

## **2008-2009 Sports Summary**

### **Fall 2008 Recap**

#### **Boys Varsity Cross Country (1-4)**

Boys Varsity Cross Country finished the season with a 1-4 record, losing two of those races by a narrow margin. Graduating only 5 seniors, the team looks forward to returning three quarters of their team next fall. Most Valuable Runners were Sean Griffin and Ed Spangenthal. Eric Larson received the Coaches Award.

#### **Girls Varsity Cross Country (11-3)**

Girls Varsity Cross Country finished their best season in eight years with an 11-3 record. They recorded their first-ever regular season wins against Sacred Heart and Mt. Mercy and placed second at the Monsignor Martin League finals edging rival Immaculata. Runners who placed in the league finals include Paige Peltan (sixth), Kristen Via (11<sup>th</sup>), Rachael Moreland (12<sup>th</sup>), Lauren Lewis (14<sup>th</sup>) and Grace Munro placed seventh in Varsity-B. Peltan was named First Team All-Catholic and Via, Moreland and Lewis were named Second Team All-Catholic. Grace Munro was named to the Varsity-B All-Catholic Team. Paige Peltan represented the team at the state finals after breaking all Nichols cross country records. She also was the Checkers/Runner's Roost Runner of the Week for Week #7. The girls finished ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in small schools in WNY Final XC Poll.

#### **Varsity Field Hockey (15-4)**

The Varsity Field Hockey team had a tremendous season! They finished second in the CISAA league and were semi-finalists of the CISAA tournament. The season was highlighted by a trip to New York City for the state tournament. They rolled to a 6-0 victory in the state quarter finals over Spence School and then lost a tough semi-final game 1-0 vs. Holy Child. The team's Sportsmanship Award went to Jill Tokarczyk. The Most Valuable Player was Jacquie Greco. The Coaches Award winners were Jessica Demakos and Alyssa Murrett, and the Most Improved Player was Shelby Wilde. The team wishes the seven seniors best of luck. Jill Tokarczyk and Katie Flaschner have been named captains for next fall.

#### **Varsity Football (3-7)**

Football began the season with two straight wins over Archbishop Walsh and Upper Canada College. The team also secured a nice win over Niagara Catholic at the end of the season. In between, they battled Charles Finney in two tough losses, one in overtime and the other by one point in regulation. They also had positive efforts against St. Mary's of Lancaster. The Most Valuable Player was Dan Franz. The Coaches Award went to Jimmie Adams. Ari Goldfarb was the Most Improved Player. The team wishes the seven seniors the best of luck.

### **Boys Varsity Golf (14-1-1)**

Boys Golf enjoyed a stellar season! They went undefeated in the Monsignor Martin League regular season and recorded victories over Lew-Port, Orchard Park and Western Reserve on Homecoming. They finished fourth in the MML Championship and they capped off their season by winning the Midwest Prep Tournament. Chris Stegemann recorded a low stroke average of 36.83 and Charlie Stein won the most varsity points with 36. The Coaches Awards went to Ben Meyer and Chris Stegemann. The Most Improved Golfers were Andrew Poturalski and Charlie Stein. Senior Captains Ben Meyer and Chris Stegemann will be greatly missed.

### **Boys Varsity Soccer (10-10-1)**

The boys celebrated a very successful season including two thrilling overtime victories en-route to the Monsignor Martin League Championship! They defeated St. Joe's 2-1 in overtime in the semi-finals and enjoyed the championship victory with a 1-0 overtime victory over St. Francis. The boys traveled to Long Island for the state semi-finals where they matched up against a tough St. Anthony's team and lost 4-0. The Most Valuable Player was Bennett Kenyon. The Coaches Award went to Christian Ying and the Most Improved Player was Will Gisel. The following students were named to the Monsignor Martin League All-Catholic team: First Team: William Cecere, Drew Winkel and Bennett Kenyon; Second Team: Will Gisel, Chris Walter and Christian Ying; Honorable Mention: Charles Rockwell and James Randaccio.

