

**HOPATCONG HIGH SCHOOL
FALL SPORTS AWARDS
PROGRAM**



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Welcome,

Thank you so much for coming to the 2021 Fall Sports Awards. We have not had this event in two years and so tonight we will return to the tradition of celebrating our athletes, our teams, and the Hopatcong community.

It has been my pleasure to help support all of our Fall programs in making sure that games and events ran smoothly. There is a lot of work involved in the organization of a team's schedule, getting officials, and transportation but the best part of my new role has been the connection with so many student athletes. All this is not possible without the help of many people including secretaries, grounds and maintenance, coaches, and athletic trainers, teachers, and parents. Our community works hard to provide Hopatcong students with opportunities to learn and grow.

Our student athletes have been given the gift of opportunities to play. Even in our greatest defeats this season, the one thing we have is each other. That is what the Hopatcong Community has always been about in my experience. We have experienced the highs and lows together - that is teamwork in all situations.

Congratulations to all of you who have enjoyed the ability to participate in a Hopatcong sport or activity. The most important lessons learned are about being part of a team and committing yourself to that team.

Congratulations on all your success this season!

Peter Oesen

Coordinator of Student Activities

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

Hopatcong has a tremendous history in sports and activities related to sports. Our traditions are over fifty years in the making and now the next group of student athletes has participated and been a part of what makes Hopatcong come together as a community.

We welcome our students, parents, and coaches to our sports awards ceremony. The hours of practice and hard fought games and races have led to the life lessons that sports and activities teach us – teamwork, goal setting, perseverance, self-discipline, resilience and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all who participated in this past Fall's season. Your accomplishments will help the legacy that makes Hopatcong a foundation of the community.

High School Principal

Stephanie Martinez

FOOTBALL

The 2021 football season started long before football camp kicked in in August. This team put in countless hours of training, conditioning and practice, they faced challenges and tested their abilities.

When a team is having a challenging season, it would be easy to throw in the towel and give up - on yourself, on your teammates; it takes a player with great commitment and integrity, with heart and dedication, with desire and drive - to stick it out ...because as a player, you are part of something greater.

A tough season can teach us about ourselves, it shows who has the

Character, Heart, Intensity, Effort, Fight, Strength

to persevere, to keep pushing even when the going got tough, to fight for that extra yard, to play until the last whistle of the last quarter in the last game, regardless of what is reflected on the scoreboard.

This team, these players, united become a family, and like a family, they had to pull together when the times got tough.

I am very proud of this team and the commitment, drive and determination they demonstrated week in and week out; when a player was hurt, another stepped up... you see the things taught throughout the year, the team mindset, the ability to call an audible or to handle an unexpected situation

go a lot further than any player's 4 years on the football team or in their high school career, we don't just prepare for the next game, we prepare for life.

To the seniors: Andrew Bilter, David Buczel, Jared Cabrera, Daniel Echavarria, Shea Endean, James Feinberg, Thomas Feinberg, Ra-Yan Fostok, Michael Mastroeni, Nick Neu, Patrick Terebecke, Kris Tor and Jamal Williams thank you for all of your hard work, for keeping the team together, for inspiring and motivating your teammates, I wish you all the very best that life has to offer and success in whatever you do. To the rest of the team, we look to build on the strengths of this team and look forward to a bright future.

Head Coach: Gary Andolena

**Assistant Coaches: Austin Brown, Willie Volz, Mark Certo
Joey Juliano (volunteer)**

Athletic Trainer: Matt McKowen

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Andrew Bilter
Blake Brown
David Buczel
Jaysin Burgos
Jared Cabrera
Connor Dowling
Daniel Echavarria
Shea Endean
James Feinberg
Thomas Feinberg
Kelvin Fernandez
Ra-Yan Fostok
Salah Ibrahim
James Kirchner

Jake Levis
Matthew Lotito
Pete Malizza
Michael Mastroeni
Nicholas Neu
Kevin Olsheski
Emanuel Stupar
Tiberiu Stupar
Patrick Terebecke
Kristopher Tor
Jamal Williams
Tyrone Williams
Ryan White
Austin Wrede

Junior Varsity Football

Tyrone Waal



GIRLS SOCCER

With a regular season record of 6-9-1, the Girls soccer team has earned the most wins by the program since the 2010-2011 season. Every athlete worked hard all season and proved themselves to be a competitive group in the conference. Leading the team in points were Brittany Arcentales and Christy Brennan with 22 points each. Brittany had 10 goals and 2 assists while Christy had 9 goals and 4 assists. Following behind them, Janie Henderson was able to earn 11 points for the season with 5 goals and 1 assist. Brittany Motyka also had 11 points, by scoring 3 goals while assisting on 5 others. Some of our key defenders holding our back line were Dea Garcia, Riley Cobb and Maggie Sakkos. Our goalie Chloe O'Mahoney had a great season with recorded 153 saves.

