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Board Of Control Update

The Board of Control held its annual winter meeting on December 10, 2008. The following are highlights from the meeting.

- Accepted and approved the new classifications and region alignments for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years from the classification committee.
- Approved, with minor changes, the 2009 spring bulletins
- Accepted the 2008 fall financial report, 2008 fall sports' reports and the 2009 winter sports' updates.
- The Baseball Committee announced their intentions to present a sportsmanship award at the state baseball tournament annually.
- Accepted and approved new language providing athletic equity for students with disabilities based on new State of Maryland legislation. The amendment will now be moved to local school system superintendents for approval prior to consideration before the state board of education.

Basketball Draw

The MPSSAA boys and girls basketball committees are planning for the draw of the state basketball tournament scheduled to be held on Feb. 22, 2008. The draw will be held at Long Reach High School. Check the basketball page on the www.MPSSAA.org Web site for the latest news regarding directions and the start time of the draw. Coaches, athletes, and fans are encouraged to attend.

Coaches are reminded that the tournament will allow the top four teams in each region to be seeded based on their regular-season win-loss record (excluding holiday tournaments). The remaining teams in each region will be placed on the bracket by a blind draw. Region directors must verify and submit to the state committee on the morning of the draw the official records of each of their region's teams through Saturday, Feb. 21.

Allstate Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Details Coming Soon

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce for the second consecutive year a scholarship opportunity for eight graduating high school athletes. The Minds in Motion Scholarship, sponsored by Allstate insurance company, will be awarded to four female and four male senior scholar athletes who attend a MPSSAA school and participate in MPSSAA recognized sports. The \$1000 scholarships will be awarded toward post secondary education for qualifying applicants and will be presented to the eight winners at a luncheon in May. Details on application procedures and deadlines will be announced on MPSSAA.org in the coming weeks.

Marines Educational Workshops

The Marines invite you to attend the U.S. Marine Corps' Educators Workshop going from Jan. 5-9 and from Feb. 10-13.

The Educator Workshop is an all-expense paid trip to Parris Island, SC, to show public and private high school and college educators what Marine Corps Basic Training is all about. Over the course of four days, they will show you every aspect of a recruits training, from checking into 'The Island' all the way up to graduation day. You will see how recruits are transformed from unproven, young adults into polished, disciplined leaders.

Some of the highlights include:

- Q&A with the Commanding General of Eastern Recruiting Region
- Swim Training
- Confidence Course
- Firing Range
- The Crucible
- Graduation Parade

Attendees in the past have learned a lot about the Marine Corps, and had a great time in the process. This trip is all-inclusive. All airfare, lodging, and meals will be provided at no cost to you. Space is limited with ONLY 40 spots reserved for each trip. If you have questions or are interested, please call Sergeant Jimmy Bention at 410-379-5709 for the January trip or Sergeant Athanasios Genos at 877-323-9399 for the February trip.



EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

Edward "Ned" Sparks
Executive Director, MPSSAA

The status quo no longer works. If today's financial pressures have not already affected you, than you are either very lucky or very much out of touch. Terms like bailouts, foreclosures, bankruptcies, credit freezes, layoffs, and furloughs are becoming all too common. Some politicians and members of the media have compared today's woes to the Great Depression. Unfortunately that type of hyperbole only demonstrates a true misunderstanding of how bad the potential is for the situation to become.

Comparing today's unemployment rate of 6.7% to one of 25% in the 1930's misses the reality of that time. Comparing the many government social safety net programs of today to the very few of the Depression era ignores the facts. About one-third of all banks failed during the Depression and there was no Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to insure people's deposits. The current financial emergency is about 12 weeks old. The Great Depression lasted for 12 years. Parents and grandparents can provide antidotal evidence of individual family's struggles with unemployment, loss of family businesses and farms as well as major struggles just to make ends meet.

In the mist of all that turmoil, the education system of America provided a stabilizing force that helped to anchor communities. Schools provided a constant that helped to knit societies. Similarly, just as today, the interscholastic sports programs played a major role within school communities and society in general. School athletics remained intact during the Depression because it supported the fundamental values of our American culture. It spoke to the core beliefs that our nation holds sacred.

A recent poll on the MPSSAA website affirmed those same benefits of school athletics. Those that responded on the website listed the top-five benefits of school athletics to be; character development, learning the concept of "team," greater self-esteem and self-confidence, learning self-discipline and learning to deal with adversity. In the mid 1930's as in 2008, the values that help form our basic principles remain intact. Circumstances might change, but human nature remains constant. As in coaching, it all boils down to fundamentals.

