

The official newsletter of the NOABC

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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

To support and aid the student-athletes, coaches, and parents of the Conewago Valley School District to enhance all athletic programs, activities, and experiences for the participants and the student body at large. Established as alliance of all the previously independent booster clubs of the individual sports, in an effort to improve efficiency in fundraising and to develop and implement standards for the equitable and appropriate support for all New Oxford student-athletes.

The NOABC shall cooperate and coordinate its activities within the guidelines of Conewago Valley School Board Policy 915 Parent Booster/Support Organizations.

At no time shall the NOABC attempt to interfere with the internal operations or decision making of the school's Athletic Department.

At all times, and in all of its endeavors, the Club shall strive to maintain its focus upon the best interest of the student-athletes.

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### Bring On the Cold!

While the temps are dropping outside, the competition is heating up inside! For those who are continuing their success from their fall season, to those who can't wait to join in on the fun, our winter athletes are hitting the hardwood, pounding the mat, picking up the 7/10 splits, and diving in head first. While some are doing dual duties with finishing their fall sports/band, this isn't stopping them from balancing their thoughts of the perfect season to complete vs. the perfect season right around the corner. For those lucky enough to still be playing this late in your first sport, focus on that, but when that time eventually ends (all good things do), take a breath, refocus on yourself, and join your teammates indoors. Seniors, you're 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way through your final year of walking these majestic halls, so make every moment count!

While some of the most accomplished athletic alumni in NOHS history have come from our winter programs (2 NCAA D1 champions – 1 Wrestling and 1 Basketball & and the all-time leading scorer for the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy), look to them for inspiration and strive to do your best at all times. The pure OX blood that ran through their veins is now yours to carry on now, and eventually transferring to the next group of the future!

The emotions are high for the parents as well. Whether you're ecstatic about how your child's fall season went, or you wish you could take any pain from them for expectations that didn't come to be, you're anxious for the winter season nonetheless. Not only do you want them to have the best success possible, but you also know there's nothing stopping them from growing up, and the days where you can watch them in the community where they became young adults is lessening. Don't fret though as these are truly some of the best days of their lives. While they will continue to do great things, there's always a special feeling when thinking of their HS careers and what this means to them later in life! Meanwhile, take solace that there's no better extended family than that of THE OX!!!

Best of luck to all the teams. The hard part is done, now reap the rewards! Promote good sportsmanship and play hard, but most importantly, have fun and stay safe.

### WE ARE... THE OX!

#### Farewell to Fall

A special shoutout to all the fall Colonials on a great season. Here are some highlights:

Coach Karkuff had the following to say about the cross county team: The New Oxford High School cross country program continued its upward trajectory during the 2025 season, with a multitude of team and individual highlights.

On the team side, both the boys and girls teams ended the season with winning records in the ultra competitive YAIAA Division I, with both ending the season at 10-9 respectively. The boys team was buoyed by a number of underclassmen and led by sophomore Tyson Schuck, a medalist (20<sup>th</sup> place) at the county meet and one of three Colonials who competed at the PIAA District III championship.

The girls team featured a number of senior runners and was led by junior Vivian Millar-Kellner. Millar-Kellner finished eighth at the county meet and 27<sup>th</sup> at the district meet to become New Oxford's first PIAA state qualifier in more than a decade. Millar-Kellner was one of four Colonials who represented New Oxford at the district championship.

The other D3 qualifiers are Tyson Shuck, Oliver Millar-Kellner, Sam Aiello, Kali Neiderer, and Joanna Perez.

Other fall sports had great performances as well:

Football once again earned the #1 seed in the D3 5A playoff bracket, marking the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year of earning a playoff berth after posting its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive 10-0 season (seniors have a regular season record of 29-1 over the last 3 years with the only loss coming to out of state opponent and eventual MD state champion Fort Hill), and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive YAIAA D2 title. After winning their quarterfinal game against neighboring Spring Grove (only 5<sup>th</sup> playoff victory in school history), they fell to SOLANCO in a hard-fought game, but this loss doesn't take anything away from a tremendous season.

Field Hockey earned a spot in the YAIAA semi-final game, where they came up short against Dallastown, but they still earned a D3 2A playoff appearance where they beat ELCO in the first round, but lost the next 2 games against Palmyra and then Red Land to finish their season 14-9 overall. Great job ladies.

Boys soccer also punched their post season ticket by collecting a win over Central York in the YAIAA quarterfinals before finding themselves on the other side of a very close game against York Catholic in the semi-finals. The put up a fight against Manheim Township in the first round of the D3 4A playoff bracket. There is no shame in your accomplishments.

Tennis had another solid year with their 11<sup>th</sup> straight district qualifiers in Ava Garman and Maggie Socks. Both continued onto the Elite 8 round. With all of the graduating seniors from last year, the team was still able to go 11-5 in the YAIAA Division 1. Quite an achievement.

