

Sophie Brosnan, '24, at a Track Meet; Sasha Reed, '23, Robbie Satcher, '21, and Connor Kinahan, '23, at a Track Meet

L he annual St. Mark's Sports Banquet was held virtually again this year. This event allowed us to recognize our athletes for their accomplishments on the court, field and on the track over the course of the vear.

The **PRIDE Award** is presented to a male and female athlete in each of the middle school grades, whose actions demonstrate what it means to be a leader on the field of play. The following athletes were recognized for their achievements on and off the field of play: 5th Grade Leader of the Pride Award Winners are Hudson Herr for Basketball, Golf, Tennis & Track & Field; and **Sophie Brosnan** for Basketball, Soccer and Track and Field. 6th Grade Leader of the Pride Award Winners are **Connor Kinahan** for Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer and Track and Field; and Sasha Reed for Basketball, Soccer and Track and Field. 7th Grade Leader of the Pride Award Winners are **Ben Brosnan** for Basketball, Soccer and Tennis; and Katya Kapkov for Basketball, Cross Country and Track and Field. 8th Grade Leader of the Pride Award Winners are **Clayton Gaither** for Cross Country and Track and Field; and Adriana Winkelmayer for Track and Field and Volleyball.

The Sallie Wilson Sportsmanship **Award** is presented to the 8th grade athletes whose actions and attitude most exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship; including fairness, civility, honesty, selflessness, respect, and responsibility toward their teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and fans. This year's Sallie Wilson Sportsmanship Award recipients were James Glenn for Track and Field, and **Vanessa Reed** for Basketball, Track and Field and Volleyball.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL

We are working/planning for a more "normal" athletic year in 2021-2022, and are willing to change course if necessary. There is still the possibility of continued social distancing programming, as keeping the health and safety of our studentathletes will always be at the forefront of all planning.

No new sport additions are planned for 2021-2022 in middle school, but we are expecting practice venue changes for middle school and lower school athletic Vanessa Reed and Avery Kelling, '21, at a Track Meet; Below: Clayton Gaither, '21, competing in a Relay

additions [Touch Football (through SFL) and Tennis (utilizing King Daddy Sports)] are being investigated. To date, our offerings will remain the same for middle school students 5th through 8th grades (Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball).

In lower school we will continue to offer Cross Country (3rd and 4th grades) and Soccer (1st through 4th grades) in the fall, Basketball (2nd through 4th grades) in the winter and Bounce Ball (1st through 4th grades) in the spring. If the addition of touch football and tennis come to fruition, touch football would be offered in the fall (3rd and 4th grades) and tennis would be offered in the winter and spring (age groups TBD).



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