Scout Print Edition Says Goodbye

In the fall of 1984 the first Scout Newsletter was published, carrying a very familiar look to that of the Scout 26 years later. After 26 years and a completely different world in the way news and information is dispersed, the Scout as you know it in print edition says its’ good bye.

Beginning in the Fall 2010 the MPSSAA will develop a new electronic form of the Scout newsletter that will be available at www.mpssaa.org and emailed to member schools. The new format will be designed to consistently keep schools up-to-date with latest information from the MPSSAA.

Fall Practice Start Date Reminder

Member schools are reminded of the 2010 fall sports season will be August 14. Below is a calendar of the upcoming start dates over the next five years.

UPCOMING FALL SPORT START DATES

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As the school year ends, let us be sure to thank our sponsors for helping us serve students throughout Maryland. When making decisions about purchasing items for work, school, or home, don’t forget those that have invested in Maryland student athletes.

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MPSSAA Holds Scholar Athlete Luncheon

The 2010 Allstate Foundation Minds in Motion Scholarship Awards luncheon was held on June 2, 2010 at M&T Bank Stadium. The MPSSAA, partnered with the Allstate Insurance Company, awarded eight student athletes $1000 scholarships toward their college education. The eight award winners hailed from all over the state and were recognized for their achievements not only on the athletic field, but in the classroom as well.

Each recipient was introduced with their list of impressive credentials which included a GPA of 3.95 or better and 12 seasons of athletic participation. Mark Bradley from Easton HS, Joe Cuff, Jr. from Liberty HS, Ryan Delaney from Mountain Ridge HS, Lindsey DiAntonio from Marriotts Ridge HS, Elizabeth French from Century HS, Devon Harman from Stephen Decatur HS, Rachel Novosad from Northwest HS, and Simon Shahinian from Churchill HS awed the audience with the quality and quantity of their accomplishments and activities.

MPSSAA Sending Nine to National Student Leadership Conference

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce it will participate in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Ind., for the second consecutive year. The MPSSAA will be sending nine student delegates to participate in the conference from July 15-18. Students will attend workshops, assist in a community service project and develop action plans for the MPSSAA and their respective schools.

The MPSSAA delegates include Beth Mahr (Westminster), Alyssa Parkhurst (Paint Branch), Janae Nelson (High Point), Molly Managhan (La Plata), Joseph Yarn (Oakland Mills), Kyle Chaillou (Kenwood), Brook-Lynn Williams (Aberdeen), Victoria Spies (Colonel Richardson) and Deontae Christian (Southside Academy).

2010-11 Seeds Announced

Semifinal pairings for the 2010-11 MPSSAA state tournaments were determined by draw at the April 30, 2010, meeting of the Board of Control. The semifinal pairings in the state tournament are as follows:

No. 1 West | No. 2 South | Championship Game | No. 3 North

No. 4 East

Important Dates To Remember

First Day of Fall Practice: August 14, 2010
First Day of Winter Practice: November 15, 2010
First Day of Spring Practice (2011): March 1, 2011
EXECUTIVE’S CORNER

Edward “Ned” Sparks
Executive Director, MPSSAA

One of the truly dynamic aspects of the United States of America is its duality as a mighty and powerful nation yet made up of 50 unique states, each with their own identity. That’s 50 different state flags, songs, flowers, mottos and countless other sources of local pride. While reading “Maryland Crab Cakes” on a menu in some distant state will make me smile with pride, I know that if ordered they will fall far short of what is served in numerous eateries across the Free State. The same could probably be said for Carolina Bar-B Que, Texas Chili or Vermont Maple Syrup.

A significant source of identity and pride for each state are the high school state championships. They are a phenomenon that is truly American. They represent the ultimate athletic prize for each generation of high school participants. They bring out the best in the values that schools and their communities rank in importance.

