

Seneca East Cross Country

Alumni Newsletter ~ Season Review 2020



“PEOPLE”



“TRADITION”



“EXCELLENCE”

Hello Seneca East Cross Country Alumni:

The 2020 cross country season has come to an end, and what a unique one it was. This season was yet another successful campaign for our program at all levels. The program numbered over 100 elementary runners once again, and 49 runners 7-12.

To kick off the 2020 season we hosted “The” Tiger Classic for the 8th year in a row, albeit, this one was COVID style as only local schools could attend. Many alumni, families, and community members played an integral part in the success of this meet, and despite the challenges, it proved to be a first-class event. It is our goal, in the years to come, when things get back to normal to continue to grow this into one of the premier meets in all of Ohio!

We also hosted two new meets this year, Saturday Night Lights, and the MAL Reunion. Saturday Night Lights was a one-of-a-kind event, and it involved a massive effort from our SECC Family to make it happen. In total, 24 light plants were brought in, a new course was designed that finished in the stadium on the track, and a new tradition began, as runners were able to run into the night! The MAL Reunion was something we decided to put together since many of our meets were cancelled due to COVID. We were able to host the meet on the old MAL course in Bettsville at Eells Park. The runners absolutely loved the course, and we plan to continue to host the MAL Reunion in the years to come as well!

The high school girls had an outstanding season as they earned the District Runner-up trophy, and boasted the Individual District Champion, Lilly Schiefer (Niki Hines’ Daughter). The girls qualified for the regional meet for the 5th time in 6 years, and finished with an overall record of 44-36. The junior high girls also had a successful season as they won two meet championships, including the MAL Reunion, and finished as N-10 Conference Runner-ups.

The high school boys had yet another successful season finishing with an overall record of 53-21. The boys finished as N-10 Conference Runner-ups at the league meet, and finished in the top three of the majority of their races, including two team championships along the way. The junior high boys had a dominating season once again, as they finished with an overall regular season record of 52-0, winning every race they were in!

On top of all of the success, 45 out of the 49 runners in junior high and high school earned the SECC Academic Award (given to runners with a 1st Quarter GPA of 3.0 or greater). Our overall program GPA for the 1st Quarter was a respectful 3.54. This is an outstanding achievement for these student athletes as they represent the program in a positive manner, both in the classroom and on the course!

We would like to thank all of our alumni for the support you provided throughout the 2020 season! Many of you provided assistance in different ways, and with your continued backing we are looking forward to representing the “tradition” of the Seneca East Cross Country Program in the years to come!

We are SECC!