



LANCASTER CITY SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
HOME OF THE **GOLDEN GALES**

July 2022

Golden Gale Fans,

Summer break has come and gone for many of our high school athletes, and with school beginning in just a few short weeks, fall sports are gearing up with the start of practices and try-outs. For most athletes, the summer months provide time to concentrate on building strength and conditioning while also participating in camps and open gyms to hone their skills in preparation for the competitive school year.

The football team has been strength training and conditioning under the watchful eye of head coach Bryan Schoonover and his staff this summer. Fans will have **FIVE** opportunities to watch the Golden Gales defend their home turf at Fulton Field in 2022. Please note that all games will start at 7:00pm.

Friday	August 26	Marysville	7:00PM (Junior Gale Night)
Friday	September 16	Hilliard Darby	7:00PM (1980's Football Alumni Night)
Friday	September 30	Groveport	7:00 PM
Friday	October 7	Reynoldsburg	7:00PM (Homecoming)
Friday	October 21	Newark	7:00 PM (Senior Night)

The Gales home opener for the 2022 season will be on August 26 vs. Marysville. It's Junior Gale Night and all Junior high and Lancaster Gales Youth Football Association player and cheerleaders will be admitted free and recognized before kickoff. On Friday, September 16th we host Hilliard Darby and will recognize attending football alumni from our teams of the 1980's. Friday, September 30th will bring Groveport to Fulton Field and we will be inducting new members of the Lancaster HS Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. We will crown our Homecoming Queen on October 7th and invite all LHS fans to arrive early to enjoy the Homecoming pre-game parade before kickoff vs Reynoldsburg. October 21st brings Newark to town and we will recognize our senior football players, band members and cheerleaders, prior to kickoff.

You will also have many opportunities this fall to catch other Golden Gale fall sports in action. Please visit our athletic website www.lancastergales.com for current sports schedules, pictures and news about our athletes. You can also follow the Golden Gales on Twitter @lancastergales.

Some special events this fall include the Wanda Shaner/Karen Wohrer Volleyball Tournament on August 27th in the LHS gymnasium and the Bob Reall Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 24th. Over 2500 athletes are expected to participate in this year's cross country invitational, one of the premier cross-country events in the state. The Boys Golf team will host the annual Lancaster Invitational at the Lancaster Golf Club on Tuesday, September 6th. Come out and see the Golden Gales as they face off with some of the best teams in central Ohio.

Last year many of our teams participated in community service projects ranging from adopting a family for the holidays to helping elderly with spring yard work. Our coaching staff understands the importance of providing our young athletes with opportunities to make an impact on those in our community through service. The lessons taught by our coaches go far beyond the fields and courts where you see them coach. Our head coaching staff for 2019-20 is as follows:

SPORT	COACH	SPORT	COACH
Football	Bryan Schoonover	Boys Golf	Luke Truex
Girls Tennis	Gary Elick	Girls Golf	Tom Stedman
Volleyball	Heather Ingram	Boys Soccer	Graham Roan
Girls Cross Country	Teresa Tripp	Girls Soccer	Brian Griffin
Boys Cross Country	Jeff Koksak	Boys/Girls Swimming	Axel Birnbrich
Wrestling	Dugan Bentley	Fall Cheerleading	Lindsay Strittmatter
Girls Basketball	Dusty Miller	Boys Basketball	Kent Riggs
Boys/Girls Bowling	Wendy Russell	Softball	Allie Kinniard
Boys Tennis	Gary Elick	Boys Track	Jeff Koksak
Baseball	Corey Conn	Field Hockey	Allie Kinniard
Girls Track	Joe Muck	Winter Cheerleading	Lindsay Strittmatter

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize our Junior High Athletic Directors. Jared Stewart (j_stewart@lcsschools.net) will be coordinating all General Sherman athletic teams and contests while Mark Pezo (m_pezo@lcsschools.net) will be taking care of Thomas Ewing. These two gentlemen also teach at the building for which they oversee athletics and can be reached by calling the main office at their junior high school. I would like to thank Jared and Mark for all of the attention they give to our junior high athletes assuring that our future Gales have positive experiences while developing their skills.

The following businesses have returned as our "Gold" advertising sponsors at our sporting events: Bob-Boyd Auto Family, Lancaster Bingo, Porta-Kleen, Buckeye Automotive Family, Michaels Oral Surgery, Coughlin Kia of Lancaster, Unified Bank, Hugh White Chevrolet and Crestview Skilled Nursing and Rehab. All of these sponsors have contributed greatly to our ability to purchase uniforms and equipment for LHS Varsity, JV, Freshman, and TE/GS teams. Whenever you have the opportunity, please show your appreciation to our business partners.

I am very excited for the upcoming school year and the athletic challenges that lie ahead. I am always proud of our student-athletes and love to see them take the Lancaster name into battle across Ohio representing our community with pride. Ticket information for 2019-20 is attached. Thank you for your support!

GO GALES
Pam Bosser
Athletic Director

