

**Kenston High School**  
**2018 Fall Sports Award Celebration**

**ORDER OF EVENTS**

**7:00pm     Fall Sports Awards Ceremony**

**7:45pm (approximately) - Dessert Served in Cafeteria**

**8:00pm     Individual Team Meetings**

Cheerleading.....A102  
Cross Country, Boys & Girls....No Room (Banquet)  
Football.....No Room (Banquet)  
Golf, Boys.....A101  
Golf, Girls.....Chorus Room  
Soccer, Boys.....No Room (Banquet)  
Soccer, Girls.....Cafeteria (South  
End)  
Tennis, Girls.....Band Room  
Volleyball.....Main Gymnasium

## **Kenston High School 2018 Fall Sports Awards Celebration**

On behalf of our Superintendent, Mrs. Santilli, the Board of Education, our Principal, Mr. Gabram, and our Administrative team, we would like to welcome athletes, parents, family members, friends, and coaches to the Kenston High School 2018 Fall Sports Awards Celebration. I am your Athletic Director, Reid Guarnieri, and it is an honor to be with you as we recognize the achievements of our many outstanding young men and women this season.

Before we get started tonight, I want to personally thank a number of people for their leadership and teamwork in making this an excellent start to the 2018-19 academic year. These include the Board of Education and Mrs. Santilli for their support of the athletic programs, our KHS administrative team for your leadership and teamwork, our coaches who sacrifice so much to teach our student-athletes, our athletic trainer Viv McKinney and her student assistants for their hard work, Mr. C for his photography and website management, our transportation, maintenance and custodial staff, as always Mrs. Busby for your dedication to this program, and finally to the Boosters and Kenston Community at large for your volunteer work and support of all of our programs. Please give yourselves a big round of applause.

Tonight as we celebrate each team, we will recognize honors awarded by the Western Reserve Conference as well as those known to at this time to have been earned at the District, Regional and State levels. As awards are presented, we ask that the student-athletes for each team remain at the front of the stage to be accompanied by any remaining senior teammates. Also, a quick note that some awards have either already been passed out or may not yet be available and we ask that students still take the stage when announced.

Also, recognizing that members of the cross country and football teams remain in postseason competition, we have excused members of those teams from attending tonight's ceremony so they may continue to prepare for their important competitions. Both teams will still be recognized tonight and we extend our best wishes for their continued success.

Finally, at the conclusion of tonight's event, family and friends are invited to pose for photographs with our student-athletes and get some refreshments in the cafeteria before heading off to your team-specific meetings.

**We start tonight's ceremony by first recognizing the Cheerleading Teams led by Head Coach Stephanie Reeder.**

Like all of our fall teams, these ladies have been working together since the beginning of August to generate Bomber spirit and represent Kenston at all of our football games.

Though there are no performance awards at the conference level, senior cheerleaders are eligible for the WRC Scholar Athlete Award. To earn this honor, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or above entering their senior year and earn at least two varsity letters by the conclusion of the senior season.

Please join me in recognizing our Cheerleading WRC Scholar Athlete:

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Senior Mykaya Montgomery**

Also, as we like to do, we'd like to recognize all of our seniors, so Kendal Rumprik please join Mykaya.

**Senior: Kendal Rumprik**

Could the entire fall cheerleading squad please rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Thank you, and now onto our next sport...**

**Girls Golf, who are led by Head Coach Kip Freeman:**

Led by seniors Andi Grams, Gabrielle Powell and Sarah Richardson, the girls golf team finished the regular season with a 1-7 dual record. As a team they also took 5<sup>th</sup> place at the WRC Tournament and had a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish at Sectionals.

The team had a big win over conference rival Willoughby South and hung tough in losses to Lake Catholic, Chardon and Mayfield while finishing in 4th place at the WRC Preseason Tournament.

Sophomore Layla Gilbert led a young team in scoring average at 46.8 strokes-per-nine. Regular contributors to the team included Morgan Polcar, Gabrielle Powell, Sarah Richardson, Andi Grams, Amanda Eastman, and Cadi Matty.

Our first girls golf awards go to...

**WRC Scholar-Athlete: Senior Gabrielle Powell**

**Academic All-Ohio (3.5 GPA+): Seniors Andi Grams, Gabrielle Powell (ON STAGE), and Sarah Richardson**

**Honorable Mention All-WRC: Seniors Andi Grams (ON STAGE), Gabrielle Powell (ON STAGE), and Sarah Richardson (ON STAGE)**

**WRC All-Conference: Sophomores Layla Gilbert and Morgan Polcar**

Could the girls golf team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Our next sport is Boys Golf, who are led by Head Coach T.J. Tabor:**

The boys golf team finished the regular season with a 5-9 dual record. As a team they also took 6<sup>th</sup> place at the WRC Tournament and finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams at Sectionals.

