

Raider Notes

ELCO Athletic Department Monthly Newsletter

2007-2008 Things to Know



March 2008

Winter Season Upcoming Dates

Monday 3/3/08 - First day of Spring Sport Varsity Practices

Monday 3/10/08 - First day of Spring Sport JH Practices

Wednesday 3/19/08 Winter Sports Assembly in High School Gymnasium 1:50

Tuesday March 25 - Team Picture Day

League Playoff Dates Spring 2008

Sport	Dates	Location
Baseball	May 10, 13, 15	TBA
Softball	May 10, 12, 14	Garrett Park, Willow Street
Girls Soccer	May 6, 8, 10	TBA
Track & Field	May 9 (4:00), May 10 (10:00)	Hempfield
Tennis	April 24, 26 (8:00), April 28 (12:30)	Conestoga Valley

PIAA Updates

- Soccer Pilot Program - During the 2008 - 09 soccer season, the PIAA will take part in a pilot program dealing with yellow cards. When a player receives a yellow card, he/she will serve a five-minute penalty, and the team will play one player short. If a coach receives a yellow card, the team will also play one player short. Implementation of this rule has not yet been explained.
- PIAA State Championship locations for the next two year cycle: Golf @ Heritage Hills, Tennis, Cross Country, Soccer, and Football @ Hershey, Field Hockey @ Whitehall School District.
- The Philadelphia Catholic schools will enter the PIAA in 2008-09. Changes will occur with the number of entries that District Three will enter into the state tournaments. Girls' Tennis will have only two entries in single, doubles, and the team tournament in AA girls. All other classifications will still keep three entries.

2007-2008 Winter Sport Highlights

- Congratulations to Tommy Simons, Jason Weaver, Brandon Lawrence, and Jake Walmer for winning first place at the County Wrestling tournament.
- Congratulations to Jason Weaver, Brandon Lawrence, and Jake Walmer who won the AA Sectional Wrestling championship in the 125, 215, and 285 lb weight class respectively.
- Congratulations to Colin Edris, Tommy Simons, Austin Spangler, and Justin Weatherholtz for qualifying for the District Wrestling tournament by placing in the top six in their weight class at the AA Sectional Tournament.
- Congratulations to Brandon Lawrence and Jake Walmer for winning the AA District Wrestling Championship.
- Congratulations to Jake Walmer who recorded his 100th career victory during his wrestling career on Saturday, February 16.
- Senior Daphne Moser will be singing the National Anthem at the PIAA Wrestling State Championships on Saturday, March 8, at the 8:00 AM session.
- Congratulations to Kayleigh Perry who qualified for the PIAA indoor track and field championships at Penn State University on Saturday, March 1.
- Congratulations to JoJo Strickler who was named to the all-defensive team for Section III by the Coaches Association.

New Faces on the Sidelines

- Katie Dalton has been hired as a Junior High Track & Field coach. Katie is a first year science teacher in the Middle School.
- Kevin Laicha has been hired as a Junior High Girls' Soccer coach. He has been involved with youth soccer for many years in the South Lebanon area. He is employed by Royer Flowers in Lebanon as their finance manager. He is the older brother of Scott Laicha (MS teacher) and Judy Moyer HS teacher.
- Barry Lutz has been hired as the assistant softball coach. Last year Barry served as a volunteer. He has thirty plus years experience in playing and coaching softball.

Coaching Resignations

- Matt Landis has resigned his position as the junior high boys' soccer coach. He served ten years in this position and plans to spend more time coaching his son's youth teams.