Spring Sport Wrap Up 2021

After the 2020 Spring Season shut down due to COVID-19, our CK spring sport athletes waited more than 669 days between our last spring sport competition in 2019 and our first Cranbrook competition in 2021. It was so rewarding to see our spring sport athletes and coaches back on our fields and lakes in what is always our busiest CK sports season with spring 327 athletes participating (166 girls and 161 boys). For most of our spring sport teams, April was the first real time for connection with our sophomores (last year’s freshmen) and our new freshmen that we did not have the opportunity to work with last spring…..it has been great to see many new faces on our rosters.

As we learned through the fall and winter seasons, sponsoring interscholastic athletics during a pandemic has had its challenges. This spring, the season was pushed back a week by the MHSAA and given the spike in Michigan COVID cases, extra COVID protocol was mandated by the MDHHS that included mandatory COVID testing for ALL spring sport athletes on a weekly basis (we tested only the contact sport athletes in the fall and winter seasons).

With all we have endured during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud of the fact that Cranbrook athletics was ranked number one in the State in the MLive Ultimate State Champion Challenge after the success we experienced in the fall and winter sport seasons and finished the year ranked 3rd behind Rockford and East Grand Rapids! We congratulate our student athletes, coaches and athletic department support staff for their time, commitment, resilience and positive energy as they have represented Cranbrook in athletics…..WELL DONE! Here is our spring sport season summary.

Head Coach Andy Fairman (15th season) and the Cranes Baseball Team were excited to be back on the field after missing the 2020 campaign. The Cranes finished tied for 2nd in the Intersectional Division of the Catholic League and were led by senior captains Nick Schumacher and Miles Pistner and fellow seniors Michael Haataja, Graeme Gump, and Peter Timko. CK Baseball returned a strong junior class including captain Travis Ilitch, Ryan Becker, Owen Dyer, Teddy Arida-Moody and Avaneesh Prasad. Sophomores David Flanagan and Jon Ference and freshman Jacob Speller added to the Cranes success.

The Cranes had a deep pitching staff anchored by starters Ilitch, Becker, Flanagan and Timko along with a strong bullpen in
Pistner, Schumacher, Dyer, Prasad and Speller to close out ballgames. Defense was a strength this season with catchers Schumacher and Gump controlling the game from behind the plate, a strong core of middle infielders including Becker, Dyer, Ference, and Flanagan, and the infield rounded out with experienced third baseman Pistner and first baseman Arida-Moody and Gump. The outfield is led by returning centerfielder Ilitch alongside leftfielder Michael Haataja and right fielders Speller and Prasad.

The Cranes enjoyed the opportunity to play a game at Comerica Park in May. It doesn’t get much better than that for a high school baseball player!

In the first round of the MHSAA District Playoffs, the Cranes faced the Rams of Lamphere. Miles Pistner hit a 2nd inning two run homerun to put CK on top 2-0. The game went back and forth thru five innings, but things went south in the 6th with the Rams jumping to a 16-6 lead to end the contest and finish the Cranes season.

Nick Schumacher, Teddy Arida-Moody and Avaneesh Prasad earned Academic All-State recognition. Travis Ilitch, Ryan Becker and Jon Ference earned All-District and All-Catholic League honors. Mike Haataja, Peter Timko and David Flanagan earned All-League recognition and Nick Schumacher earned Academic All-Catholic League honors. The Team earned Academic All-State for their collective excellence in the classroom.

Head Coach Kevin Van Houten (3rd season) and the CK Rowing Team was excited to be back on the water this spring. The team was led by seniors Ruhaan Doshi and Ella Michalak and juniors Shanna Amaanpenrot and Richard Moulton as captains. The experience of seniors Sid Lokam, Linda Sun, and Geoffrey Wiswall was also invaluable as they shared their knowledge with the roster that consisted of over 90% underclassmen.

Even though the rowing team needed the girls and boys to alternate days on the water and having to cope with much uncertainty and adversity throughout the season, it was a very encouraging season. Simply having the opportunity to row again with teammates could not be overstated.