The team captured big regular season wins over Madison and Chardon, and had a near miss against WRC Champion Mayfield while finishing 7th at the Kenston Invitational.

A relatively younger squad was led by senior Nate Fisher who carried a 9-hole scoring average of 39 and 18-hole average of 79. Other regular contributors to the varsity team included Adam Farrell, Sean Kukoleck, Max McNeal, Will Pollock, and Robert Sunderhaft.

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Senior Sean Kukoleck**

**WRC Honorable Mention: Senior Sean Kukoleck (ON STAGE)**

**WRC All-Conference: Junior Adam Farrell, Senior Nate Fisher**

Could the boys golf team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Our next sport is Girls Tennis, who are led by Head Coach Dale Israelson:**

With a total of 39 members, the girls tennis program launched 2018 with its largest team in school history. All 39 put in a lot of time and effort into improving their skills while helping both the JV and varsity programs capture Division Championships in the Northeast Ohio Tennis Association league.

With regular season wins over non-conference opponents St. John's, Mentor and Lake Catholic, the Bombers played well outside of the WRC but also hung tough when it came to crunch time in the conference. Several impressive performances were enough to launch a relatively young team into second place at the conference tournament.

At that tournament Kelsi Currington took 4th in first singles, Lilly Peelman took 3rd in second singles, Heather Koplow finished as Runner-Up in third singles, the first doubles team of Alex Akers and Kayla Eastman finished in fourth, and the second doubles team of Kierna Chalmers and Anna Marthe were crowned WRC Champions.

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Kierna Chalmers and Heather Koplow**

**WRC Honorable Mention: Freshman Kelsi Currington, Sophomore Lily Peelman**

**WRC All-Conference: Senior Kierna Chalmers (ON STAGE), Senior Heather Koplow (ON STAGE), Freshman Anna Marthe**

**Remaining Seniors: Lucy Biermann, Sarah Dangler, Maria Jerina, Camryn Lutz, Olivia Mendolera, Lilia Topalian, and Anne Ware please join your teammates on stage.**

Could the girls tennis team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Our next sport is Girls Volleyball, who are led by Head Coach Tara Everts:**

Playing its typically difficult schedule, the Kenston Bomber Volleyball season was characterized by some tough losses to some very good teams but also highlighted by a tremendously competitive run that resulted in a 17-7 final record. At one point in the season, KBV reeled off 9 straight victories on its way to a WRC Runner Up finish in-conference.

Hanging tough with such non-conference powerhouses as Lake Catholic, Walsh Jesuit, and Canfield laid some foundation for the squad to run out to big wins over Aurora, Berea-Midpark, Hathaway Brown and North Royalton. When it came to WRC play, Kenston dominated before falling to Riverside in the WRC Championship game.

The solid regular season garnered a first round bye for the Bombers in the Solon District bracket and was followed with a second round victory over Howland with an eventual loss to Nordonia in the District Semifinals.

The prolific offensive attack was led by three big hitters in Rachel Apshago, Abby Bednar and Allison Kosinski, who all had over 140 kills on the year.

Other team leaders included Marcie Oglesbee with 31 aces and 641 assists, Bednar with 49 solo blocks, and Anna Rini with 182 digs.

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Isabelle Gabram, Allison Kosinski, Eileen Raphael, and Anna Rini**

**WRC Honorable Mention: Junior Abby Bednar, Sophomore Gillian Oakes**

**WRC All-Conference: Junior Rachel Apshago, Senior Allison Kosinski (ON STAGE), Junior Marcie Oglesbee and Senior Anna Rini (ON STAGE)**

**Honorable Mention All-District: Senior Anna Rini (ON STAGE)**

**First Team All-District: Junior Marcie Oglesbee (ON STAGE)**

**Honorable Mention All-State: Junior Abby Bednar (ON STAGE)**

**Remaining Seniors: Irene Czernicki and Kaleigh Seely, please join your teammates on stage.**

Could the girls volleyball team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Now our next sport Boys Soccer led by Head Coach Josh Sladick:**

Bomber Boys Soccer had a roller coaster of a season but hung in the conference race to the very end. The boys finished with a winning regular season record going 7-6-3 (5-1-1 WRC) before a second round playoff loss at Brecksville-Broadview Heights ended their season. The Bombers tallied 30 goals on the season while only giving up 23. Key results included big wins over Willoughby South, Riverside and twice over Nordonia.