### **Girls Varsity Soccer (21-2)**

Girls Varsity Soccer enjoyed a thrilling season complete with close, hard fought games on some days, and runaway scores on others. Their 21-2 record is one of the best in school history and they outscored opponents 149-20! They were regular season Monsignor Martin League champs, as well as MML Tournament champs. They trounced Bishop Kearney 14-0 in the Catholic State Semi-finals only to fall short in double overtime in the finals to Sacred Heart of New York City. The Most Valuable Players were Kaitlin Donahoe and Bri Smith. The Coaches Awards went to Erin Collins and Molly Scherer. Haley Welch and Zoe Jackson-Gibson were the Most Improved Players. The team finished as one of the state's top ranked teams. Many players garnered league and local honors. MML First Team: Adele Jackson-Gibson, Maya Jackson-Gibson, Grace Marlette, Bri Smith and Kaitlin Donahoe; MML Second Team: Kelsey Welch, Erin Collins, Catherine Williams. ALL-METRO First Team: Bri Smith and Adele Jackson Gibson; ALL-METRO Newcomer of the Year: Catherine Williams. ALL WNY First Team: Adele Jackson-Gibson, Bri Smith and Kaitlin Donahoe; ALL WNY 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: Maya Jackson-Gibson.

### **Girls Varsity Tennis (9-3)**

The Girls Varsity Tennis team finished with one of their best records in school history, often winning matches by a 5-0 score. Individual matches resulted in a 47-13 record. Playing in an independent league, they have represented themselves as one of the top teams in Western New York. The Most Valuable Player was #1 ranked player Pamicka Marinello who finished with an 8-3 record. The Coaches Awards went to Sabrina Gill (7-3 at 1<sup>st</sup> Doubles) and Rosemary Montani (5-2 at Doubles) and Carly Buchheit (4-1 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Doubles) was the Most Improved Player. The team is grateful to the five seniors' contributions to the team and they will be missed!

### **Girls Varsity Volleyball (8-10)**

Girls Varsity Volleyball celebrated one of their most successful seasons in years! They had some key victories throughout the season: twice each over Cardinal O'Hara, Niagara Catholic and Hutch Tech and once versus Mt. Mercy. They received a third seed for the league tournament and lost in the quarter finals. The Most Valuable Player was Moriah Camp. The Coaches Awards went to Siobhan Hanley and Ilona Haidvogel. Isabel Farhi was named the Most Improved Player.

## **2008-2009 Winter Re-cap**

### **Boys Basketball (24-3)**

Boys Basketball once again enjoyed a successful season! They finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Monsignor Martin League regular season and were Al Pastor Tournament champions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Over winter break, the team traveled to Salisbury, MD for the High School Basketball Festival and came away with 3 hard fought wins. The team also had success at the Martin Luther King Classic and the Prime Time Shootout. The season came to an end with a disappointing loss in the MML Finals. MVP of the team was Will Regan '10. Brandon Fink '09 received the Coaches Award and Evan Walton '09 was named Most Improved Player. Will Regan and Ron Canestro were both named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Monsignor Martin League. The 6 graduating seniors: Jimmie Adams, Jack Collins, Brandon Fink, Ben Meyer, Chris Stegemann and Evan Walton will be missed next year. Best of luck in the future!

### **Girls Basketball (21-7)**

Girls Basketball once again had an exciting year! They finished with a record of 21-7 and a trip to New York City for the State 'A' Tournament. The team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Monsignor Martin League regular season and capped off league play with a thrilling 1 point victory over Sacred Heart to win the league title! The team was down by 9 at halftime, battled back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and held on in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for a 50-49 win. It was the third match-up between the two teams this season and Nichols came away with the most important victory! Kaitlin Donahoe '09 became Nichols all-time leading scorer and was Co-MVP of the team along with Moriah Camp '09. Kylie Reinholz '12 was named Most Improved Player. Camp and Donahoe were also both named to the 1<sup>st</sup> team North Division Monsignor Martin League. Graduating seniors

Moriah Camp, Kaitlin Donahoe, Allie Faitelson and Lee Randaccio will all be missed. Thank you for your contributions over the years!

