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Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame

Eleventh Induction Weekend Held

It has now been eleven years since the formation and first induction class of the Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame. This year's induction weekend continued the tradition of honoring Fox Chapel Area's fine athletes past and present.

The weekend began on Saturday, June 2 with the annual golf outing at Birdsfoot Golf Club. Fifteen foursomes came out to play and laugh with past honorees Ed Boyle, Jim Perry, Sally Sheerer, Larry John and this year's inductees Larry Goodrich and Lainie Black-Timko.

Along with Larry and Lainie, Ron Livingston, Amanda (Lyle) Kovach and Jerry Zaleski were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at the banquet on Sunday, June 3. Each of these athletes exemplifies the tradition of athletic excellence that the Sports Hall of Fame was founded to honor. This group includes athletes who have competed at the highest levels of both high school and collegiate

athletics. Their excellence both while in high school and beyond has and continues to garner them acclaim.

In addition to these athletes, the Hall of Fame also recognized the 1943 Aspinwall football team that captured the WPIAL Class B Championship with an undefeated and unscored upon season.

The Fuhrer Family Scholarship this year was awarded to Johnny Hastings. Johnny was a three-year starter and senior captain on the boys basketball and baseball teams leading both programs to consecutive WPIAL playoff appearances. Johnny earned all section honors in basketball and was a catalyst at shortstop for the baseball team. We all wish him well as he continues his baseball career at John Carroll University next fall.



Spring Sports Success

The spring sports season at Fox Chapel Area High School was filled with successes on multiple levels.

On the diamond the boys baseball team posted a record of 12-3 and qualified for the WPIAL playoffs for the second consecutive season. The team will send four players to college programs next season, Joe Noro, Chris Murphy, John Hastings and Tiph Harner. Good luck boys.

The track team continued strong showings this spring. At the WPIAL championships, Sophomore Matt Kann placed 2nd in the discus and Junior Rachel Humphrey placed 2nd in the 3200 meters. Both athletes continued on to the PIAA championships where Matt Kann placed 6th in the discus. With these two athletes returning next season, FC track's future looks bright.

The boys tennis team captured another section title with record of 11 wins and 1 loss before being ousted from the WPIAL tournament in the quarterfinals. Senior Evan Verbosky qualified for the WPIAL tournament in both singles and doubles.

The boys volleyball team followed up last season's WPIAL championship by again reaching the WPIAL finals before falling to North Allegheny 3-1 in the finals.

Congratulations to all the spring athletes who have brought pride through their success, good sportsmanship and hard work. Thanks to all our spring sports coaches for the leadership they provide to their teams.

Did We Miss Someone?

Do you know a worthy candidate who has not yet been recognized by the Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame. We are always looking for quality student-athletes from Fox Chapel Area as well as those who graduated prior to the school merger to add to the ranks of those honored to date. If you know of a quality candidate, please take a few minutes to nominate him or her for induction.

Please send a completed nomination form (found below) along with all pertinent biographical information to:

Nominations
Sports Hall of Fame
PO Box 38124
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Nominations must be submitted to the committee by January 1, 2007 to be taken into consideration for the class of 2007.

Name _____ (Include Maiden Name)	Home Phone _____
Nickname _____	High School (Year Grad) _____
Home Address _____ _____	College (Year Grad) _____
Birth date _____ Birthplace _____	In addition to the above information please include a list of high school, college, and post college athletic achievements and honors along with dates and number of years in order of importance.

Submitted by _____	Home Phone _____

Walk of Fame Brick Orders

The Fox Chapel Area "Walk of Fame" continues to grow. Recent additions to the "Walk of Fame" have increased its size to over 300 bricks. It is a great graduation gift or way to commemorate your family's involvement with Fox Chapel Area Schools. Proceeds from the sale of the pavers benefit facility improvements for all athletes here at FCAHS. Purchase a paver by completing the form and sending a \$50 check to:

Shane Billings
C/O FCAHS
611 Field Club Rd
Pgh, PA 15238

"Walk of Fame" Paver Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone:(____) _____

Paver Message (14 characters per line)



Did you know?

