

WEST BABYLON ATHLETICS



Eagles Soaring & Scoring!!!

Fall Season Newsletter - September 2022 - November 2022



Field Hockey

This season the Varsity Field Hockey team went 4-10 and showed tremendous growth throughout the course of the season. As the season progressed, we withstood competitive battles versus opposing teams and demonstrated significant strides of growth along the way. Each game we worked hard to match the levels of our opponents and through persistence we never gave up. The coaching staff is extremely proud of the girls work ethic this season and ability to find joy in everything. The team was led by captains, Lacey Downey and Savana Lippe who both earned a spot on newsday's top 50 players to watch on Long Island this season. Some highlights of the season included goals scored by Lacey Downey (12), Erin Lewis (2), Peyton Leach (2), Jenna Niven (2), Victoria Pawelski (2), Savana Lippe (1), Avery Filippone (1) and Leah Ricciardone (1). Goalie Francesca Miranda had 105 saves this season and Taylor Watta had a defensive save. Other saves included Avery Filippone with 7 saves and Angelina

DeGennaro with 5 saves. Some funny moments throughout the season included our extremely successful bake sale where we got to see the girl's talents in baking and marketing skills! From all the donut parties - to our "camp-fire circles" on the turf - to the buzzer of our last game, it has been an absolute pleasure to coach and mentor this group of student athletes. Thank you, parents and families, for all the transportation and support you have contributed throughout the season. We are infinitely grateful to have been able to share these experiences with you all and happy you choose to be a part of the West Babylon field hockey program.



Football

The West Babylon football program has always been about building a solid foundation for a young person's life, based on principles and experiences that can only be taught through the game. It's always been about cultivating genuine relationships between players, coaches and a community of fans. This year's team upheld the same core values that have been a part of the program for decades. Each game was played with heart, passion and a desire to excel. The coaching staff would like to wish all of its seniors the very best in the future. It's "All in a State of Mind."

Soccer



GIRLS SOCCER

The 2022 girls varsity soccer team is led by captains Avery Vergano, Gabriela Saravia, Sam Maucere, and Rebecca Vitale. These incredible leaders helped encourage the girls to commit to off season practices. The girls started training in June, and continued all summer 3 days a week to prepare for our season. The preparation paid off as the team made their 5th consecutive playoff berth. The league was a tight battle all season. Nine of our 14 games were decided by 1 goal. The Eagles played 2 overtime games winning both by sudden victory goals scored by 8th grader Gia Coladonato. The team's Final record was 7-5-2. Stellar JR goalkeeper Madelyn Hoisik had five shutouts on the year. One of the most amazing feats of the season was on senior night when the Eagles clinched the playoff berth. We honored 5 seniors, and all 5 scored a goal that night. Shirley Rodriguez, Kelly Bianco, Rebecca Vitale, Gabriela Saravia, and Taylor Weber. These girls have been a pleasure to coach, and will surely be missed by the program. Our leading goal scorer was the lightning fast sophomore Francis Hogan with 7 goals. Defensive stars Avery Vergano, Samantha Maucere, Sara Blloshmi, Gabriella Crisci, Izzy

Hillebrand and Madelyn Hoisik will be back to defend the Eagles. Jenna Kozodoy, Anna Horowitz, Mia Walkowiak, and Anna Bricker are all returning for the Eagles midfield. Strikers Francis Hogan, Kayla Carseni, and Gia Coladonato are back for the attack. Coach Innes and Coach Munoz are very excited for the future of West Babylon Soccer.



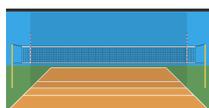
BOYS SOCCER

This season the Eagles started the season off strong playing impressive soccer moving up to as high as the 6th ranked team in our classification. We faced 4 State Ranked team's (Amityville, John Glenn, HHH West & East Islip) and lost tough contests that were never lopsided. Although our team improved our style of play, scored more goals and decreased our infractions (yellow cards) we relied heavily on inexperienced rookies to make up for injuries and it showed we were just out manned in several contests.

