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TWIBC SPORTS

THIS WEEK IN BERGEN CATHOLIC SPORTS

STATE CHAMPS

Crusaders go 12-0 for 1st time since 1998; Finish in Top 5 of USA for first time in school history!

BERGEN STEAMROLLS BOSCO

Defense Dominates as BC Churns Out School's 18th State Championship at Metlife

November 27 – East Rutherford, NJ – "Leave no doubt." These words were uttered some 20+ years ago by Alecko Eskandarian when he went on to win the Gatorade National Player of the Year Award in Soccer. That is exactly what the Crusader football team did on Saturday at Metlife Stadium, rolling to a 28-7 victory over Don Bosco Prep in the NJSIAA Non-Public "4" State Championship Game.

Following a tailgate party that reunited approximately 2,500 members of the Crusader family in the parking lot, attention turned to the playing field as the game began, 15 minute after its scheduled 2:00 kickoff time.

The Crusader offense took possession of the ball at its own 19 yard line to open the game. They quickly went to work with Saeed St.Fleur rattling off a 16-yard run, followed by 18 yards from Ryan Butler.

Angeli threw a couple of incompletes, but was aided by his feet as he ran for eight yards and BC picked up a first down due to a DBP penalty. Unfortunately, the drive stalled on fourth down at the Ironman 25 and Bosco took over on downs.

After two short gains, the Ironmen made some hay through the air with a 49 yard completion. On the following play, their QB executed an RPO, pulling the ball and taking it himself 19 yards into the endzone. The PAT was good and after being shut out by the Crusaders during the regular season, the ironmen had a 7-0 lead with 7:35 remaining in the first.

The pressure of a perfect season seemed to loom heavy on the minds of the Crusaders. After a first down, the Crusader found themselves 4th and 30 from their own 18 yard line. The BC punt was blocked and the Ironmen were threatening, first and 10 at the Crusader 15 yard line.

TURNING POINT

This next series was really the turning point in the game. Bosco had an opportunity to go up 14-0. Instead, the Crusader defense was a brick wall. The Ironmen picked up 5 yards in three plays, capped by a 1-yard tackle for loss by Dominck Brogna. In a windy bowl, the field goal attempt sailed wide right and from that point forward, BC would dominate.

BC put the ball in the trusty hands of its two-headed monster, Butler and St. Fleur. On first and ten from the twenty, Butler carried for ninet yards. St.Fleur broke loose on 2nd and 1 for forty-four yards, carrying the ball all the way to the Bosco 27 yard line.

Saeed followed up with a nine yard run and Ryan picked up twelve to set BC up first and ten at the 11 yard line.

After a three yard loss on first down, Angeli and the Crusaders aligned in a traditional Wing-T formation. Jayden Bellamy aligned as the only wide receiver to the left, Angeli delivered a strike on a hitch route, which Bellamy took into the endzone to narrow the gap to one-point.

PERFECTION

Following the touchdown, Giancarlo Carbonaro drove the extra point through the uprights, tying the score at 7 on the last play of the first quarter. I've been waiting to say this for a LOOONNG TIME…**Carbonaro DID NOT MISS A SINGLE PAT or FGA through the entire season of 2021**, a feat that may not have been matched in school history.

This was one of those things like a perfect game, where no one wants to utter the words or say anything to the pitcher about it until the game is over. I'm glad I could finally share that and like so many that helped to accomplish that task, especially Logan Rager, long-snapper, and holder, Jack Duffy as well as the linemen and wings and kicking coach Joe Difilippo. Congratulations!

ONTO THE SECOND QUARTER

Carmello Vellardo drove the ball down to the 16 yard line on the kickoff and the Bosco returner was unable to return it. DBP took over on its own 16 to start the second quarter.

The Crusader D held the Ironmen to one yard in three plays and forced a punt. BC took over at midfield and Angeli went to work. He threw his first pass to Santino Correa, who corralled the ball and pitched it to Butler, who added 8 yards and provided a first down for Bergen.

After Angeli was dropped for a five-yard loss, he and Butler ran for nine yards on successive plays, leading to another Bergen first down. St. Fleur picked up 10 yards and a first down, followed by nine more from Butler and BC would be

in 1st and goal situation. Three carries and five-yards later and Ryan Butler was in the endzone, providing BC with a lead they would never relinquish.

