

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



**18TH ANNUAL
EASTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BASKETBALL
2023**



SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st

10:00 a.m. – ***Western PA vs Kendall (G)***

10:45 a.m. – ***Western PA vs Kendall (B)***

11:00 a.m. - ***LUNCH for Maryland-Columbia teams***

11:30 a.m. - ***LUNCH for Kendall and Western PA teams***

1:15 p.m. - ***Western PA vs Maryland-Columbia (G)***

2:00 p.m. - ***Western PA vs Maryland-Columbia (B)***

4:45 p.m. - ***Kendall vs Maryland-Columbia (G)***

5:30 p.m. - ***Kendall vs Maryland-Columbia (B)***

DINNER - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

COMPETITION SKILLS - after dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd

9:00 a.m. - GIRLS GAME (***2nd vs 3rd seed***)

10:15 a.m. - BOYS GAME (***2nd vs 3rd seed***)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - LUNCH

1:00 p.m. - GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
(***winner of 9:00 a.m. vs 1st seed***)

2:15 p.m. - BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
(***winner of 10:15 a.m. vs 1st seed***)

3:30 p.m. - AWARDS and DEPARTURE



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Steven E. Farmer, Ed. D, **Chief Executive Officer**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf!
We are delighted to have you as our guests!

Young student-athletes are fun to watch. They don't realize that skills taught in the classroom are utilized and incorporated in sports: math skills, eye-hand coordination, hand-foot coordination, strategic thinking, and the list goes on.

During this event, we will see lively competition, witness friendships develop and grow, and experience the thrill of victory and the pain of defeat.

Regardless of wins or losses, sportsmanship and friendships will be what these children will treasure the most from this event.

May your visit to WPSD prove to be a delightful experience! Please do make yourself at home.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Farmer".

Steven E. Farmer
CEO



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On behalf of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Pittsburgh community, I personally want to extend a warm welcome to all participants for an enjoyable and wish for a successful 18 th Annual Eastern (formerly known as Tri-State) Middle School Basketball Tournament. I believe this year's tournament will be a memorable one for each and every student who joins in the competition and fun. Over the next few days, I hope you enjoy the hospitality of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the Pittsburgh community. Our Eastern Middle School Basketball Tourney Committee has been working very hard to ensure that you all have a memorable two-day tournament.

We will welcome these schools as our guests: Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, Marie Philip and Walden Schools for the Deaf, and Maryland School for the Deaf-Columbia Campus for several basketball games. I hope you will make many new friends and be re-acquainted with those you've met in the past. Making friends and sharing ideas about your school and your life should be an important part of coming together. I strongly believe the tournament is a time to develop DEAF pride and to reinforce the fact that Deaf people working together can do anything they set out to accomplish. Deaf tournament is also a source of pride for the Deaf community and the students who have accomplished a high level of athletic achievement.

Student involvement in athletics and other activities develops a sense of leadership and teamwork that leads to academic success and success in life. For all basketball participants: Go out there on the court, making fantastic alley-oop passes, dunking, hitting 3-pointers, sinking free throws, and many other things that you are capable of doing and showcase your talents and sportsmanship!

Let me again welcome all visitors for a good time of basketball games and the positive spirit of competition that this Eastern Basketball tournament will provide.

Good luck and best wishes.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valentine J. Wojton, III".

Valentine J. Wojton, III
Athletic Director



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Estes".

Bill Estes
Director of Student Affairs



KDES

WILDCATS

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School



LEFT TO RIGHT: Kaze Ogork, John Hewapathirana-Mayadu, Jeremiah Wilson, Stephon Arnold, Justin Mahoney, and Nicholas Payne-Tsoupros

HEAD COACH: **Antonio Jackson**
ASSISTANT COACH: **Kalib Jones**

PRINCIPAL: **Jessica Stultz**
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **Michel Daze**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Nicholas Payne-Tsoupros	1	5 th grade
Kaze Ogork	3	7 th grade
Stephon Arnold	5	8 th grade
Johan Hewapathirana-Mayadu	6	8 th grade
Justin Mahoney	13	7 th grade
Jeremiah Wilson	35	8 th grade





