. The night was a huge success thanks to the Wilson coaches and the many local business and community members who donated time, cash, and prizes. TM teacher Meg Thompson took home the grand prize! Money raised from the event will help our kids enjoy an even better athletic experience. A special thanks needs to go to the Event Committee for their time and effort.

The Wilson Athletic Department and the All-Sports Booster Club are proud to bring you the 2014 Spring Newsletter! This newsletter is designed to help keep our community & fans current of all the wonderful happenings in the world of Wilson Athletics.

2013-2014 Wilson Booster Club

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| Pete Reagan | Kevin Seeley |
| Val Frerichs | Roger Herman |
| Lisa Austin | |

The Future is Bright for Wilson Softball

The 2014 JV Softball team started the season right with a win against Barker. Unfortunately, they weren't able to keep the momentum as Mother Nature took over with cold weather and rains. Throughout, the team kept their spirits high with a variety of team building activities.

Our biggest win is yet to come. Recently, we had a tough loss against Akron losing 6-4, but the ladies played a tough game hitting like never before. Amanda Culverwell and Kira Zappy both have had some big hits this season. Kira, Amanda, Katy Johnston, and Raechel Blasius have done a fantastic job pitching this year. We also have 5 other ladies training to become pitchers: Savannah Reimer, Julia Johnston, Melena Amoia, Kasey Taylor, and Lyndsey Pawlak.

We have a strong team of 18 players with 11 veterans. 10th graders: Anthonena Delisi, Amanda Culverwell, Savannah Reimer, Marguerite Mosher, 9th graders: Kaitlin Johnston, Alex Seeley, Kira Zappy, Erin Boyle, Brianna Bagwell, 8th graders: Emily Kelly and Raechel Blasius. The JV "rookies" are 8th graders McKenzie Gedeon, Madeline Mocariski, 7th graders Lyndsey Pawlak, Sam Ellis, Melena Amoia and Kasey Taylor. Team captains are Savannah Reimer, Marguerite Mosher, Katy Johnston, and Amanda Culverwell.



Cheerleaders Finally Get the News!

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the Board of Regents has recently announced it has approved cheerleading to be recognized as a sport in New York State. It is the first time competitive cheerleading would be recognized in New York State. Although in Wilson cheerleading has been recognized as a sport all along, it is very nice to have the recognition at the State and Section level. The NYSPHSAA plans to convene its cheerleading committee at the end of May to review the approval and set up a strategy for implementation within its membership.

This is a great step for the progress of cheerleading and we truly appreciate the help, support and assistance of the New York State Education Department," said Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. "The NYSPHSAA is excited to have competitive cheer recognized as a sport; today's vote allows our association to implement coaching and safety standards for cheer coaches as well as highlight and promote the incredible athletes who participate in the sport with a championship event. Our association has been working on this initiative since 2009 and I am pleased to see the goal become a reality."



Girls Track and Field Looking to Catch Their Stride for All-League

The girls track and field team has had an up and down season thus far. They have, at times, shown glimpses of excellence. This year's team has consistent scoring from Angela Goodman (100 hurdles, long jump, high jump, 800m), Zipporah Barrett (400m, 400m relay, 1600m relay), Torey Couturier (1500m, 3000m), Serina Jaeger (100m, 200m, 400m relay, long jump), Jocelyn Lyon (100m, 200m, 400m relay), Emily Paterson (400m, 400m relay, 1600m relay), Marissa Seider (800m, 1600m relay, triple jump), and Brittany White (shot put, discus) among others. The girls have worked really hard this season and improved each and every meet. It has been nice to see many of them achieve the personal goals they set for themselves.

Currently, Angela Goodman will advance to Sectionals this June at Olean HS for the pentathlon and she is also a contender for the State Meet (Cicero HS). Good Luck to our seniors: Angela Goodman, Marisa Walck, Haylee Clark, Megan Coder, Alyssa Schlosser, and Cheyenne Whipple. It has been a pleasure working with you. We will miss you next season, especially your leadership. Good luck on your future endeavors!