Carbonaro's kick was up and good and BC led 14-7.

Below, Coach McGovern reviewing video with Jayden Bellamy on the iPad.

The Crusader defense continued to dominate, keeping the Ironmen on their side of the field throughout the contest. After shutting down the Ironmen on three plays, Don Bosco Prep made a tactical decision that may have been the gas on the fire that was starting to face them. Rather than punt from their half of the field, they decided to go for it on fourth down. The BC defense held and the Crusaders had a short field to drive.

Following a short loss on first down, St.Fleur ran for six yards and then received a 36 yard pass from Angeli to the Ironman 6 yard line.

It was DJ time. The standout defensive end who aligned with his #6 jersey in a powerback position in the power I formation, received a handoff from Angeli around the left end.

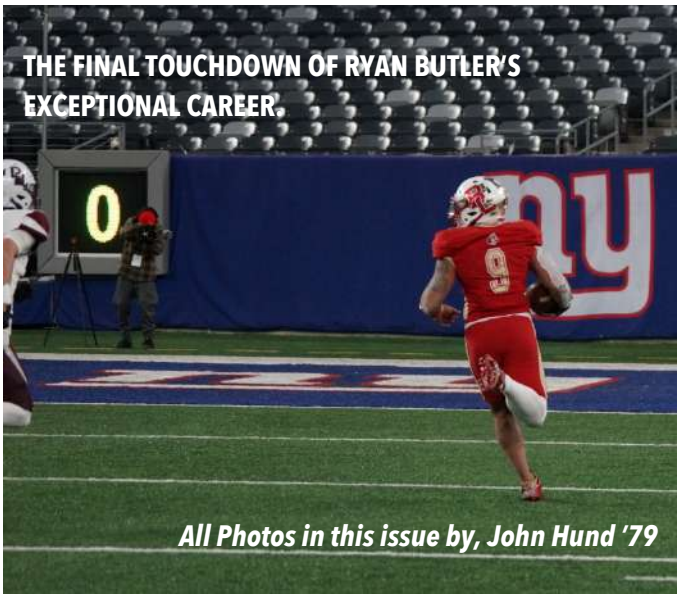
DJ went airborne and lifted the Crusaders to what would become a 21-7 lead after a Carbonaro extra point.

The BC defense was intense with players making plays all over the field. Malachi Mercer, Gerry Crum and John Fiore were inflicting some major blows to Bosco ball carriers and potential receivers all day, as did Jaiden Gould. Gould

separated one receiver from the ball, giving him pause to think about whether he wanted to try going over the middle again.

No scoring occurred for the following 15 minutes of game time or so and as time was winding down, the Ironmen were forced to go for it on a fourth and twenty-five, deep in BC territory with about 3:30 remaining. The Crusaders held and were about to get this party started.

St.Fleur broke loose at the BC 32 yard line and carried for 23 yards and a Crusader first down. After a five yard follow-up, the stage was set for Ryan Butler to score one final touchdown in his illustrious career! On second down and five with 1:08 remaining, ball resting on the Ironman 45 yard line, Angeli received the ball from center and handed it to Butler around the right end. The big back sprinted around the end, leaving all would-be tacklers in the dust!



There are so many unsung heroes throughout the course of a season, and while students of the game know their names. Let's take time to recognize their selfless effort made this championship possible. Guys like Joe Matone, PJ Bonistalli, Quentin Lane, Dylan Garrity, Dominick Brogna, Larue Linder and Jack Comeau, played the role of bulldozer, driving defenders off the ball and creating space for Butler and St.Fleur to run and Angeli to pass.

The man in the middle is none-other than the incomparable, Pete DeVries. You know him at the Jack as the Voice of Crusader Football! Here he is pictured with defensive ends, DJ Samuels and Christian Ross.

The "Big Man" carrying the flag. Sydir Mitchell following a state championship season!

Five Guys: (L-R) John Fiore, AJ Morris, Larue Linder, PJ Bonistalli and Gerry Crum.

