

## **7th Grade Girls Win Volleyball Championship**

At Massillon Washington Middle School, on Saturday, October 13, 2018, the 7th grade volleyball teams from Louisville and St. Michaels fought for the championship, to determine who would be the winners of this year's volleyball season. As Louisville walked in, they heard the screaming crowd. They saw the Louisville 8th graders that came to support the team standing in the bleachers holding the signs they had made for each member of the 7th grade team. As both teams walk to the net to shake hands, both teams start to show how nervous they are.

As Louisville serves the first ball over the net, a girl from St. Michaels swings her arms to one side to pass the ball and misses by a mile. The crowd goes wild as the scoreboard changes from 0,0 to 1,0. And Louisville is up!  
Louisville wins the first match 25,17.

Towards the end of the second match, Louisville is up 24,6. One point to go and they will win! Louisville has serve. As number 11 tosses the ball up and takes a swing, everyone in the crowd seems to be holding their breath in anticipation. The ball goes over the net. Everyone in the crowd jumps to their feet and start screaming! Louisville won! They won the girls volleyball championship for the first time in 12 years! Now, they have a trophy to put into the trophy case next to last year's second place trophy.

By: Foghorn Leghorn

## **OHSAA State Meet**

On October 20th, 2018 Louisville Middle School was traveling to Lancaster, Ohio. There were many teams from all over the state of Ohio who all came for the same reason. Every team here wanted to get top 3 or even better win.

There was a total of 18 teams and 146 runners. It was not the best conditions to run nor the best course..The sun was blazing hot and there were no clouds in the sky. The course was in full sun and had many huge hills. The team was not going to let this stop them. They were persistent and did not give up all hope. Each girl did their best as the race trudged on.

When the race was over all of the girls and teams gathered together by the winning podium. The announcer was naming the teams of from last place to first. "And in 3rd place is Louisville Middle School". The girls all run up the platform and one held the shiny medal trophy they got pictures taken by many smiling coaches and parents. They had accomplished their goal and ended the season on a good note.

By: Sniffles

## **Salem Early Bird Invitational**

In Salem, Ohio, on August 25th, the girls LMS cross country team competed at a cross country meet and they had a chance at winning it. Their bus was 40 minutes late so when they got to the meet, so they did not have time to walk the course. They were all drinking water, putting on their spikes, and getting ready to

warm up for the race. Their coach gave them the map of the course to look at so they could have an idea of what it was. There was small hills, sharp turns, and a winding creek you had to jump over. The team walked over to the starting line to start their warm-ups.

Once they finished warm-ups it was five minutes till race time. They all started to get nervous since it was their first meet. The official called the girls out and told them all the rules to this meet. Then they walked back to the starting line and he shot the gun and the race started. The girls all started out pretty fast but as the race went on the Louisville girls kept getting further and further up into the race.

As the girls sprinted into the finish line, you could tell they had a good shot at winning. Louisville had four girls come in at place 7, 8, 9, and 10. They still had their number 5 to come in. To win, she had to finish very soon... standing there and waiting was very nerve-racking. Their coach was pacing around. Then coming in at 15th place, was Louisville's 5th runner. Their coach yelled, "We won!" All the girls screamed and yelled and were all in a mob.

By: Michigan J. Frog

### **Boys Basketball Tryouts**

On November 6th, 2018, the boys trying out for the eighth grade basketball team waited anxiously in the boy's locker room for tryouts. Once their coach, Coach Aljancic walked into the boy's locker room, everybody went silent and looked at him. All the players came into the gym everybody knew that they had to make this practice count if they wanted to make the team.

Coach Aljancic started practice with some full court layup lines to start the afternoon. After they finished up their warm-up, they started their next defensive drill that was going to a competitive drill between the two groups Coach Aljancic had assigned. The shirts team lost at the end of the competition by one point and had to run a ladder, that was when the players had to run to the foul line and back, the half court line, and then a  $\frac{3}{4}$  court, then a full court.

After the players got back from their water break from the last exercise, they started the next which would be their shell defense drill where the players would have to shift positions on defense to cover the ball. There were three teams assigned, two of the teams competed while the other team worked on their form shooting and foul shots.

At the end of that, they scrimmaged at the end to work on the play that they learned that day called hands.

When the losing team in the scrimmage finished their running, Coach A brought them all together in the middle of the court to tell them about the schedule for the week, The players were happy to hear the whistle signaling the end of practice after their hard work.

By: Henery Hawk

### **2018 Volleyball Banquet**

At Louisville Middle School, on November 5, 2018, the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams of Louisville held their volleyball banquet to congratulate each player with their own achievements and for their outstanding season. The 7th grade team went first and the 8th graders finished up the banquet going last. Each player was given positive feedback from their coach, and after every player was announced they called up the players on the team for their own individual achievements. These achievements were most hustle, most spirited, class clown, most valuable teammate (MVT), and most valuable player (MVP). After each player was recognized the crowd of relatives clapped and cheered for the two teams, it was so loud it sounded like thousands of people were there. The turnout for the night was phenomenal and the volleyball teams of Louisville Middle School were proud to be apart of an amazing group of girls.

By: Yosemite Sam

### **The David Ziesmer Invite**

The Louisville Cross Country team traveled to Jackson Memorial Middle School in Jackson, Ohio for the David Ziesmer Invitational on September 8th, 2018. It was a fantastic day to run, because it was raining, cold, and muddy. The boys attempted to finish strong, they got fifth out of sixth teams. Only one boy made it in the top ten which was G. B.. He placed fifth with his other teammates not far behind. The girls finished second out of five teams. The girls team had two finishers in the top ten, S. placed sixth, C. placed ninth, M. placed twelfth,

Sophia placed sixth, Chloe placed ninth, Marisa placed twelfth, Brooke placed fifteenth, and A. placed seventeenth. For the seventh graders L. placed fifty fourth, H. placed fifty ninth, and G. placed sixty seventh. The Louisville cross country team left the meet proud and happy for each other. Both teams finished with a fantastic race!

By: Hector the Bulldog

### **8th Grade Basketball Tryouts**

Louisville's basketball program has been great the last couple years. Do you want to be part of the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams? Tryouts are November 5, 6, and 7th. Cuts will be made on the 7th. 8th grade will be coached by Andrew Aljancic. 7th grade will be coached by Corey Street.

Basketball is a great sport and takes a lot of teamwork. If you work hard and do what your team needs you to do you will fit in this basketball program. Basketball takes skill too, it isn't for everyone but why not give it a shot? These teams will be challenged this year with some very good opponents so why not at least try! Talk to Mr. Aljancic if you have any questions or concerns. The basketball team will be balling this year!

By: Barnyard Dog