



Peekskill Athletic Newsletter



Winter Season Review 2021

Varsity Boys Basketball

“Despite this being an abbreviated and condensed season we had many positive highlights. The players truly appreciated the opportunity to compete and showcase their basketball talents throughout the season. One of the main highlights was having an opportunity to work with a sophomore and two freshmen players who have very promising futures, but have a lot to learn about the game of basketball. Nevertheless, the future of the basketball program rests squarely on their shoulders. It was a pleasure to have seven seniors on the team as they provided leadership, ran many of the drills, and they had positive attitudes. Despite having a losing record we

had fun and we realized that you don't have to have a winning record to be a winner. This year, everyone's a winner for their effort, dedication, and their sacrifice. It was great that these young athletes could experience doing something they truly love like play basketball.” - **Coach Tim Turner**



JV Boys Basketball

“Throughout the season the student athletes rose up to the occasion of becoming a team in a matter of two weeks. The students who made up the team had never played organized basketball together, but that did not phase them. They started the season off with a 20 point victory over Hen Hud High School. Although there were some losses throughout the season, the students never stopped fighting and working hard together. Each game all students showed improvements in attitude and behaviors, and wanted team success. Our season got cut short, but we are looking forward to getting back to work soon.” - **Coach Wright**

Freshman Boys Basketball

“This was one of the best freshman basketball teams that I’ve coached. This group of student athletes demonstrated character traits and a collective team that made me proud. For example, they were punctual for practices (no matter what the time it was to be held) and for home and away games. In addition, these student/athletes exuded an enthusiasm in learning the game and improving their basketball skills on a daily basis. They genuinely cared for one another and for the most part, encouraged each other on and off the court, whether it had to do with basketball, academics or a personal concern. This type of team support goes well beyond the won/lost record of this season. Instilling and executing these important character traits are critical building blocks in creating the type of student athletes, I believe, we want involved in our athletic programs. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these student athletes and look forward to them being part of the basketball program in the future.” - **Coach Smith**



Varsity Bowling

The Varsity Bowling Team had a successful year. We had a mix of veteran and neophyte bowlers. It was a pleasure to watch our students grow and develop in the game of bowling. We wish our seniors the best of luck and look forward to having our underclassmen return next season. - **Coach Turner**





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Girls Varsity Basketball

“In a shortened season, without a lot of practice time, our Girls Varsity Basketball team showed perseverance, toughness and flexibility. We started the season 0-2 before winning the next three. The most impressive part of the 4-3 record was the girls ability to “shake off” a loss to Carmel, to end the season with a tough fought win, on the road, against North Salem. The coaching staff is very proud of the growth of the players individually. The maturation process of each player was impressive. As the Head Coach, I could not be more proud of this group.”- [Coach DeGroat](#)





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Varsity Wrestling

"We had a few great highlights this season despite COVID. We went 4 and 1 in our league. We beat teams like Ossining, Hendrick Hudson, Irvington, Nyack, and East Ramapo for the first time in the history of Peekskill wrestling. We also had an outstanding match against my alma mater school, Sleepy Hollow, beating them 8 out of 15 matches."- **Coach Ortiz**





McCabe

Indoor Track

“This season, in our opinion, was very important for the mental health of our students. The highlights include creating an environment that the students enjoyed to be in. This was evident in the consistent attendance by the majority of the team. There was an emphasis made on fun this year so we implemented ‘Fun Fridays’. Each Friday was different, but focused on team bonding and laughter. These students worked very hard this year giving 100% and they all improved.

” - Coach
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Coach



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Varsity Cheer



"The Varsity Cheerleading team worked together adjusting our cheers for the boys and girls basketball 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. PEEKSKILL PRIDE!" - **Coach O'Brien**





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Varsity Boys Swimming

“We had an amazing season even with the unforeseen circumstances. With just a day of in-water practice before our first meet we had our first season win. Throughout the season, the boys adapted to the changes that were made as far as any guidelines. I am BEYOND proud of our Boys Swim team and how well they swam with significantly less practice time and a shortened season. I hope we can have a full season next year so we can continue to improve!” - [Coach Donabie](#)





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<u>Student</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Award</u>
Jayson Tinsley	Boys Basketball	All-League
Brennan Heaven	Boys Basketball	All-League
Artis Powell	Winter Track	All-League
Juliette Salazar	Winter Track	All-League
Jonny Acevedo	Wrestling	All-League
Ivan Lituma	Wrestling	All-League
Andre Campbell	Wrestling	All-League
Donavan Kunze	Wrestling	All-League
Aaron Hull	Wrestling	All-League
Mark Wilson	Wrestling	All-League
Lenin Zhingri	Wrestling	All-League
Kendall Cousins	Wrestling	All-League
Omar Dinnall	Wrestling	All-League





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WINTER VARSITY SCHOLAR-ATHLETES



Peekskill Athletes Of the Month

Esteban Pauta

Vania Diaz-Santos



Peekskill Athletes of the Month

Kya Jackson

Travis Brown





Senior Night 2021



Boys Swim Seniors





Peekskill Senior Wrestlers

