

HASTING WRESTLING CLUB

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HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARY

Coach Josh McLay

"Big Foundation, Big Success" really lived up to their poster slogan. This group of young men really did an amazing job of doing the small things very well and it paid off when we needed it the most. Lead by two great captains TJ Pottinger and Trey Rogers the Raiders were able to hang another

banner in the wrestling room. Like in years past the team peaked at the right time and really made things happen, almost pushing us

past STMA in the 3rd place match. To get to this point the team put in a lot of work in the off-season, which I am very proud of. We have had great attendance in these summer workouts and it really sets the stage for these boys moving into the season. During the season, we had our typical ups and downs just based on our strength of schedule. At The Clash, we had another great showing placing above our seed and going 3 and 0 on day 2 really giving the team a lot of confidence. A highlight was avenging an earlier loss in the

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season to Zumbrota who ended up becoming Class A State Champs. They beat us by 13 early in the year and we turned that into a 20-point win later in the season. Another huge swing came in a 13 points loss to Owatonna then a 13-point win in the State tournament a month

later. For the second year in a row, we placed all 14 wrestlers in the individual

tournament sending 9 to the state tournament. We ended with 3 all state wrestlers: Adam McSorley placing 3rd, Trey Rogers 2nd, and Jackson Schichel 4th. I feel blessed for the opportunity to lead this great group of young men. We are going to miss this group of seniors: Adam McSorley, Jackson Schichel, Judd O'Connor, Anthony Fraser, Josh Miser, Blaine Wasvick, Evon Childs, Cody Leflay, Cole Benson, Kyle Erickson and Tyus Reinke. Best of luck to each of you. Looking to next year, we need other kids to step up

Event Calendar

Gold Cards Sale July 26- August 6th

(Details Below)

****Annual Meeting****

!!All are encouraged to attend!!

Monday, August 7th @ 7:00 PM

Senior High School Commons

2017-2018 High school Schedule

Date/Time Event	Opponent	Location
Monday, Nov 20, 2017	Season Starts	Hastings HS
Saturday, Dec 2, 2017	Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Minnetonka, Prior Lake, River Falls, St. Francis, Albert Lea	Hastings HS
Dec 15, 16, 2017	Christmas Tournament	Rochester RCTC
Dec 21, 2017	Mahtomedi	Mahtomedi HS
Dec 29,30, 2017	The Clash	Rochester RCTC
Jan 4, 2018	Henry Sibley	Henry Sibley
Jan 6, 2018	Individual Tournament	Cambridge-Isanti HS
Jan 11, 2018	North St. Paul	Hastings HS
Jan 13, 2018	St. Cloud Tech Tourney	St. Cloud Tech HS
Jan 19, 2018	Totino-Grace	Hastings HS
Jan 25, 2018	St. Thomas Academy	St. Thomas Academy
Jan 27, 2018	Bloomington Kennedy Tourney	Bloomington Kennedy HS
Feb 1, 2018	So. St Paul	Hastings HS
Feb 3, 2018	Cannon Falls	Cannon Falls HS
Feb 8, 2018	Simley	Simley HS
Feb 16, 2018	Sections Team	Cretin-Derham Hall HS
Feb 23, 24, 2018	Sections Individual	Cretin-Derham Hall HS
March 1, 2, 3, 2018	State Tournament	Xcel Center St Paul

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and fill the gaps if we are to be a success next year. There is one thing that I know and it is that with

wrestling nothing is a given and everything is earned!

Middle School-They were up for the challenge

Coach Kyle Kreuser

Hastings Middle School wrestlers completed another successful season in 2016-2017. We challenged each and every wrestler to get better by 1% each day and they showed this in everything they did on and off the mat. This year's group of 55 wrestlers were hard working, dedicated, and an overall great group of kids!

We started our season at the Henry Sibley Duals. There were 12 teams at this tournament and our two teams that entered finished 1st and 6th. Our top team dominated the competition, winning in the finals over Coon Rapids by over 25 points. This was a great experience for many of our younger wrestlers, including several 5th graders who got a chance to wrestle with our top team.

Our next goal was to defend our conference championship run. Over the last 30 years, we had won the championship 29 years straight, essentially winning every conference title since its start. This year we knew it would be more difficult than ever before with talented teams like Cottage Grove, Hudson, and Forest Lake in our way. We battled our way into the finals beating Hudson handily in the semi-finals. In the championship, we took on the host team, Forest Lake, where they ended up beating us by 7 points. We didn't wrestle our best and lost every close match, including a couple in overtime. Despite the loss, it was a good experience for our young team.

