



THE PRIDE OF #SVRAIDERNATION

If there is one singular thing to resonate with me at the start of our school year it is the endless school spirit in our hallways and within our community. Looking up from the sidelines this past Friday I was delighted, though not surprised, to see NextTier Stadium packed with Columbia Blue and Black Raider gear - #SVRaiderNation was out in full force.



The opening home football game, Senior Night versus the visiting Indians of Penn Hills, began with the recognition of 112 deserving seniors in marching band, cheer & dance, football, JROTC and SVTV. The game ended with community and student energy at a peak following a 17-15 win for Raider Football. Just as entertaining as the game was the halftime show performed by our very own Raider Marching Band! Throughout the night, our cheer & dance squads kept the energy high and the spirit soaring making for a great Friday Night Lights experience.



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In addition to Friday's thrilling win over the Indians, other Raider athletic teams opened their seasons securing two tournament trophies. Boys' soccer, the defending WPIAL champions, captured the InterSection KickOff Tournament with wins over Norwin (4-0) and host Chartiers Valley (8-0) while girls' volleyball followed suit going 9-0 at the Canon-Mac tournament to secure their tournament championship.



Our boys (3-1) and girls (5-1) golf teams have jumped out to a combined 8-2 record and both squads are poised to make a run at section and possibly WPIAL titles. Girls' golf set a program scoring record in their 164-168 win over the Tigers of North Allegheny. Raider girls' tennis opened with tough matches against West Allegheny and Beaver while cross country and girls' soccer teams will get their seasons underway this last week of August.



Without a doubt, Raider Athletics is positioned for another remarkable year on the fields, the courses and courts. The positive energy we can all provide will lift our student-athletes and student-performers to heights unimaginable. While perfection may not be attainable, their pursuit will certainly lead to excellence which we can all admire and take pride in being a part of #SVRaiderNation! ■



SAVE THE DATE!

Seneca Valley Alumni will return to their “home turf” to be recognized for their outstanding athletic achievements made during their time as students at the 2022 Seneca Valley Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) Induction Ceremony.

This year’s 2022 Induction Class includes Da’Lynn Mills (2007), Kevan Smith (2006), Tony DeRiggi (2004), Roberta Pickens Groner (1996) and the 1992 Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team. The SV Sports

HOF committee will be honoring these inductees the weekend of Sept. 8-9.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, in the senior high school (SHS) auditorium and is free for all to attend. This ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in the SHS cafeteria. Dinner tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.svsd.net/domain/1894>. Tickets MUST BE purchased by Friday, Sept. 1.

Inductees will also be recognized at the football game at NextTier Stadium on Friday, Sept. 9. All are welcome to attend and recognize these inductees for their contribution to Seneca Valley Raider athletics! For more information, please contact Wayne Roccia at 724-816-0698 or via email at wroccia@zoominternet.net. ■

