

# **DIVINE CHILD PLACE THIRD FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR AT THE DOWNRIVER WATERMELON RUN**

**AUGUST 29, 2024**

**79 Degrees**

Divine Child for the second straight year took third place overall as a team at the Downriver Watermelon Run at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, Michigan. Running very short handed without All-Stater Colin Murray, and the absence of Tamer Zahr, Nicholas Nakic and Jacob Boeowicz, the Falcons earned 106 points. These were 4 of the team's top seven runners who didn't participate. Winning the Downriver Watermelon Run was Dearborn High with 91 points, edging out Tecumseh who had 94 points for second place. Taking fourth place was Carleton Airport with 116 pts.

Dearborn Fordson's freshman, Mourad Algahmi, won the race with an outstanding time of 16:53.60. Runner-up was Tecmuseh freshman Harrison Stamper with a time of 17:34.50. Rounding out the top sever finishers were: Grosse Ile junior, Matthew Carbajo (3<sup>rd</sup>) – 17:47.50; Riverview Gabriel Richard sophomore, Jacob Ferdubinski (4<sup>th</sup>) – 17:51.50; Dearborn High's junior, Jason Anderson (5<sup>th</sup>) – 17:51.5 and sophomore Rami Bazzi (6<sup>th</sup>) – 18:08.40; and, Riverview Gabriel Richard junior, Rich Fanti (7<sup>th</sup>) – 18:09.60.



**Maximiliano Juarez (#69) top Divine Child runner**

While Divine Child was running short handed, the team performed well, beginning with Co-Captain junior Maximiliano Juarez and sophomore Joseph Arriola. Juarez (14<sup>th</sup>) – 18:56.10 and Arriola (16<sup>th</sup>) – 18:59.20, ran very well for the Falcons. They ran over a minute and a half ahead of last year’s performance at this meet. Freshmen Landen Bermudez (19<sup>th</sup>) – 19:01.60 and Zachary Barszczowski (27<sup>th</sup>) – 19:25.20, ran an outstanding race and is proving that they deserve to be in the top ten in this program. Rounding out the top seven were: Sophomore Brendan Miller who also ran much faster than he did last year, placing 35<sup>th</sup> with a time of 19:48.90; junior Samuel Corak (60<sup>th</sup>) – 21:05.20; and sophomore Connor Chittaro (74<sup>th</sup>) – 22:01.60.



**Joseph Arriola (#60) and Landen Bermudez (#62) at the One Mile Mark**

Divine Child is scheduled to run Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30PM in the **Erie-Mason Six-Mile Relay's** at Erie-Mason High School. Followed by the **Rambling Rock Cross Country Invitational** at Willow Metropark in New Boston Huron on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.