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PIAA COACH OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations Head Boys Swimming & Diving Coach, Brian Blackwell who was honored by the PIAA as the 2021-22 PIAA/NFHS Coach of the Year for Boys Swimming & Diving. Blackwell helped lead the 2021-22 Raider Boys Swimming & Diving team to its first-ever PIAA 3A State Title, defeating La Salle College 188-174. In addition, the Raiders captured their second WPIAL title with a resounding 333.5 points – the runner-up finished with 266 points. A well-deserved honor for Coach Blackwell!





FALL SPORTS UPDATES

Following successful regular seasons, many Raider fall sport teams begin post-season competition in late October and early November. A recap of all fall seasons, including post-season results, will be shared in the November issue of Raider Pride.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT DATES for RAIDER ATHLETICS

Winter Sport Information

- **Oct. 26, 2022:** Drug & Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals in Senior High School – this testing is for Winter Sports and any Club participants
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- **Nov. 9, 2022:** Drug & Concussion Testing and Athletic Physicals in Senior High School – this testing is for Winter Sports and any Club participant
  - 30 physicals offered 2:45 – 5:15 p.m.
- **Nov. 10, 2022:** **Deadline** for winter sport paperwork; all papers due in athletic office.
- **Nov. 18, 2022:** First official day of winter sports – mandatory tryouts begin this day.
  - For tryout schedule, please contact the coach directly. Coaches contact information is located on athletics website under Participation Information tab.

REMINDERS for 2022-23:

- ALL paperwork for winter sports due in the athletic office no later than **Thursday, November 10, 2022 by 3:00 p.m.**. Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE Section 7 form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All required paperwork for 2022-23 athletic participation is available on Parent Portal or Athletics website. Paperwork includes: PIAA CIPPE Sections 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 and Drug Test Consent Form.
- IF a student played in a fall sport, the only paperwork needed is PIAA CIPPE Section 8 and, if applicable, PIAA CIPPE Section 9 – these forms can be dated no earlier than Oct. 7, 2022.
- All student-athletes must register in the Parent Portal under "Sports Registration" before the start of each season.
- Tryouts are mandatory. Student-athletes are expected to attend every tryout session.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER 2022

The Female Athlete of the Month for October is girls' volleyball setter Bria Stepp. The junior team captain has led her team to a 7 and 3 section record during the last month. She has complied 262 assists, 70 digs, 18 kills, 12 aces and 6 blocks. Her stand out play has helped the #8 state-ranked Raiders to a 10 and 3 overall record and two 1st place tournament finishes at the Westminster and Canon-McMillian Invitationals. For a stellar month, we recognize Bria as the October Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Bria!



The Male Athlete of the Month for October is senior boy's golfer, Lucas Bruns. A co-captain for the team, Lucas led by example with stellar play on the golf course. He was a team medalist in seven of eleven matches and had a team high scoring average of 37 over the regular season. His play led him to a sixth-place finish at WPIAL sectionals and a berth in the WPIAL 3A Boy's Golf Semifinals where he scored an 89. We recognize Lucas as the October Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Lucas!



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