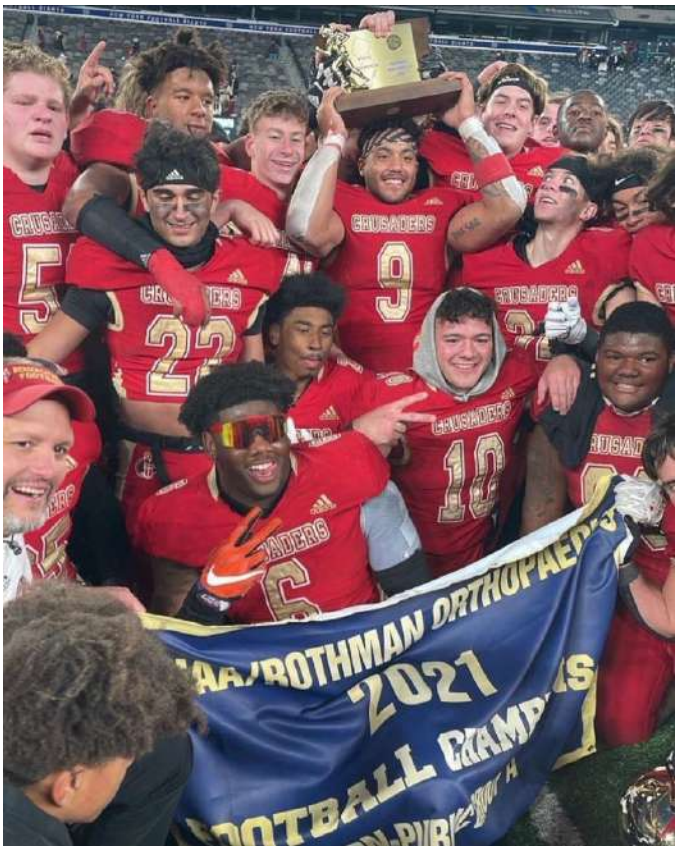
Fathers and Sons. Head Coach Vito Campanile and Dominic '25. Chris Carti '22 and dad, Coach Ron Carti!

Hoisting the trophy!!!! Well earned, men!

A proud faculty, celebrating their student-athletes' accomplishments!

Alma Mater! LEAD ON!!!

Diggin' the shades, DJ!



Dr. Mahoney knows who New Jersey's #1 Team is!!!

DEFENSE:

(TACKLES-UNASSISTED-ASSISTS). John Fiore (10-3-7), Mercer Malachi (10-3-7), Christian Ross (6-1-5), Dom Brogna (5-1-4), DaQuan Stewart (3-2-1), AJ Morris (3-1-2), Chris Merrill (2-1-1), DJ Samuels (2-1-1), Jayden Bellamy (1-1-0), Gerry Crum (1-1-0), Anthony Morales (1-1-0), Christian Carti (1-0-1), Fabian France (1-0-1), Sydir Mitchell (1-0-1), Carmello Vellardo (1-0-1),

TACKLES FOR A LOSS (SOLO-ASSIST): DJ Samuels (0-1), John Fiore (0-1).

SACKS (SOLO-ASSIST): n/a

INTERCEPTIONS (3): n/a

PASSES DEFENDED: John Fiore (1), Fabian France (1), Jaeden Gould (1).

FORCED FUMBLES: n/a

RECOVERED FUMBLES: n/a

OFFENSE:

PASSING (Comp-Att, Yds, TD, INT): Steve Angeli (9-14,100, 0, 0).

RUSHING (Car-Yds, TD): Ryan Butler (25-124, 2), Saeed St. Fleur (9-125, 0), Steve Angeli (9-11, 0), DJ Samuels (1-6, 1).

RECEIVING (Rec-Yds, TD): Saeed St. Fleur (3-53, 0), Ryan Butler (2-23, 0), Santino Correa (2-10, 0), Jayden Bellamy (1-14, 1), Christian Carti (1-1, 0).

