

Fall Athletics End of the Season Report 2023

This report is an overview of each sport, the number of participants, the cost to run the program, an academic review of the fall sports season and the clubs and activities in place.

The report shows that participation in sports was similar to last Fall season.

From an operating perspective, expenses increased slightly. This increase was due to our transportation cost because of the bus driver shortages. There were many times during the course of the season we had to hire outside bus companies to cover our athletic buses to make sure our student-athletes had the opportunity to play and the difference in cost was substantial.

A few highlights of the season are below:

- The MHS Boys Soccer Program finished the season as the CCC South Division Co-Champions
- MHS had 15 (10%) varsity student-athletes recognized as being All-CCC Conference members and 1 All- State recipient.
- I am happy to report we had 70(%) of varsity student-athletes receive All-Academic recognition (which is a GPA of 87.5 or higher during the 1st marking period).
- Our two scholar athletes for the fall season were Senior Boys Soccer student-athlete, Gianluca Latina with a 98.83 GPA and Senior Girls Cross Country student-athlete, Elise Kennedy with a 99.40 GPA.

Thank you!

High School Sports Narratives

Football Coach, Josh Rosek:

The 2023 Football season highlighted not only the success on the field but most importantly the success off the field. On the field the player fought hard and played with great sportsmanship. We had 4 players named to the All CCC Conference. Off the field is where we made tremendous gains. We hit our GPA goal of 80%. All student athletes were determined to reach this goal and it showed in the first quarter grades. Also the student athletes benefited from our character based program Coaching to Change Lives. Both on and off the field this year the student athletes in the program grew as individuals and as a team. Very proud of them.

Girls Soccer Coach, Alex Ayer:

The MHS girls soccer team had a great season, finishing with an overall record of 8 wins, 7 losses, and 2 ties. The team made just its second appearance at the CIAC State Tournament since 2017 and had its first winning season since 2017 as well. The team had 3 players earn all- conference awards and 2 players accepted to play in the Senior Bowl. The team established a reinvigorated expectation of reaching the state tournament every year and had a lot of growth and comradery that made for such a fun and memorable season.

Boys Soccer Team, Coach Sal Emanuele:

The MHS Boys Soccer Team won their third consecutive CCC South Championship, were CCC Tournament Quarterfinalists, and advanced to the Class L State Tournament Second Round. They finished the regular season with an overall record of 6 wins, 3 losses, and 7 ties. The team also had five student athletes named All CCC South, a Senior Bowl selection, and a number of student athletes that made CCC All Academic. Coach Emanuele was named CCC South Coach of the Year.

Fall Cheer Club Coach, Lindsay Hansen:

Our fall season was successful, as a team we were able to meet our goals and continue to set high expectations for the coming seasons. As a team, we felt supported in the school community and enjoyed working with all of the fall season athletes. We worked on all the necessary cheer components to ensure our success in the required skill sets. We continued to celebrate student successes and make future goals and expectations.

Girls Swim & Dive Coach, Trevor Charles:

The Girls Swimming and Diving team had a bit of a rebuilding year with a 4-7 season record and unprecedented low numbers. The team managed to send 5 girls to Class L States, with all 3 relays qualifying for State Finals, and most members had lifetime personal best performances throughout the season.

Girls Cross Country Coach, Jennifer Price:

The girls cross country team had a bit of a struggle this season. With a smaller than usual team, less experience than in past years and some inconsistent weather, it was an interesting year. For the most part, we were not able to field an entire varsity team. This impacted us negatively at invitational meets, most notably at the CCC Championship meet where one of our varsity athletes could not finish and therefore, we did not score as a team. A goal for next year is to grow our numbers in the hopes of rebuilding the team.

Boys Cross Country Coach, Robert Weston:

The Boys XC team had a very positive year as we continue to grow and improve. Our hardwork and dedication was shown daily in practice, workouts, and at meets. We improved our times greatly from the beginning of the season to the end and many new faces made varsity for the first time. We once again finished 6th in the conference with a team led by many freshmen and sophomores. Our young team went to some big meets and competed with the best all year. They grew, they learned, they had a positive experience along the way. With the team the most dedicated they've been in years and almost everyone coming back, I am very optimistic about the future.

