

Upcoming  
Varsity Games

Friday, October 6

Girls Tennis  
@ Glenbrook South

Boys Soccer  
@ Stevenson

Field Hockey  
@ Northfield Campus

Girls Volleyball  
@ Winnetka Campus

Girls Swimming/  
Diving  
@ Niles West

Football  
@ Northfield Campus

Saturday, October 7

Girls Tennis  
@ Glenbrook South

Girls Swimming  
@ St. Charles East

Cross Country  
@ Heritage Park

Girls Diving  
@ Glenbrook South

Girls Volleyball  
@ Glenbrook North

## Players kneel for national anthem before ETHS game

18 ETHS athletes and 1 NT athlete took a knee during the anthem

by Lexi Shoup

On Aug. 26, 2016, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick received significant media attention for kneeling while the national anthem played before games. Kaepernick sought to call attention to the oppression of people of color and the issue of police brutality in the United States. He received both support and criticism in doing so, and this has since become a subject of controversy. The protest is not limited to the NFL, however, as spectators saw at the on Thurs., Sept. 28, at the football game against ETHS. 18 ETHS players and 1 NT player knelt during the national anthem that played before the game.

Before the game began, ETHS superintendent Eric Witherspoon addressed the crowd. "The Superintendent gave a speech about race and the things going on in the United States right now. During that, the entire Evanston team was down on one knee," said New Trier freshman football coach Michael Clough.

Witherspoon's statement focused on inclusivity and community. "We must continue to fight for equality. We must continue to love. We must continue to speak out for injustices wherever they exist," said Witherspoon.

After Witherspoon's statement,



Junior Jonathan Taylor kneeling during the anthem | Victory Views

the national anthem played and 18 of Evanston's players remained kneeling. Jonathan Taylor, a New Trier junior running back/defensive back, knelt during the anthem. Taylor said, "The day before the game, Coach Doll talked to everyone on the team about how the Evanston team was maybe going to take a knee. I decided myself to talk to Coach Doll the next day and see how he felt about me taking a knee." He continued by adding that both Doll and his teammates supported his decision. "It was optional and I am positive that it was the same for every other player on the team," said Taylor.

Clough was not surprised by the number of Evanston athletes that took a knee. "Evanston's a racially diverse school so there's a lot of different views and opinions on what's going on in the world and it reflected what's going on in their school."

He added, "America is a free country and if someone chooses to do that, that is fine. I personally don't think it is the right venue.

I think standing for the national anthem is a sign of respect shown to our forefathers that have fought to keep America free."

Varsity football Head Coach Brian Doll said that the Trevians had talked about the topic of kneeling during the anthem a few times. "We discussed as a team on a couple occasions but on Wednesday we discussed it more in depth, and on Thursday I had a follow up with the leaders of our team, and we've had numerous talks over the last year at different times."

Doll said the main point of their discussions is about respecting each other's opinions and supporting one other. "What I've found my role to be in this whole process is supporting everyone and making everybody feel comfortable so at the end of the day, I felt good that our team was able to have some conversations and then at the same time support each other, so it's been good."

Doll concluded that the game against Evanston ended up being a better experience for the team

than people had expected. "I think a lot of people are going to be uncomfortable and that's going to happen, but at the same time, as a teacher, as an educator, and as a coach, one of my main roles is to facilitate and to help everyone on our team. I think everybody landed in a pretty good place after yesterday."

New Trier won the game 27-17 and have a record of 4-2 overall and 2-0 in conference.

Kelly Allison, senior president of the African American Community Club said, she supports a person's right of self expression in a peaceful protest however they see fit. "People are always talking about how it's disrespectful to our veterans which doesn't make sense because that's not even the point. Our veterans, God bless them, fought for our right to choose whether to sit or stand."

She added that these protests are about race. "These predominantly white people protesting are annoyed and honestly frustrated that some black man has the nerve to stand up for what he believes in."

