

# THE ROYALS REPORT

APRIL 2021

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Welcome back Royals! It's been a very different year to say the least, but our teams are back competing and it feels like we're back on track. As expected, we had an uptick in the number of athletes on our Spring teams, which shows me the competitive nature of our students. Our coaches have done a fantastic job maintaining our mitigation measures and being flexible in their approach to the season. While things have looked different, the feeling of game day never left. Our teams picked up from where they left off and it's been a joy to see our student-athletes back in their element. As we look forward towards the Fall and beyond, I'm more than confident our athletes in other sports seasons will take on the same approach as our Spring athletes, and hit the ground running.

I want to also remind our families to follow our social media pages for updates, scores, and news about our teams and athletes. On Facebook and Twitter, search Lake Ridge Academy Athletics and follow. It is my goal to increase our social media presence to give our athletes and teams the recognition they deserve. With every new follower on social media, our exposure goes up and when that happens, everyone wins!

## FEATURE ROYALS

Our Feature Royals for April are two Track athletes, one upper school and one middle school. The first is senior thrower **Emma Miller**. Emma entered the season coming off an OHSAA Regional appearance in 2019. During that season, Emma broke records in both the Shot Put and Discus. Looking to break her own records this season, Emma has done just that. Recently, at a quad at Independence HS, Emma broke her Shot Put record set earlier in the season and threw 35', almost 4 feet longer than the previous mark. With 1 regular season meet to go, Emma will be looking to top her Discus mark as well. At the middle school level, 8th grader **Aaron Riley** has been leading the pack...literally. At the Royals' lone home meet, Aaron broke the previous 1600m time with a finish of 5:07.8, but wasn't satisfied. At the recent meet at Hawken, Aaron ran even faster, setting the new time to beat at 5:03.2. Congrats to both athletes who have stood out so far this Spring!

## NOTABLE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Boys Tennis @ Sectionals** - 5/11 @ Strongsville HS

**Baseball @ Sectionals** - 5/18 vs TBA

**US Track @ Districts** - 5/19 @ Norwayne HS

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## **ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

After almost a year off from events, the Athletic Boosters have reconvened and are looking forward to the upcoming school year. The group meets regularly to discuss upcoming projects and initiatives, many of which may involve your student-athlete's team. The biggest moving part that requires the most help from volunteers is the concession stand during the Volleyball and Basketball seasons and are currently looking for volunteers to help.

The Boosters are also excited to announce the return of the **Night at the Races** event. While traditionally held in the Spring, the upcoming event will be held this coming Fall on **September 17th at Tom's Country Place in Avon**. This is the group's marquee event and all proceeds from the event help in their mission of supporting our student-athletes and their teams. Be on the lookout for more information about tickets and ways to get involved in the coming months. This is a super FUN event and unlike any other event the school sponsors.

If you're interested in getting involved with the Boosters, feel free to email Booster President Gerald Manning ([gdmnng@yahoo.com](mailto:gdmnng@yahoo.com)) with any questions and to find out when the next meeting time/day is!

**Thanks for your support of Lake Ridge Academy Athletics. As always, GO ROYALS!**



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