



HOLLENBACH HEADLINES

Monthly Athletic NewsLetter



Maddie Vinger '24 preps to spike a set in a Volleyball match.

Student Spotlight: Maddie Vinger

Digging in to the Perkiomen Experience

Maddie Vinger '24 (Quakertown, PA) has dug into her athletic and academic experience at Perkiomen. A talented volleyball player, Maddie plays for East Coast Power in the winter and spring. Participating on a club team outside of Perkiomen allows her to strengthen her court skills and seek visibility from college coaches.

Off the court, Maddie loves classes that involve creativity which allow her to think beyond the ordinary. In her college search, she has her eyes on majors such as marketing, film, and criminal justice.

Grateful for her time at Perkiomen, she says that the smaller environment at Perk has allowed her to learn so much as an individual and teammate. Describing the connections she has formed with her teammates "invaluable," she loves the diversity on campus. The opportunity to learn about other cultures, including what life is like for teammates from Puerto Rico and Spain, has contributed to her worldview.

A three-year team captain, Maddie can see how she has grown as a leader and teammate in her time as a Panther. And, she loves how the team has grown as well, including winning a league championship. Her advisor, and the assistant volleyball coach, is particularly instrumental in supporting Maddie. She notes that "I can go to Ms. Seager with anything. She understands my strengths and who I am, on and off the court."

We wish Maddie the best of luck as she navigates her senior year! Let's go Panthers!

Coach Seager, Assistant Athletic Director and math teacher, has been an integral part of growing the Perkiomen Athletic program, including starting Perk G Sports and supporting Morgan's Message, which focuses on mental health for athletes. She teaches that "You get what you give; if you put in the time and effort, you get the results."



Letter from the Athletic Director: Mike Kruger

The Panthers are halfway through our fall sports season and the energy is high on our teams and across campus. Fall Family Weekend was a great success with wins by boys and girls' cross country, baseball, football, volleyball, and boys jv soccer, and a tie by boys' varsity soccer. More important than the results, our students compete with passion and integrity, and we're proud of the way our teams have represented Perkiomen so far this fall. Thank you to our fans for your support! As we look towards October our teams are preparing for the second half of the season, including league championships and state playoff competitions. As always, we hope you are able to join us on campus or on the road for any matches that fit your schedule!

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Fall Senior Day Schedule:

9/30:
Football vs Model School for the Deaf - 2:00 pm

10/5
Volleyball vs Notre Dame de Namur - 5:00 pm

10/10
Girls Soccer vs Hill School - 4:00 pm

10/11
Tennis vs ANC - 4:00 pm

10/17
XC vs Penn Jersey - 4:00 pm

10/18
Boys Soccer vs Blair - 4:15 pm

Come celebrate our seniors and support our Panthers!!



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Student Spotlight: Kayla Martinez

Do the little things right



Taylor Fields '25

In just her second year at Perkiomen, Kayla Yadria Martinez '24 [Coamo, Puerto Rico] has made her mark as a dedicated student-athlete in the community. Kayla is passionate about volleyball and is excited for the college recruiting process. As a starter on Perkiomen's Varsity Volleyball team and a member of Synergy Volleyball club, she's committed to honing her skills year-round.

Perkiomen's Athletic Department plays a significant role in Kayla's journey, fostering a sense of belonging and community. Her voice is valued within the program, reflecting its dedication to all athletes' well-being and success. Behind her achievements stand mentors like her advisor Mr. Mangan and her volleyball coaches. Their unwavering support, academically and athletically, has cultivated her growth.

She values time management and communication with her teachers to excel academically while thriving on the court. Teachers work with Kayla to support her passion for

volleyball and maintain her academic achievements. Perkiomen transformed Kayla, instilling independence and responsibility. The supportive community motivates her to represent the school to the best of her abilities in all areas.

Her fondest memory is the 2022 PAISAA Quarter Finals, where crowd energy and unwavering intensity on the team fueled a remarkable comeback. Winning the MVP Award attests to her hard work. To incoming families, Kayla advises embracing support networks, connecting with diverse peers, and trying new activities for rewarding experiences.

For Kayla, the mantra of "Do the little things right; they create a bigger impact" has been key. With this dedication, she embodies the spirit of a Perkiomen student-athlete, continuing her remarkable journey as she risks becoming her best.

We can't wait to see what Kayla accomplishes during her senior year at Perk!