SPECIALS

KICKING: Giancarlo Carbonaro 4 PATs

KICKOFFS: Carmelo Vellardo 5 Kickoffs, 0 Touchbacks

PUNTS: Rich Reid 3 Punts, 43 Yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

TEAM	QTR	SCORE	PLAY
DBP	1	0-7	19-yard TD run by QB (PAT good))
BC	1	7-7	Bellamy 12-yd TD rec from Angeli (Carbonaro kick)
BC	2	14-7	Butler 1-yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	3	21-7	Samuels 6-yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)
BC	4	28-7	Butler 45-yd TD run (Carbonaro kick)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

BY THE NUMBERS	BC	DBP
First Downs: Rush - Pass - Pen	12-6-2	2-5-2
Rush Yds	269	69
Pass: Comp/Att	9/14	11/23
Pass Yards	100	167
Pass: TDs/INTs	1/0	0/0
Total Plays	59	46
Total Offense	369	236
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/68	8/81
Defensive Sacks/Yards Lost	0/0	2/10
Time of Possession	29:46	18:14
3rd Down Efficiency	4 of 10	2 of 10
4th Down Efficiency	0 of 2	0 of 2
Punts - Average	3 for 14.3	4 for 32.5

2021 SEASON EXTRA POINTS:

SCORING BY QUARTERS

PTS	1	2	3	4	T
BC	150	87	107	77	**421**
OPP	24	50	6	14	**94**

PPG	1	2	3	4	T
BC	12.5	7.3	8.9	6.4	**35.1**
OPP	2	4.2	0.5	1.2	**7.8**

UNDEFEATED

2021 marks the second time in school history that BC went undefeated and untied (12-0). The last 12-0 season was put together by the "Team of the Century" in 1998. This year marks the eighth time (63, 65, 66, 82, 91, 92, 98 and 21) BC has gone undefeated and untied and the first time in this millennium.

The last Crusader football team that finished 12-0 and #1 in the state of New Jersey was Coach Fred Stengel's Crusaders in 1998. His teams had gone undefeated twice before as well in 1991 and 1992, putting a 23-game win streak together that ended during the 1993 season.

Coach Tony Karcich led BC to one undefeated, untied season in 1982, his last season at the helm of the Crusaders. He also led the Crusaders to an undefeated state championship in 1979 (10-0-1). Keith Krayer led Bergen to an undefeated, state-champion season in 1965 and Bob Norton led BC to an undefeated season in 1966.

2021 marks BC's 18th State Championship. The last time BC won, Coach Vito Campanile's brother, Nunzio, was the head coach. 2021 also marks the first time BC finished back-to-back #1 in the state of NJ since 1991-1992.

INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES AND ACHEIVEMENTS

Head Coach Vito Campanile: The Coach improved his overall record at Bergen Catholic to 32-7 overall, an incredible (.821 winning percentage). With this victory, he has led BC to its first back-to-back #1 NJ finishes since 1991 and 1992 when the Crusaders finished 11-0 and 11-0 in successive seasons under Head Coach, Fred Stengel. Coach Campanile's .821 winning percentage currently is #1 all-time among Crusader head coaches. His Crusaders will bring a 13-game winning streak into the 2022 season, with the current streak dating back to the last game of the 2020 season.

Running Back, Ryan Butler set the all-time carries record with his 25 rushing attempts vs. Don Bosco. His **533 carries** eclipse Joe Sandberg's 19 year record of 515. Ryan has gained more yards from scrimmage of any Crusader girffer with **3,697 Yards from Scrimmage** (Rushing + Receiving), eclipsing the all-time record set by Joe Sandberg '03 whose mark was 3,560 yards. His **3,151** yards make him only the second Crusader runner to achieve the 3,000-yard milestone. Ryan finished #2 all-time in Rushing Yards behind Sandberg's 3,196.

Butler's pair of rushing touchdowns lifted him to a tie at #2 in touchdowns with Mike Morgan (**49**). They are behind only Sandberg (54). Butler finishes his career with **294 career points**, 3rd All-Time behind Morgan (306) and Sandberg (326). His 45 rushing touchdowns are second only to Sandberg (47).

Ryan's **150 points** this year, ties him for 4th overall for a single season. He passed Eric Lane '92, Wolver Jean-Pierre '05 and Rich Scanlon '99 with his two touchdowns in the title game. His **23** rushing touchdowns in a season are behind only Eric Lane (24 in 1991).

