

# Hastings Wrestling Club

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## 2015-2016 Varsity Wrestling Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
11-16-15	Start of Season	Hastings High School
11-28-15	Raider Duals	Hastings High School
12-04-15	Farmington, Owatonna	Farmington High School
12-10-15	Tartan	Hastings High School
12-12-15	Columbia Heights Tournament	Columbia Heights High School
12-12-15	Emmetsburg Invitational	Emmetsburg High School
12-16-15 to 12-19-15	Triangular Mahtomedi	Mahtomedi High School
01-01-16 to 01-02-16	Christmas Tournament	Rochester RCTC
01-02-16	The Clash	Rochester RCTC
01-07-16	Henry Sibley	Hastings High School
01-09-16	Kiffmeyer Duals	St. Cloud Tech High School
01-14-16	North St Paul	North High School - N. St. Paul
01-15-16	Eagan, Creatin-Derham Hall	Hastings High School
01-21-16	East Ridge, Totino-Grace	East Ridge High School
01-22-16	St. Thomas Academy	Hastings High School
01-23-16	Eagle Duals (Kennedy)	Bloomington Kennedy High School
01-28-16	Sout St. Paul	Hastings High School
01-30-16	Quadrangular TBA	Hastings High School
02-04-16	Simley	Simley
02-06-16	Conference Tournament	Mahtomedi High School
02-11-16 to 02-13-16	TeamSections	High Seed and Mayo Civic Center
02-19-16 to 02-20-16	Individual Sections	Rochester
02-25-16 to 02-27-16	State Tournament	Xcel Energy Center - St. Paul

\*\* Check High School Website for latest schedule

### Top of Their Class—Varsity Coach Josh McLay

The 2014-15 season was one of the most fun years I have had as a coach and it was due to the great senior class and their positive attitude and work ethic. This group was lead by senior captain Cullin Brendeland and

an outstanding group of senior leaders: Keith Mikel, Finley Myers, Logan Gove, Jon Voulk, Jake Anderson, Logan Olson, Edison Duong, and Managers Sam Kent and Christy Miller. This group also lead us to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Academic State Title in school history. The team boosted a 3.82 team GPA which means they were leaders in the classroom as well. This team earned a 23-9 overall record and was a top 5 team in state most of the year. We did have a couple of heartbreaking close losses including at home to Simley (who became class AA state champions) then again in the Section final to Farmington. These were probably some of the hardest losses for me as a coach because this group has meant so much to me I wanted them to have those great memories of the team state tournament. We did win a number of tournaments and had another great Clash finishing 12<sup>th</sup> and making it into the 3<sup>rd</sup> bracket. We had 8 state entrants this year and 1 All-State, Mark Vaith finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. It was another exciting year having many new faces step into the line-up. Looking forward our team has big shoes to fill and I am excited to see who is going to step up and lead this team back to the state tournament. This year we move back to Section 3 finding ourselves in a great position to find success. Thank you to all this year's seniors and families and please stay in touch with me and this program!

### A Tough Bunch finishes on Top—Middle School Coach Kyle Kreuser

The HMS wrestling team had yet another successful season. The team was lead by over 20 8th graders, several of whom had been in our program since 5th grade. Altogether we had over 60 kids in our practice room, which ultimately helped paved the way for a winning season.

We started out the season at the Henry Sibley Duals where we brought two teams of 20 wrestlers. Our first team squad ended up winning the tournament by defeating a tough Woodbury/East Ridge combined squad in the finals by over 20 points. Our second team ended up 2-2 on the day, and nearly ended up winning their own pool.

Our next challenge was the Conference Dual Tournament. We challenged our athletes to dominate this tournament more than ever before, having never previously been defeated in this tournament. They responded by beating Stillwater, Simley, Hudson, and Park of Cottage Grove in the finals. For

the day, our squad only lost four matches total out of almost 80! An impressive feat by a quality group of kids.

Our last tournament was the Livingston Individual Tourney. This year we had the largest group of teams assembled, which made the tourney even more challenging. However, our first squad won the tournament by almost two hundred points, followed by our second team, which finished near the middle of the almost 15 schools that were there.

Needless to say, this season was a huge success! More impressive than the victories this season, was the fact that not one wrestler quit throughout the season! Also, almost half our 60+ kids were on the B or A honor roll, something we are really proud of! Thank you parents, wrestlers, and coaches for a great, memorable season.

### **The Future Belongs to our Youth Wrestling!!**

#### **Hasting Wrestling Club Coordinator--Sherri Laflay**

The Hastings Youth Wrestling Club continues to succeed. Our club had 50 wrestlers for the 2014-2015 season. The kids were eager to learn and worked hard with the great coaches that were in the wrestling room and mat side! Coach Luke Vaith came in this year, not new to the wrestling program, but new as our Head Youth Coach and the kids really took to him. Also helping were our returning assistant coaches Todd Pottinger and Chad Beissel, who the kids really look up to.

Our wrestlers had a great season and worked hard this year. A number of kids qualified for the MNUSA State Tournament showing the dedication these kids had and the amazing coaching that were behind them. Hastings had a total of 37 wrestlers compete at the MNUSA State Folkstyle tournament in Rochester, MN. Of those 37 kids, 17 were PreK thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade wrestlers from our Youth Wrestling Club. Trey Beissel took the State Championship Title in the Bantam A division, Presley McCrae placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Peewee division, David Bauer placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Peewee division, and Skylar Little Solider took the State Championship Title for the Girls division. Also competing at the state tournament were Adrian Rutledge, Allister Norquist, Phillips Schmelzer,

Fletcher Peterson, Taylon Little Soldier, Dylan Ward, Mark Svoboda, Blake Beissel, Steve Seleski, Creed Peterson, Derrick Steinke, Hunter Giefer and Gavin Odman.

Our Youth Club wrestlers also enjoyed the opportunity to compete in two dual matches. The first was at Henry Sibley where they wrestled mat side with the JV. The second meet was on the High School Youth Night where we competed against East Ridge during the JV matches.

### **Gold Card Sales**

**Selling from July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

All Middle School and High School wrestlers can participate in this great fundraiser that provides a direct benefit to our wrestlers. Please support our young men by purchasing and spreading the work about the cards. As in the past these cards are \$20. They are a great value, and can be used throughout Hastings.

### **Concessions Update**

Our concession team a big part of our wrestling program success. It funds a number of the clubs activities. We currently provide concessions during varsity football games, wrestling meeting, wrestling tournaments, and even basketball games! This is a great way to meet other parent! Please call Patti Kopp @ 438-2173 if you can help out.

#### **\*\*Annual Meeting\*\***

**!!All are encouraged to attend!!**

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

Senior High School Commons

#### **Agenda**

1. Financial Update.
2. Announce individuals running for office.
3. Concessions stand update.
4. Open question and answer session.
5. Update from Coach Josh McClay
6. Election of officers

#### **Board Members**

President	Dave Eichmann	480-8430
Vice-President	Patti Kopp	438-2173
Club Coordinator	Sherri Leflay	278-3801
Treasurer	Todd Pottinger	829-1958
Secretary	Greg Mikel	438-9322
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Member at Large	Paul Leifeld	437-8541
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