

**Kenston High School
2017 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.....Cafeteria (South end)

Cross Country, Boys & Girls....Auditorium

Football.....Banquet Night

Golf, Boys.....A101

Golf, Girls.....Chorus Room

Soccer, Boys.....Aux Gym

Soccer, Girls.....Band Room

Tennis, Girls.....Auburn/Bainbridge Room

Volleyball.....Main Gymnasium

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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 2017 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 2017-18 academic year.

First, Mrs. Santilli and the Board of Education: thank you for entrusting me with a department and program that is not only steeped in tradition but has so much promise. Second, I would like to thank the administrative team of Mr. Gabram, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Watts, not only for your excellent academic leadership of our school but also for your incredible teamwork in helping me see to it that our athletic programs are successful and feel supported.

To our coaches, for me, coming from the college level, it has been difficult to not be around each of you as much as I am accustomed to. But I know that is because you all have other jobs you must perform well in and when you are not there you are watching film, pouring over competition, devising game plans, leading our young ones into competition and above all, being there for them no matter what. So a hearty thanks to our dedicated coaches as well.

I also want to thank our athletic trainer Viv McKinney who, with the help of our student trainers, covers all of our sports medicine needs. Also a huge thank you to Mr. C who is at just about every sporting event we have and manages our photography and our wonderful website. I also want to thank our transportation, maintenance and custodial staff as well as our other support staff at the high school who help us ensure all of our students are safe and our games are ready to go. Next, words will not be able to express my gratitude for my amazing assistant Mrs. Busby - I thank you for your sacrifices and unmatched dedication to this program.

Finally, I want to thank the Kenston Community. At the beginning of the year, I asked that we all exhibit the utmost sportsmanship and make it known to all of our opponents that Kenston is the class program in the area. From the fans, to the game operations managers and workers, to the parents and boosters and all the way down to our students all of whom comprise Kenston, I want to thank you for representing Bomber Nation as well as you have and congratulate each of you for your successes this fall. Please give yourselves a big round of applause.

As we celebrate each team, we will recognize honors awarded by the Western Reserve Conference as well as those 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 unless otherwise noted.

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 Theresa Cardaman.

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 Western Reserve Conference Scholar Athlete Award. To earn this honor, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.25 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 and also our only senior team member:

WRC Scholar Athlete: Senior Libby Kumnick

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

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

Girls Soccer, led by head coach Kathleen Vass:

Despite a tough season plagued with some unfortunate injuries, Girls Soccer played down to the wire for the WRC regular season title. With a 6-9-1 overall record, the Bombers endured a difficult nonconference schedule but fought to a 5-2 finish in the conference before bowing out of the playoffs in a 2-1 home loss to Nordonia. The squad was barely outscored 35-31 on the year. Key results during the regular season included big wins over Brush, Nordonia and Willoughby South.

Senior Julie Hajdu and Freshman Natalie Adante split time in net for a defense that gave up 2.19 goals per game. Senior midfielder Elise Markley had a sensational year, leading the team in goals (16) and assists (7).

We start with our:

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Senior Julie Hajdu and Junior Sofija Raudins

All-Conference: Senior Elise Markley, Senior Coreenna Maynard, Senior Ashley McClintock and Sophomore Elyse Myles

WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Elise Markley (on stage), Coreenna Maynard (on stage) and Ashley McClintock (on stage)

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

Thank you...

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 played to an even season record going 7-7-2 (4-1-2 WRC) before a 2-1 first round playoff loss at home versus Nordonia ended their season. The Bombers tallied 33 goals on the season while giving up 29. Key results included big wins over Riverside and Nordonia and ties with WRC Champion Mayfield and rival Chagrin Falls.

Junior goalkeeper Kyle McAbier spent the most time between the posts for the Bombers who gave up 1.81 goals per game. On offense, the team was led in scoring by senior midfielder Benjamin Catley who had nine goals and senior midfielder Andrew Dicker who led the team with 16 assists. An overall team effort though, kept the team in every game.

