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# Hastings Wrestling Club

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## 2014-2015 Varsity Wrestling Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/29/14	Raiders Duals	Home
12/4/14	Triangular Mahtomedi & Henry Sibley	Home
12/5/14	Triangular Owatonna & Farmington	Home
12/11/14	Tartan	Away
12/13/14	Emmetsburg Iowa Invite	Away
12/19/14-12/20/14	Christmas Tournament	Rochester (RCTC)
1/2/14-1/3/14	The Clash	Rochester (RCTC)
1/10/2015	Kiffmeyer Duals	St Cloud Tech
1/16/2015	North St. Paul	Home
1/22/2015	St. Thomas Academy	Away
1/24/2015	Eagle Duals (Kennedy)	Bloomington
1/29/2015	South St. Paul	Away
1/31/2015	Anoka Duals	Away
2/6/2015	Simley	Away
2/12/2015	Section 1AAA Team 1 <sup>st</sup> Round	High Seed
2/14/2015	Section 1AAA Team	Rochester Civic Center
2/20/15-2/21/15	Section 1AAA Individuals	Rochester Civic Center
2/26/15-2/28/15	State Tournament	Xcel Energy Center

\*\* Check High School Website for latest schedule

### Dedication—Varsity Coach Josh McLay

This was another great chapter in Hastings Wrestling book. It all started with the 48 kids who decided to dedicate their summer and work out everyday for 2 hours while other teams were not. That hard work showed many times including with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade team winning the state team title going 16-0 on the season. We also had 4 state 9U placers with: Trey Rogers, TJ Pottinger, Judd O'Connor, and Jackson Schichel. The JV team had a great season as well going 17-2. We had 21 wrestlers place at the SEC JV Conference tournament and 7 of which were 1<sup>st</sup> place. The Varsity squad was lead by 2 great captains and 6 great senior boys who really stepped it up this year for the program. We went 27-10 going against the best teams around the country highlighted by winning our bracket at the clash this year for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time earning us a national rank! We won the final year of the SEC Conference as we move into the Metro East Conference meeting back up with a lot of older common opponents like Simley looking to rekindle some old rivalries. We also won the

Section 1AAA title with an epic battle against Owatonna that I will remember forever. Then we placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State tournament just falling short of our goal, but not without a fight and a lot of heart. Heart and hard work were really the two things that I will remember from this group and how well we came together at the right times through major injuries and illness. The group was also very successful in the classroom with a team GPA just short of a 3.7 which is truly amazing with what is asked of these kids and the stress of the season. This senior class really went out with a bang having all 6 making it as all-conference and all 6 becoming state qualifiers. I'm not sure what else a coach could ask from a group of young men! The coaches including myself are very proud and will never forget their hard work and dedication. Of the 6 seniors 3 will be wrestling at the next level: Luke Rowh – U W Madison, then both Dan Marquette and Jacob Johnson - Concordia Moorhead. Looking forward to next year we have big shoes to fill, and we are looking for the next kids to step up and make an impact on the varsity level. For sure we are on the right path as 60+ kids have signed up for the summer training. There is a lot of potential in the room, and we coaches are excited to see who steps up to fill those roles of the departing seniors. A lot of great memories were created last year and I am excited to see where we can take it from here.

### A Season of Domination—Middle School Coach Kyle Kreuser

The HMS wrestling team continued their winning ways during their 2013-2014 season. It all started at the Henry Sibley Duals where our wrestlers dominated the competition winning each dual by over 40 points. The next challenge was the conference tournament, which included an extremely tough field this year. The team answered the challenge by beating White Bear Lake, Hudson, and finally Simley. During the championship match several kids beat wrestlers from Simley that had defeated them earlier in the season, which ultimately led to us winning the dual in convincing fashion. The last challenge was once again winning the Livingston Invitational. This year's tournament included many new teams from nearby towns in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. The boys won the tournament by over 100 points, crowning champions in almost half the weight classes. Overall, it was a great season! We started and finished the season with approximately 55 wrestlers grades 5-8. As the season progressed, the boys continued to improve and get

closer as a team. The team was lead by a strong 8th grade group that stuck together over three years at HMS. Many of these kids were also part of the state championship 9th grade team. Needless to say, the future continues to be bright for Hastings Wrestling, both at the middle school and high school levels.

## **The Future Belongs to our Youth Wrestling!!**

**Hasting Wrestling Club Coordinator--Sherri Laflay**

The Hastings Wrestling Club has always been the foundation for the consistent success of Hasting wrestling. The club is led by a group of very committed adults that will develop the work habits and skills to help your child to succeed on and off the mat. To find out about the many opportunities for your child, please checks out web site. All the information you want to know about the accomplishments of our wrestlers, planned events, and contact information is available there. Please visit [www.hastingswrestling.com](http://www.hastingswrestling.com). Congratulations to all our young wrestlers on a very successful year!

## **Gold Card Sales**

### **Selling from July 28th - August 4<sup>th</sup>**

All Middle School and High School wrestlers can participate in this great fundraiser that provides a direct benefit to our wrestlers. Wrestlers should stop in the wrestling room at the High School on Monday, July 28th, Tuesday, July 29th or Wednesday, July 30th, Thursday, July 31st from 12:45 pm to 3 pm to pick up cards to sell to neighbors and friends. There will be a 30 card limit per wrestler.

## **Concessions Update**

We have a big demand for parents to help run the concession stand during football and wrestling meets. If you are new to the program, this is an excellent way to meet other parents. The hours are enjoyable and the time truly flies by! Please call Patti Kopp @ 438-2173 if you can help out.

## **\*\*Annual Meeting\*\***

**!!All are encouraged to attend!!  
Monday, August 11th @ 7:30 PM  
Senior High School Commons**

### **Agenda**

1. Financial Update.
2. Announce individuals running for office.
3. Concessions stand update.
4. Open question and answer session.
5. Update from Coach Josh McClay
6. Election of officers

### **Board Members**

President	Dave Eichmann	480-8430
Vice-President	Patti Kopp	438-2173
Club Coordinator	Sherri Leflay	278-3801
Treasurer	Todd Pottinger	829-1958
Secretary	Greg Mikel	438-9322
Member at Large	Rick Zeien	437-4779
Member at Large	Paul Leifeld	437-8541