Everyone has a connection to high school. That is as a future or current student, staff member, parent, alumni or a combination of the aforementioned. The fabric of America is woven with the thread of the high school experience. The sense of community originates in the school. Think how important it is to the community when the school does well. It becomes a matter of pride. Witness the number of tee shirts, jackets, sweats, bumper and window stickers that proclaim high school athletic success. Conversely, think how scandalous it is when something goes terribly wrong at school.

The quest for a state championship becomes an important goal for every varsity team. That process usually takes several years of preparation. It is further complicated by the task of managing the delicate balance of all the personalities. The effort put forth by those in pursuit of a state title serves to validate the importance of the games. The passage of time brings to the participants the realization that the important things are not the hardware or bling but rather the recognition of the effort needed to achieve.

State championships are the legacy of young adults learning some of life’s most important lessons through the pursuit of a common goal. Those achievements become permanently chronicled for future generations to emulate. Those shining moments live on in both the individual and collective relationships of the team, school and community. No doubt, each year the quest of millions of high school students across America to become the champion of their state helps define to the world just who we are.

WRAP-UP

STATE CHAMPIONS
Spring 2010

BASEBALL
1A St. Michaels
2A North Hagerstown
3A CM Wright
4A Sherwood

SOFTBALL
1A Allegany
2A Easton
3A Northern (Cal.)
(3rd Consecutive)
4A Broadneck
(2nd Consecutive)

TRACK & FIELD

Boys
1A Carver Vo-Tech
2A Oakland Mills
3A Reservoir
4A Thomas Johnson
(2nd Consecutive)

Girls
1A Smithsburg
2A North Hagerstown
3A Western
(2nd Consecutive)
4A C.H. Flowers

LACROSSE

Boys
2A-1A Queen Anne’s
3A-2A Hereford
(3rd Consecutive)
4A-3A Severna Park

Girls
2A-1A Winters Mill
3A-2A Century
(2nd Consecutive)
4A-3A South River

TENNIS

Boy’s Singles Michael Razumovsky - Pikesville
Boy’s Doubles Mateo Cevallos & Alex Hahn - Wootton
Girl’s Singles Katelyn Stokes - Eleanor Roosevelt
(2nd Consecutive)
Girl’s Doubles Nicky Gottret & Sarah Macy - Walt Whitman
Mixed Doubles Audrey Cheng & Nathan Huber - River Hill

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BASEBALL
Clear Spring

BOY’S LACROSSE
Queen Anne’s

GIRLS LACROSSE
Patterson Mill

SOFTBALL
Easton
**Official MPSSAA Balls**

**Field Hockey**  
**Sponsor:** Longstreth  
**Official Ball:** Longstreth Chingford multi-turf balls or multi-turf TK Longstreth ball

**Soccer**  
**Sponsor:** Brine  
**Official Ball:** Brine Championship Soccer Ball

**Football**  
**Sponsor:** Wilson  
**Official Ball:** Wilson F1003GST

**Volleyball**  
**Sponsor:** Spalding (2010)  
**Official Ball:** Spalding TF-4000  
**Sponsor:** Molten (2011)  
**Official Ball:** Molten IV58L Super Touch

**Basketball**  
**Sponsor:** Spalding  
**Official Ball:** Spalding TF-1000

**Baseball**  
**Sponsor:** Rawlings  
**Official Ball:** Rawlings R100-MD

**Softball**  
**Sponsor:** Dudley  
**Official Ball:** OPTIC YELLOW version of Dudley SB12LND-FP

**Lacrosse**  
**Sponsor:** Harrow  
**Official Ball:** Harrow Lacrosse Ball

**Tennis**  
**Sponsor:** Wilson  
**Official Ball:** Wilson T1001

**MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference**

The MPSSAA will be hosting the inaugural MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference on August 10, 2010 at Oakland Mills High School.

The Student-Athlete Leadership Conference is designed to develop student leadership skills that enhance sportsmanship, promote teamwork, time management, perspective, inclusion, healthy lifestyle and community service. These positive values have been well documented through research as benefits of participating in interscholastic athletics.

