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## QCS Athletics Newsletter

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Quakertown Christian School is a proud member of the Atlantic Coast Christian Athletic Conference (ACCAC).

### Scoreboard Fundraiser

We are thrilled to announce that God has blessed us and laid on donors' hearts to meet 100% of our fundraising goals for new scoreboards! A new portable scoreboard debuted during soccer season, and two new indoor scoreboards are getting ready for wiring & mounting in the gym. Many thanks to our sponsors (see middle pages), and those who spent hours fundraising for this project!



One of two new scoreboards in the QCS gymnasium

### Fall Sports Wrap-Ups

#### **Cross Country (Middle & High School, Co-Ed)**

This year marked the first time that QCS offered Cross Country, as a club [non-varsity] sport.

Coach Ben Yost, and volunteer assistant Darlene Mercer, created a training regimen to work around only having 1 day per week to meet with our athletes.



2023 QCS XC Team.

Aaron Moyer was our top runner and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the ACCAC meet @ Bethlehem Christian. Ava Grace Smeland and Zeke Reichley made impressive efforts and placed in their divisions as well!

#### **Middle School Girls' Volleyball**

The MS Volleyball team lost 3 starters to the HS team this year; however, it still was a year of growth and progress.

Zoe Roth emerged as a truly excellent and versatile player and leader. The high standards she set for herself were a great example to others, and she won ACCAC All-Conference recognition.



Defensive Specialist Riak Manyok receives a serve during the Bears' win @ Renaissance Academy.

The Bears swept a home-and-away series against Renaissance Academy, who had swept QCS last year, and they qualified for the playoffs by defeating league opponents King's Academy and Lehigh Christian.

#### **Middle School Boys' Soccer**

*From Coach Kacie Peters:*

After losing quite a few 8th grade players last season, the MS soccer team gained a promising group of 5th and 6th graders this year.

Veteran Micah Roth found his new and most valuable role leading out of the back alongside Ryan Curtis. Stevie Hathaway, Caleb Roth and Isaac Kolb proved to be versatile in their first season with the



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Bears on defense, showing both skill and determination throughout the season.

Alternating in goal for most of the season, and showing great poise as 5th graders, were Cooper Moore and Kai Gehlert. Matthew Hathaway, playing mostly midfield this season, also had a few shifts in goal toward the end of the season.



Matthew Hathaway and Caleb Roth rush to join the attack

Our midfield and offense showed great potential for future years, led by Aidan Moyer. We were able to switch players around as needed while keeping our play strong. Zeke Reichley's energy and willingness to take on larger opponents helped the Bears move forward, alongside skilled player Victor Talese - who had a few goals in his debut season. Ethan Edwards and Leo Fresco worked hard at midfield to connect the defense to our offense.

## High School Girls' Volleyball

The HS Girls continued to grow in what was only year 3 of their program. Seniors Grace Williams and Eleanor Wiren provided leadership and experience, as Juniors Nikki Diehl grew as a defensive specialist, and Raygen Bittner grew as an outside hitter. Sophomore Casey Roth continued to develop as a setter, but could also move to the attack as needed.

The Bears did qualify for the playoffs, and though they didn't earn any all-conference selections at this young stage, Casey Roth, Raygen Bittner, and Nikki Diehl were selected to play in the ACCAC All-Star game.



Seniors Grace Williams and Eleanor Wiren flank coach Brandon Roth on Senior Night

## High School Boys' Soccer

*From Coach Steve Stradling:*

Another Bears Varsity Boys' Soccer season in the books, yet it was anything but "just another season". This season brought some new faces as well as new players, but the same teamwork, character and unity. To say this was an exciting season would seem to be an understatement. Though we had a few challenges along the way, the Bears met them with a relentless resolve. Never giving up and putting forth every effort for every minute of each match, they were able to not just secure a place in the playoffs but advanced into the second round with a shot at going to the championship match. Though our run may have taken a different path playing in the consolation match, they ended the



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season with no regrets. Always keeping their heads up. Always encouraging and supporting one another. Always giving 100%. Most of all maintaining team spirit and Christ-like play. Oh, did I mention that they had their best season to date!?!? Beyond exciting to say the least.