MPWS

GALLOPING GHOSTS

Marie Philip and Walden Schools



BACK: Head Coach Andrew Barker, Dazmen Robinson, Jackson Craig, Alexander Forfa,
Jan Ortiz-Gonzalez, Luis Ortiz-Gonzalez, and Wylie Kim-Dean

FRONT: Andrew Bakhit, Dominick Scanzillo, Daniel Phaneuf, Aadryell Depina, and Jacob Craig

HEAD COACH: **Andrew Barker**
ASSISTANT COACH: **Jam O'Hea**

SUPERINTENDENT: **Glennis Matthews**
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **Chris Kaftan**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Luis Ortiz-Gonzalez	1	7 th grade
Jacob Craig	2	6 th grade
Jan Ortiz-Gonzalez	3	6 th grade
Aadryell Depina	5	6 th grade
Jackson Craig	12	7 th grade
Andrew Bakhit	15	6 th grade
Dominick Scanzillo	33	8 th grade





MSD Orioles

Maryland School for the Deaf - Columbia Campus



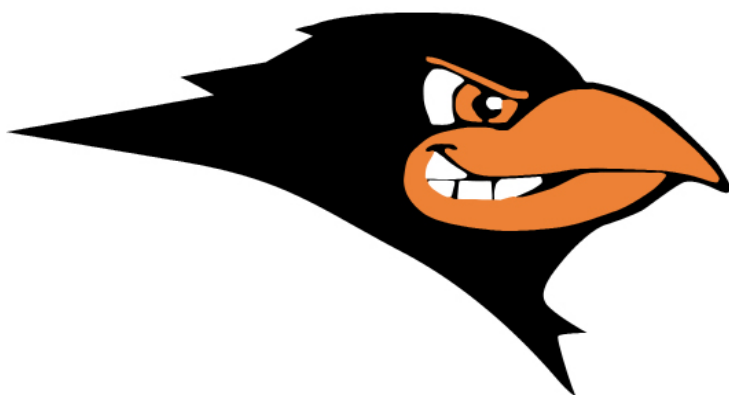
BACK: Assistant Coach Jeffrey Blanco, Rueben Garcia-Cruz, Jacob Reed, Jostin Cruz Ramos, Jeremiah Pearmon, Angel Lopez Cruz, and Head Coach Adrain Cookneuchan

FRONT: Alexander Scott, Kishawn Dixon, Jaiden Gibbons, Jagger Chamberlin, and Zachary Thompson

HEAD COACH: **Adrain Cookneuchan**
ASSISTANT COACH: **Jeffrey Blanco**

ASSISTANT SUPT/PRINCIPAL: **Dawniela Halischak**
STUDENT LIFE DIRECTOR: **Lawrence Cohen**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Ermias Lemle	1	7 th grade
Jacob Reed	2	8 th grade
Zachary Thompson	5	6 th grade
Rueben Garcia-Cruz	10	6 th grade
Jagger Chamberlin	15	6 th grade
Kishawn Dixon	21	6 th grade
Jaiden Gibbons	25	6 th grade
Angel Lopez Cruz	33	6 th grade
Jostin Cruz Ramos	40	8 th grade





WPSD *LIONS*

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



FRONT: Ben Vinzani, Christian Boswell, and Carson Granado
MIDDLE: Gabriel Bente, Bailey Burkhart, and Jreem Abercrombie
BACK: Assistant Coach Jenny Mendis and Head Coach Tony Dumblosky

HEAD COACH: **Tony Dumblosky**
ASSISTANT COACH: **Jenny Mendis**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: **Dr. Steven E. Farmer**
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **Valentine J. Wojton, III**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Luan Davis	3	4 th grade
Carson Granado	4	4 th grade
Benedict Vinzani	5	5 th grade
Jericho Grandal Stroud	10	8 th grade
Bailey Burkhart	12	7 th grade
Christian Boswell	14	4 th grade
Jreem Abercrombie	21	8 th grade
Gabriel Bente	32	8 th grade