No doubt that today's climate will require adjustments to be made to our athletic programs. Some of those things will be; reduced travel, scaled back scheduling, and reduced equipment and official's budgets. Items like championship jewelry and other hardware could easily become superfluous. While much of the fluff might be stripped away, the basic principles of education based athletics will continue to enhance the total educational program. Perhaps a silver lining of what might come our way will be a renewed focus on what is really important. As economic pressures tighten, let us never forget the true worth of school sports lies in the values it teaches young people.

WRAP-UP

STATE CHAMPIONS FALL 2008

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys		Girls	
1A	Bohemia Manor	1A	Bohemia Manor
2A	Mount Hebron	2A	River Hill (2 nd Consecutive)
3A	Atholton	3A	Towson
4A	Walter Johnson	4A	CM Wright (2 nd Consecutive)

FIELD HOCKEY

1A	Pocomoke (6 th Consecutive)
2A	Kent Island
3A	Fallston (2 nd Consecutive)
4A	Severna Park (3 rd Consecutive)

FOOTBALL

1A	Dunbar (3 rd Consecutive)
2A	River Hill (2 nd Consecutive)
3A	Westlake
4A	Sherwood

GOLF

2A-1A	Winston Churchill
4A-3A	North Point

Individual Boy Josh Eure, South River
Individual Girl Haeun Lee, Smithsburg

SOCCER

Boys		Girls	
1A	Pocomoke (4 th Consecutive)	1A	Glenelg (3 rd Consecutive)
2A	J.M. Bennett	2A	River Hill (3 rd Consecutive)
3A	Tuscarora	3A	Bethesda-CC
4A	Bowie	4A	Leonardtwn

VOLLEYBALL

1A	Poolesville
2A	Liberty
3A	Centennial
4A	Broadneck (2 nd Consecutive)

