

HARVARD-WESTLAKE ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

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message from head of athletics

A Message From Terry Barnum



Hello Wolverine Sports Fans and thank you for checking out our first Harvard-Westlake Athletics Newsletter. Fall is always full of excitement, with the beginning of the school year and the beginning of the athletic season. Our athletes have been working hard over the summer and we are looking forward to watching our Wolverines compete on the field, court and in the pool. This newsletter will be published once a month and will provide information on what's happening in the world of Harvard-Westlake Athletics. Each month, a link to the most current newsletter will be pushed out via our various social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). You can also sign up to have the newsletter delivered directly to your email inbox. If you have suggestions for the newsletter, feel free to email us at athletics@hw.com. Finally, be sure to check out our plans for the new River Park Campus and sign up to support our efforts at www.hwriverpark.com. Thank you and Go Wolverines!

Best,
Terry Barnum
Head of Athletics

fall sports report



Wolverines at the line of scrimmage ready to make a play in their 35-28 win over Venice

Sports Report as of September 4th

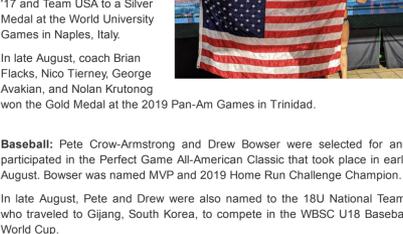
Fall sports are underway and we are looking forward to cheering on our Wolverines as they begin their journeys to claim League titles and defend CIF Championships.



Cross Country: Currently 0-0, our HW Cross Country team made their debut at the UCSB Invitational on Saturday, August 31st, and had some notable individual showings. It was a little special for Coach K as the team competed on campus at his alma-mater. Wolverine top finishers included Junior co-captain Isabel Lawrence in the Girls' 3-mile who finished in 8th place in 19:42 on an extremely challenging course. Senior co-captain Diego Ahmad led the way on the boys side with a 33rd place finish in a loaded, very full Boys 3-mile race in 17:06. The short course races were very exciting with Freshman Collin Field leading the way on the boys side in 9th place, and Freshman Natasha Speiss in 16th place on the Girls side. Other Wolverines on the rise include Nathan Aloisi, Mateo Ahmad, Micah Gold, Will Samuets and Vasilja Yordanova. HW Athletics and Coaches are looking forward to a very successful and fun 2019 season.



Football: HW Football is currently 1-1. The team opened their season with a tough non-league 34-0 loss at Birmingham High School on Friday, August 23rd. The Wolverines used this experience, however, as one to fuel a week of focused and inspired practices in preparation for their home opener against Venice on August 30th. Charlie Wang scored HW's first points of the season, and the team overcame a 14-0 first quarter deficit to take the lead 21-14 at the half. Both teams scored two more touchdowns in the second half to result in the Wolverine's exciting 35-28 win. Quarterback Marshall Howe finished the game with 344 yards passing and Wide Receiver Brendan Kang had 147 yards receiving.



Field Hockey: HW's back-to-back LAFHA Champions opened their season with dominant wins against Westminster and Fountain Valley, and an exciting 4-2 come-back win over Edison. The team is currently 3-0 as they head into their home opener. Senior, Rachel Brown, has been a standout with a hat trick in the team's win over Fountain Valley, and another goal and assist in their come-back win against Edison on September 3. The team looks forward to opening league play in mid-September.

Girls Golf: Golf opened their 2019 season in Arizona, competing in the Antigua National Invitational. Skylar Graham and Daisy Wan were currently low card holders for the Wolverines in the invitational. The team is currently 0-0 and opens league play on September 5th against Flintridge Sacred Heart. The girls are looking to remain undefeated league champions in the 2019 season.