Girls Volleyball Coach, Kelvin Jones:

The MHS Volleyball team finished the 2023 regular season with a 9-9 record. We increased our wins from last year and advanced to the CIAC tournament 2 years in a row in Class LL. With the loss of several student athletes at the varsity level, the coaches look forward to the development of our younger players from our JV and Freshman programs.

Fall Dance Club Coach, Brianna Albanese:

During this season we successfully participated in four practices a week, band camp, all home football games, and two band competitions.

Fall Crew Club Coach Scot Peaslee & Melina Metaxas:

Fall Crew raced in four regional and international races this season. At the New England Junior Regional Championships, the boys varsity 4 placed second, girls double placed second, and girls novice 4 placed third against competing high schools. We also raced four boats at the largest regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles.

Unified Soccer: Cindy Culp:

This Season Unified Soccer had a great team- we were able to have a bigger roster than in the past years which was amazing! Both the student athletes and team partners got to know each other in many ways. Our student partners helped our student athletes become fearless of others on the field, and just go out there and have fun. Our student athletes have become more confident in themselves and their knowledge in the sport. Keeping a consistent practice schedule helped teach all our teammates to become more successful in time management, and school scheduling management. We were able to have 3 tournaments at East Hartford High, Conard High, and Farmington High, which helped our student athletes become more comfortable with new surroundings.

Beman Middle School Sports Narratives

MS Boys Soccer: Kevin Benzi:

The Beman Boys Soccer Team finished their season with a record of 7-2. The team had a great season overall and had tremendous team chemistry and were all very supportive of each other on and off the field. I was pleased to see each and every student-athletes growth throughout the season and look forward to following their future achievements on and off the field.

MS Girls Soccer: Shawn Murdock:

This season was a rebuilding year for Beman Girls Soccer. With only 4 returning Varsity players, there was the opportunity for many younger, and new players to gain valuable playable experience for future seasons. The team finished with a 0-9 record but saw steady improvement throughout the season, outstanding effort, and excellent sportsmanship throughout.

MS Boys/Girls Cross Country: S. McKeever/ T. Quinn:

The girls have had an amazing season. We went from 1 win in a season to finishing 6-5. We beat a huge rival in East Hampton. Our girls have dropped minutes from their times from the start of the year. We have a very strong 6th grade class, the girls in 6th grade were in our top 5 performers in the majority of our meets. We finished 3rd in our conference meet. We had 9 girls represent us in the state tournament. 2 of our athletes placed in the top 10 out of 276 runners, Madeline Staib (6th) and Olivia Lane (7th)

FALL 2023 OVERALL TEAM RECORDS

<u>MHS</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>
Volleyball	9	9	
Girls Soccer	8	7	2
Boys Soccer	6	3	7
Girls Swimming	4	7	
Football	4	5	
Girls Cross Country	3	11	
Boys Cross Country	3	11	
Unified Soccer	n/a		

<u>Beman</u>		
Boys Soccer	7	2
Girls Soccer	0	9
Boys Cross Country	5	5
Girls Cross Country	6	5

Academic Review---2023 Fall Sports Season

All student-athletes in grades 9-12 were reviewed for compliance to Middletown High School's eligibility policy. In accordance with district policy, final grades from the previous school year served as the criteria in the review process. Student-athletes who had met CIAC eligibility standards, but had received one or more failing grades were subject to the review process. As is the case with all athletic seasons, all interscholastic teams were required to hold supervised study halls in some capacity for student-athletes throughout the season.

Team-by team results of the Academic Review process are summarized in the following table:

	Number Of Student Athletes Subject To Academic Review	Number Of Student Athletes Meeting MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation	Number Of Student Athletes Who Failed To Meet MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation
Boys XC	0	0	0
Girls XC	0	0	0
Football	17	17	0
Boys Soccer	0	0	0
Girls Soccer	0	0	0
Girls Swim/Dive	0	0	0
Volleyball	0	0	0
Cheerleading	3	3	0
Dance	0	0	0
Crew	1	1	0
Unified	0	0	0
Total	21	21	0

The Academic Review process is designed to support students and encourage them to strive for academic success. Often, a student's desire to play a sport or engage in extracurricular activities will spark the effort and focus necessary for improvement in the classroom. Athletics are a valuable part of the high school experience; Middletown Public Schools is committed to using sports as partners in the educational process.