The defense was led by senior and All-WRC selection Jack Roman while senior goalkeeper Kyle McAbier spent the most time between the posts for the Bombers. As a team they gave up just 1.28 goals per game which was an improvement of over half a goal from last season. On offense, the team was led in scoring by junior midfielder Donny Maynard who had 10 goals, 12 assists and 32 points. Senior midfielder Tim Shindika also ended his career on a high note contributing 8 goals and 9 assists. An overall team effort though, kept the team in every game.

**WRC Scholar Athletes: Seniors Jake Bauccho, Evan Brichmann, David Cooper, Jack Haynes, Evan Iliev, Ben Kalcio, Ryan Lindecke, Kyle McAbier, Jack Roman, Tim Shindika, Ryan Tien**

**WRC Honorable Mention: Sophomore Carter McAbier, Junior Aidan Zak**

**WRC All-Conference: Junior Donny Maynard, Senior Kyle McAbier (ON STAGE), Senior Jack Roman (ON STAGE), Senior Tim Shindika (ON STAGE)**

**Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland: Sophomore Carter McAbier (ON STAGE), Senior Kyle McAbier (ON STAGE), Junior Aidan Zak (ON STAGE)**

**Second Team, All-Greater Cleveland: Senior Jack Roman (ON STAGE), Senior Tim Shindika (ON STAGE)**

**First Team, All-Greater Cleveland: Senior Tim Shindika (ON STAGE)**

Could the boys soccer team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Our next sport is Girls Soccer, led by head coach Kathleen Vass:**

Remembering a tough season plagued with some unfortunate injuries last year, Girls Soccer was especially motivated to bounce back this year and did so earning three more victories. The Bombers endured a difficult non-conference schedule but fought to a 6-1 league record and a WRC Championship before bowing out of the playoffs in a second round 1-0 road loss to Revere. The squad was barely outscored 35-31 last year but turned that goal differential into 41-28 in the Bombers' favor this year. Key results during the regular season included big wins over Willoughby South, Riverside and a conference championship clincher over Madison.

Sophomore goalie Natalie Adante served as the anchor to an improved defense that gave up 1.56 goals per game compared to one that gave up 2.19 last year. Senior forward Bri Yurkovich had a sensational year coming back from injury to capture the WRC Player of the Year Award while freshman sensation Skylar Cornell led the team in goals (14), assists (9) and points (37).

We start with our:

**WRC Coach of the Year: Kathleen Vass**

**Division II District Coach of the Year: Kathleen Vass**



**WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Megan Randall, Anna Sanders, Paige Toft, Bri Yurkovich**

**Honorable Mention All-Conference: Junior Leah Fine, Junior Julia Piazza**

**All-Conference: Sophomore Natalie Adante, Freshman Skylar Cornell, Junior Maddy Journey, Freshman Aidan Myles, Junior Elyse Myles, Senior Anna Sanders (ON STAGE)**

**WRC Player of the Year: Senior Bri Yurkovich (ON STAGE)**

**All-District Honorable Mention: Freshman Skylar Cornell (ON STAGE), Junior Elyse Myles (ON STAGE), Senior Anna Sanders (ON STAGE)**

**First Team All-District: Senior Bri Yurkovich (ON STAGE)**

**Remaining Senior: Hannah Ray, please join your teammates on stage**

**WRC Champions: Team**

Could the girls soccer team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Thank you...**

**Our next sport is Football, who are led by Head Coach Jeff Grubich:**

In a year marked for Vengeance, Kenston has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in the school's history. Following a narrow exclusion from the state playoffs last year by 0.4 points, the Bombers have made V.4 there rallying cry on their way to a 9-1 regular season campaign, a WRC Championship, and first round playoff victory over West Holmes High School. Their run is not over as they continue to prepare tonight and this week for their second round battle with Medina Buckeye.

The Bombers beat all three of its non-conference opponents before going 6-1 in the WRC. Kenston also retained the Battle of Ol' 422 trophy,

defeating crosstown rival Chagrin Falls 41-14. A last-second loss to Chardon was the lone blemish on the record, but the team has much more to play for this November.

The offense has been characterized by a balanced attack under the leadership of two juniors in quarterback Jon Tomcufcik and running back Jack Porter, while the receiving tandem of senior Bransen Stanley and junior Tyler Mintz have led the team in the air. Setting up those big plays, have also been a mix of old and young who make up one of the best offensive lines in the state.

The Bomber defense has given opponents fits all year with their timely stops and big plays. Supported up front by an athletic line and buoyed by a tenacious secondary, the linebacker corps of seniors Matt Iklodi and Joe Staudenbaur and junior Logan Vargo each have over 90 tackles and a combined 12 sacks, 6 forced fumbles and an interception.