Girls Volleyball: Of all of the fall sports, girls volleyball has the most game experience under their belt with a record of 9-6 heading into the third week of school. They opened their season playing in two summer tournaments: Ann Kang Invitational (13th place) and Lakewood Tournament (9th place). The team went 1-1 in their first two non-league home games last week against LB Poly and Oakwood. With five contributing freshman on the roster, the team is young but they bring a lot of energy and excitement to the court.

Water Polo: Our defending 2018 CIF SS Division 1 Boys Water Polo Champions opened the year with dominant wins over Alamy and St. Francis in the first week of school. The team rosters an impressive senior class that looks to claim another league and CIF title this season.

summer spotlight

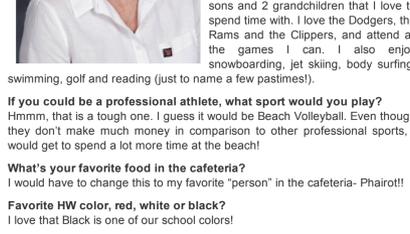
Boys Water Polo: In July, coach Brian Flacks and Matt Kubeck led Alumni Sam Krutonog '18, Felix Brozyna-Vilim '17, and Evan Rosenfeld '17 and Team USA to a Silver Medal at the World University Games in Naples, Italy.



In late August, coach Brian Flacks, Nico Tierney, George Avakian, and Nolan Krutonog won the Gold Medal at the 2019 Pan-Am Games in Trinidad.

Baseball: Pete Crow-Armstrong and Drew Bowser were selected for and participated in the Perfect Game All-American Classic that took place in early August. Bowser was named MVP and 2019 Home Run Challenge Champion.

In late August, Pete and Drew were also named to the 18U National Team, who traveled to Gijang, South Korea, to compete in the WBCS U18 Baseball World Cup.



Boys Track & Field: HW Boys 800M Medley finished the 2019 Track & Field season as Nationally ranked US #1 - 1:29.82 - James Chung '19, Chase Harleston, Joshua Johnson '19, and Brayden Borquez '19.

Girls Volleyball: Freshman Ava-Marie Lange, Grace Thrower and Sydney Floyd, and the Southern California Volleyball Association Select team won the gold medal at the High Performance National Championships in Florida.

Boys Tennis: Adam Sraberg '17, a junior tennis player at Vanderbilt University, was selected to represent the US in Budapest, Hungary at the European Maccabi games. Sraberg returned with a Bronze Medal for Team USA.



Girls Soccer: Freshman and US Youth National Team player Alyssa Thompson, was named to the West Coast Conference Best XI by the United States Soccer Development Academy for 2018-19.

commissioner's cup



HW Southern Section announced in late June that HW Athletics won the 2018-19 CIF Commissioner's Cup as the top boys' athletic program in the Southern Section.

Each year, the winner is determined by a point system that awards a school five points for a divisional championship, three points for a divisional runner up, two points for advancing to the semifinal round or finishing in third place, and one point for finishing in fourth place.

This is the first time in school history that the Wolverines have won the Commissioner's Cup on the boys side. HW has won the Commissioner's Cup on the girls side three times (2000-01, 2001-02, 2009-10). The Wolverines scored 20 points in the competition, led by championships in water polo and track & field, runner up finishes in baseball and tennis, a third place finish in swimming and a semifinal appearance in basketball.

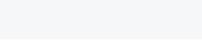
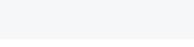
Congratulations to our teams and coaches, and a big thank you to all of our HW supporters!

hw river park



Rick Commons, Harvard-Westlake's President and Head of School announced this summer that the Wedgington Golf & Tennis Center, a 16-acre property purchased almost two years ago has been renamed the Harvard-Westlake River Park. Mr. Commons shared the preliminary plans for the site through the launch of the project website www.hwriverpark.com. The website offers various details for the River Park, development timeline, environmental features and FAQ's. Mr. Commons has encouraged all stakeholders and friends to visit the website to register support for this exciting, transformational project.