Quarterback, Steve Angeli set a school record with an incredible **68.8% single-season completion percentage** this year. He out-performed the twelve-year record held by Michael Halligan in 2002. Let's also consider some of the other names on this Top-10 list…#3 Matt Lovecchio 64.7%, former ND starting QB who led the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl in 2000. Joe Piela 64.7% who went on to captain UPenn to an Ivy Championship in 1998. Mark DeRosa 62.0% who led UPenn to back-to-back Ivy Championships in football and another in baseball before

going on to the MLB for the Atlanta Braves and other squads before winning a World Series with the San Francisco Giants. Jon Germano 61.8% who led the Blue Jays at Johns Hopkins University and currently works as an offensive coach at the University of Nebraska.

He added to his outstanding season, now passing for 1,717 through 12 games (he's played in 11). His **career completion percentage is #2 all-time (64.1%)** behind Halligan (68.2%). He is ahead of many notable QB's listed above as well as Tanner McEvoy 57.9%, starting QB for Wisconsin and NFL player with the Seattle Seahawks and Jarrett Guarantano who started at QB and is one of the University of Tennessee's all-time leading passers.

Angeli's **2,880 total passing yards** moves him into 5th All-Time just past Mike McGovern '88 (2,875) and behind Matt Lovecchio '00 (3,203), Rob Eckrote '09 (3,410), Craig Pengitore '98 (4,193) and John Germano '13 (5,498). Steve is **4th All-Time in completions (205)** behind Jon Germano '13 (358), Craig Pengitore '98 (234), and Rob Eckrote '08 (229). Steve is now **5th overall with pass attempts in a career (320)** behind Germano (592), Pengitore (451), Eckrote (427) and Mike McGovern (369).

Steve's **116 Completions** this season jumps him to 8th All-time single-season completions ahead of Craig Pengitore who recorded back-to-back seasons with 95 completions in 1996 and 1997.

Steve's 2021 QB Rating finished at an exceptional 116.7.

Placekicker, Giancarlo Carbonaro completed an outstanding kicking career with one of the finest seasons in school history. The senior recorded 67 points on the season, placing him third all-time, behind only Doug Kirschner (83 points in 1998) and Michael Kearney (68 points in 2017).

He passed the 100-point mark, and finished seventh all-time in Career Kicking Points with 107 behind Buck Elsey '96 (109). In addition, Giancarlo is currently tied with Mike Halligan '10 for fifth overall, with 7 career field goals.

History: With their win over Don Bosco Prep, the Crusaders playoff record improved to 61-29 overall record (.678 winning percentage) in the NJSIAA Tournaments since BC's first appearance in 1975.

Interestingly enough, the first loss was a tie, that was decided by an "overtime yardage measurement" procedure. The 1975 State Championship between BC and DePaul Catholic ended with a 7-7 score. To decide the game, each team received the opportunity to move the ball 4 plays and the team with greater yardage won. The Spartans outgained

the Crusaders and took the 1975 crown. Needless to say, that procedure was short-lived.

The victory represents the Crusaders' 15th state championships since the tournaments began, (18th overall). BC's last championship was in 2017 as BC defeated St. Peter's Prep 44-7 under Coach Nunzio Campanile. Championships #17 and #18 represent the first time in school history that a brothers have led BC to state championships as head coaches… Nunzio and Vito Campanile! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

BERGEN CATHOLIC IN THE STATE FINALS

Year	WLT	H/A/N	Opponent	BC	Opp
1975	L	N	DePaul Catholic	7	7
1977	L	A	Seton Hall Prep	0	15
1978	L	A	Seton Hall Prep	10	22
1979	W	N	DePaul Catholic	14	6
1980	W	N	Seton Hall Prep	12	0
1981	L	A	Seton Hall Prep	12	20
1982	W	N	Immaculata	25	0
1983	L	A	Don Bosco Prep	10	12
1984	L	H	Don Bosco Prep	0	15
1986	W	N	St. Peter's Prep	33	0
1987	L	H	St. Joseph Reg	0	7
1991	W	H	St. Joseph Reg	14	0
1992	W	N	Paramus Catholic	44	34
1993	W	H	Don Bosco Prep	7	0
1994	L	N	St. Peter's Prep	24	26
1995	W	N	St. Peter's Prep	19	6
1996	W	N	Holy Cross	48	28
1998	W	N	St. Joseph Reg	35	9
1999	W	N	Don Bosco Prep	42	13
2001	W	N	Delbarton	10	9
2002	L	H	Don Bosco Prep	7	26
2003	L	N	Don Bosco Prep	13	14
2004	W	N	Don Bosco Prep	13	10
2008	L	N	Don Bosco Prep	13	34
2010	L	N	Don Bosco Prep	27	37
2011	L	N	Don Bosco Prep	14	42
2012	L	N	Paramus Catholic	34	37
2017	W	N	St. Peter's Prep	44	7
2018	L	N	St. Joseph Reg	0	13
2021	W	N	Don Bosco Prep	28	7