The team started training in early February for the first two regattas at Kensington Metropark in April and May, followed by the Laddie Cup at Orchard Lake. Although this was the first season in several years that the team did not win a race, it was also the first season in which nearly every crew was in a closely contested race, mostly for seconds or thirds.
At the State Championship Regatta hosted in Grand Rapids on May 23rd, the CK rowers finished 4th overall in the points total out of 19 teams competing. This was the highest finish ever for the Cranes at States. Individually at States, the Womens Novice Eight Team of coxwain Maria-Luiza Longo Leonard, Sabrina Smith, Gabriella Krnjaja, Milani Sheth, Tia Franklin, Anke Kozeliski, Sylee Acharya, Maia Keena, and Liv Heald were State Runner-Up (silver medalists), and the Team of Grant Burnstein (coxswain), Ryan Kushnir, Animesh Shintre, Arjun Soman, Henry Price, Roger Sik, Ryan Bhola, Grant Fleischer, Casimiro Dziewit were State Runner-Up silver medalists at Mens Junior Eight.

The Team of Rai-Ching Yu (coxswain), Rachel Faust, Shanna Ampaanpenrot, Shaylen Gough, Paige Schulte, Caroline Brown, Adella DeCapite, Akira Hasegawa, Mei Ling Wood were bronze medalists in Womens Junior Eight, and the Womens Freshman Four Team of coxswain Maria-Luiza Longo Leonard, Milani Sheth, Gabriella Krnjaja, Maia Keena, Liv Heald earned bronze medals.
Head Coach John Minnich (5th Season) and the 2021 CK Boys Golf Team entered the season with a relatively inexperienced squad. Only three players returned from the 2020 Team that had their season suspended due to COVID.

Senior captains Alex Meyer and CJ Krause and junior Perry Johnson were joined by eight newcomers that alternated in and out of early season competitions to identify their place in the rotation.

At the **Catholic League Championships** hosted at Oakland University, the **Cranes placed 6th overall in the Central Division** with a score of 370. Alex Meyer led the Team shooting an 84 to place 14th. Juniors Ethan Hellman and David Wu both shot 90 to place 28th, CJ Krause shot 94, senior Vinay Doshi shot 96 and Perry Johnson shot 97.

At the **Oakland County Championships**, hosted at Crystal Lake in Pontiac, the Cranes competed against a strong field of 23 teams. **CK finished 13th overall** scoring 341.

Individually, CJ Krause led the Team scoring 81, followed by Alex Meyer (84), David Wu (86), and Nik Post shooting 90.

At the **MHSAA Regional Championships** hosted at Huron Meadows, the Cranes ran into a buzz saw of great teams. Overall, the **Cranes finished 5th** as a Team shooting 323.

Individually, CJ Krause and Alex Meyer led the Cranes shooting 77, putting them both in contention to be individual qualifiers at the State Championships. The two teammates were forced into a one-hole playoff where Alex shot a birdie to win the remaining State qualifying spot. Teammates Ethan Hellman shot 81, Perry Johnson shot 88 and Nik Post finished with a 92 on the day.

At the **MHSAA State Championships**, Alex Meyer faced one of the most competitive fields in years. After day one, he shot a 78 to be in 34th position. On day two, Alex improved his score shooting 75 to end the tournament in 30th place with a two-day score of 153.
CK Welcomed Jeanne Woodbury to the Upper School as CK’s new Head Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach. Coach Woodbury played lacrosse and field hockey for Boston College. Coach Woodbury started her coaching career at Heritage High in Saginaw before moving to Cranbrook where she spent the past seven years working with the Cranbrook Middle School girls lacrosse and field hockey programs.

CK also added Assistant Coaches Summer Aldred and Mac Woodbury to the staff. Coach Aldred has served as founding Varsity Head Coach at Cass Tech, head Junior Varsity Head Coach at Troy Athens and was a Student Coach at her Alma Mater Denison University. Summer also founded the girls program for Detroit United Lacrosse Elite Travel program. Coach Aldred is a graduate of Southfield Christian High School where she was an All-State & All-Academic Cross-Country runner and an All-Academic Varsity Soccer Player. Coach Woodbury CK’17, has served as an assistant to Coach Jeanne Woodbury for the Girls Middle School Lacrosse program and was a captain and a 4-year letter winner of the CK State Champion Boys Swim and Dive Team.