JV Baseball Improving With Every Swing

The JV baseball team started slowly this season suffering some lopsided losses against very good competition. This was not surprising due to the fact that the team is made up of 10 middle school athletes playing against teams primarily made up of 9th and 10th graders. Even after losses the attitude and effort of the athletes was extremely positive, focusing on the improvements they were making as a team, each game. Never once did the boys stop believing that they could break through in the win column.

Throughout the course of the year the effort the boys put in really started to show on the field, resulting in closely contested ball games, sound defense, and timely hitting. This tremendous work ethic finally paid off with a great week where the team won two, tied one, and lost one, in a hard fought battle. The offense this season has been led by Cesar Carlin who is batting an eye popping .611, Connor Seeley (.444) and Cameron Dabil (.333, 6 extra base hits). Jackson Rotella, Nate Fox, and Brayden Skobjak anchor the young pitching staff. The team has improved tremendously since the beginning of March, and the future is definitely bright for the Lakemen baseball program.



Tennis Team Eyes a League Title

The tennis team started the season 0-1 with a loss to Albion. Luckily, we were able to bounce back in a huge way – winning 9 in a row and counting!



First and second doubles teams consist of four players who are all in their second year on the team. Second doubles consists of Sophomore Kallie Olear and Freshman Joe Hecko. Kallie is one of the hardest hitters on the team while Joe has become a powerhouse at the net. Both players have had good success this season and will play big roles in the upcoming years. At first doubles Sophomores Alex Keil and Gabe Curcione have meshed extremely well as a team and have become a force to be reckoned with. The communication and teamwork both of these players have with one another has helped them take down the best of doubles teams the league has to offer.

Wilson's singles players have dominated the Niagara Orleans League. At third singles Junior Dominic Curcione has outlasted all of his opponents thus far. Playing against Dom is like playing against a wall. Diving, rolling and sprinting across the entire court to return a ball are only a few of the tools in his arsenal. Dom will give it his all each and every point, and has the cuts and bruises to prove it.

At second singles is Senior Nathan Johnson. Coming off of a great season last year, Nate has definitely not disappointed this year. Known for his mental toughness on the court Nate has a great ability to find his opponents weaknesses and capitalize off of them. Along with his great consistency and patience, Nathan has also seen much success this season at singles.

Senior Isaiah Barrett holds the team's first singles spot for the second straight year. Isaiah's athleticism enables him to move all over the court better than any player in the league. His pressure and speed at the net makes it extremely difficult on his opponents. This season Isaiah has already secured a spot at sectionals and will be returning for his second year in a row.

Seniors Hannah Johnson, Michaela Goodnight and Samantha Redmond along with Sophomore Marlowe Recht have all had great moments at third doubles this year.

The tennis team has practiced through rain, snow and freezing temperatures this season with the goal of a League title.

Captains Club Celebrates By Paying It Forward

April 6th was National Student-Athlete Day in high schools and colleges across the country. In a meeting with the Captains Club, the group decided the best way to celebrate the day was to make it a week and then use that week to give back to those that helped them along the way.

The Captains volunteered time out of their busy schedules to walk over to Thomas Marks elementary school and read to the kids in a number of classes. Other captains chose to speak to Wilson middle school students about participating in high school sports. They discussed what sports are offered, how to get involved in the sports they like, what the Orangemen Award is, and what to expect once on a sports team. The entire group of Captains decided to also write a "thank you" to a teacher or coach that has made an impact on them as a student athlete. Lastly, in an effort to show our school spirit and honor all of the wonderful athletes in Wilson, the kids organized an Orange & Black day for students and staff.

Last weekend the Captains Club came out in full force to help out in the community. The group headed to Greenwood Cemetery to help local clean up and landscape the area in time for their busy Memorial Day weekend. The day was a great opportunity for the kids to work together for the Wilson community.

