

# Emily Kelly wins the Niagara P.A.L. Prep Athlete of the Year!

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Congratulations to senior Emily Kelly on winning the coveted PAL Prep Athlete of the Year award for 2018! Emily is a three-sport athlete at Wilson who will take her goalie skills to the next level for the Women's Soccer Team at the University of Buffalo in the fall. Emily is pictured here with Wilson coaches (I-r) TJ Baia, Emily, Joan Easton, and Brian Baker.



A special thanks to Ed Goodnight for the many great pictures used in the Hutch!

## Girls Varsity Basketball Reloads

With seven outstanding seniors, the Wilson Lakewomen girls basketball team was not short on leadership. The team finished 8-4 in the Niagara Orleans League for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Early on the team had some growing pains but like many of the great teams before them, put forth their best efforts when they needed it most, during sectional time. The team beat league foe Akron in the Quarterfinals to get back to the Sectional Semi-Finals for the 10<sup>th</sup> straight year. There they took on #1 seeded Olmstead at Kenmore West. Wilson played an outstanding second half and upset the top seed and advanced back to the Sectional Final at Buffalo State. Although the team ran a bit short of their ultimate goal by losing a hard-fought battle with Southwestern, they were a pleasure to watch compete on the biggest stage once again. I am so proud of each of the 15 players on this team. Also, thanks to the 7 JV call-ups who helped our team prepare for the playoffs. They have all accepted their role as a teammate and do it with class each day. The team held a 97% average all season and are some of the best group of girls a coach could ask for. Go Lakewomen!

Special thanks to the winter athletes and coaches for taking time to help make our local communities better. Below is a list of community services our winter teams did:

"Take Down Cancer" night that raised over \$1,000
Canned Food Drive for the Wilson Food Pantry
Hospital Gift Delivery to: Children's, Roswell, Lockport, Buffalo General, and St. Mary's
Donation to "Gotta Kiss Cancer Goodbye"
Christmas caroling

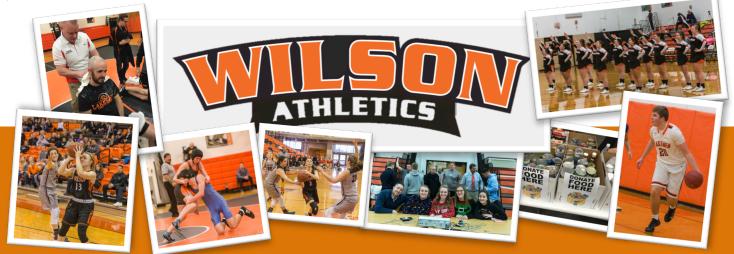
Volunteering at Sr. Citizens Breakfast Volunteering at Niagara Falls Soup Kitchen Volunteering at Youth B-Ball Program

Donated to the scholastic pajama drive (gives kids a book and pajamas)

#### Varsity Cheerleading Impresses at Sectionals

The 2017-2018 Varsity Basketball Cheerleading team consisted of 16 cheerleaders: Senior Captains: Yvonne Shepard and Hailey Roberts and Seniors: Lili Lacey, Nina Trank and Sadie White. Juniors: Kaylie Kress, Savannah Mathews and Brooke Wisor. Sophomores: Emma Gast, Ivy Montgomery, and Sara Seider. Freshman: Savanna Burzcyk, Kaelin Gibbs, and Stephanie Porter. Eight Grader: Kirstin Day and Seventh Grader: Hanna Roberts.

The team truly enjoyed supporting the Boys Varsity Basketball team at home and excelled in the competitive aspect of their sport. The team, led by Coach Kim Foti, Coach Kerry Atlas and seasoned veterans, welcomed some athletes new to the sport of cheerleading. This team spent the season improving their skills and perfecting their routine for the four competitions that they participated in. With each competition this team increased the difficulty of their stunting skills, made last minute adjustments, and made necessary improvements to the routine. The season culminated with a flawless Sectional performance and they were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the competition at Buffalo State College. Congratulations ladies on a great season!



# Varsity Wrestling Sets Win Record

The Wrestling team had a record breaking year led by Seniors Jake Sanborn, Aaron Weich and Matt Lange. The team finished 10-10-1, setting the record for most team wins in a season. The team also finished with the second most combined individual wins with 217. We had a strong showing at the N-O League tournament finishing 4th overall while placing 3 in the top 2 and 10 in the top 4. We also placed 8 athletes in the top 6 at the Class D Sectional tournament and qualifying 4 for the State Qualifier Tournament. On January 24, we hosted St. Marys of Lancaster for a "Takedown Cancer" fundraising event and raised \$1,144 to go towards cancer research at Roswell Park. Congrats on a great season team!

## Varsity Boys Basketball Impresses

The boys' varsity team finished the season with an overall record of 11 - 11 and a league record of 8 - 4. The team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the N-O League. The team was selected for the league sportsmanship award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight season. A few highlights this season included beating league champ Medina twice this season and winning their first round sectional game against Riverside.

The team exemplified the true meaning of a scholar athlete by compiling a team GPA of 96 % for the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period and earning the scholar/athlete award. 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-league honors went to Nate Fox, Mac Musall, and Steve Frerichs. Jake Miller was HM all-league. The team was involved in several community volunteer projects including working at a local soup kitchen, helping collect food for the local food pantry with the girls' basketball team, assisting in the annual senior citizens breakfast, and helping with the local youth basketball league.