ICE HOCKEY OPENS AT HOME

November 26 – Hackensack, NJ – The 2021-22 Version of the Crusader Varsity Ice Hockey Team opened home at the Ice House vs. Delbarton. The Green Wave had the upper hand, earning a 5-0 victory over the Crusaders. BC was outshot in the contest 29-22.

JV ICE HOCKEY OPENS ON THE ROAD

November 26 – Wayne, NJ – The JV Ice Hockey Team opened their season with a 9:45pm start at the Ice Vault on Friday Night. The Crusaders were bested by Don Bosco Prep 7-0, but there were a number of very positive takeaways from the game, pointing to an optimistic future for this group of young Crusaders.

WINTER SPORTS READY TO START UP DATES

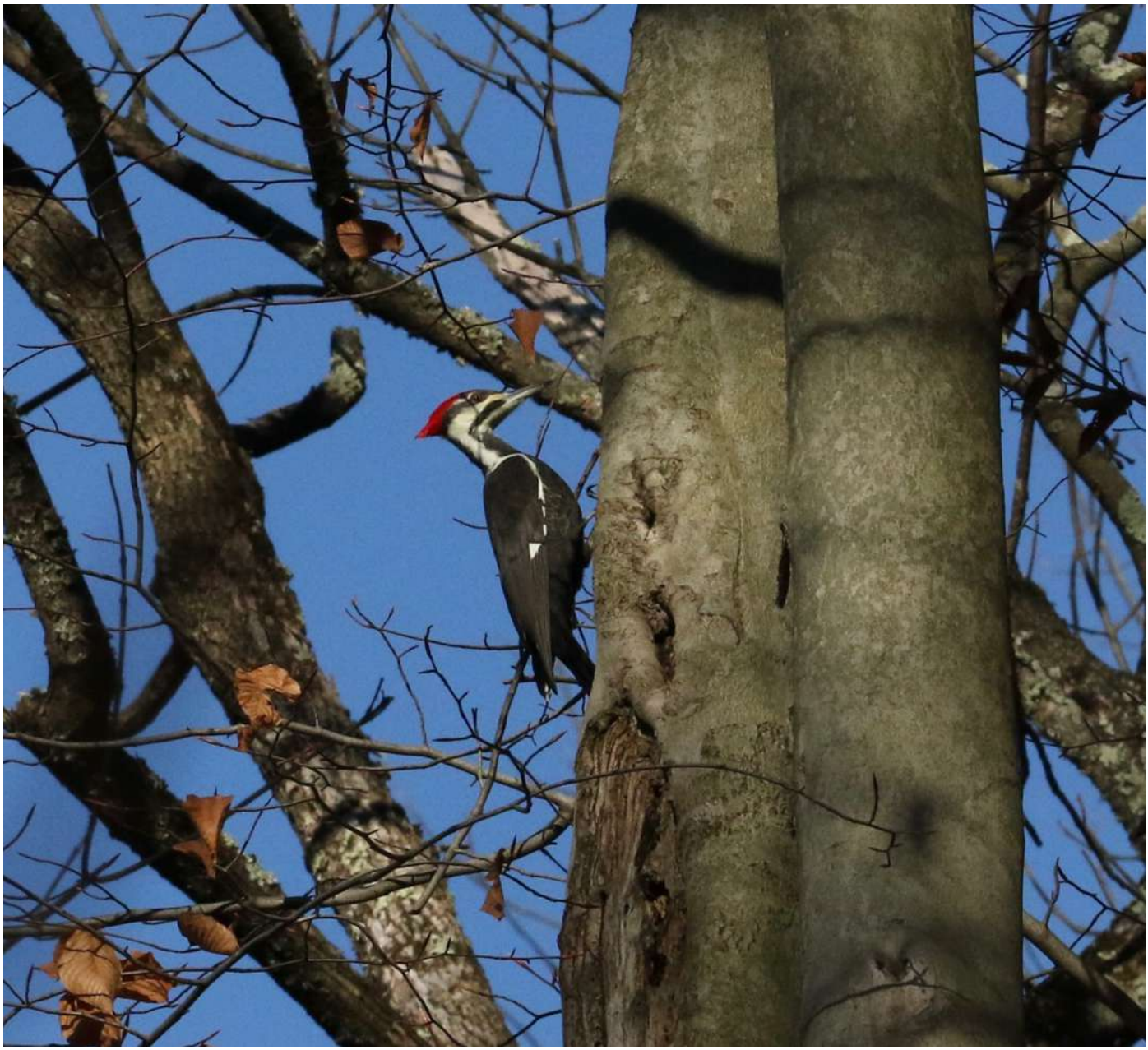
SPORT	TRYOUT PERIOD	1st DAY PRACTICE	OPENING DAY
BASKETBALL	11/22-24	11/29	12/17
BOWLING		11/8	11/20
ICE HOCKEY		11/8	11/26
INDOOR TRACK	11/22-24	11/29	12/17
SKIING		11/29	1/3
SWIMMING		11/8	12/1
WRESTLING	11/22-24	11/29	12/17

