



Tallmadge High School
Winter Sports Recognition Ceremony
2020-21



Due to COVID-19 we are unable to celebrate all of our winter sports on one night as we traditionally do. I know we would all rather be celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of all of our winter athletes together in person. However, we are fortunate and blessed to be celebrating their seasons during such an unpredictable year. I would like to sincerely thank all coaches, athletes, parents, and family members for doing their part in adhering to safety protocols throughout the winter season to help ensure that our athletes' seasons were realized.

Thank You's

- Maintenance, grounds, & custodial teams of Tallmadge City Schools in working to properly clean and sanitize our facilities during such an unprecedented time (on top of all they already do for our school district)
- Board of Education, administration, teachers, and support staff of Tallmadge City Schools
- Athletic trainer Mrs. Laurie Regallis and team doctors, Dr. Jeff Bachtel & Dr. Dawn Hubbard
- All game personnel – Ticket sellers & takers, scorer's table, live stream film crew, & Tallmadge Police
- Kohl Family YMCA for use of their facility
- Athletic Boosters for their support, time, & dedication to Tallmadge MS & HS athletics
- Athletic secretary Mrs. Margaret Chiera
- All coaches and their families
- All athletes and parents

Team Summaries & Special Recognition

This document will highlight the accomplishments of each athletic program and its participants that are traditionally covered during the all-sports portion of the Winter Sports Recognition Ceremony. The following pages will provide a brief summary of each sport's season, the team GPA, special award recipients, and our Suburban League Scholar Athlete honorees.

Cheerleading – 3.93 GPA

Although the circumstances of this year were less than ideal, this season was not short of accomplishments. This team has fought through every bit of adversity that 2020 and 2021 has thrown at them. Our senior cheerleaders have led our team to not only be successful as cheerleaders and school leaders, but also have created a culture that makes our underclassmen feel safe, valued, and respected. They have worked tirelessly to create a special season for our cheerleaders, basketball players, and other winter athletes. Our underclassmen have also been hard at work this season. They have taken so much of their time to make sure that our athletes feel valued and appreciated. We have excellent cheerleaders that made this season one to remember!

Boys Swimming – 3.86 GPA & Girls Swimming – 4.24 GPA

The swim season was unprecedented and unusual in its form, but it is a season we will never forget. Meet and practice times seemed to fluctuate weekly, but when given the opportunity to swim our athletes worked hard. They pushed themselves and each other during practice and made huge strides in both time and technique. Both the boys and girls teams finished the season with a 4-4 record.

Exceptional growth was made this season in our program: it grew from 14 to 19 kids, we sent 8 swimmers to Districts, and broke 3 school records! This season would not have been as successful (or possible) without the addition of Coach Eads to our program. We look forward to growing this program even further and are already preparing for next season!

9th – Bryce Hurley earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

9th – Drew Vecchio earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

11th – Nick Archer earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

11th – Jack Markley earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

9th – Rachel Tan earned 2nd Team All Suburban League and set a new school record in the 200y Individual Medley with a time of 2:27.64

9th – Jamie Ries earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

9th – Becca Riter earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

12th – Hannah Fiume earned 2nd Team All Suburban League and set a new school record in the 4x100y Freestyle with a time of 59.94

* Hannah Fiume, Jamie Ries, Rachel Tan, and Cassie Jeffries set a new school record in the 4x100y Freestyle Relay with a time of 4:07.65

Wheelchair Basketball

Did not participate due to COVID concerns.

Boys Basketball – 3.23 GPA

The freshman team had a tough season with several stops because of COVID along with multiple games being canceled. The team showed great resilience and stayed focused for the nine out of eighteen games that were played. They ended with a 3-6 record for the year with wins over Aurora, Kent and Barberton. All but two of the losses were close and the boys never gave up. The highlight of the season was the double overtime win against Aurora.

The JV team had a lot of moving parts throughout the season due to the effects of COVID. Although the boys finished 1-11 they worked extremely hard to better themselves and their teammates. They battled all year to get better and had a thrilling buzzer beating win over Louisville at home. The team was very young and have a lot to look forward to in the future.

Through all of the craziness and chaos of playing in a COVID season, the varsity team found a way to come together and find success during the year! After starting 0-5, they found a way to string together two different 4 game win streaks and finish the season at 8-8 including a huge win at Highland to end the regular season and winning a Sectional tournament game. Our team showed so much toughness and togetherness during a very tough season. They have a lot to be proud of!

10th – Ty Hurst earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

10th – Collin Dixon earned 1st Team All Suburban League and Honorable Mention All NEO District

11th – Kyle Ries earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

12th – Ethan Taylor was named to the GABCA Senior All-Star Team

Girls Basketball – 3.87 GPA

The 2020-21 girls' basketball season was a success! The JV team went 8-4 and was competitive in every game. The team had to endure sharing players with the Varsity squad and found themselves with very few subs during many games. Despite the thin numbers, they battled and had an excellent season. They were fun to watch and played aggressive all season long.