WRC Honorable Mention: Junior Kyle McAbier and Junior Timothy Shindika

WRC All-Conference: Senior Benjamin Catley, Senior Andrew Dicker, Senior Alexander Kreuzer and Junior Jack Roman

Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland: Senior Alexander Kreuzer (on stage), Junior Kyle McAbier (on stage), Junior Timothy Shindika (on stage)

Second Team, All-Greater Cleveland: Senior Andrew Dicker (on stage) and Junior Jack Roman (on stage)

WRC Scholar Athletes: Seniors Benjamin Catley (on stage), Alejandro Cisneros-Morales, Andrew Dicker (on stage), Zachary Fritz, Patrick Persichetti and Ryan Toft

Remaining Senior: Luke Smith please join your teammates on stage

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

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

Despite a chaotic fall season with the weather, Girls Tennis turned in a winning season, finishing 8-6 on the year. With regular season wins over nonconference opponents Gilmour, Hoover, NDCL and Walsh Jesuit, 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 the WRC Championships, senior Ava Bumbu took sixth at first singles, freshman Lily Peelman finished in fifth at second singles and junior Heather Koplow took third in third singles. Meanwhile, the first doubles team of junior Kierna Chalmers and sophomore Alex Akers finished in fourth and the second doubles team of senior Dayle Foster and sophomore Kayla Eastman rallied to capture the WRC Championship.

WRC Honorable Mention: Senior Ava Bumbu, Freshman Lily Peelman

WRC All-Conference: Sophomore Kayla Eastman and Senior Dayle Foster

WRC Scholar Athlete: Senior Ava Bumbu (on stage)

Remaining Seniors: Kali Gruden, Katelyn Herendeen and Alexandra Weinhofer 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 Jim Moore:

Playing one of the most difficult Division I schedules in the state of Ohio, the Kenston Bomber Volleyball season was characterized by some tough losses to some very good teams but also highlighted by a tremendously competitive regular season run that resulted in a 14-8 final record. At one point in the season, KBV reeled off 11 straight victories on its way to a WRC Runner Up finish in-conference.

Hanging tough with such nonconference powerhouses as Brunswick, Gilmour, Independence, St. Ursula and Walsh Jesuit, laid some foundation for the squad to run out to big wins over Hathaway Brown and Medina and a Chagrin Falls Tournament sweep of Bay, CVCA and Rocky River. 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 Bedford with an eventual loss to Solon in the District Semifinals.

The prolific offensive attack was led by senior standout right side hitter Victoria Jepson, who has committed to play at Lehigh University. Jepson led the team in attack attempts, kills and serving aces. Other team leaders included sophomore Abby Bednar (assisted blocks and solo blocks), senior Taylor Gilbert (assists and serves), and junior Anna Rini (digs, games played and pass attempts).

WRC Honorable Mention: Sophomore Rachel Apsago and Junior Ava Thorne

WRC All-Conference: Senior Taylor Gilbert, Senior Victoria Jepson, Senior Sydney Koenig and Junior Anna Rini

Honorable Mention All-District: Junior Anna Rini (on stage)

Second Team All-District: Senior Taylor Gilbert (on stage)

First Team All-District: Senior Victoria Jepson (on stage)

WRC Scholar Athletes: Seniors Olivia Beeman, Zoe Curtis, Taylor Gilbert (on stage), Victoria Jepson (on stage) and Sydney Koenig (on stage)

Remaining Senior: Maddy Bednar please join your teammates on stage.

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

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

Bomber Boys Golf recorded one of its best seasons in school history, finishing the season with a 13-2 dual record. In losing to Mayfield by just one stroke in its last WRC dual, the squad finished in second place as a team in conference. The team also took second place at the WRC Tournament held at Quail Hollow on September 20. The team captured big regular season wins over Mayfield and Willoughby South and at the Kenston Invitational; the highlight of the year however, was the team's third place finish at Sectionals which clinched a District-qualifying team for the first time in T.J. Tabor's tenure as head coach.

A veteran squad was led by Emmett Weil, who had a team best 38.5 scoring average, Ernest Manke (40.2) Andrew Radis (42.7) and Nathan Wasinski (44.1). Other regular contributors included juniors Nate Fisher (40.9) and Sean Kukoleck (43.5) and sophomore Adam Farrell (44.8).

WRC Honorable Mention: Sophomore Adam Ferrell, Junior Sean Kukolec and Senior Nathan Wasinski

WRC All-Conference: Junior Nate Fisher, Senior Ernest Manke and Senior Emmett Weil

WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Ernest Manke (on stage), Nathan Wasinski (on stage) and Emmett Weil (on stage)

Remaining Senior: Andrew Radis please join your teammates on stage.