### **Boys Bowling (7-8)**

Boys Bowling finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Monsignor Martin league and swept the season series against St. Mary's, Timon & Park. Senior Zach Cappola tied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest score in the league with a 278. MVP of the team was Zach Cappola. Joseph Hoerner received the Coaches Award and Michael Hoerner was named Most Improved Bowler. Seniors Austin Berger, Zach Cappola and Joe Hoerner will be missed. Thank you for your contributions the past four years.

### **Girls Bowling (0-14)**

With new faces and a new vigor, the girls bowling teams were poised to take on the best of the Monsignor Martin League. The Varsity team had many close matches, including tight games into the later frames. Although, they did not come out on the winning end of any match, Nichols could always count on smiles and total effort from every member of the team. The JV team ended with a 3-9-2 record and a 6th place finish. The performance of the year came from JoJo Solis '09 who had 7 consecutive strikes on her way to a 210 game against St. Mary's. That was the second highest game ever bowled by a Nichols girl bowler. Her 434 triple was also a personal best. Varsity Coaches Awards went to Emily Oakley '09 and Ali Root '09. We wish the best of luck to senior bowlers Ali Root, Emily Oakley and JoJo Solis.

### **Junior Prep Hockey (4-23-4)**

A young team without any seniors, the Junior Prep Hockey team played some hard-fought battles throughout the season. Highlights include ties against CISAA 1<sup>st</sup> place team St. Andrew's College and CISAA 2<sup>nd</sup> place team Upper Canada College. A victory over Ridley finished off that strong week. A team trip to upstate New York resulted in a thriller of a game with Northwood who was arguably the best prep school team in the East. Charlie Stein '11 was named the team MVP while Jake Zimmer '11 received the Most Improved award. Coaches awards went to Kevin Kirisits '10 and Matt Benedict '11. Without any seniors on the roster this year the team is already looking forward to next season.

### **Federated Hockey (1-23)**

Boys Federated Hockey battled hard all year in league games. They had close, well-fought games against Amherst, Sweet Home & Timon. The team enjoyed a 2-1 victory over Ridley College during the 100 Years of Hockey weekend. The defenseman and especially the goalie Peter Borgesi deserve special recognition for their hard play. A true testament of the team's commitment was the "team" was given the Coaches Award. MVP of the team was Peter Borgesi '12 and Most Improved Players were Lucas Buscemi '12 and Luke Yerkovich '12.

### **Girls Varsity Hockey (22-8-4)**

Girls Hockey had an extremely successful season finishing with a record of 22-8-4. Including a NAPHA Tournament weekend at Nichols the team started off the season 9-0-2 and never looked back. They finished first overall in the CISAA league and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the MacLeod Division of NAPHA. The team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the NAPHA end of season tournament. They played Appleby in a best of 3 series for the CISAA league title and lost 2 out of 3 games; however, both losses were in overtime, including game 3 (4-3 loss) that featured a comeback when the team was down 3-0. Co-Captains Jacquie Greco '09 and Kelsey Welch '09 were named MVPs of the team. Laura Hettrick '09 received the Coaches Award and Emily Janiga '12 was named Most Improved Player. The graduating seniors will all be missed. Best of luck to Jacquie Greco, Laura Hettrick and Kelsey Welch!