As a new coach, I am thankful to have worked with this team and program. They accepted me with open arms, making this an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Even though we will be losing 6 talented seniors, I am optimistic that with our returning group and any newcomers we may have join the team, we will have another successful season next year. I would like to thank my Assistant Coach Kelcey Russo for everything she has done for myself and the team. I am grateful to have had her by my side this season.

I would also like to thank our Athletic Trainer Matt McKowen, Coordinator of Student Activities Peter Oesen, Principal Martinez, Linda Tappen, Dr. Piccirillo and all the parents. Without all of their hard work, dedication and support, this season would not have been as successful as it was.

Head Coach: Hanna Araki

Assistant Coach: Kelcey Russo

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Brittany Arcentales

Brittany Motyka

Christy Brennan

Shawna O'Brien

Camryn Cobb

Chloe O'Mahoney

Riley Cobb

Amiyah Porcher

Taylor Fallon

Magdalene Sakkos

Dea Garcia

Ava Szluka

Janie Henderson

Makenna Thunell

Nicole Kelly

Samantha VanBeekum

Nadia Madalena

Abigail Whritenour

Amy Morales



BOYS SOCCER

Serving this Fall 2021 season as a first year Varsity coach for our Boys Soccer program brought on unexpected challenges coupled with unity from the brotherhood our players forged throughout much of the adversity we had faced.

I would like to thank Mr. Oesen and Mr. McKowen for their continued support and genuine care for our players. Mr. Oesen has been excellent in serving his new position as Coordinator of Student Activities through ensuring that everything has been accounted for or taken care of in order for our Fall Sports programs to run smoothly. Mr. McKowen is our sports programs' great asset, thank you for all of your hard work and diligence in keeping our players healthy.

I would also like to thank my Assistant Coach, Mr. Kyle O'Brien. Kyle and I have known each other for almost a decade, and much of the little things that are necessary for a Soccer program to run efficiently, were done on Kyle's accord. I cannot thank him enough! I also would like to thank volunteer coaches, Coach Grochulski and Coach Syto. Both have a very strong affinity with the game and were able to afford our players with their expertise and sheer knowledge for each and every opposing matchup.

Upon accepting the position as the team's new Head Coach, I knew that we had a solid amount of individual talent and it was my job to bring that talent together to create a winning season. While we didn't accomplish the latter, what we built a team that will be well-prepared for the tough road ahead of us in our Colonial Division.

I could not be more proud of these players for both their physical and perhaps more importantly, mental fortitude in persevering through the season. Playing at the Varsity-level is the highest degree of competition one can be a part of, and each of our players took on specific roles that were integral to the team. Such matchups were this was evident were against that of Kittatinny, Walkill Valley, and who could forget our Senior Night against the formidable opponent of Hackettstown. We made every team work for what they were seeking, nothing was ever handed to them.

As the season progressed and we all started to come to the acknowledgment that it wasn't what we were expecting it to be, our team did the exact opposite of what most would likely expect. Instead of losing hope, we created more drive and will to succeed. Instead of becoming unstable, we lifted each other up and supported one another. And instead of disbanding and becoming a program on the fringe of giving-up, we had each other's back and became a family that was united together with pride to represent our school community.

At this time I'd like to give recognition for outstanding athletic accomplishments to Junior - Kayky Inamasu, Senior – David Garcia, and Junior – Brandon Grochulski.

At our Head Coaches NJAC Meeting at Mt. Olive High School last week, both David and Brandon were able to make 2nd Team-All Conference through their individual talents as well as leadership roles. While Kayky was able to gain recognition as a member of 1st Team All-Conference due to his 5 Goals and 2 Assists on the season.

Individual Stats 1. Kayky Inamasu – 5 Goals, 2 Assists 2. Brandon Grochulski – 2 Goals, 3 Assists 3. Ethan Tillery – 3 Goals 4. Xander Syto – 3 Assists 5. Martin Szabo – 1 Assist

Hopatcong's Boys Varsity Soccer program was also voted-in by opposing team Head Coaches for the Sportsmanship award privy to only one (1) team in each conference.

