Spartan student-athletes, once again, brought a tremendous amount of pride to the New Hartford Central School District and community this past fall. For the third consecutive year, the girls varsity soccer team claimed a Section III title and returned to the state final four. The boys varsity football team claimed their second Class B East title in three years with a trip to the JMA Wireless Dome. Additionally, our girls varsity gymnastics team won its seventh consecutive Section III championship!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FALL 2023 SPORTS SEASON:

**GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER**—Tri-Valley League (TVL) Champions, Section III Champions, Regional Champions and a Final Four Appearance

**GIRLS VARSITY GYMNASTICS**—Section III Champions

**BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL**—Class B East Champions, Section III Class B Finalist

**GIRLS TENNIS**—Section III Class A Finalist

As with any worthwhile program, there are key people behind the scenes who allow us to provide athletic competition as a part of the educational program at New Hartford Central Schools.

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Sincerely,

John W. Banek
Athletic Director
It was a successful season for the girls varsity cross country team. Led by captains Kaitlyn Appler, Kaleigh Durso and Julianna Vetter, the team was able to pull off an undefeated league season and once again, bring home the TVL championship trophy.

Following the regular season, the team competed in a tough sectional championship, earning a third place finish. In the Class B sectional race, Alex French and Abigail Neale earned first and second place respectively. They went on to compete at the state championship and placed in the top 63 in the state.

The team is eager to come back strong next season and win back the Section III championship title. They wish the best of luck to graduating seniors Kaitlyn Appler, Jordyn Cole, Kaleigh Durso, Julie French, Abigail Nortrup and Julianna Vetter.
The boys varsity cross country team wrapped up the 2023 season with a third place finish in the TVL and second place finish in the Section III Class B championship race, missing out on the sectional title by only three points. Highlighting the championship meet was lead runner, senior and two-year team captain Anthony Falvo who finished in fourth place, earning a spot to compete in the state meet.

Season highlights also included a second place finish at the Whitesboro Invitational, a muddy and sloppy TVL championship meet, and a showing at the McQuaid Invitational in Rochester—the largest high school cross country meet in the nation. The McQuaid Invitational allowed student-athletes to compete against some of the best teams and individuals in the nation. While the team graduates 15 seniors this year, the remaining core is expected to return next season. Looking to step into leading roles next year will be David Daley, Troy Luley, Jameson Stockwell and Joey Talarico, as well as up-and-coming junior varsity and modified runners.