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SV ATHLETICS

Baseball

Raider 2026 Varsity Baseball came to a close in the opening round of the WPIAL playoffs, as the team fell to Canon-Mac. The Big Macs' bats erupted in the contest and Raider pitchers were unable to cool them off. We will not let this difficult loss overshadow another good season for Raider Baseball. We congratulate this team on making another appearance in the WPIAL playoffs and wish good luck to our departing seniors. Thank you for all of your contributions to the program!

Softball

Following a first-round bye, the second-seeded Raiders faced off against Pine-Richland in the WPIAL 6A semifinals and came away with a 13-2 win. Senior Abby Kalkowski picked up the win, striking out 10 Rams in the game. Offensively, the entire team contributed to the run rule. The win set up the Raiders to face off against Hempfield for the WPIAL 6A title and sole spot in the PIAA bracket – a matchup that has occurred in three of the last four WPIAL championship games. In the end, the Spartan offense was too strong to contain, and the 2026 Raider Softball varsity team came home with the WPIAL runner-up trophy. We thank the Class of '26 and wish each of them all the best!



Track & Field

The Raiders were fortunate to bring home a number of medals from the PIAA 3A State Championship meet. Despite Mother Nature's attempt to challenge the athletes, all of our representatives competed with tremendous tenacity and represented SV well! Here are the results from the 2026 PIAA 3A Track & Field Championships:





- Wheelchair Shot Put: Mitchell Everly (16' 1.5" - **State Champion**)
- Wheelchair Discus: Mitchell Everly (45' 3" - **State Champion**)
- Wheelchair 400m: Mitchell Everly (1:36.01 - **2nd place medalist**)
- Wheelchair 100m: Mitchell Everly (23.03 - **3rd place medalist**)
- Girls Javelin: Addie Weaver (141-9 - **3rd place medalist**); Audrey Wolfe (134-9 - **6th place medalist**)
- Girls High Jump: Jordan Monteleone (5' 5" - **3rd place medalist**)
- Girls 4 x 100 Relay: Aubrey Popp, Kate Skeen, Addison Bokash & Izzy Yuhouse (50.27, 24th place)
- Girls Long Jump: Kate Skeen (17-5,12th place)
- Boys Javelin: Andrew Mejia (160-9, 20th place); Reese Fatur (156-6, 21st place)
- Boys Triple Jump: Dakari Payne (45-5, 10th place); Eddie Strong (42-7.5, 27th place)

Boys Volleyball

As noted in the May issue, Seneca Valley earned the No. 3 seed in the WPIAL 3A championship bracket and following their first-round bye and quarterfinal win over Penn Trafford, the team squared off against Butler in the WPIAL semifinals. The back-and-forth affair saw the Raiders take the first two sets (25-22, 25-23) and the Golden Tornado winning sets three and four (25-20, 25-18), setting up a decisive fifth set for the right to face off against North Allegheny in the WPIAL finals. As has been customary all season, the fifth set brought closely contested competition with SV falling on the wrong side of the score. Up next was the WPIAL consolation match to determine who would be the third team out of the WPIAL to enter the PIAA bracket. On this night, our Raiders rose to the occasion and took the match from Baldwin in four sets (25-20, 25-21, 20-25, 25-12). In PIAA first-round action, the Raiders were on the road at State College. Despite playing some wonderful volleyball, the team fell 3-1 in a tightly contested match. With the loss, the 2026 Raider boys season ended, and we thank our graduating seniors for all they have given to the program. We wish all of them well as they embark on life's next adventure.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, MAY 2026

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The *Captivating Imagery* Female Athlete of the Month for May was senior thrower Addie Weaver. Addie had a stellar end to the track and field season as a javelin thrower. She qualified for the 2026 Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic League (WPIAL) Individual Championships and battled the elements to finish in second place with a throw of 132' 8". She moved onto the 2026 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Individual Championships and earned a bronze medal with a personal best throw of 141' 9," the second-best javelin throw in Seneca Valley track and field history. For a month of outstanding performances, we recognized Addie as the May Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Addie!



The *Captivating Imagery* Male Athlete of the Month for May was track and field freshman Mitchell Everly. Mitchell blazed through the record books in his first year competing as a wheelchair athlete. His times and distances qualified him for the 2026 WPIAL Track and Field Individual Championships where he earned two golds (shotput and discus), one silver (400 Meter) and one bronze (100 Meter). Mitchell qualified for the PIAA Track and Field Individual Championships in all four events and came home a state champion in the shotput and discus and won silver and bronze medals in the 400 and 100 meters, respectively. Mitchell holds the Seneca Valley freshman records in wheelchair shotput (16' 1.5"), discus (45' 3"), 100 meter (21.98) and 400 meters (1:28.49). For an impressive month, we recognized Mitchell as the May Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Mitchell!

WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2026-27

Physical, drug & concussion test dates

The athletic department has announced its summer physical, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2026-27. Please note these plans are subject to change.

REMINDERS for 2026-27:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2026-27 will be available on Parent Portal and the Athletics website starting May 1, 2026. **Reminder:** No paperwork may be completed prior to May 1.
- **ALL fall** sport paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than **Thursday, July 30, at 3 p.m.** Coaches will not accept paperwork on the first day of tryouts.
- Dates for physicals are not yet confirmed. Once dates are set, we will announce. Please note physicals are first come, first served - we do not take reservations in advance. *We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after May 1. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.*
- The PIAA mandates their CIPPE form as the only permissible physical form for the doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must register in the Parent Portal under "Sports Registration" before tryouts/practice begin. Registration opens May 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting May 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs completed every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.

Summer Drug Testing and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- **Tuesday, July 7,** from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 8,** from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m.
  - 60 physicals from 8 a.m.-Noon; 30 physicals from 1-3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 28,** from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 29,** from 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3 p.m.
  - 60 physicals from 8 a.m.-Noon

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2026

Raider student-athletes have recently made their college commitment official, officially signing to attend their college of choice. We congratulate these seniors for achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you is a tremendous representative of Raider Athletics and we are immensely proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Alaina Cairns	Cheer	Penn State University	Communications
Olivia Donato	Cheer	Penn State University	Psychology & Biobehavioral Health
Eva Michaels	Cheer	Duquesne University	Health Science/Physician Assistant

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