## Boys JV Basketball Improves From Start to Finish

The Boys JV Basketball team completed a successful 2017-18 season by going 9-3 in league play and being very competitive against many of the best non-league teams in the area. The highlight of the season was a huge win against a previously undefeated Newfane team. There were numerous individual highlights throughout the season. Leading the way for the JV Lakemen was Declan Faery averaging over 10 points/10 rebounds per game, while 4 other players averaged nearly 7 points per game - Ben Mahar, Josh Weakland, Ben Lyman and Marc Dolyk. Bobby Atlas and Patrick Seeley provided great on and off the floor leadership. The future of Lakemen basketball looks bright with players like Jarrod Jacques, Ben Stimm, Evan Mahar, Brayden Dunlap and Michael Miller who all made big contributions and improvements throughout the season. Nice season boys!



Girls JV Basketball Improve Looks Strong Again

The JV Girls Basketball team had a successful season on and off the court. The girls finished the season with a league record of 6-6 and 11-9 overall. Out of these, they won 5 of 8 non-league games, many of which were against larger schools, such as Niagara Falls, Grand Island, Lew-Port, and Maryvale. The team had success in the classroom as well, averaging nearly a 98% as a team. On the community level, this December the girls walked the Village of Wilson collecting food items for the local pantry, as the sang Christmas songs. This team is filled with young, talented and hard working girls whose dedication to the program has become clear. The future looks bright for the Wilson Lakewomen.

# Wilson Modified Sports

The 2017-18 girls modified basketball team had a terrific season and was the League Champions for the 3rd year in a row! With a record of 9-1 the girls rebounded from an early loss to Albion. The 7th and 8th graders found many ways to wins when tested and never backed down to any team. The 8th graders stepped up this year and provided leadership for our team, including a nail biter at Barker. The 7th graders worked very hard and improved tremendously. When needed, they were able to score a bucket, grab a rebound or make a steal. All 16 girls contributed to our success and I look forward to another fun and amazing season next year.

The 2017-18 modified boys basketball season was a very successful one. There was such tremendous interest (24 boys in total) that we were able to have an A team and a B team. The A team compiled an 8-4 record, good for second in the league, while the B team was able to go 5-2. Both teams made huge strides on the court, and constantly pushed each other during practice. We also were able to play 2 games as part of triple-headers with JV and Varsity, which gave the boys a taste of the atmosphere and crowd they will be playing in front of down the road. With a nearly even split of 7th and 8th graders on this year's team, the future of Wilson basketball is very bright.

The 2017-18 modified wrestling season was a huge success! It has been a long time since Wilson has had a modified wrestling team and the early results were promising. Getting mat experience and practice time at a young age is essential for future success so we were very excited to have a team put together for this season. Wrestling in 3 separate modified tournaments, Brandon Martin, Jonathan Mercurio, Breckyn Schultz, and Benjamin Workoetter all earned at least one win on the season and they all showed tremendous growth in wrestling ability, conditioning and fitness. This experience makes and those of future years has things looking bright for the Wilson Wrestling program.



Thank You to our Winter Unpaid Assistants

> Aric Frieschlag Eric Freischlag Kevin Skavinsky Joe Littere Evan Shank Jeff Dinse



A special thanks to the 2017-18 Sports Booster Club

Lisa Austin Jon Beyer Sue Beyer Alison Faery Pam McInnis Tim McInnis Rich Meyers Melissa Musall Pete Reagan

#### Wilson Booster Club Reverse Draw



April 21st, 2018 6PM Wilson Fire Hall

\$25.00 Ticket 50/50 Drawing, Prize Wheel Cash Prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250 Need Not be Present to Win Cash Prizes!

See Director of Athletics Jeffrey Roth or any Booster Club Officer for more details

All Proceeds to Help Wilson Athletes!



#### Winter Team Averages:

Girls Varsity Basketball 98.8% (97.4%)

Girls JV Basketball 97.9% (96.4%)

Girls Modified Basketball 96.7% (94.9%)

Boys Varsity Basketball 96.2% (94.2%)

Boys JV Basketball 93.0% (90.5%)

Boys Modified Basketball 93.5% (91.1%)

Varsity Cheerleading 94.1% (91.6%)

Varsity Wrestling 92.8% (89.9)

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

Congratulations to the student-athletes who participated this winter! Our hope is that you had a positive experience that will benefit you in the years to come. I'd like to acknowledge a few standout teams, athletes, and coaches.

- Congratulations to our winter varsity teams. Each has been awarded New York State Scholar-Athlete status by the NYSPHSAA!
- Congratulations to the following All-WNY Scholar-Athletes:
  Maddie Austin, Morgan Faery, Nate Fox, Emily Kelly, Maddie Mocarski,
  Shea Munnikhuysen, Hailey Roberts, Amanda Murray, Mac Musall, Jacob Sanborn,
  Nina Trank, Sarah Yousett.
- Congratulations to the Cheerleading team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the sectionals!
- Congratulations to Wilson's 2018 Hewitt representatives: Maddie Mocarski and Nathaniel Johnson!
- Congratulations to Coach Brett Sippel on eclipsing 200 career wins as our boys' varsity basketball coach!
- A big "thank you" to the many spectators who came out to support our teams with class. You are greatly appreciated by our athletes, coaches, and administration.