**MHS 2023
FALL ATHLETICS
PARTICIPATION**

SPORT	MIDDLE SCHOOL								HIGH SCHOOL											
	SIXTH		SEVENTH		EIGHTH		TOTALS		NINTH		TENTH		ELEVENTH		TWELFTH		TOTALS		GRAND TOTAL	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Boys X-Country	3	7	10	4	6	12	19	23	5	4	7	2	1	6	3	1	16	13	35	36
Girls X-Country	4	13	3	7	5	8	12	28	2	3	4	2	4	4	6	3	16	12	28	40
Football	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	30	14	18	15	19	16	15	74	82	74	82
Boys Soccer	2	8	7	3	15	13	24	24	15	12	10	13	8	7	7	8	40	40	64	64
Girls Soccer	6	5	5	8	18	6	29	19	5	3	7	6	5	5	10	5	27	19	56	38
Girls Swimming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	2	6	3	5	10	3	20	19	20	19
Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	12	15	4	9	7	5	40	46	40	46
Unified Sports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	4	0	2	5	8	5	8
TOTALS	15	33	25	22	44	39	84	94	79	75	59	63	41	59	59	42	238	239	322	333

2023 FALL ATHLETICS EXPENSES

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>*OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		<u>GENERATED INCOME</u>		<u>NUMBER of COACHES</u>		<u>TOTAL SALARIES</u>	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Football	\$27,249	\$22,767	\$ 7,661	\$ 6,936	7	7	\$46,879	\$46,879
-Police		\$ 5,625						
-Ambulance		\$ 3,570						
Boys Soccer	\$ 6,973	\$ 4,981	\$ 1,325	\$ 523	3	2	\$16,767	\$11,951
MS Boys Soccer	\$ 3,634	\$ 1,773	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 3,759	\$ 3,759
Girls Soccer	\$ 4,078	\$ 6,113	\$ 894	\$ 587	3	3	\$16,767	\$16,767
MS Girls Soccer	\$ 4,048	\$ 1,015	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 3,759	\$ 3,759
Volleyball	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,034	\$ 1,498	\$ 2,199	3	2	\$16,767	\$11,951
Girls Swimming	\$ 3,461	\$ 3,007	\$ 0	\$ 0	3	3	\$21,923	\$21,923
Boys X-Country	\$ 508	\$ 809	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,239
MS X-Country(B/G)	\$ 345	\$ 506	\$ 0		3	4	\$ 9,018	\$10,518
Girls X-Country	\$ 508	\$ 809	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,239
Cheerleading	\$ 0	\$ 371	\$ 0	\$ 0	2	2	\$11,951	\$11,951
Unified Sports	\$ 0	\$ 371	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450
Strength/Conditioning	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,239
Athletic Training	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 440
Security: MHS		\$11,214						
: Beman		\$ 628						
***Miscellaneous	\$17,382	\$ 20,373	\$ 0	\$ 0				
Transportation	\$45,042	\$ 49,140	\$ 0	\$ 0				
TOTALS	\$117,742	\$139,106	\$11,378	\$10,245	30	29	\$167,807	\$160,065

*Operating Expenses- Includes officials, uniforms, equipment, supplies and game personnel.

