

Upcoming
Varsity Games

Friday, Sept. 16

Football vs Palatine

Girls Swimming vs.
Loyola

Saturday, Sept.
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Boys Cross Country
@Libertyville

Girls Cross Country
@Libertyville

Girls Golf @
Hickory Point Golf
Club

Girls Tennis vs.
Highland Park

Field Hockey
@Lake Forest
Academy

Boys Golf @North
Shore Country Day

Monday, Sep. 19

Girls Golf vs.
Evanston

Girls Volleyball
@Niles North

Girls sports initiate incoming freshman

Initiation continues to be a positive bonding experience

by Lindsey Burns

When boys welcome incoming freshman onto their sports teams, their traditions tend to be discreet within their team. Girls, on the other hand, often make a public display of it.

The girls teams have a long tradition of initiating incoming players. Teams such as crew, field hockey and swimming invite younger teammates to dress up in one-of-a-kind attire and come along on car rides where they will be given humorous tasks while the seniors laugh along.

For Annabel Weyhrich, a senior on the crew team, initiation has been a way to build teamwork and create enthusiasm. "Crew initiation is a really fun tradition where the freshman and seniors can get to know each other," she said. The seniors "make them shirts and come up with fun things to do."

Meghan Minturn, senior and captain of the field hockey team, said, "It's also really fun as a senior because it gives you a chance to meet the girls on the freshman team that you normally wouldn't see that much. The freshman girls I was with were so enthusiastic and excited. It was awesome to see how happy they were to be on the program."

"I was totally comfortable with the process" said Julianne Ross, a



Newly initiated novice rowers pose for a photo-op in their elaborate costumes and face paint. | Caras

sophomore on the field hockey team who was recently initiated. "The seniors just wanted to get to know us and have fun with us."

Sarah Caywood, a senior on the swim team, notes that the initiation is a great way for the entire team to bond. The swim team is large so it can be challenging to interact with everyone.

Like any other school-related group activity, the initiation process can get out of hand. The teams set guidelines so members know what is appropriate and what is necessary to keep the tradition safe and respectful. Each team handles the process differently.

The swim team has one of the most rigorous checks and balance system because of lapses in the past. "We have had issues with what is

and isn't appropriate on the team," Caywood and Katherine Tao, a senior swimmer and a leadership council member, said. In years past, "the seniors would make the freshman do many things that they weren't comfortable with or wanted to do. But now, we have to ask them if they want to participate and we get the coaches approval about the activities we do with them."

Weyhrich explained that the crew team is also cautious with the event and follows certain procedures.

"We send an email out to the parents a week in advance to explain everything and then each group will follow up with a call three days before the date just to make sure it's ok. We also have to run through our whole plan with our coaches to make sure it's ok."

The field hockey team hasn't had any issues in the past, and it shows. Minturn said "there has not been issues with appropriateness, we are always careful to ask if the girls are comfortable with whatever we're doing, but it is pretty easy to gauge what is a good thing to do and what is not."

The new athletic director, Augie Fontanetta, who started at New Trier this year, said that he is familiarizing himself with the process.

"I think girls use initiation a bit more than boys at New Trier," Minturn said. "I think boys still have things they do with their sports teams to make them feel welcome as well, but girls may make it more of a public thing."

Football dominates Warren in home opener

Czyznski's big night powers New Trier past Warren

by Charlie Burton

In front of a sizable crowd, New Trier Football out-muscled a talented Warren team, winning 37-14 in the home opener on Friday, September 2.

Senior quarterback Clay Czyznski willed the win for the Trevians as he ran for three touchdowns and threw for two additional scores.

"We just wanted to play our brand of football," said Czyznski, "we ran the ball hard and made plays when we needed to." The Trevians high potent offense was on full display. In fact the team never punted the ball and scored on every drive in the first half.

It was a special game for Czyznski and the rest of the seniors knowing it was their last home opener wearing a New Trier jersey.

"I think this is the best game of the year," said Czyznski, "I'm just glad we were able to give the fans a win."

After running for a 4 yard touchdown on the opening drive, on the next possession Czyznski made the play of the game, hitting senior wideout Eric Nicholas for a 45-yard touchdown.

"I was just hoping the ball would get to him," said Czyznski, "I knew he would make the play if I gave him a good pass."

New Trier Coach Brian Doll was very pleased with Czyznski's leadership skills on the field.

"Clay was able to make a lot of run and pass adjustments which really gave our offense an advantage because we were able to anticipate



Varsity football players huddle up during a game to discuss plays and tactics. | Instagram

what the defense was going to do."

On the other side of the ball New Trier's game plan was simple: stop Division 1 prospect and junior wide receiver Micah Jones.

Senior cornerback and three year returner Francis Fay was given the difficult job of defending Jones. Fay and the defense held Jones to only three receptions and didn't let him find the end zone.

"During the game we noticed that he wasn't running a lot of threatening routes," said Fay, "so we made sure to be physical with him so when he ran a big route he would be more worn down and aware of our presence."

Although the Trevians were shutting down their top wide receiver, Warren didn't go down without a fight. Running back Melvin Pettis rammed the ball in for an 8-yard

touchdown run late in the second quarter. But the Trevians answered right back as 6 foot 7 wide receiver Brian Kaiser snagged a 25 yard touchdown to give the Trevians a 20-7 lead.

Warren responded again with a touchdown, but New Trier's ground game sealed the win. The Trevians ran nine straight run plays ending with a one yard touchdown to put the game out of reach.

The 37-14 win shows signs of improvement for the Trevians after a rocky first week win against York according to Doll.

"We were a totally different team this week and if we play like that we can hang with anyone in the state."

The Trevians squeaked by York in week one with a 14-10 win, but Doll believes they showed what

kind of team they really are against Warren, "Week one there's a lot of jitters and we're not in normal routine, but by week two were back in school and we know what we need to do on the field."

Doll knows what his team is capable of and has high expectations for the remainder of the year,

"We want to win a conference championship. We know that means going through Maine South but all the coaches believe this a team that can do that."

However, the Trevians know it is more important to focus on their next opponent. They look to stay undefeated at home as they play NO. 8 ranked Palatine at home on Friday, September 16.