

Defending State Champs: Shawnee Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Submitted by Juli Lundberg

In June of 2023, the Shawnee boys lacrosse team won the Group 3 State Championship for the first time in school history. They defeated Chatham 11-8 in the championship game to clinch the title. The hard-working team is back at it this year. Have a great season! ■

Shawnee Boys Varsity Lacrosse Schedule 2024

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| Wednesday, Apr 3 | 10:00AM | Away vs. Eastern |
| Monday, Apr 8 | 3:45PM | Lenape |
| Wednesday, Apr 10 | 4:30PM | Lawrenceville |
| Thursday, Apr 18 | 3:45PM | Seneca |
| Saturday, Apr 20 | 10:00AM | Garnet Valley |
| Tuesday, Apr 23 | 3:45PM | Away vs. Moorestown |
| Thursday, Apr 25 | 3:45PM | Cherokee |
| Monday, Apr 29 | 4:00PM | Away vs. Ocean City |
| Wednesday, May 1 | 4:30PM | Away vs. Robbinsville |
| Saturday, May 4 | 10:30AM | Scotch Plains-Fanwood |
| Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00PM | Rancocas Valley Regional |
| Thursday, May 9 | 4:30PM | Away vs. Wall |
| Saturday, May 11 | 11:00AM | Away vs. Ridge |
| Wednesday, May 15 | 5:30PM | Away vs. Haddonfield Memorial |
| Saturday, May 18 | 11:00AM | Away vs. Manasquan |

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The Shawnee boys lacrosse team: 2023 Group 3 State Champs

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Shawnee Girls' Swim Team Wins South Group B Sectional Title

By Kerry Brown



Coach Meghan Warren and Assistant Coach Carson McBain with team captains Summer Sky Bontrager, Gracie Peterson, and Styliana Kokolis.



The Shawnee Girls' Swim Team won the South Group B Sectional Title.



The record-breaking Shawnee relay team.

Shawnee Girls Swim Team etched another chapter into their history by clinching the South Group B Sectional Title for the second consecutive year. Last year's win marked the first in the school's history. A highlight of their season unfolded at the nail-biter Sectional Finals, where victory hung in the balance until the final relay. "It was as close as a meet can get!" Coach Meghan Warren said. Despite graduating some strong seniors last year, the team, fueled by determination and a relentless spirit, rallied to secure the win. "They really swim for each other, not just themselves, and it makes all the difference," Warren emphasized.

With a commendable 9-3 record, the Shawnee Girls showcased their commitment to excellence. Camryn Tilger (sophomore), Summer Sky Bontrager (senior), Alaina Allbaugh-Heinz (sophomore), Ellie Walsh (sophomore), and Sofia Caravello (freshman) emerged as top scorers. Still, Coach Warren stressed the importance of team effort. "Places 1-5 score in Individual events and places 1-3 score in relays. You need the whole team; every swimmer makes a difference," she said.

Shawnee swimmers also broke four records this season. Tilger broke the 200 IM and 100-fly records; Bontrager broke the 100-free record; and the 400-free relay team of Bontrager, Walsh, Allbaugh-Heinz, and Tilger broke a relay record that had stood for 22 years!

Guided by team captains Bontrager, Gracie Peterson, and Styliana Kokolis, the team honed their skills and navigated highs and lows with unwavering resolve from November to March.

Warren expressed gratitude for the support of students, faculty, Shawnee's athletic director, Rich Dodd, and assistant coach Carson McBain. "He was a great addition to our team this year," she said.

Warren also credits swim team parents for late-night practice pick-up, pre-meet snacks, pasta parties, and bus decorating. "Our team truly is a family, and that includes our parents. They are always there to cheer us on, and knowing we have their support means a lot to the girls," she said.

Fifth-year coach Meghan Warren is a former swimmer for Shawnee herself. "It's truly special to be back as a coach," she said. ■

MYAA 5th Grade Boys Basketball Champions

Submitted by Jenny Keczely

Congratulations to the MYAA Basketball 5A Team on winning the SJBBL 5A Championship.

Katrina Lucas and John Webb coach the team. Team members include Brice Bonelli, Jack Lucas, Jake Keczely, Nolan Webb, Chase Robinson, Mason Boger, Mikey Connelly, Jack Sallade, and David Quigley. ■



South Jersey Boys Basketball League 5th Grade A Division Champions