



WILLIAMSTON WRESTLING

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Greetings,

After another exciting year of Williamston Wrestling, it is time to look to the future. You may have helped to support us in the past or you may be new to the game, either way your help is needed now more than ever. As educational budgets shrink and costs increase your support of our program becomes essential in providing opportunities for our young athletes. Not only does it allow us to provide the "extras" it takes to keep us a championship program it now helps to fund the most basic necessities. With the help of booster dollars the club was able to provide opportunities and materials to all levels of the Williamston Wrestling programs. From T-shirts, uniforms and supplies to tournament fees and travel expenses, the dollars that the boosters raise make it possible to have a program that has a positive impact on the lives of many student athletes in our community and to be someone that other programs are concerned with year after year

Furthermore, the 2016-17 wrestling campaign was an exciting one. After a 4th place CAAC league finish the team was narrowly stopped in the District finals by a team from Lansing Sexton. The team participated in the annual pre-season Mackinac Challenge. Despite winter storm warnings, the team ran in Mackinaw City an 8.5 mile stretch with physical challenges along the way. We continued our tradition of hosting some of the best run home tournaments in the state. This year included: The Jim Mooney Wrestling Classic, the MHSAA Individual District and Regional tournaments. As always, the Williamston Wrestling Club allows us to produce high quality events and it is a credit to our parents, alumni, and volunteers. As a program, we continue to have great participation at the Middle School and Club levels.

Individually, 5 Hornets qualified for the Individual Regional and 3 of them earned a trip to the Palace for the Finals. These three seniors all made their first trip to the finals. Quintin Lopez placed 6th after reaching the semi-finals. Justin Bloom placed 8th and Eli Palmer lost a heartbreaking decision in the stay-alive round to just fall short of placing. Congrats to all for a solid season on the mat.

As much as we like to celebrate victories, trophies, and championships, we also value providing outstanding opportunities that benefit these young men and their future contributions to our community. Once again the Hornets earned Academic All-State Honors from the Michigan Wrestling Association with Justin Bloom at 215 lb.

Many of these opportunities were funded with Booster raised dollars, THANK YOU! It is a credit to our tradition, parents, boosters, supporters and community that have allowed this tremendous organization to flourish year in and year out.

As the weather finally begins to break it is time to think about the season to come. To kick off the 63rd season of Williamston Wrestling our 44th Annual Golf Outing will once again take place at the **Brookshire Golf Club, Saturday, September 16th**. This event is the cornerstone of our fundraising for the entire year, with funds going directly to the wrestling program and its operation. We have created exciting choices for sponsorship of the Williamston Wrestling Boosters. On top of the annual golf outing and hole sponsorship we again offer a Weight Class Sponsor program. These donors are honored throughout the wrestling season with hanging banners in the high school gymnasium at all home events. Whether you have supported Williamston Wrestling in the past or are new to the family, thank you for considering supporting our program for the season ahead. It is people like you that keep the Williamston Wrestling program a force to be reckoned with!

As always follow us online at www.WilliamstonWrestling.com or on Facebook and Twitter. We have been in the process of compiling a record book which can be found under the LEGACY page. Please feel free to contact us with any changes to update our records.

Thank you for all that you do,

George Manson

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