

# *FALL SPORTS 2020*

## *MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION*

### *GO HAWKS GO!!!*

*FROM THE AD: I am sorry that we were not able to have a true Awards Night this fall, but instead the coaches have each written a brief synopsis of their season to be included in this newsletter. For my part, I want to express my thanks first to the coaching staff, who were put in a challenging place this fall and rose to the occasion. Thank you also for our players and parents who similarly dealt with various rules and regulations with little complaint. The bottom line, as you will hear in this newsletter, is WE MADE IT!!! Thanks and congratulations everyone!*

TO VIEW THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SLIDE SHOW PLEASE USE THIS LINK: [SLIDESHOW](#)  
(THANKS JEFF SULLIVAN AND BOB WOOLNER IN PARTICULAR!)

## **MS BOYS SOCCER**

### **2020-2021: Record 5-4, Tri County League Runners-up**

*Middle School Boys Soccer had a successful season, especially considering the limitations and challenges that were faced as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The team was comprised of a well-balance 25 boys, twelve being 8<sup>th</sup> graders and thirteen 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We created a core team that played in each game, then two teams that alternated games to handle the large number of players.*

*We finished the season with an overall record of 5 wins and 4 loses, but I am confident that if we hadn't lost 3 games to rain outs that our record would have been even better. As a team we scored 27 goals and gave up 20 goals behind the strong goal tending of Malcolm K. and Jamie S.. Thirteen different players scored goals and leading goal scorers for the team were Deegan T. and Nolan L. They were each*



presented with the "golden boot" at our awards ceremony.

In the Tri-County League playoffs, the team won an exciting semi-final game against Litchfield 3-2, on penalty kicks (4 to 3), and we took home the runners-up trophy losing a tough game to Iber Holmes 1-0, behind outstanding defense by Merrick C., Michael P., Patrick M., Reed D. and Elias G.

I especially want to thank my two assistant coaches, Tony Tomaz and John Burns. The boys greatly benefited from your knowledge of the game. Thank you for all of your time and dedication to Hopkinton Soccer. And finally, I want to thank all of the parents for your support and communication throughout the year and helping to make my job easier.

Thank you

MS Boys Coach, Jim Martin

## **MS FIELD HOCKEY**

Middle School Field Hockey had an exciting and fun fall 2020 season, from the opening practice on September, 14th through the hosting of a playoff semi-final game on October, 26th. The excitement stemmed from the energy and attitude brought by the players and the large growth in both field hockey skills and game knowledge acquired over the course of the season. MS FH returned only four players from the 2019 team. The returning players showed enormous on- and off-field leadership, helping the new members of the team quickly grow as players and teammates.

This season MS FH was able (and needed!) to pull up 6th grade players. In fact half of the players on the fall 2020 team were 6th graders. The returning 6th and 7th graders will make a strong core for next season's MS FH team. During this season the returning and new-to-the-team 8th graders gained a solid foundation for JV play next fall. The excitement (and fun) will continue in the future as all these players grow and develop their game. More to come...

Thank you.

Coach Tim Upton

## **BOYS SOCCER TEAM AWARDS:**

**Sportsmanship: Merrick C.**

**Most Improved: Thomas A.**

**Coach's Award: Jamie S.**



## **FIELD HOCKEY TEAM AWARDS:**

**Sportsmanship:- Anika H-H.**

**Leadership Award: Kelsey S.**

**Coach's Award: Amelia B.**

# MS GIRLS SOCCER

## Record 4-3-2, Tri County league Div. III Runner-Up

We all were happy to get going this COVID season of soccer. We started off with 28 girls and by the end of the first week we were at 25. We ended up going with a core team that played in each game and then a green team and a white team that alternated games to handle the large number of girls playing.

First up was the Bow MS and we hosted the game and played them well in a 4-1 loss, this was also our "Senior" game for the ten 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thanks to the parents for making them feel special after the game with a few treats. In our second game at Bow we had a great first half and were down only 2-1 but the second half didn't go as well and we lost 8 - 4. Up next was 2 with MV and we got a tie in the first game 3-3 and then traveled to MV for 3-2 win. On to Weare for a great 0-0 tie where we had a few chances to win but their goalie made some really good saves. This next stretch we were going to play Rundlett A and B teams each twice but the weather did not cooperate and we only got 1 in with the B team. That game we were able to work on a bunch of things and came away with a 8-0 win. On to Hillsboro and we were only able to get 1 game in with them as well. It turned out to be another game we were able to work on some things and won 9-0.

The Tri County League was able to host a playoffs for teams that wanted to participate and we were signed up. The first game was back at Weare for another try down there. We took a 1-0 lead about 9 minutes in from a goal by Paige P-N. and we held that lead until there was 9 minutes left when they were able to get on the board. We finished the game and 2 ten minute overtimes still tied at 1-1. On to a shoot out! We pitted our 5 against their 5 and we are able to get 3 (Madi Z., Annie M. and Bell S.) past their goalie while our goalie Paige B. kept 3 out of the back of the net for the win!! What a game for all involved. This put us in the Championship Game at Raymond and Iber Holmes MS. After a spirited bus ride down and then opening up the scoring with Paige P-N scoring at 6 minutes in we were feeling pretty good. Halfway through that first



## GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AWARDS:

Sportsmanship: Madi Z.

Co-MVP: Reese B.

Co-MVP: Kennedy M.

half Iber Holmes started clicking and was able to score at 27 minutes and that stayed until 7 minutes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and they scored again for a 2-1 lead. We kept the pressure on and got some good opportunities but couldn't find the back of the net and they were able to add on another one at 21 minutes. Being 2 goals down we tried to throw everything at them and they turned us away each time. All in all we had a great season and really improved from day 1. I would like to thank the administration for getting this all going and making it work for the whole season. Also to Becky Bove as the team Mom and to all the other parents who helped out when possible. A really big thanks to the players who needed to do things a little different this year with the masks, social distancing and all the COVID questions along with the split squad games to deal with.

We had 14 girls score at least 1 goal!! We had 10 girls play goalie. Final record was 4-3-2

Thanks!

Coach Skate Murdough

## MS CROSS COUNTRY

TRI COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!!!

The Middle School cross country team was small but mighty this year. Fielding only a girls' team of only 5 runners, the Hawks ran to winning team scores against Bow, Merrimack Valley and Hillsboro-Deering. While they fell to a much-larger Rundlett team, each girl improved on their last year's times over the tough White Park course.

Shaylee M. finished first in each of the races this year, capping the season off with a dominating win at the Tri-County Championships where her 13:00 time over the 2.1 mile course was tops for girls over all divisions. Even more impressive, the team also swept the next 4 places in Division 3, winning the championship with a perfect score of 15 points! The Hawks' top finishers included Abby B. (2), Amelia W. (3), Flo D. (4), and Annie D. (5). Congratulations to all the girls for a successful season!

Coach: Sarah Murdough

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AWARDS:

Sportsmanship: Flo D.

Coach's Award: Amelia W.



# **NEWS AND NOTES**

***PLEASE***, return cleaned uniforms to Mr. Meserve ASAP. Include your name on the bag please.

***MS Basketball – open gyms are happening after school, boys one day, girls the next. Check the website for details.***

***MS Nordic – planning on starting Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Please watch the listserv and the athletic website for details.***

***Thank you again for all of your support this fall!!!***