Our goal keeper situation improved from the previous year, but we still have to be more consistent defensively. The JV team has demonstrated they are ready to insert themselves into the Varsity program next year and we return 9 starters. If the team fully embraces the off season program and competes over the Summer against competitive teams we will be ready for a rigorous 2023 season.

Liam Henshaw, received All Conference and LI Top 100 Player Honors from Newsday and Section XI, Christopher Graham earned All league honors and Kai Miller (#1 in his class) was named Academic All County. The team earned several USHSA Awards. The Silver Award, no red cards during a season and 4 yellow cards in 16 contests, 3 youth excellence awards,

(Andrew Madalone, George Cooke, Cole Bricker) for Community Service, Academic Success and Athletic Leadership.



Volleyball

This past season the girls varsity volleyball team finished with our best record in the past ten years. Our record was 6-8, just missing playoff qualification and finishing in 5th place in the league. Our junior captain, Elena Savage, was also named as one of “2022’s Top 15 Girls High School Volleyball Players To Watch This Season”. In addition, Elena Savage and Kristi Bergman also received the All Tournament award at the Walt Whitman Varsity Volleyball Tournament.

Along with the girl’s hard work and dedication on the court, they do just as much off the court as well. We hold an annual “Dig Pink” volleyball game to raise money for breast cancer. Each player donates a raffle basket they have created for family and friends to put in for. This year we were able to raise nearly \$700 for the Babylon Breast Cancer Association. We are eagerly looking forward to next season!



Tennis

This season has been great for many reasons. The first of which being the growth of the team. Last year we had four dedicated players and I am happy to say we now have 10 players. The dedication of this team is best described by the team's commitment to the game of tennis. The girls constantly show improvement and through workouts and drills get better each day on the courts. It's always great to see young athletes competing and trying their hardest even when they are new to the sport. There were many players on the team who just started playing this year or even last year. Regardless of their skill level coming into the season each one of the girls went and gave it their all each practice and game. The highlight of the season was our win against Lindenhurst for our senior night. The girls played very well and we ended up beating Lindenhurst 4-3. I am so proud of each and every player on this team and will continue to help them grow as a player and person whenever they step on the court.



Golf

The 2022 Boys Varsity Golf team was led by seniors Brandon Lee, Thomas Miller, Domenic Valenti and Jack Graham. Joining them this season were juniors John Graczyski, Conor Davis and sophomore Caleb Meringliano. The Eagles played their home matches at the Bergen Point Golf Club and traveled to other beautiful courses like Colonial Springs and Southward Ho. The boys got off to a hot start with a victory over a tough Lindenhurst team. Win or lose the boys could always be expected to represent West Babylon with class by displaying impeccable etiquette and sportsmanship. In the postseason, Thomas, Brandon, and Jack played for the Eagles in the Conference II Championship Tournament at the exclusive Glen Oaks Country Club in Old Westbury. Although they will miss the seniors who are graduating, the Boys Varsity Golf team anticipates a strong showing next season by Coach Malone's returning members and Coach Homan's talented JV golfers.



Cheerleading



This season was filled with so much excitement. It is always so fun to cheer on our football team. Because cheerleading is two seasons, fall season is where we form new friendships and learn to work as a team. We have definitely accomplished that task. Our five seniors have helped build each and every friendship. The seniors are Cristina Berretta, Ava Colloca, Skylar Llanos, Julieth Ordóñez, and Riley Vergano. Our seniors are a wonderful group of young ladies who will carry on their eagle pride for years to come!



Cross Country

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The 2022 Girls Varsity Cross Country season was one that saw the program reach a new level of success on a state-wide level. Belonging to the hardest League in Section XI brought out the best in the team as they began preparing for the season in early July. They knew in order to contend they needed to train like the best. Within their League there were three state ranked teams (including WB) making almost every dual meet an all-out battle. While the ultimate goal of winning the League Championship was hindered, the overall weekly performance of the team gained credibility as one of the better programs in New York State and Section XI.