In response to the argument that sporting events are not the time or place for protests, Allison said, "An NFL game where millions of people are watching is the best place to voice your opinion because you know millions and millions of people are going to see it. It takes a lot to put yourself out there for something that you believe in so I can respect the fact that on national television they're risking their jobs and playing time to stand up for something that they believe in."

## Girls win with dramatic double overtime goal

Field hockey defeats Glenbard West in close fought match

by Alyssa Pak

On Sep. 23, the 90° weather and double overtime didn't stop the field hockey team from winning against Glenbard West, 3-2.

Senior Ali Gregorian scored a goal in the last nine minutes, and the team ended with a 1v1, where they were able to secure the win.

Like in the previous game against Glenbard West, the opposing team was the first to score. With nine minutes left, Gregorian pursued the ball to score a goal with sophomore Grace Harris assisting, tying the game 1-1 and leading the teams into overtime and then double overtime. Nobody scored in either, so the game went to 1v1s where sophomore Amy Griffin and senior captain Jenn Kirby scored to win the game.

Because of the intense heat, staying hydrated was crucial to players to perform their best. "I think my favorite part of the game was during half time when everyone was pumping each other up and really making sure everyone was hydrated. There was so much energy on and off the field," said senior captain Sarah Goff.

According to veteran head coach of the team Stephanie Nykaza, Glenbard West is not an easy competitor. When the team previously faced them, they went into double overtime and 1v1s like this game. Nevertheless, Nykaza said that her girls are well conditioned and reminded

themselves of that during the second half, finally pulling through during overtime.

Conditioning seemed to pay off during this game. "I think our daily conditioning was a major factor in our win because the other team was not in good enough shape to keep up with us. We practice 1v1 and have a group of girls and a goalie designated to take those," said Gregorian.

During practices, the team focuses on what they can do to best prepare for their upcoming games. "We set goals pretty consistently based on how we've been playing, about what we need to do and what we need to work on," said Nykaza.

With this game, the team added new components to their practices, including more stick to stick passing, man marking on defense, and working on possession skills.

Goff believes that this helped the team to pull through in this game, even with the unusual September weather. She also said that during the game, she and her teammates weren't just focused on "playing to stay in the game, but also playing with an attacking mindset."

Teammates noted that one standout player was another of the four captains, senior Jenn Kirby. Since she broke her finger and had pneumonia, Kirby wasn't able to take part in practices or games leading up to the game against Glenbard West. Normally she plays high center mid, but because of the pneumonia, she played right forward since it involves less running.

"She really brought intensity to



Junior Faith Stineman dribbles away from Glenbard West | Victory Views

this game and was really supportive on and off the field which is something that really pumps our team up," Goff said.

Kirby, despite her broken finger and sickness, scored on her 1v1, but also took time to appreciate her teammates. "I loved playing right forward because I got to play with my best friend, Ali, who was in center forward. We work well together because we've been playing together since 5th grade soccer. We always know where the other is going to be and push each other."

Griffin covered Kirby's normal position of high center mid, and Kirby noted that she and sophomore Evie Lake plugged up the center, which is where two of Glenbard West's best players are.

Another player that stood out to Nykaza was junior goalie Emma Lauber, who made many saves throughout the game.

"I was proud. It was the first time I heard the crowds really cheering for her. It was exciting because goalies don't get a lot of

recognition. It's always the people that score the goals that everyone talks about, but it's the goalies and defense that really hold everyone in the game," said Nykaza.

Lauber not only played for herself and her team, but for a bigger cause.

"Before I go out onto the field, Lucy Murray always gives me the best pump up talks. Since today was our Bright Pink Cancer Awareness game, she told me to fight for anyone that I knew that had cancer. My grandfather passed away in June from cancer, and I knew I had to play for him."

Despite her achievements, she admitted that wearing all of the heavy goalie equipment "was like an oven" because of the heat and all the equipment is black.

One thing that the team has struggled with recently is "transferring the passion from their heads onto the field," said Goff. However, she believes that during this game everyone's heart and passion really came into play, and that was evident in the final score.