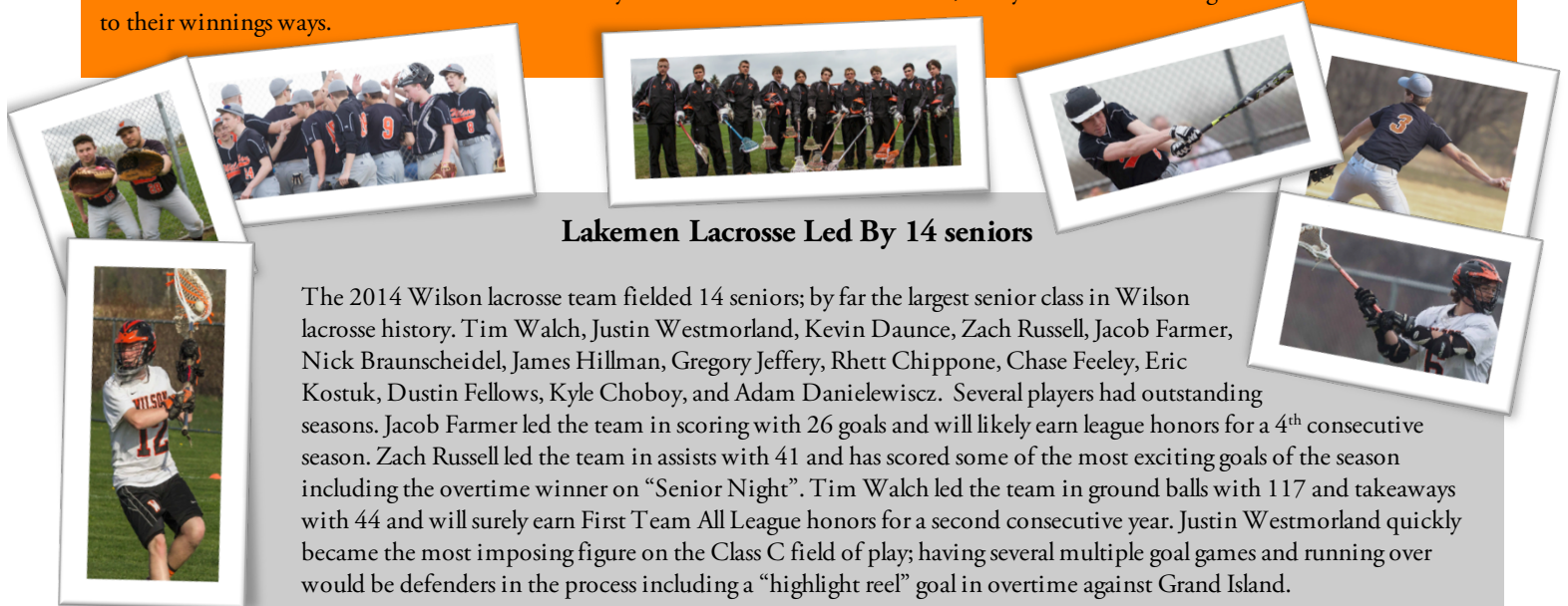
Boys Track and Field Team Prepares for Sectionals

The Boys Varsity track team finished the season with a 3-3 record in Niagara-Orleans League. This team was paced by a group of talented seniors, including Michael Patterson, Zachery Bell, Dan Rohring and Chase Wheeler. Michael Patterson consistently won the high jump, triple jump and long jump. Zack Bell won the 400m and 100m hurdles, Chase Wheeler was outstanding in the 100m and 200m dash and Dan Rohring often took the pole vault. Trey Rees, a freshman, was outstanding in the 1600m and 800m runs. He will be a bright spot for years to come. We are looking forward to All-League and Sectional later this month.



Varsity Baseball Gaining Valuable Experience

The Varsity Baseball team continues to work hard and stay motivated despite some unfavorable weather. With only four players returning from last year's team we have had many players step into important positions on the field. Our captains are three juniors, Joe Littere, Jarret Johnston and Hunter Howland. They have provided us with needed leadership during a tough season. Jarret pitched a three hit complete game against CSAT and Joe and Hunter have given us some key at bats. In most games the team is starting four or five freshman and sophomores. They have gained valuable experience for the years to come. Rich Ruble has done a nice job catching behind the plate. Back in April the team participated in the Hospice Tournament in Lew-Port and raised over \$1500.00 in our annual penny drive. As this season comes to end we look toward next season. With only two seniors on the current roster, next years team looks to get Lakemen baseball back to their winnings ways.



