



Peekskill Athletic Newsletter



Fall 2/Spring Season Review 2021



Varsity Girls Softball

"The 2021 season was a transition year for the program as the Varsity team only had two returning players from the last full season back in 2019. There was tremendous growth and improvement shown both physically and mentally as the season progressed.

During the season, Juniors Kaia Patterson and Bryonna Brothers, along with eighth grader, Jealina Searight, played every inning. Their consistency at practice and during games served as a model for their teammates. Judaiah Gourdine and Amani Cleveland acted as a great one-two punch on the pitcher's mound and behind the



plate, respectively. The outfield saw great improvements from first year players, Jennifer Erraez, Nyiah Smith, Kelly Soliz, Nallely Loja-Dacto and Jayla Council. The team was rounded out by solid infield play from Skye Gonzalez, Kathy Uyaguari, and eighth grader Isabella Gomez. The team was bolstered at the end of the season with the JV call ups of Taarna Miller, Amelfis Zorrilla, Belinda Chillogalli, Evelyn Zumba-Coello and Anais

Patino. The highlight of the season was a thrilling Independent League Tournament Championship win. The team was able to overcome the extreme heat to beat East Ramapo and then Poughkeepsie in the final game. The win and preparation needed to be successful in this tournament has set up a solid foundation for the future of Peekskill Softball." - **Coach DiCuio**



JV Girls Softball



"This year, as we all know, was very challenging due to all of the COVID-19 restrictions. The biggest highlight for my team was that we were able to win games. To many, this may not sound like a lot, but for my team it was a tremendous accomplishment since we had not had a win in a while. That said, I am so proud of coaching these wonderful athletes. I have to mention how professional and hard workers my girls were. Even though some of them were new to the game, they worked at it day after day until they got better and better. I cannot wait to get back to coaching them next year." - **Coach Fernandez**



Modified Girls Softball

"This was one of the most rewarding seasons I have had as a coach. It was an honor to coach such wonderful student-athletes, as they are the future of the Peekskill Softball program. Many of the girls on the team have never played organized softball before, but they showed up to every practice and game, improving their skills and growing their love and knowledge

of the game. Their growth this season was exciting to watch. A large part of their success was their ability to be a great teammate. The girls earned wins against Lakeland, Ossining and Alexander Hamilton. I am so proud of this team and everything they accomplished this season!" - **Coach Ausiello**



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Varsity Baseball

We had a few great highlights this season despite Covid. We went 6 and 6. We also made it to the championship round at the end of the season tournament. So proud to see the growth the boys experienced this year! - Coach Ortiz



Modified Baseball

"The modified baseball team worked hard throughout the season to improve. The players gave their all while trying new positions, techniques and strategies. The progress from day one to the end of the year was clear. Through sound defense, quality pitching, and great at-bats the team was able to end the season with back to back wins. We are proud of our great athletes!" - Coach Dwyer



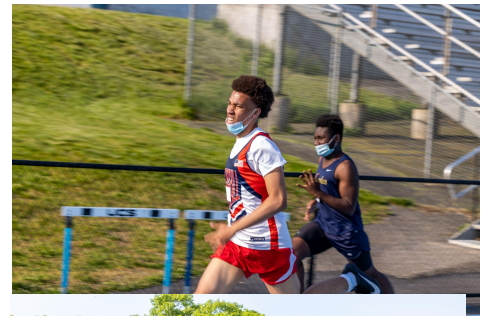


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Varsity Track and Field

"This season, in my opinion, was very important for the mental health of our students. The highlights include creating an environment that the students enjoyed being in. This was evident in the consistent attendance by the majority of the team. There was an emphasis made on fun and building bonds this year. Athletes worked extremely hard and were able to better their running times for their event each meet."- **Coach Vernon and McCabe**



Modified Track and Field

"The modified Track & Field team had a great season. We had 13 student-athletes who had never competed in track & field before. They were able to push themselves both physically and mentally, and learn several field events in the process. We competed in five meets and our student-athletes stood out in both athletic performance and sportsmanship. This group has lots of potential to have great high school track & field careers."- **Coach Tama and Coach Tanzi**



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Varsity Lacrosse

“We were able to play in 3 extremely competitive games decided by 1 and 2 goals during the season. Our first Yonkers game was an evenly matched battle that was decided by 2 goals, where Yonkers came out on top. Our second Yonkers game had many goals scored as it ended in overtime with Yonkers getting the final goal to win 12-11. Our final game proved to be our most competitive, losing 5-6 against Saugerties. We leaned on the performance of our returners in seniors Jerrel Taylor, Lionel

Wadsworth and Edwin Rivera paired with junior Biagio Vermandois.”- **Coach Rice**





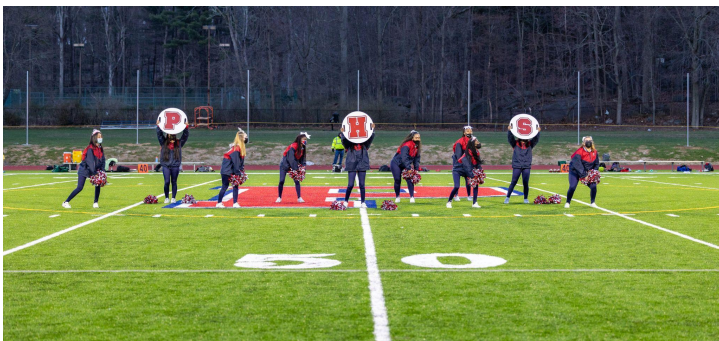
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Varsity Cheer