Wonderful job to all the fall athletes as well. Even if the final outcome wasn't as you may have hoped going into the season, you're still part of the OX family, and we're all extremely proud of your efforts and accomplishments.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the concessions (indoor and outdoor), and the 3 ladies who make it happen! Mandy Campbell for coordinating the volunteers, and both Eileen Gass and Tiana Mummert for manning the inside night in and night out. You 3 are what truly makes us the best around and 2<sup>nd</sup> place is a distant afterthought! The 2025 yet again broke records with our sales!

#### **TEAM TIME**

See what all the winter sports have to say.

The Boys basketball team is looking forward to another exciting season! We are working hard everyday that we are together in the gym. We hope to improve on last season and continue to make all Colonials proud!

This season we return 4 starters and have 9 seniors on the team. The leadership from our seniors will help us in navigating the challenges we will face this season. Fans can anticipate a fundamentally sound and resilient team that competes hard every night.

This season we have 22 games, 11 games will be at home. Our first home is December 3rd against Waynesboro with a 7:00 PM varsity start time. We hope that you will be able to come out and cheer on the 2025 - 2026 New Oxford Colonials Boys Basketball Team!

Boys Basketball



Nate Myers, Head Coach

### Girls Basketball



Last season our Lady Colonials were overall young and relatively inexperienced when compared to the rest of our Division I competitors. It was obvious that we had to objectively inventory our abilities and develop a plan for the future of our program. We decided to formulate and establish a culture for the Lady Colonial Basketball Team based on coachability, accountability, and offering NO EXCUSES, only solutions. Our workouts started on March 2nd, on a weekly basis with personal trainer, Jeff Butler, and were offered to all middle school and high school ladies on a weekly basis. Our summer consisted of expanding our workouts to twice a week and continued through the fall, ending with 3 sessions a week; one of the days with the training team from 'Unleashed Potential', as we ramped up for the up-and-coming season. The focus was to improving upon fundamental basketball skills and increasing our basketball IQ. The team is excited to take our skill work from training sessions to our scheduled games for the 2025-26 season. I believe that the hard work, dedication, and willingness to not only strive to become better players; but better people, will translate into a very enjoyable season for our Lady Colonials. Last, but certainly not least, we have added two former alumni to our high school staff, Morgan Adams and Amber Daniels (formerly Swope); and Ella Kales, former Spring Grove and Bloomsburg University standout, will be leading the middle school Lady Colonials along with returning coach Nathan Culver. I am personally extremely excited for you all to see what we have in store for you to view in the coming months. See you in the gym!!

Jeff Null, Head Coach

Our competition cheerleaders have been putting in the work since the summer, preparing for another exciting journey to nationals. The competition side of cheerleading is one like no other, it takes athleticism, teamwork, precision, and heart. This season, we are thrilled to be back as a coed team, which has brought both new challenges and new energy to our program. Despite a few trials and tribulations, our athletes continue to push through with determination, working together to make our routine stronger each practice.

Competition & Winter Cheer



Throughout the season, our team will compete at the YAIAA County Championships, the District III Championships, and the UCA Regional competition, all with the ultimate goal of earning a spot at both the PIAA State Championships and the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. These athletes embody resilience, focus, and pride in representing New Oxford on and off the mat. Their commitment to growth and teamwork shows tremendous potential for what's still to come this season.

In addition to competition cheer, our winter sideline cheerleaders are ready to light up the court and the mat, supporting our boys' basketball and wrestling teams. They bring energy and enthusiasm to every game, creating an exciting atmosphere for our fans and athletes alike. We're proud of the dedication all our cheerleaders show, whether they're hitting a stunt, perfecting a routine, or leading the crowd in school spirit. Here's to a strong and spirited winter season for New Oxford Cheer!

#### - Coach Erika Gonzalez

This season marks the 2nd year of the Colonials' swimming at the Hanover YMCA as their home pool. Hosting three home meets this year, the Colonials' men's and women's swim team is sitting with a roster of over 40 swimmers! Coach Ben Olewiler returns for his 5th season with the team, and Coach Cassi Buscemi (formerly Beck) returns as assistant coach for her 2nd straight year. This year, the men's team has a solid base, and there are multiple school records on the line. "Given the number of returning veteran swimmers we have this year, we WILL be competitive in our division. There is a large number of freshmen and sophomores joining the team, and the outlook for the next few years is very hopeful." Many of the seniors this year have competed on the team their entire high school career. Coach Ben has said, "It's bittersweet to reach this milestone with the team. I've had these swimmers since freshman year, and I've watched them grow both in and out of the pool. I can only hope that the culture, all the lessons, and the competitive sport I have coached them through will help with their life in some way after high school. That's the whole purpose of being a 'coach,' and I'm proud to have that title for them." Please come see what this team is about. All home meets are at the North Hanover YMCA, and the team and coaches would love to fill the stands and show you what they are all about!