The CK Girls Lacrosse Team finished 2nd in the CHSL Central Division and was led by senior captains Mallory Brophy, Charlotte DeSantos and Lilli Sherman and fellow seniors Olivia DeMuth, Gwen Woodbury, Peyton Messner, Avery Salesin, and Lizzie Hamel. The seniors were joined by a talented group of underclassmen in juniors Riya Batra, Morgan Chaudhary, Paige Piceu, Emma Christides, and Vivienne Armstrong. Sophomores Emma Brandimarte, Ella Lantigua, Kinsale Norton and Lola Norton along with freshmen Maggie Hunter, Eryn McLaughlin and Carley Paulus rounded out the roster and provide offensive and defensive strength.

In the Catholic League Playoffs, the Cranes hosted the Marlins of Mercy in the CHSL Semifinal. The two teams split victories during the regular season. CK came out strong and finished stronger defeating the Marlins 23-10 to advance to the CHSL Championship.
In the CHSL Championship Game, the Cranes faced the top seeded Mustangs of Marion for the third time. The two teams also split victories during the regular season, but in the championship, CK was ready for the test. With good defense, offensive passing and fire power, the Cranes defeated the Mustangs 18-7 to win the Bishop Division of the Catholic League.

In the MHSAA State Playoffs, the Cranes drew the Avondale Yellow Jackets who were in a startup season. CK defeated the Yellow Jackets 21-1 to advance to the Regional Quarterfinal. CK faced the Knights of University Liggett (champions of the CHSL Cardinal Division) in the Quarterfinal. Once again, the Cranes established their dominance defeating the Knights 25-4 to advance to the Regional Semi. In the Regional Semi, the Cranes faced the Irish of Notre Dame Prep. CK was the stronger team taking a 16-1 halftime lead then finished the Irish with a 26-2 win.

Cranbrook faced the Yellow Jackets of Detroit Country Day for the Regional Championship. The Cranes took an early lead, but the momentum changed in favor of DCD who took a 12-8 lead. After a timeout, CK dug deep with determined draws by Riya Batra and 5 straight offensive scoring efforts from Lilli Sherman, tough defense and 3 penalty shot saves from goalie Gwen Woodbury to tie that game at 13. With 36 seconds left in regulation, Batra flipped the draw to Sherman who scored the winning goal! CK won the Regional Championship 14-13 with a gutsy performance and advanced to the MHSAA Semi.

In the MHSAA Semifinal hosted at Brighton, CK faced the Marlins of Mercy for the 4th time this season. The turf was easily registering over a 100-degrees and both teams worked to win the battle of the elements and the competition. The score went back and forth in the first half with CK taking an 11-10 lead into the halftime locker room. In the second half, the Marlins struck first with two quick goals then Riya Batra swung the momentum back to CK with a great goal, her ensuing draws, and additional goals down the stretch. With the defense re-energized, they held the Marlins scoreless for the rest of the game and advanced to the State Championship game with a 23-12 victory.
In the MHSAA State Championship, the Cranes faced the always strong Pioneers of East Grand Rapids. EGR scored first and CK answered, but by halftime EGR built a 12-8 lead. Although CK held the Pioneers to only 3 goals in the second half, the Cranes could not close the lead and finished as State Runner-Up with the final score EGR 15-CK 11.

Lilli Sherman earned All-American, 1st Team All-State, Academic All-State, and All-Catholic League honors. Mallory Brophy earned All-American, Academic All-American, 1st Team All-State, Academic All-State, and All-Catholic League honors. Riya Batra earned All-American, Academic All-American, 2nd Team All-State, Academic All-State, and All-League recognition. Gwen Woodbury earned Academic All-American, 1st Team All-State, Academic All-State, and All-Catholic League honors. Morgan Chaudhary earned Academic All-American, Academic All-State and Honorable Mention All-State honors. Olivia DeMuth and Emma Christides earned Honorable Mention All-State and All-League. Charlotte DeSantos earned Academic All-State and Academic All-Catholic League recognition for her work both on the field and in the classroom. Vivienne Armstrong, Emma Brandimarte, Lizzy Hamel, Eryn McLaughlin, Kiki Norton, and Avery Salesin earned Academic All-State. The Cranes Team earned Academic All-State for their collective excellence in the classroom.

