



SENECA VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER COMING SOON!

Take a look! The Seneca Valley Aquatic Center is scheduled to open in just a few months. When it does, it will replace the more-than-55-year-old pool (a.k.a Seneca Valley Natatorium) currently on campus. The new pool measures 115'-2" x 60' and will accommodate training and competition for swimming, diving and water polo. It will also be able to accommodate several simultaneous activities, including eight lanes for competition and training and two one-meter springboards. With separation by the bulkhead, swimming and diving can take place at the same time, which the current pool facility does not support. Other activities that might occur include fitness swimming, underwater hockey,



instructional programs, water basketball, water volleyball, log rolling, kayaking, rope climbing, and paddleboard yoga. Having such a facility is an investment in teaching a lifelong fitness activity and the essential

skills that will be with them for a lifetime. View the time-lapse video of the nearly complete facility at <https://youtu.be/N4W9g1tN67s>. ■

SENECA VALLEY RAIDERS – ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2020

The Female Athlete of the Month for September 2020 was freshman girls' golfer **Lihini Ranaweera**. In all 14 regular season matches, Lihini was the top overall medalist in each match. She holds the 9-hole course record at Connoquenessing Country Club, shooting a 35. She shot in the mid to upper 30's in all but two matches this season. Lihini is the first Seneca Valley girls' golfer to win the section tournament with a score of 76 at Black Hawk Golf Course. She played a vital role in helping the Raiders finish section runner-up and qualifying for the WPIAL team playoffs. Lihini competed at the WPIAL Individual Championships on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the famed Oakmont Country Club. For an outstanding month, we recognized Lihini as the September Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Lihini!



The Male Athlete of the Month is junior boys' golfer **Nolan Nicklas**. Nolan was dominant throughout the month of September, as he averaged a score of 36.6. Nolan was the team medalist in 11 out of 12 regular season matches for the Raiders. He scored a season low 33 (-2) against Mars at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. He totaled 13 birdies throughout the season and shot 5 rounds of par or better during match play. Nolan qualified for the WPIAL Individual Championships and he was a key part in helping the Raiders qualify for the WPIAL Team Championships on Monday, Oct. 12, at River Forest Country Club. For an outstanding month, we recognized Nolan as the September Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Nolan! ■



SPECIAL EVENT DATES FOR RAIDER ATHLETICS

Special event dates for the winter season include:

- **Nov. 10, 2020:** Deadline for winter sport paperwork; all papers due in athletic office.
- **Nov. 20, 2020:** 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.

REMINDERS for 2020-21:

- **ALL** paperwork for winter sports due in the athletic office no later than Tuesday, Nov. 10, by 3 p.m. Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE Section 6 form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All required paperwork for 2020-21 athletic participation is available on **SV Portal** or Athletics website. Paperwork includes: PIAA CIPPE Sections 1, 2, 5 & 6; Drug Test Consent Form; COVID-19 Release. ■

FALL SPORTS UPDATES

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

At the time of this writing, the following teams were preparing for their respective WPIAL championships

CROSS COUNTRY: The boys' and girls' cross-country teams will compete in the WPIAL championships on Thursday, Oct. 29. The WPIAL team champion plus the top-10 finishers will all advance to the PIAA championships.

FOOTBALL: WPIAL championships begin Friday, Oct. 30. Seneca Valley travels to North Allegheny for the WPIAL 6A semifinals. The WPIAL championship game for 6A will be played Friday, Nov. 6, at North Hills' Martorelli Stadium.



BOYS SOCCER: Raider boys' soccer, capturing a third consecutive section title and seventh in the past nine years, finished the regular season 11-1-1 and were awarded the number two seed for 4A WPIAL championships. Following a first round bye SV will face the winner of Butler-Canon Mac in the quarterfinals.



GIRLS SOCCER: The girls' varsity soccer team, seeded number eight, began their quest for a second WPIAL title in three years defeating Penn-Trafford 7-1 in the opening round. The Raiders advance to play top-seeded Peters Township.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: Seneca Valley opens post-season play as the number eight seed and will host Greater Latrobe on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The winner of that game advances to play top-seeded North Allegheny on Saturday, Oct. 31. ■