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

Our next sport is Girls Golf, who are led by Head Coach Kip Freeman:

The girls golf team turned in yet another successful season, finishing the year with an 8-4 dual record and a share of the WRC Championship. The team also took first place at the WRC Tournament held at Erie Shores on September 20. The squad picked the best possible time to turn in their best card of the year shooting 158 to take home the title.

Senior Izzy Krzys led a senior-laden team in scoring average at 42.3 strokes-per-nine and took home the WRC MVP award. Regular contributors to the team's success included seniors Aya Henry (43.0), Lexi Journey (49.2), Grace Cannon (49.3), Abigail Vossler (51.0) and Samantha Hoffman (53.0).

WRC Coach of the Year: Head Coach Kip Freeman

Honorable Mention All-WRC: Senior Grace Cannon and Senior Dara Paglia

WRC All-Conference: Senior Aya Henry, Senior Samantha Hoffman, Senior Lexi Journey, Senior Izzy Krzys and Senior Abigail Vossler

WRC Scholar-Athlete: Seniors Grace Cannon (on stage), Aya Henry (on stage), Samantha Hoffman (on stage), Lexi Journey (on stage), Izzy Krzys (on stage), Allison Lindner, Dara Paglia (on stage) and Abigail Vossler (on stage)

Academic All-Ohio (3.5 GPA+): Senior Grace Cannon (on stage), Senior Aya Henry (on stage), Senior Samantha Hoffman (on stage), Senior Lexi Journey (on stage), Senior Izzy Krzys (on stage), Senior Allison Lindner (on stage), Senior Dara Paglia (on stage), Senior Emily Thomas and Senior Abigail Vossler (on stage)

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

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

Kenston enjoyed one of its most successful regular seasons in the school's recent history but narrowly missed the state playoffs following an 8-2 campaign. The Bombers beat all three of its non-conference opponents before going 5-2 in the WRC. Kenston also retained the Battle of Ol' 422 trophy, defeating crosstown rival Chagrin Falls 32-24. A last-second loss to Brush and a road defeat at Mayfield were the lone blemishes on the record, but the team was the last team left out in Division III, Region 9.

The offense was characterized by a balanced attack under the leadership of two breakout sophomores in quarterback Jon Tomcufcik and running back Jack Porter, while Junior Bransen Stanley was the team's leading yard gainer through the air.

The Bomber defense gave opponents fits all year with their timely stops and big plays. Junior linebacker Matt Iklodi did a little bit of everything, senior defensive lineman Connor Kure dominated up front, and the secondary, led by senior defensive back Nick Dombrowski intercepted the opposition 16 times, taking two of those back all the way for scores.

Special teams also provided a lot of exciting moments throughout the season. The leading punter was senior Brandon Oakes and thrust into kicking duties midseason, junior Anna Sanders attempted the point after attempts while sophomores Tyler Kestranek and Blake Torres handled kickoffs. Senior Kee-Shaun Merrill led all special teamers in kickoff and punt return yardage and took two returns back for touchdowns.

A heartbreaking snub at the end of the season had everyone I know asking me what happened?! Though we are all too familiar with the OHSAA formula, what happened was, this team gave us a lot of memories, a great season and a lot to look forward to in 2018!

Honorable Mention All-WRC: Junior Sam Leygraaf and Sophomore Jon Tomcufcik

WRC All-Conference: Senior Nick Dombrowski, Junior Matt Iklodi, Senior Connor Kure, Senior Kee-Shaun Merrill, Sophomore Jack Porter, Junior Alex Robarge, Senior Austin Safko and Junior Bransen Stanley

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: Senior Connor Kure (on stage), Junior Sam Leygraaf (on stage), Senior Kee-Shaun Merrill (on stage) and Senior Austin Safko (on stage)

Second Team All-District: Senior Nick Dombrowski (on stage), Junior Matt Iklodi (on stage) and Sophomore Jon Tomcufcik (on stage)

First Team All-District: Sophomore Jack Porter (on stage), Junior Alex Robarge (on stage) and Junior Bransen Stanley (on stage)

And finally the academic awards...

WRC Scholar-Athlete: Seniors Jimmy Burg, Jacob Deuley, Connor Kure (on stage), Austin Safko (on stage) and Patrick Vanderbilt

Remaining Seniors: Zachary Czech, Derrick DeJarnette and Brandon Oakes 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:

The Girls Cross Country team made great strides in its first year running as a co-ed program under Head Coach Chris Ickes, finishing in the top half in six of their seven meets. The girls' season was highlighted by a second place overall finish at the WRC Championship after having finished in sixth place just a year ago. The team finished in ninth place at the District Meet and were led by regional and state qualifier freshman Ellie Pleune who ran in 10th place.

