

# AVE MARIA ACADEMY ATHLETICS

## WEEKLY SIDELINE REPORT

October 30, 2020

### DIOCESAN FOOTBALL

- ❖ Several AMA student-athletes represent our school playing for the Diocesan Football team – The South Hills Chargers. We congratulate our Varsity & Developmental players for wrapping up a great season and we send special congratulations to our JV players and coaches who are headed to the championship after winning an exciting play-off game against the North Hills Ironmen 30-26 in the final seconds! The Championship game is this **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm at Moon High School Stadium vs. Erie Catholic. LET'S GO CHARGERS!**
  - **Varsity Players:** Alex Dziezgowski, Max Clister, Franco Cortes, Max Marzina, Bane Stalder, Athanasius Cross
  - **JV Players:** Garrett Cramer, Paul Farnan, Logan Ferrand, Matthew Prince
  - **Developmental Players:** Marcus Cramer, Anthony D'Eramo, Shane McDermott, Isaac Pilch, Noah Prince, Gage Stalder
  - **Head Coach:** Matt Cramer

### AMA CROSS COUNTRY

- ❖ The Cross Country team just completed their inaugural season with **80 Ave Maria students in grade 3-8** competing for the Royals! Practices began in August and the team instantly developed friendships across the four merged schools. When meets started in September, the team compiled an outstanding record against other south region teams. **The South Hills Invitational highlighted the regular season where two Royals teams took first place (Development Girls and Varsity Boys), the JV boys took 2nd place, and both JV and Varsity girls finished in 3rd place.**
- ❖ As the end of the season began to approach, the team switched gears to focus on the Diocesan Championship where we faced off against 25 other schools. ***Four of our Royal teams won trophies by placing in the top 5!***
  - **Developmental Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> place**
  - **Varsity Boys - 3rd place**
  - **Varsity Girls - 4th place**
  - **JV Girls - 5th place**

Although the Developmental and JV boys didn't win a trophy, they both just missed out by finishing in 6th place.

## AMA CROSS COUNTRY CONTINUED

- ❖ Before the season came to a close, **the team completed a service project** at OLG as a "thank you" for allowing us use of the facilities. The team weeded, mulched, and planted mums outside of the OLG school building. Finally, the team carried on a St. Bernard tradition by completing a Ghost Walk at Gilfillan Trail. The team dressed up in costumes and walked through the wooded area of the trail at night.

***Congratulations to all runners, coaches, and parents who helped make the first season of AMA Cross Country such a success!***

## AMA BASKETBALL

- ❖ Grades 5-8:
  - Evaluations for competitive teams were completed last week and teams were announced this week. We are finalizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> team rosters and official team practices at BP and OLG will begin next week.
- ❖ Grades 3-4:
  - Teams are being finalized and official team practices at BP and OLG will begin next week
- ❖ Little Dribblers (K-2):
  - Practices at BP and OLG began last week with almost 100 students participating.

## AMA CO-ED SOCCER AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- ❖ Play-offs will begin shortly and we will be bringing you updates next week on both seasons!

## HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER!

- ❖ Please ensure your children are wearing a mask:
  - Entering & leaving practice/game/match
  - During any downtime during practice/game/match
  - Entire practice time for Little Dribblers & Little Peps
  - Walking to and from bathroom and/or drink breaks
- ❖ Our AMA coaches will be helping to reinforce our mask policy

**LET'S GO ROYALS!**