Did you know the WPIAL sanctions 23 varsity sports and Fox Chapel Area fields teams in the largest classification of each sport. For the 2006-2007 school year the numbers produced by the 23 varsity sports are once again quite impressive.

- 16 of 23 teams posted winning records
- 14 of 23 teams qualified as teams for the WPIAL playoffs and/or sent individuals to the WPIAL championships
- 1 WPIAL Team Champion (boys golf)
- 2 WPIAL Team Runner-up (girls swimming and diving, and boys volleyball)
- 5 other teams finished in the top eight of the WPIAL (boys swimming and diving, boys basketball, girls cross-country, boys tennis, boys soccer)
- 6 teams won section titles (boys basketball, girls cross-country, boys golf, boys soccer, girls swimming and diving, boys tennis)
- Adam Hofmann – WPIAL boys golf individual champion
- Girls Swimming Freestyle Relay – WPIAL champion
- 10 programs sent teams or individuals to the PIAA playoffs or Individual Championships

- 10 of 11 boys programs sent teams or individuals to the WPIAL playoffs or individual championships
- Fox Chapel Area Athletics finished with a cumulative overall record of 215-118 for a winning percentage of 64.6% and a cumulative section record of 145-81 for a winning percentage of 64%
- Fox Chapel Area Boys' teams had an overall record of 121-48 (71.5%) and a section record of 76-27 (73.8%)

All this was done while participating against the best competition in Western PA and while our PIAA enrollment (1177) is dwarfed by the likes of NA (2096), Butler (2091) and Mt Lebanon (1461).

Fox Chapel Area Athletics are strong and healthy. Despite mounting pressures the programs have continued to succeed. Credit should be given to the athletes and the coaches who have worked with them from middle school through the varsity level to develop the skills, the attitude and the work ethic necessary for success.

Our Mission

The Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame was formed with three goals in mind: to honor those individuals that have demonstrated excellence in athletics during or after their enrollment at Fox Chapel Area High School, or those individuals that have contributed greatly to the success of those athletes, to endow scholarships for our current male and female athletes, and to supplement and improve our current athletic facilities. We hope that you share our goals. Our membership is open to any individual interested in achieving these goals.

Executive Committee: S. Billings, E. Boyle, J. Broderick, D. Damico, G. Damico, B. Elder, M. Flowers, R. Frank, H. Jenkins, R. Kriston, C. Lodge, H. Lodge, T. Massack, C. Mesiano, M. O'Brien, J. Perry, D. Progar, D. Ware, D. Welty, K. Williams

Fox Chapel Area Schools Hall of Fame Membership Application

Please Print All Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Membership level

____ 3 year \$25 ____ Bronze \$25-100

____ Lifetime \$100 ____ Silver \$101-250

____ Family Annual \$25 ____ Gold \$ 251-500

____ Platinum \$501+

**Mail completed application to:
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A Busy Summer

There is a great deal of activity going on at the high school this spring and summer.

The major renovation will take place at the stadium. A new state of the art "field turf" surface is being installed and will be ready for use by football, soccer and field hockey in the fall. In addition seating for games is being updated with the addition of seat backs for reserved seating at games. The walkways and areas surrounding the field will also be completely redone.

Plans are also underway for updates of the track, baseball and softball fields. Stop by this fall and see the improvements.

This summer a number of programs will also be sponsoring camps and programs for the youth of the district. Football, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Wrestling are just a few of the programs running summer activities for students. Please contact the coaches of these programs for details.

Schedules for fall sports will soon be available through the athletic office and the school district web site. As Fox Chapel athletics continues to move forward, we hope all of our alumni and friends will take some time to spread the word and lead their voice to support the Foxes.

About Our Organization...

The Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame is a member organization of the Fox Chapel Excellence for Education Fund, Inc. The Fund is registered as a charitable

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