Our invitational season brought resounding success, with first place finishes at the Bob Pratt and Suffolk Coaches Invationals. In addition, the team was entered into Eastern Championship race at the 50th Annual Manhattan Invitational. This race encompassed the top teams across the country. West Babylon shined during this race, beating numerous state-ranked programs (including rival East Islip) leading to a 17 place improvement in the State Rankings. The following week, the team dropped a 19:54 5K team average at the Burnt Hills Invitational in Saratoga Springs placing 2nd overall in their race against state powerhouse Cornwall (led by one of the fastest girls in the nation). After this performance the girls reached a state ranking of 11th overall.

The season continues with State Quals this Friday, November 4th, where the team looks to qualify for states as well as the Federation meet. When the dust settles on the 2022 season, we can look back and know it was the most consistent ever, led by a fantastic group of young ladies who put the team success before their own individual accolades.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The Boys Varsity Cross Country team had a transitional year that saw 3 races come down to the 5th man. Nevertheless, the boys spent the season building the program around a solid young core of athletes who will roll their successes in XC into a stellar winter and spring track season. All-League Junior Logan Iverson led this team both on the course and in the locker room, and was influential in improving every runner's time.



Swimming

This year's team ended up 0-6 in duel meets and placed 5th in the Suffolk County League Championships. The team was led by Senior Captains Julia Jakubisiak, Carlee Loyal and Jessica Martino. The captains showed great leadership over the team. In a tough league of Suffolk swimming the girls showed great spirit and never gave up against some of the best swimmers in the state. The team's hard work and effort paid off in the League Championships where in 10 races the swimmers posted their personal best times of the season. The future looks good for Eagles Swimming with young standouts Lily Jordan and Ava Liles. Next year will be exciting.

HS Fall Season - Athlete Recognitions (All County/All League/All Division)

Football:

- All County/All Division:
 - Lucas Chang - OL/DL
- 1st Team All Division:
 - Drew McKittrick - RB/DB
 - Isaiah Richardson - WR/DB
- 2nd Team All Division:
 - Sean McGuire - WR/DB
 - Nick Serrano - RB/LB
 - Anthony Borawski - OL/DL

Girls Cross Country:

- All County - Jade Dockery, Kristen Aguilera, Alejandra Garcia
- All Division - Jade Dockery, Tabitha Allen, Kristen Aguilera, Alejandra Garcia
- All League - Jade Dockery, Shannon Hieber, Kristen Aguilera, Alejandra Garcia

Boys Cross Country:

- All League - Logan Iversen

Girls Soccer

- All County - Taylor Weber, Rebecca Vitale
- All League - Avery Vergano, Frances Hogan, Gabriela Saravia, Kelly Bianco

Boys Soccer

- All County - Christopher Graham
- All Conference - Liam Henshaw

Field Hockey

- All State - Lacey Downey
- All County - Lacey Downey

Gymnastics

- All County - Olivia Stuart

Girls Swim

- Medley Relay - Carlee Loyal, Lily Jordan, Julia Jakubisiak, Ava Liles
- 200 Freestyle Relay - Samantha McHugh, Cenahi Smith, Julia Jakubisiak, Lily Jordan

Girls Volleyball

- All League - Anya Edwards, Holleyanne Hansen, Rosalin Watras
- All Classification - Elena Savage

Tennis

- All County - Christina Massoni

Athletic Updates and/or reminders:

- HS winter season began Monday, November 14, 2022
- Varsity Winter Awards Wed, February 15, 2023 - SHS PAC
- Final Forms:
 - <https://westbabylon-ny.finalforms.com/>
- WB Athletic website:
 - <https://www.wbschools.org/District/athletics>
- Section XI season schedule:
 - <http://www.sectionxi.org/v3/Schedules.asp>

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