The 2023 QCS HS Soccer Team

## *Athletic Director's supplement re: HS Boys' Soccer*

The HS Boys reached round 2 of the playoffs for the first time ever, where they lost to eventual league champion Calvary Baptist 1-0. It was a good showing, and yet another display of class that marked this

uniquely mature and solid team of young men that made our school community proud.



Postgame run across the field to thank their fans after QCS' first ever Varsity soccer playoff win

Cody Roth and Daniel Innocent were selected as 1<sup>st</sup>-team All-Conference, and Lincoln Brechbill and Anthony King made the 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Ethen Moore and Cody Roth were also selected to the ACCAC Playoff All-Tournament team.



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## Winter Sports Preview

We can't wait for the start of basketball season, as returning players and coaches look to build on the accomplishments of previous years, while welcoming a few new participants.

All four of our teams will kick off the regular season with QCS' Homecoming, on Saturday 12/2.

Coaches Kim, Kevin, and Jeff Tomlinson will continue to lead our MS & HS girls teams, and Rodney Ridley and Josh Goodin return to lead our boys. The boys are also pleased to welcome former player Vince Sturdevant who is joining the coaching staff.

The MS girls are bolstered by returning and experienced 8<sup>th</sup> grade players Zoe Roth and Kylee Hobbs, along with a strong, experienced supporting cast. The HS girls are happy to bring all of last year's starters back, including ACCAC All-Stars Nikki Diehl & Raygen Bittner. Both girls' squads made the playoffs last year and are aiming still higher for 23-24.

Both boys' teams made the ACCAC final four last year, and both boast having beaten the eventual league champion during the regular season. We can only imagine how things might have turned out differently had a stomach bug not decimated the teams during round 2 of the playoffs.

Nevertheless, the MS Bears return ACCAC All-conference selections Aaron Slimm & Isaac Ridley, complemented by Ayden Black and Micah Roth. The HS boys are excited to see what Seniors Drew Moyer, Marcus Ridley, and Cody Roth can do in one final season together, as all have been starters together every year going back to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

All QCS basketball teams have made strides and have picked up multiple tournament invitations. We can't wait to bring our best to the University of Valley Forge Invitational Tournament and Rich Leister Memorial Tournament, as well as having our HS boys play a game at Thaddeus Stevens College this season.

## **Basketball Season Schedule**

11/28 MS Girls scrimmage v. Plumstead Christian, 3:45  
11/28 HS Boys scrimmage v. Plumstead Christian, 5:00  
11/29 HS Girls scrimmage v. Phil-Mont Christian, 4:00

### **12/2 - Homecoming**

- MS Girls v. Salem Christian, 10:00am
- MS Boys v. Salem Christian, 11:00am
- HS Girls v. Salem Christian, 12:45
- HS Boys v. Salem Christian, 2:15

12/5 MS Girls @ Windsor Christian, 3:30  
12/5 HS Boys @ Faith Christian (Roseto, PA), 3:30  
12/5 HS Girls v. Phil-Mont Christian, 4:00  
12/5 MS Boys @ Windsor Christian, 4:30  
12/12 MS Girls v. Calvary Baptist, 3:45  
12/12 MS Boys v. Calvary Baptist, 4:45  
12/12 HS Girls v. Calvary Baptist, 6:00  
12/12 HS Boys v. Calvary Baptist, 7:30  
12/15 MS Girls v. King's Academy, 3:45  
12/15 MS Boys v. King's Academy, 4:45  
12/15 HS Girls v. Lincoln Leadership, 6:00  
12/18 HS Girls v. Coventry Christian, 3:30  
12/18 HS Boys JV @ Jenkintown, 5:30  
12/18 HS Boys Varsity @ Jenkintown, 7:00  
12/19 MS Girls @ King's Academy, 3:45  
12/19 MS Boys @ King's Academy, 4:45  
12/21 HS Boys v. La Academia Partnership Charter @ Thaddeus Stevens College, game time TBA  
12/28 - 12/29 HS Boys @ University of Valley Forge Invitational Tournament, time & opponent TBA  
1/4 HS Boys JV @ Plumstead Christian, 5:30  
1/4 HS Boys Varsity @ Plumstead Christian, 7:00  
1/5 MS Girls @ Valley Forge Baptist, 3:45  
1/5 MS Boys @ Valley Forge Baptist, 4:45  
1/5 HS Girls @ Valley Forge Baptist, 6:00  
1/5 HS Boys @ Valley Forge Baptist, 7:30  
1/6 HS JV Boys Tournament, location & time TBA