Cranbrook welcomed JD Hess in his new role as Head Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach. Coach Hess served as the Head Coach at Notre Dame Prep and is currently the Director of Operations for Omnia Lacrosse. JD also coached for Birmingham Unified, served as a Graduate Assistant at his alma mater U of D Mercy, and was the Regional Director for True Lacrosse. Coach Hess played collegiate lacrosse for U of D Mercy and was an All-American lacrosse player, football and hockey player for Seaholm High School. Coach Hess added college teammates, Mike Turnbull and Will Kane to the CK coaching staff.

Coach Kane served as an Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Notre Dame Prep and played his college lacrosse career at Detroit Mercy University where he earned All-MAAC honors and was later drafted in the 2019 Supplemental Draft for Major League Lacrosse to the Dallas Rattlers.

Coach Kane was an All-State captain in lacrosse and played football at Dallas Jesuit (Texas). Coach Turnbull also served as Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Notre Dame Prep and played lacrosse at Detroit Mercy University where he was a MAAC Honor Roll Athlete. Coach Turnbull was three sport-athlete in lacrosse, football and wrestling at Worthington Kilbourne
High School in Columbus Ohio, earning All-American, All-State, All-Region, and All-Conference honors.

The Boys Lacrosse Team finished 4th in the Central Division of the Catholic League. The Team was led by senior captains Jonah Rinaldis, Eli Asmar, and Max Spradlin with support from some talented sophomores in Alex Yolles and Preston Washer. The Cranes were hit hard by the injury bug through much of the regular season but worked to get healthy and ready themselves for post season play.

In the Catholic League Championships, the Cranes faced top ranked Brother Rice in the semifinal game and were outmatched with the Warriors defeating the Cranes 26-0.

In the MHSAA Regional Playoffs, the Cranes earned top seed to draw a bye in the first round. In the Regional Semifinal, the Cranes faced the Walled Lake Western Warriors. With the Cranes healthier than they had been in weeks, they defeated the Warriors 15-5 to advance to the Regional Championship.

In the Regional Championship, the Cranes faced the up and coming and undefeated Knights of Shrine. Although the Knights took an early lead, the Cranes took charge in the second period to defeat the Knights 17-5 and win the Regional Championship!

The Cranes faced the 2nd ranked Pioneers of Grand Rapids East in the MHSAA Quarterfinal. The Pioneers took control of the game early and never let off the gas pedal, defeating the Cranes 16-2.

Max Bergen earned 2nd Team All-State and All-Catholic League. Jonah Rinaldis earned 3rd Team All-State and All-Catholic League honors. Gunnar Dudlar also earned 3rd Team All-State. Theo Von Staden earned Honorable Mention All-State and All-League honors. Max Spradlin earned All-League recognition and Shaun Doogal earned Academic All-Catholic League recognition.
Head Coach Gary Jacoby (3rd season) and the Cranes Sailing Team finished second in the sectional qualifiers for both team racing and fleet racing with the top three teams in each division moving on to regionals. The Team Racing Regional Championship was held in Minnetonka Minnesota where the Cranes tied for third.

At the Regional Fleet Race Championships, held in Cleveland Ohio, the top twenty teams from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan gather to compete for a berth at Nationals. The Cranes were in 2nd after day one but ended the competition 7th overall which qualified CK for the Phoebe King Memorial regatta consolation tournament in Annapolis. CK competed against teams ranked twenty-one to forty from around the country. At the regatta, the Cranes were tied for 4th after eight races. After some struggles in the next twelve races, CK ended up tied for eleventh.

Head Coach Chad O’Kulich (25th season) and the CK Girls Soccer Team finished 1st in the AA Division of the Catholic League and was led by senior captains Emma Inloes and Charlotte Trunsky. Fellow seniors Rachel Applefield, Serena Hao and Stephanie Nemeh rounded out the senior class as leaders. The Cranes returned six varsity letter winners and an athletic roster that was the largest in more than twenty years. Offensive strength was provided by junior Sara Tweed and sophomores Rachael Claxton, Anna Timko, Lauren Rao and Adin Victor leading the charge.