The structure of the conference provides student interaction through dynamic guest speakers and interactive workshops. Students will develop action plans and create their own solutions for enhancing sportsmanship, leadership and community involvement in their own school setting.

Students who have registered through their school should plan to arrive at 8:00 am. The first opening session will begin at 8:45.

There are a few spots remaining for student-athletes and any schools wishing to send additional delegates should contact the MPSSAA office.

**Tentative Agenda**

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**MPSSAA Fall 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 check our web site (www.mpssaa.org) or call the MPSSAA office, 410-767-0555 or Bill Burroughs at 410-767-0375 to verify any changes in date, time, or location of clinics. Highlighted dates below have yet to be confirmed.

**Field Hockey - Vicki Rill, Interpreter**

- Aug 9 ...7:00 pm ..Howard/Carroll .....................Marriotts Ridge HS
- Aug 10 ...7:00 pm ..Northern Eastern Shore ..............Easton HS
- Aug 11 ...6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel ......................AA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
- Aug 12 ...7:00 pm ..Montgomery Co. ..................CESC BoE Office Cafeteria
- Aug 16 ...7:00 pm ..Frederick ..........................Walkersville HS
- Aug 17 ...6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland ..................Patuxent HS
- Aug 18 ...7:00 pm ..BBOWS .............................Owings Mills HS
- Aug 19 ...7:00 pm ..Lower Eastern Shore .................Parkside

**Soccer - Bill Warren, Interpreter**

- July 26 ...7:00 pm ..Bayside ................................Parkside HS
- July 27 ...7:00 pm ..WMSOA/Appalachian ................Frederick HS
- July 29 ...7:00 pm ..Allegany/Garrett ..................Mountain Ridge HS
- Aug 3 ...7:00 pm ..Metro Washington Area ...............Paint Branch HS
- Aug 9 ...7:00 pm ..Old Line ......................Westminster HS
- Aug 11 ...6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co. ..................AA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
- Aug 12 ...7:00 pm ..Mason-Dixon/BBOWS .................Owings Mills HS
- Aug 17 ...6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/CASRA ..........Patuxent HS
- Aug 19 ...7:00 pm ..Harford County ....................Ramada Conf. Ctr. (Edgewood)

**Football - Bill Witte, Interpreter**

- July 27 ...7:00 pm ..Bayside .......................American Legion (Salisbury)
- July 29 ...7:00 pm ..Potomac Valley ..................Allegany College CE Building
- Aug 3 ...7:00 pm ..Washington Co .....................Hagerstown JC (ATC 121)
- Aug 4 ...7:00 pm ..Northeastern/Delaware ..........Bel Air HS
- Aug 7 ...9:00 am ..Washington District ..............Eleanor Roosevelt HS

**Volleyball - Phyllis Coleman, Interpreter**

- July 26 ...7:30 pm ..Allegany-Garrett/Washington Co .....Hancock HS
- Aug 2 ...7:00 pm ..NEMOA .............................Harford Tech HS
- Aug 4 ...7:00 pm ..Central Maryland/Frederick ........Century HS
- Aug 7 ...10:00 am ..National Capital ....................Eleanor Roosevelt HS
- Aug 11 ...6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co. ..................AA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
- Aug 12 ...7:00 pm ..BBOWS .............................Owings Mills HS
- Aug 16 ...7:00 pm ..Northern/Lower Shore ..........North Dorchester HS
- Aug 17 ...8:00 pm ..Tri-County .........................Patuxent HS
SUMMER

 Dates to Remember
 August 14 - 1st practice day for Fall Sports
 August 14 - 1st play date for Golf
 Sept. 3 - 1st play date for other Fall Sports

 Summer Check Off For Coaches
 __________ Equipment collected, repaired, and stored away
 __________ New equipment ordered
 __________ Summer addresses & phone numbers on file
 __________ Statistics & records completed & updated
 __________ Medical forms & parent permission slips for Fall sports distributed
 __________ Fall schedules completed, typed and distributed
 __________ Vacation planned

 Have a great summer!