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

Soccer

Boys: Boonsboro
Girls: Bethesda-CC

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River Hill

Football

Linganore

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2009-2011 Region Alignments

4A Classification			3A Classification			2A Classification			1A Classification		
West	Bethesda-CC	Mtg	West	Frederick	Fre	West	Century	Car	West	Allegany	All
West	Blair	Mtg	West	Linganore	Fre	West	Francis Scott Key	Car	West	Fort Hill	All
West	Churchill	Mtg	West	Tuscarora	Fre	West	Liberty	Car	West	Mountain Ridge	All
West	Gaithersburg	Mtg	West	Blake	Mtg	West	North Carroll	Car	West	Manchester Valley	Car
West	Magruder	Mtg	West	Clarksburg	Mtg	West	South Carroll	Car	West	Brunswick	Fre
West	Northwest	Mtg	West	Damascus	Mtg	West	Winters Mill	Car	West	Catoctin	Fre
West	Paint Branch	Mtg	West	Einstein	Mtg	West	Middletown	Fre	West	Northern (Gar.)	G
West	Richard Montgomery	Mtg	West	Kennedy	Mtg	West	Walkersville	Fre	West	Southern (Gar.)	G
West	Sherwood	Mtg	West	Northwood	Mtg	West	Poolesville	Mtg	West	Boonsboro	Was
West	Springbrook	Mtg	West	Quince Orchard	Mtg	West	Rockville	Mtg	West	Clear Spring	Was
West	Walt Whitman	Mtg	West	Seneca Valley	Mtg	West	Wheaton	Mtg	West	Hancock	Was
West	Walter Johnson	Mtg	West	Watkins Mill	Mtg	West	North Hagerstown	Was	West	Smithsburg	Was
West	Wootton	Mtg	West	South Hagerstown	Was	North	Chesapeake	B Co	West	Williamsport	Was
North	Dulaney	B Co	North	Catonsville	B Co	North	Dundalk	B Co	North	Bohemia Manor	Cec
North	Kenwood	B Co	North	Franklin	B Co	North	Eastern Technical	B Co	North	Perryville	Cec
North	Perry Hall	B Co	North	Hereford	B Co	North	Lansdowne	B Co	North	Carver A&T	B Co
North	Woodlawn	B Co	North	Milford Mill	B Co	North	Overlea	B Co	North	Loch Raven	B Co
North	Patterson	Balt	North	Parkville	B Co	North	Randallstown	B Co	North	New Town	B Co
North	Southwestern	Balt	North	Patapsco	B Co	North	City	Balt	North	Owings Mills	B Co
North	Westminster	Car	North	Towson	B Co	North	Digital Harbor	Balt	North	Pikesville	B Co
North	Thomas Johnson	Fre	North	Mergenthaler	Balt	North	Douglass	Balt	North	Sparrows Point	B Co
North	Urbana	Fre	North	Poly	Balt	North	Edmondson/Westside	Balt	North	Western STES	B Co
South	Bladensburg	PG	North	Western	Balt	North	Samuel Banks	Balt	North	Harford Tech	Hfd
South	Bowie	PG	North	Aberdeen	Hfd	North	Walbrook	Balt	North	Havre de Grace	Hfd
South	C H Flowers	PG	North	C. Milton Wright	Hfd	South	Southern (AA)	AA	North	Joppatowne	Hfd
South	Dr. Henry A Wise Jr	PG	North	North Harford	Hfd	South	Calvert	Cal	North	Patterson Mill	Hfd
South	Duval	PG	South	Huntingtown	Cal	South	Patuxent	Cal	South	Carver Vo-Tech	Balt
South	Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	South	Northern (Cal.)	Cal	South	McDonough	Cha	South	Dunbar	Balt
South	High Point	PG	South	La Plata	Cha	South	Glenelg	How	South	Forest Park	Balt
South	Laurel	PG	South	Lackey	Cha	South	Hammond	How	South	Lake Clifton	Balt
South	Northwestern (PG)	PG	South	Thomas Stone	Cha	South	Long Reach	How	South	Northwestern	Balt
South	Oxon Hill	PG	South	Westlake	Cha	South	Marriotts Ridge	How	South	Reginald Lewis	Balt
South	Parkdale	PG	South	Crossland	PG	South	Oakland Mills	How	South	Southside Academy	Balt
South	Suitland	PG	South	Friendly	PG	South	Central	PG	South	W.E.B. DuBois	Balt
East	Annapolis	AA	South	Largo	PG	South	Frederick Douglass	PG	South	Fairmont Heights	PG
East	Arundel	AA	South	Potomac	PG	South	Gwynn Park	PG	South	Forestville	PG
East	Broadneck	AA	South	Chopticon	StM	East	Elkton	Cec	South	Surrattsville	PG
East	Chesapeake	AA	East	Northeast (AA)	AA	East	North East (Cecil)	Cec	East	Colonel Richardson	Cin
East	Glen Burnie	AA	East	Atholton	How	East	Rising Sun	Cec	East	Cambridge	Dor
East	Meade	AA	East	Centennial	How	East	North Caroline	Cin	East	North Dorchester	Dor
East	North County	AA	East	Howard	How	East	Bel Air	Hfd	East	Kent	K
East	Old Mill	AA	East	Mt. Hebron	How	East	Edgewood	Hfd	East	Crisfield	Som
East	Severna Park	AA	East	Reservoir	How	East	Fallston	Hfd	East	Washington	Som
East	South River	AA	East	River Hill	How	East	Kent Island	Qa	East	Saint Michaels	Tal
East	North Point	Cha	East	Wilde Lake	How	East	Queen Anne's	Qa	East	Mardela	Wic
East	Great Mills	StM	East	J. M. Bennett	Wic	East	Easton	Tal	East	Pocomoke	Wor
East	Leonardtown	StM	East	Stephen Decatur	Wor	East	Parkside	Wic	East	Snow Hill	Wor
						East	Wicomico	Wic			

MPSSAA Spring Rules Interpretation Clinics

Attendance at a rules interpretation clinic is a certification requirement for officials assigned to MPSSAA contests—both regular and post-season play. COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Please continue to check the officials page on MPSSAA.org for the latest information on all clinic dates. You may also email Bill Burroughs at bburroug@msde.state.md.us.