As frustrating as that defeat was, we continued to emphasize getting 1% better and beating Forest Lake when it mattered, at our Livingston Tourney. Our kids really responded to this and refocused

themselves to perform better at our last tournament. Our 8th grade wrestlers did a phenomenal job building confidence in our younger wrestlers and setting goals for our team. We ultimately did defeat the competition, including Forest Lake, at Livingston winning the tournament by almost 100 points! In this tournament, we only had one champion, Chris Einfeldt. However, with numerous kids placing and getting tons of pins, tech falls, and major decision victories, the team score wasn't close! A great way to end a great season.

Overall, our coaching staff was extremely proud of these kids. This was a young group of wrestlers, and many of our 7th-8th graders hadn't started wrestling until middle school. Their improvement and leadership on the mat was great to see. The high school is getting a great group of hard working kids next year! Our middle school program is only going to get better with a successful youth program, tons of summer wrestling opportunities available, and over 40 kids returning back to our program next year. Wrestling continues to be a big part of our middle school and our numbers continue to grow each year. Thanks to our wrestling club for helping us host meets, tournaments, and supporting us with great facilities and equipment for a middle school program! As Coach Rohr always says to our wrestlers, "Other schools are envious of our middle school program and what we offer to kids." I couldn't agree more!

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT WINNING...

Nobody likes to lose, but for the life of a wrestler, there will always be disappointments on falling short of expectations. A loss on the mat is one of the toughest things to deal with. When the referee raises the hand of your opponent at the end of the match, it is very clear to all that you lost. You weren't as good as the other guy.

But take heart young man this will prepare you well for the future!! In wrestling, there's another day of practice to hone your skills and recommit to improving. After you walk off the mat for the last time you will be well prepared accept and overcome failures! When things get tough, remember you are and always will be a wrestler...Just put on that invisible head gear and get back to grappling with life. Good luck to all our graduating seniors!

Club News

The 2017 wrestling club had a strong group of 53 boy and girl wrestlers. This group's hard work was lead by some excellent coaches and parents. Together they had a very impressive season. Hastings wrestling future looks very bright if we keep these youngsters in the program! Key highlights include:

- 1st place in Division C at the "The Brawl"
- 2nd place at Hastings 16 team tournament.
- 3rd place TCU tournament.
- 3rd place in NYWA team state tournament.
- 2 individual state champions.

This program could not exist without parent engagement. We need your help in the room and at the tournaments to keep it going strong!

Concessions

Our concession workers enjoy their times working with other parent and helpers. 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 parents! We have a great leader in Patti Kopp who coordinates our concessions. Please call Patti @ 438-2173 if you can help!

Attention!!

To: Middle School and High School Wrestlers / Parents
What: Fundraiser - **GOLD CARDS**

When: Selling from July 25th - August 6th.

Pre-Blitz Sale: All wrestlers should stop in the wrestling room at the High School on Monday, July 25th, Tuesday, July 26th or Wednesday, July 27th, Thursday, July 28th from 12:45 pm to 3 pm to pick up cards to sell to neighbors and friends. There will be a 30 card limit per wrestler. When you turn in your money for 30 cards, you can pick up an additional 30, etc. If those pick up times do not work, please call or text for pick up at coach McLay's house.

NO WRESTLERS ARE TO SELL CARDS AT ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS UNLESS THEIR PARENTS ARE WITH THEM AND THEY HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE STORE OWNER/MANAGER!!!

Blitz Day: All wrestlers will meet in the High School (Upper Level) Commons at 8:30 am on Saturday, August 6th for juice and donuts and partner up to cover the community. We will sell from 9:00 am until noon and then meet for pizza and pop. Cards will be redistributed for the weekend after lunch.

Rewards and Drawings: All remaining cards and money will be turned in on Monday, August 8th between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm in the High School Weight Room. The drawings and prize money will be given out at that time.

INCENTIVES - (\$375 Total)

One Group Grades 5-12.

Top Seller - \$100 cash

Second - \$75 cash

Third - \$50 cash

The remaining wrestlers that sell 30 or more gold cards will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 prize. Three \$50 prizes will be awarded.

In addition, your earnings account will be credited \$6 for each card you sell.

Why Participate: To raise money for the Wrestling Program, raise money to pay for your camps and

tournament entry fees, wrestling activity fees, buy wrestling clothing or pay for your club registration.

If you decide not to continue in wrestling, the account money will be transferred to a sibling's account.