Next season, we will continue to work-hard, work-together, and accomplish the goals we initially set for ourselves this season. It is through everything that was just mentioned through that of a losing **season, that makes next season's goals ever-more attainable.**

Always proud of you boys,

Varsity Head Coach: Craig Vallaro

Assistant Coach: Kyle O'Brien

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Nicolas Benjumea

Kevin Kruczek

Tristan Brennan

Jose Lagunes

Thomas D'Arco

Evan Mathesius

Brandon Egner

Victor Morais

Ali Elmonier

Jason O'Brien

Edward Friedman

Brandon O'Mahoney

Omar Galarza

Ethan Pacheco

David Garcia

Alejandro Rivas

Brandon Grochulski

Jason Schwartzman

Michael Hardman

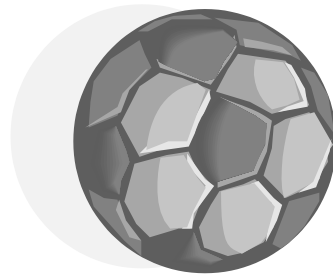
Jacob Simbron

Aiden Iberer

Alexander Syto

Kayky Inamasu Amaya

Martin Szabo



CROSS COUNTRY

All you need in Cross Country is a desire to try to improve yourself and a good pair of sneakers. Each day starts out dreading the possible torture of a practice or race but ultimately leads to the feeling of accomplishment.

This year's Cross Country team, although small in number, had large goals. For some it was to improve their times from last season, for others it was to make it to the Sectional Championships, or even just to get in shape. We achieved our goals with a smile on our faces. Our team had fun because they were in it together.

The girls team ran their final regular season race with a full team which was exciting. A significant highlight was Lindsay Hand's performance in the Sectional Championships.

The boys team increased in size and continues to grow. For the boys team, Conor Loven competed in the Sectional Championship race.

Full of improvements from start to finish, our team found the secret to running Cross Country which is that the harder you work the better you do. Whether it was to improve your time, complete every race this season, or just finish a 5k race, setting goals and staying focused is the recipe for success.

Thank you for making the 2021 season so memorable.

I would like to thank my assistant coach Jamie Douglas for all her help during this Cross Country season.

Head Coach: Pete Oesen
Assistant Coach: Jamie Douglas

VARSIY CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS

Sean Attas

Joseph Farina

Conor Loven

Jorwally Santana

GIRLS

Grace Dunn

Lindsay Hand

Samara Ibrahim

Sofija Kelesovska

Phoenix Sherlock



GIRLS TENNIS

The 2021 Hopatcong High School Girls Tennis Team worked hard this season despite facing the continued challenges and quarantines brought on by this lingering pandemic. Although we started the season low in numbers, we slowly gained athletes and momentum! Our players did not waiver! Regardless of the obstacles, each team member stayed positive, worked hard and improved her game! They showed up, played each match with integrity and grew both individually and as a team. These ladies rocked it!! We are very proud of how our athletes accepted frequent changes and quickly acclimated to new situations given our new “normal”.

We are grateful to Mr. Oesen, Mr. McKowan and Mrs. Tappen for their support this season. To our graduating seniors: Thalia Castellanos and Claudia Leon, we appreciate your dedication to the team this year and we wish you the best of luck in the future. You will be greatly missed.

Varsity Coach: Traci Duffy
Assistant Coach: Heather DelBagno

GIRLS VARIETY TENNIS

Rebecca Bastedo

Thalia Castellanos

Claudia Leon



MARCHING BAND

The Hopatcong Marching Chiefs were excited to return to the field this year, performing a halftime show with drill following last year's standstill performance due to the pandemic.

Although a "normal" fall season full of competitions, festivals and special performances did not occur, (some a causality of the pandemic, some due to bad luck weather situations), the Marching Chiefs count themselves blessed to maintain a membership of 51 members strong – our exact number from last year – no small feat as many of our neighboring music programs saw a dramatic decline. This strong dedicated group of students worked diligently to do what they enjoy best, supporting the football team each week, and working with our cheerleaders, proudly bringing Chief Pride into each and every venue played, letting everyone know who has the greatest community in the state!

This year's show featured a unique opening, combing strains from Styx's *Renegade* and Chuck Mangione's *Children of Sanchez*. The ballad was an 80's classic *Silent Lucidity* by Queensryche, closing with the fun *Ballroom Blitz* by Sweet.