### **Swimming**



Ben Olewiler, Head Coach



The 2025-2026 high school wrestling team looks to rebuild under new direction of head coach Kyle Flickinger and assistant coach Travis Martin. They hope to carry their previous success and mindset of the junior high program to mold the high school team. Although they graduated a talented group in 2025, the large sophomore and junior classes will look to make a big impact in the starting lineup.

Offseason work has brought a big group of wrestlers together, pushing each other to get better each day. Open practices and morning lifts will prove to be beneficial as the season is always physically demanding. These guys and girls have put in a lot of time and energy while creating bonds that will build our wrestling family.

New Oxford Wrestling is set up to see a lot of success in the upcoming years. From elementary, junior high, to high school, the culture of the program will push our athletes to be the best they can be on and off the mats. Let's go OX wrestling!

Kyle Flickinger, Head Coach

### Ongoing and Upcoming Projects

#### Scoreboards

The winter teams now get to experience the new scoreboards!

The NOABC would like to continue to thank PowerAd and the sponsors they secured for the funding of this. While our student section is the best around, this will give them something extra when it comes to cheering on our Colonials.

Thanks for everyone's support and once again, thanks to the class of 1989 for their original class gift of the previous scoreboards! Can't ask for much more than over 35 years!





#### **Cushioned Athlete Seats**

The sponsorship of the cushioned athlete seats is still active. Want to honor the memory of a loved one or pay homage to a family member or a significant member of Colonials history, sponsor your own with a plaque on the back by completing the following sponsor application

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1 FAIpQLScr3hhbca9y0ePymKz5RsCfjMfdcuGMe PiEXFFwM6MQJbgJrA/viewform?usp=sharing)



The winter months are where the NOABC gets to do some of its most rewarding works! Shortly after the new year, various committees will form to present options to the NOABC regarding annual senior scholarships, renewing business agreements regarding the Spirit Card for the following year, and many other exciting opportunities.

Contact the boosters to inquire about how you can help if you so choose.

### Stay Connected with the NOABC!

The NOABC is proud to support our Colonial athletes, teams, and community—and we want *you* to stay connected with all the latest news and updates!

Be sure to follow us on our official platforms to keep up with game highlights, team accomplishments, community events, fundraisers, and more:

Website: www.noabc-colonials.com

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We love celebrating all the great things happening across our Colonial programs—whether it's a big win, a player milestone, or an exciting event involving our student-athletes and community.

If you'd like us to highlight something special about your team, share information about a youth or community sports program, or post other relevant updates, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:noabc.colonials@gmail.com">noabc.colonials@gmail.com</a> or send us a message via Facebook.

Together, let's keep the Colonial spirit strong—on the field, in the stands, and throughout our community!

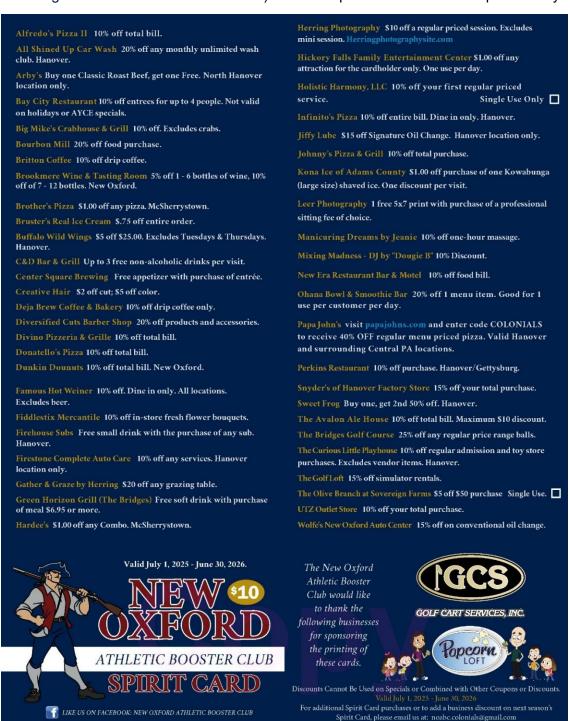
#### 2025 - 2026 Spirit Card

The 2025 – 26 NOABC Spirit Cards are currently available for purchase the HS office during normal hours.

Follow our website (https://noabc-colonials.com/) and Facebook

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(https://www.instagram.com/noathleticboosterclub/) for more updates! Here is a sample of this year's card!



### Official Student Designed T-Shirt for '25-26 School Year

Don't miss out on your opportunity to get your own officially student designed 2025-26 t-shirt. Limited selection remains and will be sold exclusively out of the indoor concessions over the winter season!



Check out the NOABC concession stand for merch and new items including team specific magnets (including Athletic Trainers), Colonial and OX theme water bottles, tumblers, and Koozies!

COLONIAL NATION, ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS - LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Looking forward to much success this winter season. Good luck to all our student athletes!