### **Boys Squash (17-2)**

Boys Squash finished a stellar season with a record of 17-2. The team won the city 'C' League championship versus the Buffalo Club, and also defeated the Delaware Avenue Squash Team 'A' (Canisius H.S.) for the Buffalo high school team championship. They represented Nichols well at the Buffalo Tennis & Squash Club Invitational, the Buffalo City Juniors, and in an early season victory at rival University School (Cleveland, OH) 7-0. In addition, the team played extremely competitive squash at the U.S. High School Team Championships at Yale University, going 1-2 in the 'B' Division. The boys defeated the Westminster School (Atlanta, Georgia) 5-2, and lost to Brunswick School (Greenwich, Conn.) 6-1 and St. Ann's School (Brooklyn, N.Y.) 5-2. Special thanks goes to Dan Drury and Julia Drury for their help and support throughout the season. The senior class ('09) was stellar and deserves recognition: D.J. Brinkworth, Charlie Rockwell, Eric DeRose, Phil Rimmler, Lyman Munschauer and Will Gisel. Their collective leadership and experience will certainly be missed. Team MVP was Larkin Brinkworth '10 and while the Most Improved player was Jonah Epstein '12. Coaches Awards went to Co-Captains D.J. Brinkworth IV '09 and Charlie Rockwell '09. Co-Captains for next year are Larkin Brinkworth '10 and Elliot Johnston IV '10

### **Girls Squash (18-3)**

The girls squash team's final team record was 18-3. The Nichols II team won the Buffalo high school consolation championship versus Buffalo Seminary, and the Nichols I team lost to Nardin in the Buffalo high school finals. The team represented Nichols well at the Buffalo Tennis & Squash Club Invitational, the Buffalo City Juniors, and the Buffalo City Women's Championship. In addition, the team played extremely competitive squash at the U.S. High School Team Championships at Yale University, going 1-2 in the 'B' Division. The girls defeated Brearley School (New York, N.Y.) 5-2, and lost very tight matches with St. Luke's School (New Canaan, Conn.) 4-3 and Tabor Academy (Marion, Mass.) 5-2. Special thanks goes to Dan Drury and Julia Drury for their help and support throughout the season. The senior class ('09) was stellar and deserves recognition: Grace Marlette, Jess Demakos, Sarah Bassett, Penny Hamilton, Sabrina Gill, Alison Bellows, Molly Scherer and Erin Collins. Their collective leadership and experience will certainly be missed. Pamicka Marinello '11 was named both the league MVP and the team MVP.

Tri-Captains Sarah Bassett '09, Jessica Demakos '09 and Grace Marlette '09 all received coaches awards and Catherine Williams '12 was named Most Improved. Grace Marlette & Jessica Demakos were also named League All-Stars. Co-Captains for next year are Cokie Hasiotis '10 and Pamicka Marinello '11.

### **Wrestling (5-6)**

The wrestling team finished a fantastic season by capturing the Monsignor Martin League title! Key victories during the season came over St. Mary's & Gow and the team had a strong showing at the Barker Tournament. 6 representatives of the team competed in the state tournament and 5 had at least one win and returned for the second day of competition. Zach Hoefler '09 was the team MVP. Matt Franz '09 received the Coaches Award & Gerald Cathcart '11 was named Most Improved. Jake Stark '10 & Jake Herskind '10 have been named as captains for next season.

## **2009 Spring Re-cap**

### **Baseball (9-12)**

Baseball has enjoyed a successful season against both local competition and Canadian teams. Some exciting wins came over Timon in extra innings, St. Andrew's College and the sweeping of a double header vs. Niagara Catholic. Class of 2009 four seniors: Kevin Hughes, Alec Schappert, Chris Stegemann & AJ Valenti will be missed next year. Thank you for your contributions!

### **Crew**

The crew team participated in 4 regattas this spring and did well in all of them. They entered the Bennett Regatta, Welland Invitational, Fontana All-High Regatta & NY State Scholastic Championship. The girls novice 4 team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall the State Championship! The Boys Senior 4, Boys Junior 4 and Girls Junior 4 all made the semi-finals. Varsity Boys 4 placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the finals at the Welland Invitational. The Fontana All High Regatta yielded the best results on Memorial Day. Girls Novice 4+A finished 1<sup>st</sup>. Boys Senior 4+, Girls Junior 4+ and Boys Senior 8+ all finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Class of 2009 8 seniors: Maddie Bender, Melanie Corwin, Maggie Gilbride, Alex Logel, Will Maloney, Rachel O'Neill, Phil Rimmler and Oliver Russ will all be missed. Thank you for your contributions to the crew program!

