



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

July 2024

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 **SIX** opportunities to watch the Golden Gales defend their home turf at Fulton Field in 2024. Please note that all games will start at 7:00pm.

Friday	August 23	Akron North	7:00PM	(1994 team recognition)
Friday	August 30	Wayne Valley	7:00PM	(Junior Gale Night)
Friday	September 20	Groveport	7:00PM	(Military Appreciation)
Friday	September 27	Pickerington Central	7:00 PM	(Homecoming)
Friday	October 11	Reynoldsburg	7:00PM	(Cancer Awareness - Pink Out)
Friday	October 13	Canal Winchester	7:00 PM	(Senior Night)

The Gales home opener for the 2024 season will be on August 23rd vs. Akron North. We will be celebrating the 1994 Football team and their historic season as league champions and playoff participants. On Friday, August 30th we host Wayne Valley High School (New Jersey). It's Junior Gale Night and all junior high and Lancaster Gales Youth Football Association players and cheerleaders will be admitted free and recognized before kickoff. Friday, September 20th will bring Groveport to Fulton Field and we will be honoring retired and active military personnel. We will crown our Homecoming Queen on September 27th and invite all LHS fans to arrive early to enjoy the Homecoming pre-game parade before kickoff vs Pickerington Central. October 11th brings Reynoldsburg to town for our Cancer Awareness game. All in attendance are invited to wear pink for the Pink Out. We will be recognizing our senior football players, band members and cheerleaders, prior to kickoff on October 13th vs Canal Winchester.

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 31st in the LHS gymnasium and the Bob Reall Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 21st. 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 3rd. Come out and see the Golden Gales as they face off with some of the best teams in central Ohio.

2023-24 LHS Athletic Year in Review

- Boys Cross Country - OCC Champions
- Girls Cross Country - OCC Champions
- Girls Tennis - OCC Champions
- Boys Swimming - OCC Champions
- Wrestling - OCC Champions
- Girls Gymnastics - OCC Champions
- Boys Tennis - OCC Champions
- Softball - OCC Champions
- Girls Track & Field - OCC Champions
- Boys Track & Field - OCC Champions

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 2024-25 is as follows:

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COACH</u>
Football	Bryan Schoonover	Wrestling	Dugan Bentley
Field Hockey	Allie Kinniard	Boys/Girls Bowling	Wendy Russell
Girls Tennis	Gary Elick	Boys/Girls Swimming	Kylee Crist
Volleyball	Heather Ingram	Girls Basketball	Dusty Miller
Girls Cross Country	Teresa Tripp	Boys Basketball	Kent Riggs
Boys Cross Country	Jeff Koksall	Girls Gymnastics (club)	Jen Snider
Cheerleading	Blair Murphy	Boys Tennis	TBA
Boys Golf	Luke Truex	Baseball	Corey Conn
Girls Golf	Tom Stedman	Softball	Allie Kinniard
Boys Soccer	Graham Roan	Boys Track	Joe Moorhead
Girls Soccer	Brian Griffin	Girls Track	Dianna Galadyk

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 at 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 at the junior high level.

The following businesses have returned as our “Gold” advertising sponsors at our sporting events: Bob-Boyd Auto, Lancaster Bingo, Porta-Kleen, Buckeye Automotive, Michaels Oral Surgery, Coughlin Kia of Lancaster, Hugh White Chevrolet and Josh’s Ground Effects. 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 2024-25 is attached. Thank you for your support!

Pam Bosser
Athletic Director