KDES

WILDCATS

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School



LEFT TO RIGHT: Xylia Ellis, Sheyla Diaz, Talia Willey-Saunders, Angela Kivitis, Jovana Hajek-Delgado, Payton Chase, Azari Harper, and Bryleigh Evans

HEAD COACH:

Jillian Apfel and Toni Killam

PRINCIPAL: **Jessica Stultz**

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **Michel Daze**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Jovana Hajek-Delgado	1	6 th grade
Azari Harper	2	6 th grade
Payton Chase	4	6 th grade
Bryleigh Evans	6	5 th grade
Xylia Ellis	7	5 th grade
Angela Kivitis	9	8 th grade
Talia Willey-Saunders	12	7 th grade
Sheyla Diaz	13	6 th grade





MPS

GALLOPING GHOSTS

Marie Philip and Walden Schools



BACK: Head Coach Emily LaRose, Peyton Ringer, Aron Gabriel, Stella Ciulla,
and Assistant Coach Alyse Clinton

FRONT: Leticia Lazo-Reyes, Virginia Muthee, Angela McDonald, and Destiny Thompson

HEAD COACH: **Emily LaRose**
ASSISTANT COACH: **Alyse Clinton**

SUPERINTENDENT: **Glennis Matthews**
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **Chris Kaftan**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Angela McDonald	10	7 th grade
Stella Ciulla	12	8 th grade
Peyton Ringer	15	8 th grade
Leticia Lazo-Reyes	21	6 th grade
Destiny Thompson	22	6 th grade
Aron Gabriel	33	8 th grade





MSD Orioles

Maryland School for the Deaf - Columbia Campus



BACK: Assistant Coach Cynthia Hunt, Trisha Borromeo, Emmanuela Debrah, Lauren Simmons, Head Coach Benjamin Coleman, Assistant Coach Sharyl Mapp, Dior Bowers, Maelynn Burris, Caitlyn Reyes, and Assistant Coach Jennifer Powell
FRONT: Essence Carrington, Zayviah Gassaway, McKenzie Johnson, Yeili Hernandez Marquez, Dani Rae Gheen, and Eyeeirka Torres

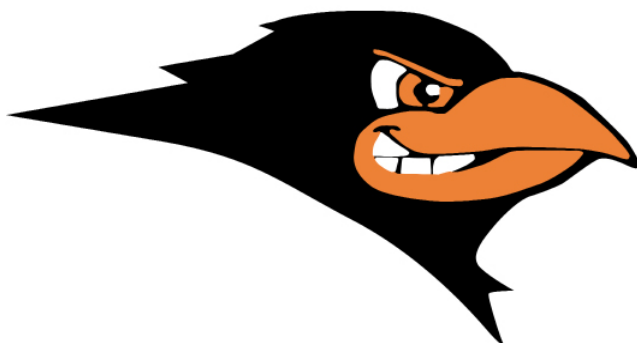
HEAD COACH: **Benjamin Coleman**

ASSISTANT SUPT/PRINCIPAL: **Dawniela Halischak**

ASSISTANT COACHES: **Sharyl Mapp, Cynthia Hunt and Jennifer Powell**

STUDENT LIFE DIRECTOR: **Lawrence Cohen**

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Zayviah Gassaway	5	7 th grade
Emmanuela Debrah	10	7 th grade
Trisha Borromeo	12	6 th grade
Yeili Hernandez Marquez	14	6 th grade
Caitlyn Reyes	15	7 th grade
McKenzie Johnson	20	7 th grade
Lauren Simmons	21	8 th grade
Maelynn Burris	23	8 th grade
Dior Bowers	25	8 th grade





WPSD *LIONS*

Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf



FRONT: Aleena Lakomy, Glissette Gonzalez, Angela Foltz, and Raelee Miller

MIDDLE: Starla Baskin, Isabella Weber, and Mackenzie Hadix

BACK: Head Coach Jenny Mendis and Assistant Coach Tony Dumblosky

HEAD COACH: **Jenny Mendis**
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<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Mackenzie Hadix	1	8 th grade
Isabella Weber	2	5 th grade
Aleena Lakomy	11	4 th grade
Starla Baskin	12	8 th grade
Angela Foltz	20	6 th grade
Anae Boswell	24	8 th grade
Glissette Gonzalez	25	8 th grade
Raelee Miller	31	6 th grade