Special teams also have provided a lot of exciting moments throughout the season. The kicking game has been led by a trio of double duty soccer players with David Cooper handling punts, Blake Torres booting kickoffs and Anna Sanders handling the point-after and FG tries. Junior Jay Middleton has led all special teamers in kickoff return yardage and took two returns back for touchdowns.

The team's play this year has us all forgetting about the heartbreaking snub at the end of last season and excited for this Friday and beyond! The football team is thankful for your support and will receive their well-earned awards at a later date.

### **Honorable Mention All-WRC:**

### **WRC All-Conference:**

**The following awards have not been sent yet, but please come to the stage to be recognized if you are not up here already...**

### **Honorable Mention All-District:**

### **Second Team All-District:**

## **First Team All-District:**

**And finally the academic awards...**

**WRC Scholar-Athlete: Seniors Nicholas Franklin, Matthew Iklodi, Kole Jarzembak, Samuel Leygraaf, Alexander Robarge, Anna Sanders, Brandon Schroeder, and Dorion Talley**

**Remaining Seniors: David Cooper, Jacob Engelhart, Evan Frygier, Justin Georgiou, Kory Laehu, Mitchell Sotera, Bransen Stanley, Joseph Staudenbaur please join your teammates on stage.**

Could the football team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

**Our next sport is Cross Country, who are led by Head Coach Chris Ickes:**

This year the girls cross country team had incredible chemistry and worked hard for each other. With a positive attitude, the team fought through ups and downs and achieved an excellent season. Team captains Kate Taylor, Samara Benza, Ally Klotz and Emily Hall provided leadership as the team became stronger. The team had an excellent season highlighted by finishing 6th at the OHSAA Preseason Meet, 5th at Medina and 2nd place in the WRC Championships. The team also ran well in the postseason, earning a Division 1 District Runner-Up finish.

The team ended the season positively at the Boardman Regional where Ellie Pleune qualified for State and Kate Taylor missed qualifying by only 2 places. Pleune, led all Bomber runners with a season-best time of 19:12. This year's average of the Top 5 of Pleune, Taylor, Jocelyn Van Skyhock, Jenny Kpcio and Katy Klotz was 20 seconds faster than any other Kenston team average in the last 12 years.

The team thanks its seniors and with 7 of the top 8 runners returning in 2019, the future is bright for Girls Cross Country.

With an unexpected postponement from last week, the girls season continues this weekend at the state meet this Saturday where Ellie Pleune will represent the Bombers!

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Emily Hall, Arianna Iosue, Ally Klotz, Brooke Mack, and Kira Weber**

**Honorable Mention All-WRC: Junior Sarah Bennett and Sophomore Amelia Witmer-Rich**

**Second Team All-WRC: Freshmen Jenny Kapcio and Katy Klotz**

**First Team All-WRC: Sophomore Ellie Pleune and Senior Kate Taylor**

**Second Team All-District: Freshman Jocelyn Van Skyhock**

**First Team All-District: Sophomore Ellie Pleune (ON STAGE) and Senior Kate Taylor (ON STAGE)**

**Regional Qualifiers: Junior Sarah Bennett (ON STAGE), Sophomore Alexa Busby, Freshmen Jenny Kapcio (ON STAGE), Freshman Katy Klotz (ON STAGE), Sophomore Ellie Pleune (ON STAGE), Senior Kate Taylor (ON STAGE), and Freshman Jocelyn Van Skyhock (ON STAGE)**

**Second Team All-Region: Sophomore Ellie Pleune (ON STAGE)**

**State Qualifier: Sophomore Ellie Pleune (ON STAGE)**

**Remaining Seniors: Samara Benza, Jessica Sunderhaft, and Brooke Taylor please join your teammates on stage.**

Could the girls cross country team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

### **Boys Cross Country**

Facing a challenging schedule, the Boys Cross Country team routinely squared off against the state's top Division 1 teams and developed resolve

and tenacity. With meets typically featuring 25 to 40 teams, the Bombers placed 5th at Boardman, 3rd at the OHSAA meet and 1st at the Gibas Invite. The team went on to dominate their WRC competition and won their 8th consecutive conference championship.

As a team, the boys also captured second place at Districts and qualified for the Regional meet where a very dramatic series of events led to a State team qualification. Pushed to their limits, the team qualified for the State Meet for the 3rd consecutive year by a narrow 2-point margin.

The team has been paced all year by WRC Champion and senior Jakob McConnell who ran a season-best time of 16:00 and finished 5th overall at Regionals, representing the highest Division 1 Regional finish in Kenston history. Also scoring regularly for the Bombers were Kyle Silk, David Rosinski, Casey Pleune, Jack Turk and Garrett McConnell.

