

Sweeping Panorama of Fall Sports

Three of the four fall sports teams captured Panorama League titles, marking another successful season for Dragon athletes:

Cross Country

For the 16th time in the last 18 years, the girls' varsity cross country team captured the Panorama League title behind Katie Johnson's individual win. The Dragon boys finished second at the league meet. Both ran well at the District 5/6/7 championships, with the girls' second overall and the boys' team third.

"Cross country epitomizes struggle," says coach Josh Hayes. "Struggle against the clock, against your opponents, against yourself. This year's cross country team faced more challenges than most, as our small size made us more vulnerable to injury and sickness, but the team persevered, with both teams returning to State."

Seniors Ellie Stagaman and Mackee Moland guided the girls' team to fourth place at the State B Championships in Pasco on November 7 — their fourth consecutive state trophy! Congratulations to freshman Taryn Stamper who was 12th at state. The boys' team finished 12th overall, led by Howard Lee in 31st place (who also won a race for the first time this year) and Evan Dyer in 36th.

"We'll return even stronger next year," vows Hayes.



Cross Country Panorama League Champions

Soccer

After landing the Panorama League title with a 4-1 win over Northwest Christian, Saint George's soccer team hosted the district tournament. Backed by goals from Evan Furbeyre and Molly O'Brien, the Dragons again defeated Northwest Christian (this time 2-0) to capture the District 7/9 championship. After two wins in the regional tournament, including a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Riverside Christian, the Dragons again advanced as the #1 seed from all of Districts 5/6/7/9 to the State Soccer Tournament.

But all those wins over Northwest Christian couldn't help the Dragons when the Crusaders upset them in a snowy State Quarterfinal on Friday, Nov. 13. The 1-0 overtime loss was a tough way to end a very successful 14-4-2 season.

Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team clinched their Panorama League title on "Senior Night." Then the Dragons hosted the League Tournament and advanced as the number one seed to the District 7 tournament, which also filled the Schmidt Center with pounding balls and cheering fans. After a close loss to Reardan, the team bounced back to defeat Republic before falling to Davenport and ending their season just short of the State Tournament.

Lizzy Lee, with 86 aces, was named to the Panorama All-League



Taking a penalty kick in a game at Saint George's in September

Team. Lauren Grzlek (with 125 kills), Delaney Reynolds (398 digs), and Ashlin Sturbaum (37 blocks) all received Honorable Mentions, while Mark Springer was named Coach of the Year.

"Our success was not a function of one or even a handful of star athletes but instead a team of athletes who came together for a common purpose," says Springer. "Each played a central role at different times during the season of being the go-to player... I want to say how proud I am of this team, who finished the season by giving it their all on the court."



Kylie Mohr goes airborne in a win at the Schmidt Center

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