***Miscellaneous includes awards, administrative supplies, office supplies, dues & fees.

Fall 2023 Active - MHS Activity/Club Advisors

Patricia Ehnott	10th Grade Advisor
Beth Shapiro	9th Grade Advisor
David Reynolds	DECA
Vivian Sheen	Asst. DECA
Jillian Kellogg	Drama Coach/Musical Coach
Stephanie Latif	Future Business Leaders
R. Isaacson	FFA (Future Farmers)
Mike Kingsbury	Sharing
Amanda Thomson	Sharing
Stephanie Russell	Sharing
Kristen Hamilton	Future Teachers
Trevor Charles	Gender, Sexuality Alliance
Mary Ellen Molski	National Honor Society
Jennifer Price	Junior Class Advisor
Kate Bysiewicz	Asst. Junior Class Advisor
Nicole Charles	Key Club Advisor
Alexander Ayer	Pride Crew
Abbey Barrows	Majorette, Flag Corps, Color Guard
Andrew Newman	Drumline Instructor
Open	Student Council
Open	Math Team Advisor
Robert Downer	Pre-Med Advisor
Stephanie Zak	Tri-M Music Honor Society
Krista Biancini	Minority Student Coalition
Stephanie Russell	Sharing
Dan Lowry	Model UN/Debate Club
Sam Faulkenberry	Robotics Advisor
Sam Faulkenberry	Newspaper Advisor
Jennifer Price	Yearbook Advisor
Kate Bysiewicz	Asst. Yearbook Advisor
Lauren Pszczolkowski	Senior Class Advisor
Beth Shapiro	Asst. Senior Class Advisor

Jeff Mickiewicz	Environmental Club
Mary Ellen Molski	Dragon Watch
Alison Kaye	Art Show Organizer
Pam Hinkle	Judo Club

Non-Stipend Activity/Clubs

Stephanie Russell 2021	Drone Club
Cherylynn White 2009	GIFTS
David Frankel 2009	And Sometimes Y – Creative Arts Magazine
Cassandra Lombardo 2022	Book Club
Pam Hinkle	MSA (Muslim)
Julia Radko	Crochet Club
Amanda Thomson	4-H Club

Middle School Activities/Clubs

John Geary	Student Council	Beman
Jill Brady	Assistant Student Council	Beman
John Geary	Pride Patrol	Beman
Amber Baumgartner	Yearbook	Beman
Stephanie Brody	Assistant Yearbook	Beman
Open	Musical Coach	Beman
Kaylin Spaulding	Majorette, Flag Corp	Beman
Kaylin Spaulding	Drama Coach	Beman
Open	National Junior Honor Society	Beman
Grace Mandy	Newspaper	Beman
Rahsaan Yearwood	Minority Student Coalition	Beman

2023 MHS Fall Coaches

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>
MHS Boys Cross Country	Head Coach	Rob Weston
MHS Girls Cross Country	Head Coach	Jenn Price
MHS Football	Head Coach	Josh Rosek
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Jason Coleman
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Derek Getek
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Kelly Ellis
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Sal Morello
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Greg Frost
MHS Football	Assistant Coach	Andy Mulh
MHS Boys Soccer	Head Coach	Sal Emanuele
MHS Boys Soccer	Assistant Coach	Anthony Pizzuto
MHS Girls Soccer	Head Coach	Alex Ayer
MHS Girls Soccer	Assistant Coach	Meaghan Constant
MHS Girls Soccer	Assistant Coach	Alex Giardiana
MHS Girls Swim/Dive	Head Coach	Trevor Charles
MHS Girls Swim/Dive	Assistant Coach	Taylor Garboski
MHS Girls Swim/Dive	Assistant Coach	Dan Kinney

MHS Volleyball	Head Coach	Kelvin Jones
MHS Volleyball	Assistant Coach	Paul Oliva
MHS Fall Cheerleading Club	Head Coach	Lindsay Hansen
MHS Fall Cheerleading Club	Assistant Coach	Sharon Riley
MHS Fall Dance Club	Head Coach	Brianna Albanese
MHS Fall Crew Club	Head Coach	Scot Peaslee
MHS Unified Soccer	Head Coach	Cindy Culp

2023 Beman Fall Coaches

Beman Boys Soccer	Head Coach	Kevin Benzi
Beman Girls Soccer	Head Coach	Shawn Murdock
Beman Boys Cross Country	Head Coach	Steve McKeever
Beman Boys Cross Country	Assistant Coach	Michael Waterbury
Beman Girls Cross Country	Head Coach	Tracy Quinn
Beman Girls Cross Country	Assistant Coach	Karen Agogliati