

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

2009-2010 Interscholastic Athletic Yearly Report

The rich tradition of Washington Township High School Athletics continued during the 2009-2010 academic year with 1,268 students participating in one of the 31 sport programs offered. Seventy-three coaches instructed their student athletes in sport specific skills and community development. The athletic coaches were successful in fulfilling the goals set for the Athletic program, to build a positive school community utilizing the growth and development of all student athletes, to foster sportsmanship among all community members and to build relations with student athlete families that will enhance the educational experiences of athletics.

The Courier Post again recognized our Athletic Program as one of the top five athletic programs in the South Jersey region based on team performance.

Team Championship highlights included 1 Tournament of Champions, 4 Olympic Conference Championships, 3 Gloucester County Championships, 3 South Jersey Sectional Championships and 4 New Jersey State Championships.

The success of the winter track season was highlighted by the Girls Sprint Medley Team and the Boys Sprint Medley Team winning the Group 4 State Championship and which led to a great spring season highlighted by two Individual State Championships. The boys track program was a model program for our high school during the 2009-2010 school year; strong academic performances in the classroom coupled with championships on the track and framed with high character and sportsmanship made this program one to be remembered.

The Boys Bowling team completed one of the greatest sports seasons in WTHS history. The team won the Sectional title, Group IV State Championship and the Tournament of Champions title. It marked only the 5th time in the past 47 years that a South Jersey school has won a Bowling State championship. Coach Mike Hudock was selected as Coach of the Year.

The Wrestling team had a winning season and finished as South Jersey Group IV Champions and Olympic Conference Champions. Coach Ralph Ross was selected as Coach of the Year.

The 2010 school year was also highlighted by the following achievements:

- Baseball was South Jersey Group IV Champions
- Devon Carter and Steve Morrone won Group IV State Championships in Spring Track and Field and Carter won the Meet of Champions
- Girls Lacrosse won the Gloucester County Cup Championship
- Girls Tennis team were Gloucester County Champions for the 4th year in a row
- Head Boys soccer coach, Tom Patterson successfully completed his 39th season guiding the Minutemen
- Boys Cross Country won the Gloucester County Championship
- Gymnastics team captured the Olympic Conference and South Jersey Sectional Championships for the 3rd consecutive year
- Boys Basketball team won the Hunterdon Central Red Devil Holiday Classic
- Wrestling team won the Collingswood Holiday tournament and the Falcon Duels in Florida
- Girls Tennis was selected Gloucester County "Tennis Team of the Year"
- Steve Pavlinko and John Bartosiewicz bowled perfect 300 games
- Boys Indoor Track won the prestigious Marine Corps Games at the NY Armory
- Girls Indoor Track won the SJ Track Coaches Association Large School Meet
- Ashley Giedeman scored her 1,000th career point in girls basketball and Matt Lopez scored his 1,000th career point in boys basketball
- Ben Brendlinger broke the school diving record at GCIT. Ben set a new point total in diving, a record that stood for over 25 years
- Nick Favatella became only the 3rd WTHS baseball player to reach 100 hits
- Sarah Jackson won the Gloucester County Championship in the Triple-Jump setting a new school record
- Golf team won the Gloucester County Championship
- Boys Spring Track were Olympic Conference Champions
- Nick Favatella and Lauren Lacovara were recognized by the Courier Post as Walt Burrows Scholar Athlete recipients. This honor goes to the top 20 Student Athletes in South Jersey

WTHS student athletes continue to excel in the classroom as well, with 60 student athletes in the Class of 2010 graduating in the top 25% of the class. Thirty nine members of the Class of 2010 will continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Many of these student athletes will be receiving financial assistance based on their academics and athletic achievements.