The CK Defensive returned All-District 1st Team keeper, Charlotte Trunsky with support from Applefield, Inloes, Nemeh and junior Sophia Reuss.

The Cranes added Assistant Coach Teo Uno CK’19 to the staff this season. Coach Uno was a varsity letter winner for the CK Soccer Team that advanced to the 2018 MHSAA Semifinal. Coach Uno served as an assistant to the Cranes Boys Team that advanced to the MHSAA State Semifinals this fall.

At the Catholic League Championships, the Cranes hosted the Cardinal Mooney Cardinals in the Semifinal. CK came out firing on all cylinders with Timko, Tweed, Rao and Claxton scoring goals in the first half. Claxton finished the game with another goal early in the 2nd half. Defense was again strong to prevent the Cardinals from scoring. The Cranes won 5-0 to advance to the CSHL Cardinal Championship Game for the first time since joining the Catholic League in 2010.
Cranbrook hosted the **MHSAA District Playoffs** at the Lower Fields. CK opened with the Rams of Lamphere in the **District Semi. The Cranes** took a 2-0 lead into halftime after two good goals from Anna Assemany and Sara Tweed. In the second half, the Cranes set up a strong defensive front and followed with goals from Adin Victor, Rachael Claxton and Tweed to **defeat the Rams 5-1.**

In the **District Championship**, CK faced the perennial powerhouse Mustangs from Marian who scored early and were able to control the match defeating the Cranes 6-0, to put an end to a successful CK season.

Sara Tweed and Rachael Claxton earned All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League honors. Charlotte Trunsky and Mackenzie Behnke earned All-District and All-Catholic League honors. Emma Inloes, Sophia Reuss, Anna Timko and Lauren Rao earned All-District and All-League recognition and Charlotte Trunsky earned Academic All-Catholic League honors. The Cranes Team earned Academic All-State for their collective excellence in the classroom.

**Head Coach Meg Dyer (3rd season) and the Cranes Softball Team finished 2nd in the Intersectional 2 Division of the Catholic League.** The Cranes returned four members of the 2019 Cranbrook Team that made Cranbrook Softball history being the first time the Cranes were undefeated in League competition and were CHSL Intersectional 2 Champions earning a first-time berth in the CHSL Playoffs.
The 2021 Team found itself in a very challenging situation along with the rest of the spring sports teams, not knowing who our new sophomore and freshman players were and not having the ability to have an off-season for workouts. The Cranes were led by returning seniors, captain Laura Manrique and Bianca Gomez and junior captains Sarah Hartmus and Roxanne Shaviro. This season was a rebuilding year with newcomers to the game in junior Ava Ergin, sophomores; Rebecca Park, Eudora Chi, Linnea Duffy, Minha Gil, Julia Housey, Brynn Mishko, Noelle Van Hoef, and freshmen Maggie Hilliard, Sandra Bae, and Arval Nguyen.

In the District Championships, the Cranes faced perennial powerhouse, Notre Dame Prep in the first round. NDP proved to be a State contender defeating the Cranes 18-0.

Sarah Hartmus earned Honorable Mention All-District and All-Catholic League. Julia Housey earned All-Catholic League honors. Roxanne Shaviro and Brynn Mishko made the All-League Team and Rebecca Park earned Academic All-Catholic League. The Cranes Team won the District Team Sportsmanship Award.

Head Coach Grant Asher (3rd season) and the CK Girls Tennis Team was led by senior captains Sanya Khanna, Lily Foltyn, and Abby Foltyn who demonstrated not only great leadership throughout their years on varsity, but also provided great support and mentorship to their teammates. After last year’s COVID suspension of the spring season, varsity returners Nina Govila, Charlotte Brown, and Gaby Levine rounded out the junior class and were joined by sophomores Jenna Asfour, Morgan Drenser-Hagmann, Mia Frickey, Jordan Trees and Injie Gazayerli who got to play for the Upper School for the first time. Freshmen Sienna Ilitch, Daryn Krause, Kayli Lala, Sanvi Upadhyayula, Grace Zhang, and Olivia Zhang brought new talent to the program.

