

Haverhill School Committee Meeting, November 21, 2024

Haverhill High School Athletics - Fall 2024

Girls' Cross Country: The girls' cross-country team won the Merrimack Valley Conference title for the second consecutive year. The Hillies had a perfect 5-0 record in their division to win the MVC title. Lauren Downer qualified for the MIAA Division 1 state championship and placed 59th. Mike Maguire was named the MVC Coach of the Year.

Girls' Swim & Dive: The girls' swim and dive team performed impressively at the state level. Kailyn Aquino won the MIAA State Championship in the 1-meter dive and was named MVC Diver of the Year. Sophia Caruso won a pair of MIAA Sectional titles, finishing first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle. As a team, Haverhill placed fifth overall in the sectional championship. In addition to Kailyn and Sophia, Molly Jordan, Isabelle Tanguay, Sophia DeFrank, Julia Plassman, Olivia Powell, and Emily Lenihan all qualified for the Division 1 State Championship in individual events.

Cheer: The Haverhill cheer team won the Merrimack Valley Conference championship with an incredible performance on November 10. They finished third this past Sunday at the MSAA Regional Championship and qualified for the MSAA State Championship at Worcester State on November 24.

Girls' Soccer: The girls' soccer team won the 2024 Merrimack Valley Conference regular season title. The Hillies went 3-1-1 over their last five games to finish 8-6-4 and qualify for the MIAA Division 1 State Tournament.

Unified Basketball: The Unified basketball team had more than 20 participants and finished with an impressive 6-1 record. The season concluded on November 14 at the Merrimack Valley Conference jamboree at Lowell High School. Haverhill is proud to be a Unified Champion School Program, a Special Olympics school initiative that engages students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same sports teams. It's essentially a school-wide effort to foster acceptance and understanding among students of all abilities.

Golf: The golf team had a strong showing at the MVC Golf Championship. Tommy Murphy, Jack Baker, and Patrick McGowan all qualified for the MIAA Sectional Championship. Tommy Murphy went on to qualify for the MIAA Division 1 State Championship.

Football: The football team will host Lowell in the annual Thanksgiving game at Haverhill Stadium this year. Kick-off is at 10 a.m.

Thank you to the Haverhill Public Schools athletic director, Tom O'Brien, for compiling this summary of the fall athletics season for the Haverhill School Committee.