### **Girls Golf**

Girls Golf enjoyed a very successful season winning the CISAA Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and the Crescent School Invitational for the first time in school history. Rene Sobolewski '10, Pamicka Marinello '11, Alyssa Murrett '09 and Rosemary Montani '09 led the way at the league championships with Rene winning the individual medal with a score of 78. At the Crescent Invitational Rene Sobolewski '10 placed first, Pamicka Marinello '11 came in second, and Rosemary Montani '09 finished ninth to lead Nichols to victory. The team also tied for first for the second consecutive year at the

Ridley-Nichols Invitational. Seniors (Class of 2009) Alison Bellows, Penelope Hamilton, Madisson Lank, Rosemary Montani and Alyssa Murrett will all be missed. Thank you for your contributions over the years! Coaches Awards went to Penelope Hamilton '09, Rosemary Montani '09 and Alyssa Murrett '09 while Gaelin Carrig '11 was named most improved golfer.

### **Boys Lacrosse (5-11)**

The boys lacrosse program is on the upswing, increasing their wins significantly over last season. They had exciting games in the Monsignor Martin League this spring capturing 2 wins over St. Joe's and a thrilling overtime victory over St. Francis. The team lost a close game 3-1 in the league semi-finals over Timon. The 10 seniors (Class of 2009) will be missed next year. Thank you to Jack Collins, Dan Franz, Matt Franz, Will Gisel, Zach Hoefler, Lyman Munschauer, Andy O'Hara, Charlie Rockwell, Jules Stephan and Nick Williams for your contributions over the years.

### **Girls Lacrosse (9-5-1)**

The girls lacrosse team had a successful season with exciting wins over schools such as Clarence, Frontier, Orchard Park and Hamburg. They had a good showing in the Nichols playday going 5-0. The highlight of the season was the team placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Midwest Tournament in Detroit which is the highest the team has ever finished! Kaitlin Donahoe '09 and Jacquie Greco '09 were named co-MVPs. Laura Hettrick '09 and Molly Scherer '09 received Coaches awards and Haley Welch '11 and Devon Curran '09 were named most improved players. Kaitlin Donahoe '09, Jacquie Greco '09 and Jill Tokarczyk '10 were named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Western New York. Molly Scherer '09 and Paige Matecki '10 were named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Western New York. Thank you to the 7 seniors (Class of 2009) for your contributions over the years. Devon Curran, Jessica Demakos, Kaitlin Donahoe, Jacquie Greco, Laura Hettrick, Lee Randaccio and Molly Scherer will be missed.

### **Softball (3-9)**

Softball enjoyed a much improved season over last year. They had two league wins this year over Cardinal O'Hara and Niagara Catholic. The teams' best showing came in the Mudville Tournament in mid-May. At the tournament they lost the first game by one run in extra innings and won the second game by 2 runs. 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman Donata Lorenzo '11 was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Monsignor Martin League. Co-MVP's were Ashley Ayers '10 and Donata Lorenzo '11. Julia DiTondo '12 was named Most Improved Player. Class of 2009 Seniors Molly Austen and Megan Ziske will be missed next year. Thank you for your 4 year contributions!

**Boys Tennis (12-1)**

Nichols Tennis had an excellent season and swept the singles and doubles competition at the All Catholic Boys tennis championships for the third year in a row. They took first and second in the singles, and first in the doubles competition. The team also finished first in the Monsignor Martin League regular season and defeated all local competition throughout the season losing only to Harley School of Rochester. MVP of the team is Ben Meyer '09. Boris Borovcanin '10 was named Most Improved and Eric Chevli '10 received the Coaches Award. Class of 2009 Seniors Ben Meyer, Derek Robins, Joe Hoerner and Eric DeRose will be missed. Thank you for your contributions over the years!