

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022

Fall Sports Reports

Summary

Belmont High School Athletics started its fall 2021 season on Friday August 20th and will conclude at our traditional Thanksgiving Football game (@Watertown High School 10am). Our family expanded as we introduced two new Varsity Coaches (Boys Soccer and Football) and a new baby for one of our staff.

Through the tremendous work of athletes, families, coaches, support staff, and school leadership, we returned to our first post pandemic full schedule of games and state tournament play.

In total, 404 student athletes alongside 33 Coaches worked in representing Belmont High School and the community at large. The challenges of transportation were supported by a tireless effort by Eastern Bus Company. Fields and facilities upheld our increased schedule by a diligent Department of Public Works and the fine work of BHS Facilities and in particular BHS Custodial.

As part of the ML-12, Belmont High School had more teams and athletes than any of our counterparts. This includes 10 Varsity Teams, Five Junior Varsity Teams, Five Freshman Teams, and the return of Middle School Cross Country. Interest is strong, and we looked towards a similar turnout this winter.

Fall Teams Recap

Boys Cross Country

Coach Bill Brotchie (25 years) and 32 athletes ran for 4 Wins. Postseason they competed in Mass Div. 1B Cross Country Championships (6th place), and qualified for Mass All State Championships (Finished 17th).

Record: 4-2,

All Stars: Jackson Coelho, Trevor Smith, Jared Rife

Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

BHS welcomed 4 new Coaches including Varsity Boys Coach Nimen Kenkre. Through a tough ML-12 schedule, the 22 letter winners battled to a birth in the newly configured MIAA Tournament.

Record: 6-9-3

All Stars: Jesse Dong and Peter Grace

Cheer

BHS Fall Cheer team worked very hard throughout the fall season. Coach Kelly Pugliese and 18 athletes (6 Freshman, 8 sophomores, 2 Juniors, 2 Seniors) improved throughout and gave support at our Football games.

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Football (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

BHS welcomed 4 new Coaches (plus 3 returning Coaches), First year Varsity Coach Brian McCray (20th year coaching HS) led a competitive group of 59 athletes who competed to four wins against Cambridge, Burlington, Lexington, and Winchester.

Record: 4-5

All Stars: Tyler Arno, Kevin Logan, Adrien Garung, Gordon Lasseter, Johnny Dolan, Tony Zhao

Field Hockey (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

Coach Jess Smith coached her 19th season at BHS. The team worked hard, learned together, and made it to postseason MIAA Tournament.

Record: 6-10

All-Star: Ellie McLaughlin, Saj Seth Voss, Mia Mueller

Girls Cross Country

3rd year Coach Melissa Tkacs and 23 athletes competed in the challenging ML12. We look forward to returning to a home course upon completion of the BHS Building project.

Record: 1-5

Girls Swim

3rd year Coach Doug Curtain and 37 athletes opened the new BHS Higgenbottom pool. A competitive season saw 3rd place at League Championship, 8th place at sectionals, 7th at State Championships

Record: 7-2

All-Conference: Maddy Morawski, Alique Stepanian

All-Star: Za Zarkadas, Mia Taylor, Robyn Tonomura-Macdonald, Heidi Zhang

Girls Soccer (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

Coach Paul Graham and 25 Varsity athletes competed in the tough ML12. The team just missed the state tournament.

Record: 5-6-5

All Stars: Sarah Dullaghan (Eastern MA. 1st Team) and Sabrina Salls

Golf

In his 15th season, Coach Jeff Shea and 14 Golfers had an outstanding competitive season. Achieving 4th place in D2 North, advanced them to the State Championship (7th place) led by the outstanding play of Patrick Kilcoyne.

Record:10-4

Volleyball (Varsity, JV, Freshman)

11th year Coach Jenn Couture led a tough Varsity team into a state tournament bid. Despite a 7-11 record, the tough schedule and multiple 5 set matches gained a top 32 Div 1 seeding.

Coach Couture also brought a new team member (Baby Toby). Congratulations Coach.

Record:7-11

All Stars: Catherine Bai and Megan Kornberg

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PARTICIPATION BREAKDOWN						
	<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
B Soccer		20	16	9	12	57
Boyx XC		9	4	13	6	32
Cheer		6	8	2	2	18
Football		19	20	7	13	59
F. Hockey	5	14	14		9	49
G Soccer		30	13	17	9	69
G Swim		12	9	8	8	37
Girls XC		4	3	7	9	23
Golf		2	4	4	4	14
Volleyball		16	13	8	9	46
<u>TOTAL</u>		132	104	87	81	404