Baseball - Tom O'Harra, Interpreter (410) 335-5107

Jan 267:00 pmMason-DixonLoch Raven HS
 Feb 28:00 pmFree State/Frederick CoWinters Mill HS
 Feb 37:00 pmNortheastern.....Bel Air HS
 Feb 10.....6:00 pmAnne ArundelAA Co Bd of Education
 Feb 11.....7:30 pmMetropolitan WashingtonHigh Point HS
 Feb 12.....6:30 pmWashington CoWilliamsport HS
 Feb 18.....7:00 pmAtlantic Coast/No BaysideCambridge-SD HS, E-124
 Feb 19.....7:00 pmMid Atlantic/Howard CoHammond HS
 Feb 23.....7:00 pmTri StateMountain Ridge HS
 Feb 25.....6:00 pmSouthern Dist/Mid Atlantic/CalvertWestlake HS

Softball - Al Palmer, Interpreter (301) 924-2464

Feb 27:00 pmFree State/Frederick CoWinters Mill HS
 Feb 38:00 pmNortheastern.....Bel Air HS
 Feb 47:00 pmGreater WashingtonStorm Water Mgmt. @ Fairland
 Feb 96:00 pmAnne ArundelBroadneck HS
 Feb 107:00 pmBBOWSLansdowne HS
 Feb 127:30 pmWashington CoWilliamsport HS
 Feb 187:00 pmLower Shore/No BaysideCambridge-SD HS, E-124
 Feb 238:00 pmTri StateMountain Ridge HS
 Feb 257:00 pmCalvert/Charles Co/Tri CountyWestlake HS
 Feb 267:00 pmMontgomery CoRockville HS, Cafeteria

Boys Lacrosse - Jim Bateman, Interpreter (717) 774-1879

Jan 267:00 pmPotomac LacrosseLandon HS
 Feb 47:00 pmWestern Maryland.....Thomas Johnson HS

Feb 96:00 pmAnne ArundelBroadneck HS
 Feb 237:00 pmSLOACCBC/Essex
 Feb 256:00 pmSouthern MarylandWestlake HS
 Mar 27:00 pmEastern ShoreCambridge-SD HS, E-124

Girls Lacrosse - Sue Diffenderffer, Interpreter (410) 329-1991

Feb 96:00 pmAnne ArundelBroadneck HS
 Feb 117:00 pmHoward/Carroll.....Liberty HS
 Feb 177:00 pmBaysideParkside HS
 Feb 187:00 pmWestern Maryland.....Thomas Johnson HS
 Feb 237:00 pmBBOWSMilford Mill HS, Cafeteria
 Feb 247:00 pmHarford/Cecil CoAberdeen HS
 Feb 256:00 pmSouthern MarylandWestlake HS
 Feb 267:00 pmMont. Co Girls Lax OfficialsSpringbrook HS

Track and Field - Steve Smith, Interpreter (410) 887-4266 x478

Feb 96:00 pmAnne ArundelBroadneck HS
 Feb 117:00 pmEastern ShoreCambridge-SD HS, E-134
 Feb 236:30 pmBaltimore CoBoard of Education, ESS-114
 Feb 246:00 pmCecil/Harford CoAberdeen HS
 Feb 256:00 pmSouthern MarylandWestlake HS
 Feb 267:00 pmCarroll/HowardGlenelg HS
 Mar 11:00 pmFrederick/Wash CoHagerstown CC
 Mar 37:00 pmMaryland Officials ClubForest Park HS
 Mar 47:00 pmMontgomery CoBlake HS
 Mar 57:00 pmAllegany/Garrett CoMountain Ridge HS
 Mar 97:00 pmPrince George's CoC.H. Flowers HS

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WINTER

Dates to Remember

2008-2009

Jan 13Girls Field Hockey Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel

Jan 15Cross Country Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Jan 21Girls Volleyball Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Jan 22Football Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Feb 5Wrestling Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Feb 3B & G Soccer Committees
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Feb 14Indoor Track Committee
Milford Mill Academy—Baltimore

Feb 16Swimming Committee
Holiday Inn Laurel West

Feb 22Basketball Tournament Draw
Long Reach HS

Mar 1.....Wrestling Committee—
Blake HS—Silver Spring

Indoor TrackEntry application deadline: **See Bulletin**
Region Meets: **Jan 30-Feb 11**
Finals: **Feb 16/17**

BasketballEntry application deadline: **Mar 3-B, Mar 4-G**
Regionals: **Feb 27-Mar 7**
Semifinals: **Mar 12/13**
Finals: **Mar 14**

SwimmingEntry application deadline: **See Bulletin**
Regionals: **Feb 14**
Finals: **Feb 21**

WrestlingDual Meet Team entry form due: **Feb 2**
Dual Meet Regionals: **Feb 11**
Dual Meet Finals: **Feb 14**
Tournament Regionals: **Feb 27-28**
Tournament Finals: **Mar 6-7**