Head Coach Chris Ickes was awarded with the WRC Coach of the Year honors in leading the boys to their fourth title in four years since joining the conference.

The team thanks its seniors for their leadership and recognizes this class' undefeated record in the WRC and 3 consecutive years of State qualifying. With 7 of its top 9 runners returning next year the boys also have a very bright future.

Again with that postponement, the boys season continues this weekend at the State meet this Saturday. Go Bombers!

**WRC Coach of the Year: Head Coach Chris Ickes**

**WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Jakob McConnell, Joe Morell, and Logan Orlowski**

**Academic All-Ohio: Sophomore Garrett McConnell, Senior Jakob McConnell (ON STAGE), Junior Casey Pleune, and Sophomore Jack Turk**

**Honorable Mention All-WRC: Sophomores Tyler McMahan and Dennis Princic**

**Second Team All-WRC: Sophomores Garrett McConnell (ON STAGE) and Jack Turk (ON STAGE)**

**First Team All-WRC: Junior Jordan Knapp, Senior Jakob McConnell (ON STAGE), Junior Casey Pleune (ON STAGE), Junior David Rosinski, and Senior Kyle Silk**

**Second Team All-District: Junior David Rosinski (ON STAGE) and Senior Kyle Silk (ON STAGE)**

**First Team All-District: Senior Jakob McConnell (ON STAGE)**

**Regional and State Qualifiers: Junior Jordan Knapp (ON STAGE), Sophomore Garrett McConnell (ON STAGE), Senior Jakob McConnell (ON STAGE), Junior Casey Pleune (ON STAGE), Junior David Rosinski (ON STAGE), Senior Kyle Silk (ON STAGE), Sophomore Jack Turk (ON STAGE)**

**First Team All-Region: Senior Jakob McConnell (ON STAGE)**

**Remaining Seniors: Mark Bereck, Anthony Cowoski, Connor Quinlan and Jakob Roberts please join your teammates on stage.**

**WRC Champions: Team**

Could the boys cross country team now rise at their seats and be recognized?

Congratulations again to all of our fall sport programs. **We now come to the Kenston Scholar Athlete Awards.**

To receive this award, several criteria must be met. Recipients must first compete varsity and achieve a 3.50 or better GPA in that sport season grading period as well as earn the highest GPA in his or her respective sport during that grading period. These medallions are a one-time achievement and can only be earned once in a four year career in a particular sport at Kenston High School.

This year's winners are:

Cheerleading - Samantha Stevens

Boys Cross Country - Joe Morell

Girls Cross Country - TIE between Samara Benza and Emily Hall

Football - Logan Vargo

Boys Golf - TIE between Adam Farrell and Robert Sunderhaft

Girls Golf - Sarah Richardson

Boys Soccer - TIE between Jack Haynes and Ben Kapcio

Girls Soccer - Maddy Journey

Girls Tennis - Alex Akers

Volleyball - Aubrey Taylor

**Congratulations to all of these student-athletes! You may be seated.**

**Team Highest GPA Trophy**

At this time, we will present our team highest GPA award given to the program with the highest team GPA earned in the first quarter. This award is now a plaque that will be updated every fall, winter, and spring and

remain on display in our trophy case near the conference awards. As such, as opposed to taking the stage, would the winners of this award please just stand to be recognized? And the winner is...

Girls Cross Country with a Team GPA of 3.96!

**Congratulations, what an accomplishment!**

## **FOUR-YEAR VARSITY WINNERS**

To conclude our time together, I would now like to recognize our four-year varsity letter winners. In recognition of great talent, tireless effort, and consistent excellence, it is appropriate for us to honor these six athletes with a very special recognition.

### **4 YEAR LETTER WINNERS**

#### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

Jakob McConnell

Kyle Silk

#### **FOOTBALL**

Bransen Stanley

#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Bri Yurkovich



Congratulations to our four-year letter winners! Before we go, a reminder that team meetings are occurring in the following locations:

### **Individual Team Meetings**

Cheerleading.....	A102
Golf, Boys.....	A101
Golf, Girls.....	Chorus Room
Soccer, Girls.....	Cafeteria (South End)
Tennis, Girls.....	Band Room
Volleyball.....	Main Gymnasium

Coaches please retrieve your team-specific awards behind the stage and take them with you to your breakout rooms.

This concludes our program for the evening. I invite all of you to take some pictures and join us in the cafeteria for refreshments to continue the celebration. Once again, thank you for your attendance and support tonight and throughout the fall season, and Go Bombers!