The Cranes experienced a larger than normal number of weather-related match cancellations, but they competed in enough matches against strong opponents to earn a top ranking in the State for Division 3.
At the **Catholic League Championships**, the Cranes took the next step in preparation for the post season. With number two, three, and four singles and all four doubles teams advancing to the finals. The championship came down to the last two matches of a long day. In the end **CK proved their toughness scoring 36 points to win the CHSL Bishop Division Championship!**

Individually, **Sienna Ilitch was CHSL Champion at #3 singles, the team of Abby Foltyn and Gabby Levine were CHSL Champions at #2 doubles, and the team of Kayli Lala and Daryn Krause were CHSL Champions at #3 doubles. Charlotte Brown #2 singles and Olivia Zhang #4 singles were CHSL Runners-Up. Also finishing CHSL Runners-Up were Morgan Drenser-Hagmann and Amelia Frickey at #1 doubles, and Sanya Khanna and Grace Zhang at #4 doubles.**

The **MHSAA Regional Championships** were hosted at Cranbrook and from warm-ups to the last match eleven plus hours later, it was an incredibly competitive day of tennis! With hard fought battles and some matches lasting 3-4 hours, the **Cranes competed and came out on top scoring 30 points** (out of 32 possible) **to win the Regional Championship and advance as a Team to States.**

Individually, in singles play, **Charlotte Brown #2 singles, Sienna Ilitch #3 singles, and Olivia Zhang #4 singles were Regional Champions. In doubles play, Morgan Drenser-Hagmann and Amelia Frickey #1 doubles, Abby Foltyn and Gabby Levine #2 doubles, Kayli Lala and Daryn Krause #3 doubles, and Sanya Khanna and Grace Zhang #4 doubles were Regional Champions.**

At **MHSAA State Championships** hosted in Holland Michigan, CK jumped out in front on day one but day two turned out to be a championship battle. When it was over, **CK finished as State Runner-Up** with one point being the difference!

Individually, **Charlotte Brown led the Team, winning the State Championship at #2 singles. Sienna Ilitch at #3 singles and Olivia Zhang at #4 singles finished as State-Runner-Up. In doubles play, Daryn Krause and Kayli Lala at #3 doubles and Sanya Khanna and Grace Zhang at #4 doubles finished as State Runner-Up.**
Abby Foltyn and Gabby Levine earned 1st Team All-State and All-Catholic League honors. Charlotte Brown earned 1st Team All-State and All-League honors. Morgan Drenser-Hagmann and Amelia Frickey earned 1st Team All-State and All-League honors. Nina Govila earned 1st Team All-State recognition. Sienna Ilitch earned Honorable Mention All-State and All-Catholic League honors. Kayli Lala and Daryn Krause and earned All-Catholic League honors. Nina Zhang, Sanya Khanna and Grace Zhang earned All-League recognition and Abby Foltyn earned Academic All-Catholic League honors. The Cranes Team was Academic All-State for their collective excellence in the classroom.

Head Coach Dan Russell (6th season) and the Cranbrook Track and Field Team was excited to finally get back on the track after taking a year off due to COVID. With lots of new faces added to the roster, the Cranes were anchored by strong veteran leadership in senior captains Kaya Freeman (sprints, hurdles, long jump), Jordyn Russell (sprints, relays, discus), junior captain Adina Alterman (sprints) and senior captain Nasir Forney (sprints/relays) for the Boys Team. The Cranes were excited about the addition of junior Jeff Ren (sprints), sophomores Courtney Cassidy (distance), Jordan Richie (sprints) and Michael Atsuya (mid-distance). The throwers were anchored by sophomore Sierra Branch and senior Will Withrow.

CK welcomed Corey Childs to the coaching staff to help work with the throwers this spring season. Coach Childs worked with the CK Junior Varsity Football Team this fall as Head Coach.

At the Catholic League Championships, The CK Girls Team had their best outing since Cranbrook has been able to compete for the Catholic League Championships, finishing 3rd overall.