The Marching Chiefs look to return to Hopatcong basketball games this winter, and are playing at the Prudential Center at the first intermission at the New Jersey Devils vs. New York Rangers on March 22!

The Marching Chiefs would like to thank the Board of Education, our Superintendent Dr. Piccirillo Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Ross, Principal Mrs. Martinez and Director of Student Activities Mr. Oesen for their support. Thank you to the dedicated Marching Band Coaching Staff, Al and Erin Cerulo, Torri Burghoffer, Dan Weighall, Brianne Csengeto, Wiktoria Plewa and Nicky Murr. Without them our performance would not be possible. Also, thank you to the Football Parents, the Football Team, the Cheerleaders and their respective coaching staffs. And finally, but certainly not least, to the Hopatcong Music Boosters and music parents, whether they be Booster Board Officers, Pit Parents, Hospitality providers and so on and on. Participation in these events and our successes would not be possible without their endless contributions and time dedicated to the students.

Go Chiefs!

Head Coach: Kurt Zimmermann

MARCHING BAND

Aliana Acevado
Dominick Amella
Alexsandra Aselta
Madelyn Ausmus
Adrian Baez
Samantha Burney
Angeline Carty
Nina Cid
Evangelos Clapsis
Jessica Colgan
Katya Daly
Madison Danley
Juan Duque-Martinez
Caroline Eckardt
Emilyanne Eckardt
Jayla Elias
Jenna Fallon

Isabel Feliciano
Victoria Fischer
Jonathan Franco
Adeline Friedman
Edward Friedman
Jessica Friedman
Nicolas Galloza
Natalia Gerena-Roman
Steven George
Nadia Gjevukaj
Emily Gogick
Layla Gonzalez
Megan Hinczynski
Katelyn Kowal
Vanessa Kruczek
Danilo Lalo
Natalie Leybov

Ashlynn Loven
Brenna Loven
Katie Maitland
Benjamin Merino
Mackenzie Mower
Colin O'Sullivan
Ryan O'Sullivan
Caeden Ronda
Brianna Ruud
Jenna Salayko
Kaila Salvatierra
Julia Santiago
Joshua Schneider
Gregory Smith
Leah Turkington
Ashley Wallis



CHEERLEADING

Fall 2021 was a great season for cheerleading. With a new coaching staff there were some changes, but all of the traditions stayed the same. Our team worked hard to successfully represent the Chiefs cheer program and cheer on our football team. The work ethic and devotion of all team members is to be commended.

The cheerleading and football team work hard together during the season to fundraise. Both efforts were successful. We would like to thank Amy Mejia, Christine Wiemer, Amy Damelio and Bruce Feinberg for all of their hard work and dedication. Thank you for including us this year, you will be missed.

With the 8th graders in our high school, we welcomed them to join our JV cheer squad. Although there were no JV games this year, the girls got to be a part of a home and away Varsity game. We thank them for their hard work and support throughout the season, and we can't wait to see them at tryouts next year.

Thank you to our seniors and captains, Keileen Trochez-Tome, Autumn Rennie, Hailey McGowan for all of your leadership and dedication to our program. I know it must've been hard to receive a new coaching staff but you have guided us to a successful year and we couldn't have done it without you three. Your input throughout the year is what made this season so special. You were all a big part in continuing old traditions while also creating new ones. You have all definitely left your mark and will be missed!

The cheer program would like to thank the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Piccirillo, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Martinez, Mr. Oesen and Mrs. Tappen. Thank you to the football coaches and players, the HCFPA, our cheer parents and everyone else that helped to make this season so magical.

Varsity Head Coach: Ana Sodi
Assistant Coach: Keri Morabito

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Ali Carriere	Emily Sokirynsky
Destinee Dalton	Gianna Sperduto
Reilly Edwards	Keileen Trochez Tome
Dejanaeh Getty	Mia Vigliotti
Mercedes Martinez	Kelsey Weber
Hailey McGowan	Angelina Zammito
Abigail Polowchena	Gabriella Zammito
Autumn Rennie	

JV CHEERLEADERS

Destinee Dalton	Kamryn Polowchena
Reilly Edwards	Valentina Roman
Nicole Hanf	Tegan Sherlock
Lacie Joyner	Emily Sokirynsky
Daniella LaManna	Gianna Sperduto
Andrea Londono	Mia Vigliotti
Mercedes Martinez	Kelsey Weber
Raven Pardun	Gabriella Zammito



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