RESULTS

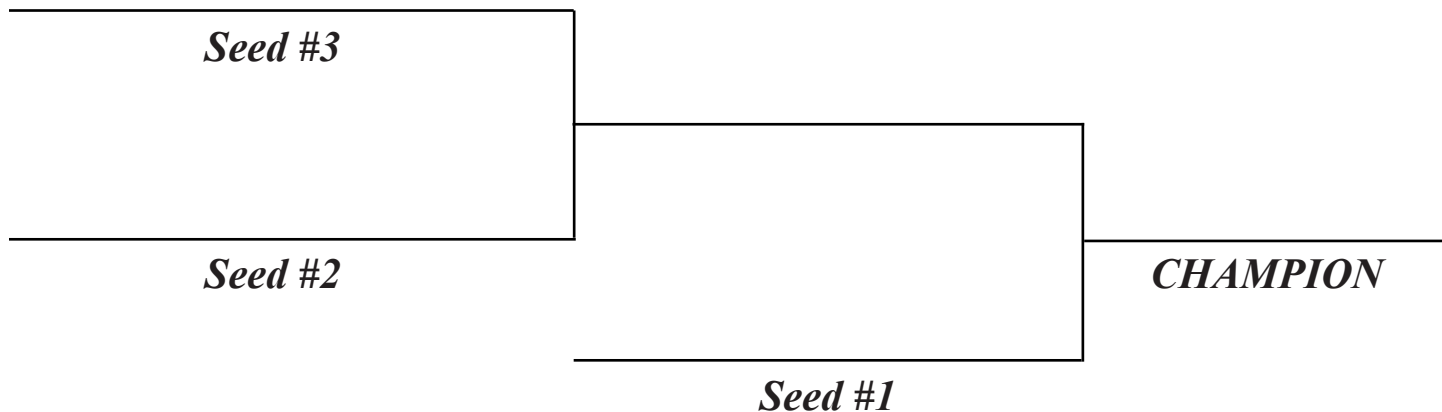
BOYS' BASKETBALL

KDES	_____	WPSD	_____	KDES	W	L
WPSD	_____	MSD-CC	_____	MSD-CC		
KDES	_____	MSD-CC	_____	WPSD		

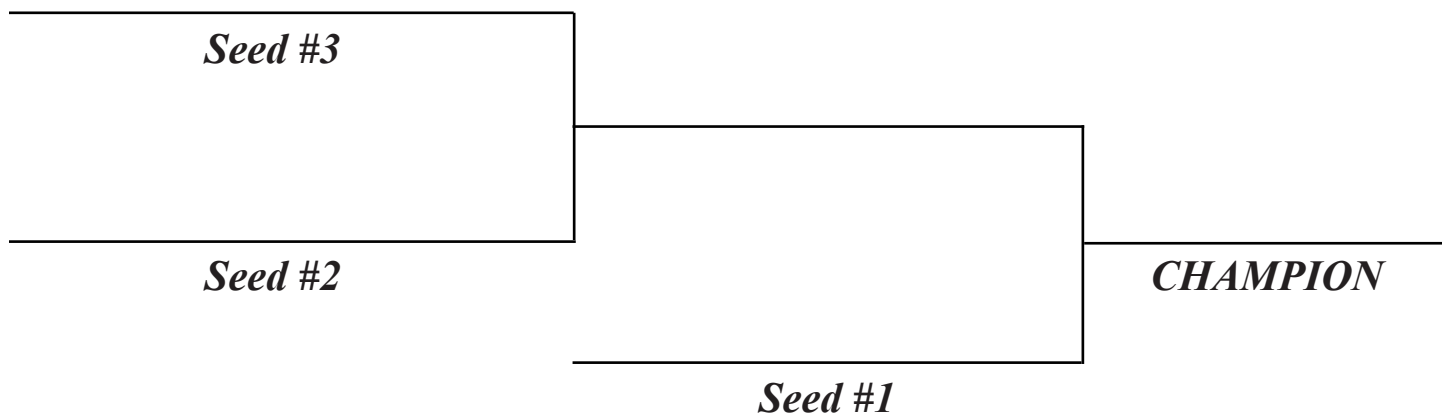
GIRLS' BASKETBALL

KDES	_____	WPSD	_____	KDES	W	L
WPSD	_____	MSD-CC	_____	MSD-CC		
KDES	_____	MSD-CC	_____	WPSD		

BOYS



GIRLS



AWARDS

BOYS

GIRLS

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

TEAM LAY UP CHAMPIONS

TEAM FREE THROWS CHAMPIONS

INDIVIDUAL KNOCK-OUT CHAMPION

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP

BOYS

Middle School Tournament History

Year	Champ	Coach(es)	2nd	3rd	Host	Sportsmanship
2004						
2005						
2006						
2007						
2008						
2009			Kendall			
2010					Kendall	
2011	Kendall					
2012	Kendall		Maryland-Columbia		Maryland-Columbia	
2013	Maryland-Columbia	Lawrence Cohen			Lake Drive	
2014	Marie Katzenbach		Maryland-Columbia		Kendall	
2015	Maryland-Columbia	Lawrence Cohen	Kendall	Lake Drive	Maryland-Columbia	
2016	Maryland-Columbia	Lawrence Cohen	Kendall	The Learning Center	Maryland-Columbia	
2017	Marie Philip	Justin Carrus	Western Pennsylvania	Kendall	Western Pennsylvania	
2018	Marie Philip	Justin Carrus	Kendall	Western Pennsylvania	Marie Philip	Western Pennsylvania
2019	Marie Philip	Justin Carrus	Kendall	Maryland-Columbia	Kendall	Maryland-Columbia
2020	Marie Philip	Justin Carrus	Maryland-Columbia	Kendall	Maryland-Columbia	Western Pennsylvania

GIRLS

Middle School Tournament History

Year	Champ	coach(es)	2nd	3rd	Host	Sportsmanship
2004						
2005						
2006						
2007						
2008						
2009	Kendall					Kendall
2010	Kendall	Carpenter/Sharer			Kendall	