Individually, Kaya Freeman led the Cranes winning the CHSL Championship in the 100-meter hurdles and finished CHSL Runner-Up in the 100-meter dash and the long jump. The team of Jordyn Russell, Kaya Freeman, Amari Marks and Jordan Richie were CHSL
Champions in the 4 X 100 relay. Amari Marks was also CHSL Runner-Up in the 300-meter hurdles and sister Jalia Marks finished CHSL Runner-Up in the 800-meter. The team of Jordan Richie, Adina Alterman, Jalia Marks and Jordyn Russell were CHSL Runner-Up in the 4 X 200 relay.

The 4 X 400 relay team of Alterman, Richie, Amari and Jalia Marks took 3rd to medal. Also making the podium, Richie placed 4th in the 200-meter and Corinne Jordan placed 4th in the long jump. Chloe Kurschat placed 5th in the 800 meter and the 4 X 800 team of Jalia Marks, Kurschat, Cynthia Qian and Courtney Cassidy placed 5th. Cassidy finished 7th in the 400-meter, Abby Bloink placed 8th in the 100-meter hurdles, and Sierra Branch placed 8th in the discus.

Additional individual results: India Gentry placed 9th in the 200-meter; Kurschat placed 9th in the 1600-meter; Branch placed 10th in the shot put; Cassidy also took 10th in the 3200-meter; Annabel Brown placed 12th in the shot put; Russell placed 12th in the discus and 14th in the 200-meter; Bloink took 13th in the 300-meter hurdles; and Qian took 14th in the 1600 meter.

On the Boys side of the CHSL Championships, the Cranes placed 9th overall. The 4 X 200 relay team of Jeff Ren, Nasir Forney, Gian DeGuzman and Ryan Marvar placed 7th; the 4 X 800 team of Solomon Kwartowitz, Mike Atsuya, Kenta Suzuki and Ethan Liang also placed 7th; and the relay team of Ren, Atsuya, Kwartowitz and Marvar placed 8th in the 4 X 400 to make the podium.

Individually, Ren place 10th in the long jump; Forney placed 11th in the 100-meter and 15th in the 200-meter; Suzuki placed 13th in the 3200-meter; Kwartowitz placed 15th in the 1600-meter; Bretton Fischer placed 15th in the 3200-meter; Chinedu Nosike took 15th in the 110 hurdles, 16th in the 300 hurdles, Aboubacar Sangary took 16th in the discus; 18th in the 100-meter and 22nd in the 200-meter; Alex Pirrotta placed 16th in the 110-hurdles and 17th in the 300 hurdles; Liang placed 17th in the 1600 meter; Eric Shan took 18th in the 400-meter; Atsuya placed 18th in the 800-meter; Yiannis Yiannakis placed 18th in the shot put; Will Withrow placed 19th in the shot put and 20th in the discus; and Ross Gao placed 20th in the 800 meter.

At the Regional Championships hosted at Lamphere HS, the Cranes Girls Team had a great evening of competition scoring 134 points to win the Girls Team Regional Championship!
Individually, there were lots of personal bests on the day. **Kaya Freeman once again set the tone for the team with Regional Championship performances in the 100-meter, 100-meter hurdles and the long jump and Corrine Jordan winning the Regional Championship in the high jump! Jordan Richie was Regional Runner-Up in the 200 meter, Amari Marks was Regional Runner-Up in the 300 hurdles, and Chloe Kurschat was Regional Runner-Up in the 800-meter.** Adina Alterman placed 3rd in the 400-meter and Jalia Marks placed 3rd in the 800-meter. Courtney Cassidy placed 4th in the 3200 and Abby Bloink placed 4th in the 100 hurdles and 5th in the 300 hurdles. India Gentry placed 5th in the 200 and 7th in the 400-meter, Cynthia Qian took 6th in the 1600-meter, and Sierra Branch made the podium taking 8th in the shot put. Jordyn Russell placed 10th in the 100-meter and Helen Yang took 13th in the shot put.

**In the CK Girls relay events, the team of Richie, Russell, Freeman, and Amari Marks was Regional Runner-Up in the 4 X 100. In the 4 X 400 relay, the team of Alterman, Richie, Kurschat and Jalia Marks was also Regional Runner-Up, and the team of Kurschat, Cassidy, Jalia Marks and Jayden Kaufman were Regional Runner-Up in the 4 X 800 relay.** Our 4 X 200 relay team of Alterman, Russell, Richie and Jalia Marks placed 3rd.