Pleune, led all Bomber runners with a 19:10 season-best in the 5k event at the Medina Cross Country Festival and also qualified as an individual to the State meet after qualifying in 23rd at the regional. Pleune was the first Kenston girl to qualify for State since 2005, where she finished 123rd overall.

Additionally, while only one returning runner ran faster than 21:49 last year, eight such students ran that time or faster this year. Congratulations to the entire girls team on a season of fun and improvement.

Honorable Mention All-WRC: Freshman Dylon Britton and Junior Kira Weber

Second Team All-WRC: Senior Loren Gormley and Freshman Amelia Witmer-Rich

First Team All-WRC: Freshman Ellie Pleune

First Team All-District: Freshman Ellie Pleune (on stage)

Second Team All-Region: Freshman Ellie Pleune (on stage)

WRC Scholar Athlete: Senior Megan Fisher

Remaining Seniors: Chloe Boutton, Jenna Hamilton, Alyssa Kassouf, Giuliana Martin, Kate Moss, Jessica Stirewalt, Faith Walls, Maria Weil and Lindsay Wyers please join your teammates on stage.

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

Boys Cross Country

The Boys Cross Country team performed at an extremely high level all season, having won five meets including the WRC Championship. The team placed first at the Green Invitational, the Gibas Invitational at Kenston, at Woodridge and at Medina. On October 21st, the team finished second at Districts and followed that up with a fourth place finish at the Regional to qualify as a team to the State Championship on November 4.

The team was paced all year by junior Jakob McConnell who ran a season-best 15:50 in the 5K at the District Meet in Cortland. Also scoring regularly for the Bombers were seniors Sam Markel, Jacob Sandoval, Will Grendell and Will Britton, junior Kyle Silk, and sophomores Jordan Knapp and Casey Pleune.

Head Coach Chris Ickes was awarded with the WRC Coach of the year honors in leading the boys to their third title in three years since joining the conference.

Jakob McConnell led all Kenston runners finishing in 46th place at the State meet as the team finished in 14th place overall behind these other top finishes: Sam Markel in 85th, Jacob Sandoval in 99th, Will Britton in 104th, Kyle Silk in 107th, Will Grendell in 145th and Jordan Knapp in 155. This marked the second straight top 15 finish at State for the boys team. Congratulations on such an accomplishment.

WRC Coach of the Year: Head Coach Chris Ickes

Honorable Mention All-WRC: Sophomore David Rosinski and Freshman Jack Turk

Second Team All-WRC: Senior Jacob Sandoval and Junior Kyle Silk

First Team All-WRC: Senior Will Britton, Senior Will Grendell, Sophomore Jordan Knapp, Senior Sam Markel and Junior Jakob McConnell

First Team All-District: Junior Jakob McConnell (on stage)

First Team All-Region: Junior Jakob McConnell (on stage)

WRC Scholar Athlete: Seniors Will Britton (on stage), Will Grendell (on stage), Connor Kenosh, Sam Markel (on stage), Evan Measures and Juan Rios

Academic All Ohio: Senior Will Britton (on stage), Senior Will Grendell (on stage), Senior Sam Markel (on stage), Junior Jakob McConnell (on stage) and Sophomore Casey Pleune

Remaining Seniors: Brendan Byrnes, Spencer Caputo and Pedro Michels please join your teammates on stage.

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	Elizabeth Kumnick
Boys Cross Country	Will Grendell
Girls Cross Country	Maria Weil
Football	Jimmy Burg
Boys Golf	Andrew Radis
Girls Golf	Aya Henry
Boys Soccer	Ryan Tien
Girls Soccer	Sofija Raudins
Girls Tennis	Dayle Foster
Volleyball	Maddie Bednar

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 3.9 Team GPA!

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

Henry Grendell
Sam Markel

BOYS GOLF

Nathan Wasinski
Emmett Weil

GIRLS GOLF

Aya Henry

VOLLEYBALL

Victoria Jepson

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.....	Cafeteria (South end)
Cross Country, Boys & Girls....	Auditorium
Football.....	Banquet Night
Golf, Boys.....	A101
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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!