

The highlight of the Bluegrass Games was our 10 and under boys winning the Gold Medal in the 2K race!! This team consisted of Taylor Crump, Coen Noble, Griffin Hughes, Raeburn Taylor, Ben Mayer, Mark Reinhart, and River Clark. Way to get the season rolling, boys!

This past Wednesday, the entire team went to Frankfort to run their infamous 1500 meter course (just under a mile) in VERY humid conditions. All but one improved significantly on their times from last year -- in fact, the average improvement was 20 seconds, which is huge when talking about only a mile!! The 5th-8th grade boys finished 3rd out of 10 teams and the 4th and under boys finished 4th out of 9th teams!

Finally, this past Saturday, the harriers headed north for the Grant Co. Invitational and some prettier weather. The middle school team ran 2 miles. Of the 5 runners that ran the same distance last year, they all improved their times and this was by an average of 79 seconds!! Top 20 finishes were produced by Erin Luckett (13th place), David Reinhart(17th place), and Dominic Bilotta (20th place). Most notable improvements from last year were by Grace Homrich (by almost 2 minutes), Matthew Drummond (by OVER 3 minutes), Dominic (almost a minute), and Aiden Lopez (a PERSONAL best by almost 3 minutes!). The rest of the team (6th grade and under) ran 1 mile. The boys 6th grade and under team placed a very good 6th out of 17 teams! This team consisted of Taylor Crump, Ben Mayer, Josh Drummond, River Clark, Preston Luckett, and John Reinhart. Of the 8 runners that ran this same distance last year, they all improved their times by an average of 68 seconds!! Top 20 finishes were produced by John Reinhart (who WON the 6th and under race) and Gianna Neaves (6th place). Most notable improvements from last year were by Maddie Blankenship (by 68 seconds), Preston Luckett (36 seconds), Ben Mayer (42 seconds), Gianna Neaves (1 min, 37 seconds), Mark Reinhart (55 seconds), and Raeburn Taylor (2 min, 48 sec)!!!

We have several first year runners this year who are doing terrific and getting better and better as the weeks go by!! These boys are Taylor Crump, Griffin Hughes, River Clark and Cade Howell. We have several of our veteran runners transitioning to the longer distances of middle school very successfully this year, including Kristin Drummond (personal best in the Archives) and Alex Mayer (personal best in Archives by 20 seconds). The future is very bright for these harriers and all the runners!! Keep up the super work, Saints!!