

Whisconier Middle School

Fall Athletics 2014

We at Whisconier Middle School will respect ourselves and one another, appreciate individual differences, and encourage one another to reach our potential.

WMS - Fall Interscholastic Sports

At Whisconier we look to provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience. One aspect of that experience is participation in interscholastic sports. We want our student/athletes to: develop their skills, learn sportsmanship, have leadership opportunities, build a “team first” attitude, display modesty in winning and graciousness in defeat, and to have an overall positive experience that they will remember for a lifetime.

Thank you goes out to the coaches for all of the time and effort they put into creating a positive atmosphere for our student/athletes. Good luck to our Winter Basketball teams! Below is the WMS Fall Sports Recap:

Cross Country - Coach Kasack

The 2014 WMS Cross-Country Team was one of, if not, the most trustworthy and responsible group of student-athletes in the 11 season existence of the team. Numerous coaches told me how well our team conducted themselves as hosts during home meets, leading course walks and directing opposing teams on how and where our meets are run. We do not have official “Captains”, however Claire L., and Maddy O., among others, demonstrated incredible leadership abilities both at practice and meets. In addition to leadership and sportsmanship, our team made vast improvements in running times over the course of the season. As a team, we took off an average of almost 3 minutes from day one, to the last meet in our 1.6 mile home course. At our meets we finished 2nd at two quad meets, and around the middle in our other 6 meets.

Some notable individual finishes include Emily P., Claire L., Juliet B. and Tess L. each in the top 10 out of 66 runners at New Fairfield and again at New Milford. Claire L. placed 3rd versus New Fairfield and Danbury; and Ian B. placed 3rd versus Woodbury and 1st for 6th graders in 3 different races. The team will miss the leadership and effort of our 8th graders, but I am sure that our younger runners will rise to the occasion next season.



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Field Hockey - Coach Garthwait

The WMS Field Hockey team had a great season! We had two big victories over New Milford and we played very well against Memorial and Rochambeau. Keira S. led the team with 5 goals for the season. Grace C. and Sydney W. had two goals apiece. Olivia D. led the team with 3 assists this season, while Sydney D., Grace, and Samantha Z. each had an assist. Christa P. had 20 saves for the season and this was the first time she ever played goalie. She did an outstanding job and picked up the skills very quickly.

The defense was also impressive stopping many offensive runs by the opposition and sending the ball up to the midfield and forwards. The defense was led by Sascha S., Liz C., Chloe K., Victoria K., Maddy V., and Betsy O. The midfield was controlled by Olivia, Sydney D., Sydney W., and Kate M. The forwards were remarkable this season as well, causing many corners and shot opportunities. The forwards were led by Grace, Keira, Samantha, Giovanna D., and Maggie S. Overall, the season was an enormous success!



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Boys Soccer - Coach Coloneri

The WMS Boys Soccer team had one of its best seasons in recent years. The team compiled a record of 8 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. Team chemistry was obvious from the beginning of the season with the kids playing a very unselfish style of soccer. The squad played all season with great determination, enthusiasm and pride which earned the respect of their opponents.

The team will say goodbye and good luck to fifteen 8th graders including: Jake B., Mikey B., Baron B., Ben C., Josh C., Alex D., Kent E., Daniel F., David F., Tyler G., Luke H., Jai'chi L., Willem S., Sean V. and David W. Although the talents of these players will be missed the future is bright for WMS Soccer with the return of Marcus D., Joe F., and Brett H.



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Girls Soccer - Coach Cassidy

The girls' soccer season was a triumphant success. The team finished with 4 wins, 2 losses, and 3 ties. Whether it was learning new skills in practice, competing in a game, or enjoying a one and a half hour trip to Cheshire during rush hour, their commitment and exuberance never wavered. The team will lose six outstanding 8th graders to the high school program. Mia A. was instrumental in securing the back line of defense. She was always in the right spot and was usually asked to mark the opponent's best offensive player. Shannon M. was a player who tenaciously fought for balls and carved out a niche of passing and setting up her teammates on the offensive end. Katie P. excelled in goal where her skill and athleticism kept us in every game. Her poise as a goalie and skill on the field rivaled her endurance and conditioning as she won every mile run on the practice field. Sadie S. was a fearless player who dominated the center of the field during many of the games. Her toughness and perseverance led the way for many dramatic moments throughout the season. Shaye M. was a versatile player who finally found a home towards the front line. She outran and out hustled the opposing team and excelled at scoring goals and setting up her teammates. Emily D. used her excellent track speed to dominate most of her competition. On more than one occasion I had an opposing coach admit they had no answer to her skill as a forward.

We look forward to next season and the leadership of the younger players stepping in to continue the winning tradition for the girls' soccer team.