BIRD OF THE WEEK: PILEATED WOODPECKER

November 24 – Madison, NJ – I typically would not be going all the way out to Morris County to see this bird. Many can be found in Bergen County. I was actually chasing a Tufted Duck which was spotted at this particular park. It was only the second ever inland-NJ sighting of the duck. Alas, I missed it take off with a flock of Canada Geese about 5 minutes before I arrived, so I share with you this hard-headed bird. This particular bird is a female. The male of the specie has a scarlet mustache (she has a black one).

It's hard to understand how these woodpeckers don't have a headache at the end of a day, especially when you see how much excavating they do to a tree. They are built differently than us, however. Their tongue wraps around their brains as they drive their beaks into a tree (or a house, etc.). It acts as a sort of cushion so the brain does not reverberate against the skull, thereby preventing concussion.

Learn more about the bird at: **https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Pileated_woodpecker#**



The TOOLBOX

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Thy Kingdom Come.
Thy will be done
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with You
Blessed are you among women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and
Wisdom to know the difference. Amen

I Confess to You

I confess to almighty God, and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer 2021

Creator God, we thank you for the life and work of this gifted man,
Blessed Edmund Rice. He opened his heart generously to
Christ present and appealing to him in the poor who were
oppressed by poverty and injustice. May we follow his example of
faith and generosity. O God, give us the courage and compassion of
Blessed Edmund as we seek to support one another, protect
the vulnerable and care for the earth, our common home.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts
Which we are about to receive from
thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

The Golden Rule

Love one another as I have loved you.

St. Patrick's Breastplate (shortened)

Christ with me. Christ before me. Christ behind me.
Christ in me. Christ beneath me. Christ above me.
Christ on my right. Christ on my left. Christ when I lie down.
Christ when I sit down. Christ when I arise.
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.
Christ in every eye that sees me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.
O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved. as to love
For it's in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born...
To eternal life.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5

Monday, November 29, 2021				
Varsity Ice Hockey	3:00pm	H	Saint Peter's Prep	Ice House

Tuesday, November 30, 2021				
Varsity Bowling	4:00pm	N	BNC Event	Montvale Lanes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021				
Swimming	2:45pm	H	Passaic	Ridgewood YMCA
Varsity Ice Hockey	4:45pm	A	CBA	Shore Arena

Thursday, December 2, 2021

NO GAMES SCHEDULED

Friday, December 3, 2021				
Varsity Bowling	4:00pm	N	BNC Event	Montvale Lanes
JV Ice Hockey	7:15pm	H	Delbarton	Ice House

Saturday, December 4, 2021

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sunday, December 5, 2021				
JV Ice Hockey	8:00pm	A	St. Joseph Regional	Sport-O-Rama