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RENAISSANCE AND ROUTINE

Just as springtime brings us April showers and May flowers, spring sports provide moments of predictability and opportunities of renewal. It would not be a spring season unless Seneca Valley baseball played its annual game at PNC Park. As routines go, this year's annual contest against Kiski provided our student-athletes those "once in a lifetime" moments shared with teammates, family and friends. While the game ended in a 3-3 tie, the evening belonged to the players and coaches of both teams who played a game they love on their "Field of Dreams." The annual tradition of playing at PNC Park was a routine well-received by Raider Baseball and a glimpse of how life can and will welcome us back to normal. In contrast to the ordinary are new opportunities founded in 2021. On Friday, April 23, 2021 the Seneca Valley Track and Field program hosted its first-ever Marcie Peaco 9/10 Invitational benefitting the Amyloidosis Foundation. Thanks in large part to the extraordinary commitment of our track and field community, booster organization and Aiden Kutchma's senior project, this event not only honored Marcie's life and love of our ninth and tenth grade track and field student-athletes, but provided



Aiden's project a philanthropic outcome on behalf of the Amyloidosis Foundation. It was a special night on so many fronts and what resonated with me were the collaborative efforts of so many in making the invitational a meet of opportunity, camaraderie, and community. Whether it is the routine moments of a spring season or



the renaissance opportunities following a lost spring in 2020, the common thread of our Athletics program is the collaborative efforts of our community and District to provide our student-athletes with experiences and memories to last a lifetime. Makes me proud to be a part of the Seneca Valley Community. #SVTogether ■

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, MARCH 2021 (SPRING SPORTS)

The Female Athlete of the Month is senior track and field athlete, **Kiersten Belt**. Kiersten competes in the pole vault, 110m hurdles, and is a member of the 4x400m relay team. Kiersten is ranked second in school history in the pole vault with a height of 10'9". Kiersten has four first-place and three second place finishes in the pole vault to date. The 4x400m relay team that Kiersten is a member of is 5-1 on the season. For an outstanding month and exceptional start to her senior season, we recognize Kiersten as the spring sports March Athlete of the Month. Congratulations and good luck the rest of the season!



The Male Athlete of the Month is senior track and field athlete, **Aiden Kutchma**. Aiden is off to a fantastic start to his senior campaign as he competes in the 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles, 4x100m, and 4x400m relay. On April 10, at the Butler County Class Invitational, Aiden finished in first place with a time of 39.13 breaking the school record. Aiden is currently ranked 4th all-time in Seneca Valley history in the 110m hurdles. To date, Aiden has 12 first place finishes without a loss in both the 110m and 300m hurdles. As a member of the 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay, both relays are 5-1 on the season. For an outstanding start to the season, we recognize Aiden as the spring sports March Athlete of the Month. Congratulations and best of luck the remainder of the season! ■



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2021

More student-athletes continue to make their college commitment official. We congratulate these seniors in achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you are tremendous representatives of our District and we are very proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition and in the community.



Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Mitchell Curran	Football	Millersville University	Business
Adam Davies	Soccer	Rutgers University	Chemistry
Jaden Davinsizer	Basketball	Grove City College	Cyber Security/Comp. Sci.
Meah Groves	Lacrosse	Grove City College	Biology & Health
Elyse Kiggins	Lacrosse	Grove City College	Education
Connor Lyczek	Football	Clarion University	Business
Josh Miller	Football	Cal-University, PA	Exercise Science
Connor Schmidt	Soccer	Westminster College	Business
Matthew Stevens	Swimming	Ithaca College	Undecided
Sydney Sweger	Swimming	Chatham University	Human Biology
Chase Thomas	Soccer	Westminster College	Business Management ■

WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2021-22 – PHYSICAL, DRUG & CONCUSSION TEST DATES

The athletic department has announced its summer physical, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2021-22. Please note these plans are subject to change.

REMINDERS for 2021-22:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2021-22 will be available on [SV Portal](#) starting June 1, 2021 - no paperwork may be completed prior to June 1, 2021.
- **ALL** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than **Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021 by 3 p.m.** Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- Physicals are first come, first served on dates noted – see schedule below. **We do not take reservations in advance. We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after June 1, 2021. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.**

- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must be registered in the [SV Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before competing. Registration **begins** June 1, 2021.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting June 1, 2021.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs to be done every other year.

Physicals, Drug Testing and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 3-7 p.m. - Drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered – **NO** physicals this session.

- Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 8 a.m. – Noon - Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between the hours of 8 a.m. – Noon.
- Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. - Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between the hours of 1-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021 from 3-7 p.m. - Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between the hours of 3-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021 from 8 a.m. – Noon - Drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered – **NO** physicals this session.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. - Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between the hours of 1-3 p.m. ■