The draft plan for the River Park details designs for the most advanced high school athletic center in Los Angeles. These amenities include two athletic fields (one with a running track), a swim center with a 50 meter pool, an eight-court tennis complex, and a gymnasium that features fitness and therapy rooms, strength & conditioning facilities, locker rooms, meeting rooms, and more.



Above ground, the River Park plan features a walking/jogging path around the entire perimeter of the site and a network of plazas, water features, wooded areas, and other natural spaces that together comprise a six-acre River Park.

The plan also includes the largest privately funded storm water capture and treatment system in Los Angeles, a testament to Harvard-Westlake's commitment to developing an environmentally responsible project.

Over the last year and a half, the project team at Harvard-Westlake has met with leaders from the Studio City community to agree upon design principles and gather feedback about concepts for the River Park. The design direction honors commitments that the school has made to the Studio City community while simultaneously addressing pressing needs for recreational spaces.

Over the summer and fall, Harvard-Westlake will share the design direction of the River Park with the broader Studio City community and will conduct meetings with individual home and business owners and other community groups to discuss the plans and gather feedback. When classes resume in the fall, the school will conduct meetings so that members of the Harvard-Westlake community can learn more.

get to know

Get to know: Darlene Bible, Athletic Director (Operations)

Entering her 38th year, Darlene Bible is the longest tenured faculty in the Athletic Department.

When you aren't at HW, what do you like to do?

Well, I have a wonderful husband, 3 sons and 2 grandchildren that I love to spend time with. I love the Dodgers, the Rams and the Clippers, and attend all the games I can. I also enjoy snowboarding, jet skiing, body surfing, swimming, golf and professional (just to name a few pastimes)!

If you could be a professional athlete, what sport would you play?
Hmmm, that is a tough one. I guess it would be Beach Volleyball. Even though they don't make much money in comparison to other professional sports, I would get to spend a lot more time at the beach!

What's your favorite food in the cafeteria?
I would have to change this to my favorite "person" in the cafeteria- Phairot!!

Favorite HW color, red, white or black?
I love that Black is one of our school colors!

Favorite HW game of all time?
I think the game that stands out is the first Division I Boys Water Polo Championship we ever won. What an amazing game!

Fun fact about yourself?
Many may not know that I coached swimming for over 30 years (with a few stints coaching soccer, basketball and volleyball), and that I was fortunate enough to coach numerous All Americans, National champions and a 5-time Olympic swimmer. Although I taught swimming to every single 7th grader for 30 years, my favorite times at Westlake and Harvard-Westlake have been coaching young people.

fanatics corner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Some of the biggest Fall match-ups are right around the corner. Be sure to come support your Wolverines as they prepare to face cross-town rivals, defend league titles, and compete against some of the finest opponents in the Southern Section.

B/G Cross Country
Wed., Sept 25, 3:00p at Mission League Meet #1

Field Hockey
Thurs., Sept 19, 5:00p versus Thousand Oaks (league opener)

Football
Fri., Sept 6, 7:00p versus Crespi
Fri., Sept 20, 7:00p at Salesian (league opener)

G. Golf
Thurs., Sept 12, 3:30p versus Chaminade (home opener)

G. Tennis
Tues., Sept 24, 3:30p versus Notre Dame

G. Volleyball
Thurs., Sept 19, 5:00p at Marmount
Tues., Sept 24, 5:00p versus Notre Dame

B. Water Polo
Thurs., Sept 26, 4:00p at Oaks Christian

hw homecoming

Homecoming is on Saturday, October 12. Be sure to join us for a full day of sports, games, food and fun! Featured Fall sports competing on campus will include: Fencing, Field Hockey, Boys Water Polo, Girls Volleyball, and Football. Stay tuned for the full homecoming game schedule in our October Newsletter.

hw athletics app

Last Winter HW launched the new HW Athletics App. Now HW teams are with you wherever you go! Be sure to download the app on your smart device via Apple Store or Google Play to follow your favorite teams!

something to share

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