"The Varsity Cheerleading team worked together adjusting our cheers for football games. All of the girls on the team were excited to lead the crowd with cheers. Regardless of the situation during the game, the cheerleaders were positive and enjoyed cheering. We also competed at Yorktown! PEEKSKILL PRIDE!"- **Coach O'Brien**





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Varsity Volleyball



"Due to the special circumstances of the season, I think being able to play and have a season was a positive highlight. That being said, this year was used as a culture changing year. The biggest highlight for me as a new coach was to see the values and standards that I preached to the athletes come to truth throughout the season."- **Coach Vernon**



Modified Volleyball

"Our players learned the fundamentals of the game and improved markedly. They were very spirited and happy about their volleyball experience. Many want more volleyball in the fall, and will look for a program to keep playing over the summer."- **Coach Adams and Coach Addison**

JV Volleyball

"The 2020/2021 Junior Varsity Volleyball season was one to remember. Our shortened season began with all new girls learning the positions, how to move on the court, and communication. With such a new team our girls were held to an athletic standard that they have not seen before and many rose to the occasion ensuring others arrived on time to practice and are giving it their all. Through the year the girls have worked on three main goals: three contacts, our serves, and positive communication. By the end of the year the girls were all encouraging each other to pass, set, and hit the ball. These three goals even carried over into the Varsity playoffs as five of our girls competed. This spoke volumes about the ambition in our girls. I was looking to continue to build. The girls also took part in positive communication with each other both on the court. The girls help each other with classes they are struggling on to ensure that everyone is eligible to play according to the standard. By raising the standard of our players to uphold in order to play they truly raised to the occasion." -

Coach Sabatini

Varsity Girls Swim



"It was exciting having 9 new girls join the team. The dynamic was always great and every single swimmer worked so hard. Everyone dropped time from the first meet to the last. We went 5-3 in our league which was much improved from the season before. The friendships and positivity from everyone kept the season fun and the team motivated." - **Coach Brady**





Varsity Football

The 2020 Varsity Football season was a season of “firsts” at Peekskill High School. The start of the season was delayed from the fall to the beginning of March, giving us our first ever “spring football” season. This season also marked the first home game to be played on the new Torpy Field! The Peekskill football team finished the season with an overall record of 2-2 in league play. This was a major accomplishment for the football team to have a league record of 2-2 in a shortened season, and finish the season as semi-finalists after making the playoffs for the first time

in several years.

Several of our players also received recognition for their play on the field this season. Seniors Kendall Cousins, Jayson Tinsley, and Elijah Ritter were named All-Team award recipients. Kendall Cousins also received the ConEdison scholar athlete award for his contributions on the field and in the classroom. Jayson Tinsley was named the 2020 Offensive MVP for the league. Optimism is strong for the future of Peekskill football. The team will be returning 14 players next season from this year’s roster, and expectations are very high!



Modified Football

The Peekskill Modified Football Team consisted of 21 players (8 ninth graders, 9 eighth graders and 4 seventh graders). The team was led by quarterback Jaden Chavis who threw four touchdown passes in the two games against Ossining. Leading the way on the ground and in receptions was running back Lavone Mott. Top seventh grade standout was Darius Smythe, who scored two touchdowns and had several big plays over the two games. Although the record may not show it, the team showed significant improvement from the first to the second game.



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Thank You Peekskill Seniors



<u>Student</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Award</u>
Andrey David	Volleyball	All-League
Afua Yeboah	Volleyball	All-League HM
Jayson Tinsley	Football	All-TEAM, OFF. MVP
Kendall Cousins	Football	All-TEAM
Elijah Ritter	Football	All-TEAM
Kyle Cousins	Football	All-TEAM
Steven Henson	Football	All-TEAM
Zamir Travis	Football	All-TEAM
Artis Powell	Track and Field	All-League HM
Juliette Salazar	Track and Field	All-League, All-County
Brianna Carter	Track and Field	All-League, All-County
Marley Lazo-Murphy	Girls Swimming	All-League
Stephanie Otavalo	Girls Swimming	All-League
Vania Nerea Diaz Santos	Track and Field	All-League HM
Mya Melendez	Track and Field	All-League HM
Jordan Wilson	Track and Field	All-League HM
Judaiah Gourdine	Softball	All-TEAM
Jealina Searight	Softball	All-TEAM
Kaia Patterson	Softball	All-TEAM
Amani Cleveland	Softball	All-TEAM
Nyiah Smith	Softball	All-TEAM
Bryonna Brothers	Softball	All-TEAM
Warnel Hernandez	Baseball	All-TEAM, MOP
Maximo Neering	Baseball	All-TEAM
Robert Garcia	Baseball	All-TEAM
Reese Almonte	Baseball	All-TEAM
Sean Sniffen	Baseball	All-TEAM
Andre Gonzalez	Baseball	All-TEAM



**Spring
2021**



Senior Athletics Award Recipients



Fall High School and Middle School Start Dates

August 23, 2021:

Varsity and JV Boys Soccer

Varsity and JV Girls Soccer

Varsity and JV Football

Varsity and JV Volleyball

Varsity Girls Swimming

Varsity Cheer

Varsity Cross Country

September 9, 2021:

Modified (Grades 7 and 8) Boys Soccer

Modified (Grades 7 and 8) Girls Soccer

Modified (Grades 7 and 8) Football

Modified (Grades 7 and 8) Volleyball

Modified (Grades 7 and 8) Cross Country

All Practice and games schedules can be found on
Peekskillathletics.org

