

Hail Knights Fans!

For those of you that may not have been around during our fall and winter athletic seasons, I am thrilled to fill you all in on the level of success our varsity soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams have experienced!

FALL SPORTS

The varsity boys' soccer team finished with a final record of 14-6-3, which included a second-place regular season league finish, a narrow 1-0 loss in the league district championship game, and a Division II 4th place finish at the National Christian School Athletic Association (NCSAA) tournament held in Xenia, OH. The Division II 3rd/4th place game was played against Crawford Christian from Pennsylvania. A tight 0-2 loss included multiple strikes by Sr Harrison Case and So Jayden Powell that simply banged off of the goal posts! Believe me when I say, these men left it all on the field! Great Lakes 6 All Conference selections were Sr Forward Harrison Case (1st team), Jr Goalkeeper Jacob Eshbach (1st team), Sr Defenseman Zeb Oatis (2nd team), and Fr Defenseman Nolan Montgomery (2nd team). Harrison Case was named to the NCSAA All-Tournament team, while Harrison Case and Jacob Eshbach were recognized by the NCSAA as members of the Northeast All-Super Regional Team! Coach Ryan Ruth's squad finished the season ranked 16th overall by the NCSAA and 11th in Division III - excellent season men!

The varsity girls' volleyball team concluded their season with a final record of 19-6, which included an undefeated league record, regular season league championship, league district championship, and a state semifinal appearance at the Michigan Association of Christian Schools (MACS) state tournament. At the MACS state tournament, our girls took care of Rochester Hills Christian in 3 straight sets to advance to the state semifinal against Midland Calvary Christian. With a state finals appearance on the line, our girls clawed back from being down 0-2, taking the third and fourth sets to force a fifth and final game! Ultimately, it was the powerful serving of Midland Calvary that pushed them into the state finals, beating our girls by a score of 15-11 in the final game. Great Lakes 6 All Conference selections were Sr Middle Hitter Ashley Marsman, Sr Outside Hitter Kezi Shaw, Sr Outside Hitter Ella Dole, and Jr Setter Morgan Grice, with all four of these players making 1st team. Ashley Marsman and Morgan Grice were recognized by the NCSAA as members of the Northeast All-Super Regional Team! Coach Morgan Kehoe's team concluded their season ranked 12th overall by the NCSAA and as the nation's top team in Division III - this was a phenomenal team to watch!

WINTER SPORTS

Despite a young core of players, the varsity boys' basketball team experienced a bit of a resurgence this year, finishing their season with a 10-12 overall record, an 8-3 league record, a regular season league championship, and a league district tournament championship loss to an extremely tough and well coached Grand Rapids Sacred Heart Academy team. This season was defined by constant change and uncertainty, as COVID-19 continually jostled the game schedule. Under the direction of Coaches Rob Guerin, Joe Lockwood, Scott Anderson, and Luke Witt, these young men stayed engaged and remained tough-minded all season long as they continually defined what it meant to be KNIGHTS! Great Lakes 6 All-Conference selections included Jr Ethan Montgomery, So Logan Hoskins, So Jayden Powell, and Fr Christian Eshbach. As previously stated, COVID-19 protocol changes across the state caused multiple league schedule changes, which ultimately prevented attendance at any major tournaments for this team. "Despite finishing outside the top 25 in the overall NCSAA rankings, these young men fought all season long and their growth was tangible - we are excited for the up-and-coming future of our boys' basketball program!"

Our varsity girls' basketball team continued its dominance under Head Coach Tim Quinlan. They finished the season with an overall record of 19-3, which included an undefeated league record, a regular season league championship, a league district tournament championship, and a 4th place finish at the ACSI Mid America Regional Tournament in Arthur, IL. After a semifinal loss to Kankakee Trinity (IL), the 3rd/4th place game of the ACSI regional saw our Lady Knights facing off against host school Arthur Christian. This was a fast paced and entertaining game to watch, as it was back and forth with constant lead changes! In the end, Arthur's speed was the deciding factor as they handed our girls a narrow 45-48 loss that came down to the final possession. Great Lakes 6 All-Conference selections included Sr Ashley Marsman, Sr Kezi Shaw, Jr Shannon Quinlan, and So Izzy Lockwood. The Lady Knights finished their season ranked 12th overall by the NCSAA and 8th overall in Division III. Lastly, this team experienced two big milestones! First, Ashley Marsman became the first female basketball player in ACS history to reach 1,000 career points, finishing her ACS career with 1,100 points. What makes this all the more impressive is that this was accomplished despite Ashley missing nearly her entire Freshman and Junior seasons to torn ACLs. That is what you call a KNIGHT! Second, Tim Quinlan reached the peak of 400 career wins as a head coach, which was accomplished on senior night with an impressive 10-point victory over Zion Christian! His career spans nearly 30 years as a head coach at Morley Stanwood High School and here at Algoma Christian. Well done, coach - we are blessed to have your influence at ACS!"