Lakemen Lacrosse Led By 14 seniors

The 2014 Wilson lacrosse team fielded 14 seniors; by far the largest senior class in Wilson lacrosse history. Tim Walch, Justin Westmorland, Kevin Daunce, Zach Russell, Jacob Farmer, Nick Braunscheidel, James Hillman, Gregory Jeffery, Rhett Chippone, Chase Feeley, Eric Kostuk, Dustin Fellows, Kyle Choboy, and Adam Danielewicz. Several players had outstanding seasons. Jacob Farmer led the team in scoring with 26 goals and will likely earn league honors for a 4th consecutive season. Zach Russell led the team in assists with 41 and has scored some of the most exciting goals of the season including the overtime winner on "Senior Night". Tim Walch led the team in ground balls with 117 and takeaways with 44 and will surely earn First Team All League honors for a second consecutive year. Justin Westmorland quickly became the most imposing figure on the Class C field of play; having several multiple goal games and running over would be defenders in the process including a "highlight reel" goal in overtime against Grand Island.

I'd like to thank three of the best team captains a coach could ask for in Tim Walch (2 year captain), Kevin Daunce, and Jacob Farmer. Each young man went above and beyond what was expected of him to get the very most out of the team. Thank you men for your outstanding attitude and effort!

Nine players will return to form the core of the 2015 team: Kyle Weisinger will anchor the defense with help from Steven Lewis. Jacob Rice, Jeffery Mazur, Joshua Wagner, Dylan Wolfe, and James Clark will solidify the midfield and Ryan Harrell will enter his 3rd season playing attack. Evan Keefer will hold the fort in goal. Calling all athletes needing a spring sport! WILSON LACROSSE HAS OPENINGS!

Several members of the team helped with after storm clean up efforts on the Tuscarora Nation following a windstorm that cut power to many residents. Team members also set up tables and chairs for the Stevenson Family Dinner and Talent Show. It has been my pleasure to coach this 2014 team. Moving forward we have adopted the motto: FEARLESS. LAKEMEN. LACROSSE. This will apply to our approach to the offseason conditioning, tournament play, and all team efforts moving into the 2015 season. We will not seek excuses or approach the game tentatively, we will move forward without fear. "He that will not set sail till all dangers are over must never put to sea."

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

As another season and school year winds down, I have many people to thank for helping to make another great year. First, I'd like to thank all of my spring coaches. The rain/snow and cold made this spring a difficult and trying season. My coaches did a great job helping to keep me sane and never once complained, instead just "rolled with the punches" throughout the many postponements and cancellations. Thanks coaches.

I'd like to congratulate and thank all of our varsity teams and coaches for another New York State School of Distinction Award. This is an incredible achievement – one that Wilson CSD has become accustomed to getting. Great job! Our athletes will leave Wilson extremely prepared for college and the outside world. They have a solid framework to be successful in anything they choose.

Congratulations go out to the Wilson boys varsity basketball team and Coach Sippel as they were recently recognized by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York as one of three teams selected as the Boys Academic All-State Team.

I am very happy to recognize this year's recipient of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association "Secretary of the Year", Wilson's Gale Doe. Mrs. Doe has been a staple in the Athletic Office for 20+ years and has been working at Wilson CSD for over 30. Her commitment to excellence and her ability to make everyone around her smile are just a couple of the gifts she brings on a daily basis. I cannot begin to imagine how difficult my life would be without her. Thank you Gale and congratulations on a well-deserved award.

The Wilson Wall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the Class of 2014! The Wall of Fame induction dinner is scheduled for September 27th, 2014 at the Wilson Fire Hall. We are extremely excited to officially recognize the following people next fall:

Coach Ray Groff
Supporter Ed Goodnight
Athlete Roger Moore
Athlete Ed Kiely
Athlete Meghan McCabe
1999 Girls Soccer Team

The Wall of Fame Committee would also like to announce its 3rd annual golf tournament to be held on Saturday, July 26th at Oak Run Golf Course. Please contact me (751-9341 x.175) if you would like to participate in this great event.

Lastly, a BIG thank you goes out to the Booster Club officers and all the parents who helped out in the concession stands this year. As you are well aware, the Booster Club uses the money earned from the concessions on our athletes and teams to give them the best athletic experience we can offer.