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1/9 MS Girls @ Bethlehem Christian, 3:45  
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1/9 HS Girls @ Bethlehem Christian, 6:00  
1/9 HS Boys @ Bethlehem Christian, 7:30  
1/11 MS Girls @ Upper Bucks Christian, 3:45  
1/11 MS Boys @ Upper Bucks Christian, 4:45  
1/11 HS Girls @ Upper Bucks Christian, 6:00  
1/11 HS Boys @ Upper Bucks Christian, 7:30  
1/12 MS Boys @ Plumstead Christian, 3:45  
1/12 MS Girls v. Phil-Mont Christian, 3:45  
1/12 HS Girls v. Salem Christian @ Rich Leister Memorial Tournament (Salem), 5:00  
1/12 HS Boys v. Upper Bucks Christian @ Rich Leister Memorial Tournament (Salem), 6:30  
1/13 HS Girls & HS Boys @ Rich Leister Memorial Tournament (Salem)(time & opponent TBA)  
1/16 MS Girls @ Lehigh Christian, 3:45  
1/16 MS Boys @ Lehigh Christian, 4:45  
1/16 HS Boys @ Lehigh Christian, 6:00  
1/19 MS Boys @ West Chester Christian, 3:45  
1/19 HS Girls @ West Chester Christian, 4:45  
1/19 HS Boys @ West Chester Christian, 6:15  
1/23 MS Girls v. Windsor Christian, 3:45  
1/23 MS Boys v. Windsor Christian, 4:45  
1/23 HS Boys v. Faith Christian (of Roseto, PA), 6:00  
1/25 MS Girls @ Calvary Baptist, 3:45  
1/25 MS Boys @ Calvary Baptist, 4:45  
1/25 HS Girls @ Calvary Baptist, 6:00  
1/25 HS Boys @ Calvary Baptist, 7:30  
1/26 MS Girls @ Lincoln Leadership, 4:00  
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1/29 MS Girls v. Lehigh Christian, 3:45  
1/29 MS Boys v. Lehigh Christian, 4:45  
1/29 HS Boys v. Lehigh Christian, 6:00  
1/30 MS Girls v. Valley Forge Baptist, 3:45  
1/30 MS Boys v. Valley Forge Baptist, 4:45  
1/30 HS Girls v. Valley Forge Baptist, 6:00  
1/30 HS Boys v. Valley Forge Baptist, 7:30  
2/2 MS Girls @ Cedar Grove Christian, 3:00  
2/2 HS Girls v. Bethlehem Christian, 4:00  
2/2 MS Boys @ Cedar Grove Christian, 4:00  
2/2 HS Boys @ Cedar Grove Christian, 5:15  
2/6 MS Boys v. West Chester Christian, 3:45  
2/6 HS Girls v. West Chester Christian, 4:45  
2/6 HS Boys v. West Chester Christian, 6:15

2/8 MS Girls v. Upper Bucks Christian, 3:45  
2/8 MS Boys v. Upper Bucks Christian, 4:45  
2/8 HS Girls v. Upper Bucks Christian, 6:00  
2/8 HS Boys v. Upper Bucks Christian, 7:30  
2/12-2/13 ACCAC Playoffs, round 1  
2/15-2/17 ACCAC Playoffs Final Four @ Upper Bucks Christian

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### The Mission of QCS Athletic Programs is to:

- Display Christ-likeness
- Instill goal-orientedness, self-discipline, and team-first attitudes
- Glorify God in our bodies

### If you would like to help further that mission:

- Volunteers to collect admission or sell concessions are welcome
- We can often use additional coaches for upcoming seasons

Contact Athletic Director Jeff Wright and/or the QCS Sports Boosters with interest:

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