2011	Kendall					
2012	Kendall				Maryland-Columbia	
2013	Kendall	Virnig/Maloney			Lake Drive	
2014	Kendall	Aillon/Jones			Kendall	
2015	Kendall	Nanette Virnig	Lake Drive	Western Pennsylvania	Maryland-Columbia	
2016	Western Pennsylvania	Wojton/Vigliotti	Kendall	Maryland-Columbia	Maryland-Columbia	
2017	Kendall	Nanette Virnig	Marie Philip	Western Pennsylvania	Western Pennsylvania	Kendall
2018	Kendall	Arp/Johnson	Maryland-Columbia	Western Pennsylvania	Marie Philip	Kendall
2019	Kendall	Arp/Johnson	Maryland-Columbia	Marie Philip	Kendall	Maryland-Columbia
2020	Kendall	Juliana Apfel	Marie Philip	Maryland-Columbia	Maryland-Columbia	

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO....

All the participating schools for their support.

The Eastern Middle School Basketball Tournament Committee for their hardwork.

Director of Student Affairs Bill Estes, Director Kevin McDonough, COO Tom Stanton,
and CEO Dr. Steven E. Farmer for making this event possible.

LionWorks for the virtual colorful program book.

Jennifer Morris for athletic arrangements.

Greg Mendenhall for the Pep Rally.

Deborah Remis for the Mini-Signshine.

Robert Maher, Jr. and Holly Mendel for Housekeeping and Maintenance.

Tom Stanton and Mike DelCimmuto for security arrangements.

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Sarah Bartlebaugh and Matt Campion for photographing and keeping our
website updated with scores.

Alumni Association for their continued support.

WPSD Staff and Faculty for volunteering.

Varsity Letter Club for the food sales.

AND ESPECIALLY OUR COACHES for their timeless work over the two days!!!