The Lady Blue Devil Varsity team made the most of the year despite experiencing two breaks in the season due to COVID-19. They finished 7-7 on the season and really got better as the year went along. The team started out 1-4 but proceeded to win five of their next six games including two come-from-behind wins against Kent Roosevelt over the span of four days. The team's second win against Kent saw them overcome a 17 point deficit midway through the third quarter. The team won their opening round playoff game in the OHSAA tournament and is poised for a very bright future with almost the entire team returning next season!

9th – Sydney Becks earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

10th – Maya Dexter earned 1st Team All Suburban League and Honorable Mention All NEO District

11th – Addie Bowman earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

Wrestling – 2.10 GPA

Facing adversity early in the season, the wrestling team rose to the occasion. They opened up with the very tough Josh Hephner Memorial Tournament and followed it with a number of tri-matches. Each week the team wrestled better and better. The team traveled to The North Coast Duals where it picked up its first dual meet win against Chagrin Falls. Dual meet wins were tough to come by due to low team numbers this season. The wrestlers began to peak at the right time heading into Sectionals but fell a little short of team and individual goals. Jayden Potok and Aden Schwartz ended as District alternates. Despite the tough season, the wrestlers faced their adversity head-on and laid a solid foundation to build from heading into next season!

10th – Jayden Potok earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

11th – Aden Schwartz earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

11th – Max Blondin earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

Boys Bowling – 3.14 GPA & Girls Bowling – 3.41 GPA

The boys and girls bowling teams had an overall strong season fielding only Varsity teams. The boys finished 8-4 and placed 5th in the Suburban League. Due to COVID-19 the boys were unable to compete in the amount of tournaments they normally do. However, in the four that they did participate in the boys had overall strong results. The team returns almost everyone next season and looks to build on the experience they gained this season!

The Lady Blue Devils had quite the season with a good mix of returning upperclassmen and new freshmen bowlers. They finished the season with an 8-3 record in the Suburban League and placed 2nd overall. They were able to participate in three tournaments in which they earned a 4th place finish and a 2nd place finish. The girls did an outstanding job in both league competition and tournament action. Their commitment throughout the season was unwavering and set the tone for great things to come next season!

As with all Tallmadge High School teams, this season was a challenging one but the coaching staff was proud of how the team battled, adjusted, and persevered. The season may not have ended the way the team wanted it to but this will only make us hungrier for next season!

10th – Kaiden Cantiberos earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

10th – Gavin Warren earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

11th – Keahn Taylor earned OHSB Academic All-Ohio

9th – Lorelai Campbell earned Honorable Mention All Suburban League

9th – Maria Mara earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

10th – Makayla Legg earned 1st Team All Suburban League

10th – Dakota Taylor earned 2nd Team All Suburban League

12th – Florence Drayer earned OHSB Academic All-Ohio

Suburban League Scholar Athlete Award

In order to earn the Suburban League Scholar Athlete Award a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA during the Winter season.

Megan Allen	William Gergely	Tyler Obney
Nickolas Archer	Kaylee Gowdy	Jayden Potok
Sydney Becks	Alexa Gray	Frankie Ridenour
Kyle Bender	Owen Hatch	Rebecca Riter
Chloe Blouir	Alyssa Hederson	Nikolas Roldan
Adrianna Bowman	Matthew Heigelmann	Joseph Sabetta
Hannah Burkholder	Noah Horner	Emma Sandy
Kaiden Cantiberos	William Hudak	Alessandra Sebastiani
Abigail Caruso	Jessica Hudak	Ashlyn Severns
Carey Cirullo	Bryce Hurley	Kyli Strub
Elizabeth Clingerman	Ty Hurst	Lauren Tan
Carson Cowley	Mia Hurst	Rachel Tan
Ana Crangle	Skye James	Jacob Taylor
Cerafina Currey	Cassandra Jeffries	Ethan Taylor
Giulianna Currey	Olivia Jones	Dakota Taylor
Hailey Czubaj	Nicholas Lambacher	Keahn Taylor
Mason Dexter	Makayla Legg	Lauren Teeling
Maya Dexter	Ty Liggett	Nathanael Ulrich
Collin Dixon	Tanner Markley	Zachary Vanko
Florence Drayer	Megan Matheny	Andrew Vecchio
Joseph Ewers	Cirina Matos	Ava Wood
Christopher Fergus	Isabella Messina	Caden Zajac
Hannah Fiume	Sophia Michalak	Mia Zappola
Aubrey Fox	Kori Miller	
Adriana Fuentes	Brennen Murray	

Total of 73 Winter Scholar Athletes!

3.44 overall GPA for all 118 winter athletes!

Go Blue Devils!!!