The **Boys Team** also had a strong showing **placing 4th overall in the Region scoring 60 points.**

Individually, Ryan Marvar took 3rd in the 400-meter and Nasir Forney placed 4th in the 100 and 7th in the 200-meter. Mike Atsuya placed 5th in the 800, Solomon Kwartowitz took 5th in the 1600, and Kenta Suzuki placed 5th in the 3200-meter. Jeff Ren placed 6th in the long jump, Bretton Fischer placed 6th in the 3200 and 7th in the 1600, Alex Pirrotta took 7th in the 110 hurdles, Will Withrow placed 7th in discus, Ethan Liang finished 8th in the 800, and Chinedu Nosike placed 8th in the 300 hurdles to make the podium. Other Individual performances included: Aboubacar Sangary 10th in discus, Pirrotta 10th in 300 hurdles and 15th in long jump, Yiannis Yiannakis 11th in shot put, Withrow 14th in the shot put, Nosike 16th in the 100 and 17th in the 200-meter, and Eric Shan 18th in the 400.

The Boys relay teams had the best finishes on the day with the team of Ren, Forney, Marvar, Brogan Dougherty placing 3rd in the 4 X 100 and 5th in the 4 X 200. The 4 X 400 team of Atsuya, Kwartowitz, Ren and Marvar also took 3rd, and the 4 X 800 team of Suzuki, Kwartowitz, Atsuya and Ross Gao placed 3rd.

At the **Oakland County Championships**, weather conditions were less than favorable. The **CK Girls Team finished tied for 10th overall** in what is always a showcase for the best in the Area in all MHSAA Divisions.
Kaya Freeman once again showed her competitiveness winning the Oakland County Championship in the 100-meter hurdles and Jalia Marks took 7th in the 800. The Girls Team had a good outing in the relay events with the 4 X 100 team of Jordan Richie, Amari Marks, Jordyn Russell and Freeman and the 4 X 400 team of Adina Alterman, Amari and Jalia Marks and Richie both placing 5th. The 4 X 200 relay team of Richie, Alterman, Russell and Jalia Marks placed 7th and the 4 X 800 team of Jalia Marks, Chloe Kurschat, Courtney Cassidy and Jadyn Kaufman finished 12th. Jeff Ren led the Boys Team placing 7th in the long jump and the 4 X 200 Relay Team of Ren, Brogan Dougherty, Nasir Forney and Ryan Marvar and the 4 X 400 Relay Team of Ren, Marvar, Mike Atsuya, and Solomon Kwartowitz both placed 9th.

At the MHSAA State Championships hosted at Zeeland, the Cranes Girls Team competed for their best team finish in school history! Cranbrook finished in a three-way tie for 8th place overall, scoring 22 points. The 22 points were just 4 points out of the State Finalist position.

Individually, Kaya Freeman kicked off the day landing a school record 17’4” long jump on her second try to win the Long Jump State Championship! Kaya came back to earn State Runner-Up and another school record in the 100-meter hurdles after a photo finish. In back-to-back races, Kaya made the podium finishing 8th in the 100-meter dash. CK’s 4 X 400-meter relay team of Adina Alterman, Jordan Richie, Amari and Jalia Marks broke the school record finishing in 7th place. Amari Marks also made the podium placing 8th in the 300-meter hurdles.

Other outstanding performances included: Corinne Jordan’s 4’11” high jump finish in 10th place. Our 4 X 100 relay team of Jordan Richie, Jordyn Russell, Amari Marks and Kaya Freeman placed 10th and our 4 X 800 relay team of Adina Alterman, Jalia Marks, Chloe Kurschat and Courtney Cassidy placed 12th. Chloe Kurschat placed 12th in the 800 (breaking the school record) and Jordan Richie placed 17th in the 200-meter dash.
Kaya Freeman earned 3 All-State honors, 2 All-County, and 4 All-Catholic League honors. Amari Marks earned 2 All-State, 2 All-County and 3 All-Catholic League honors. Jaila Marks and Jordan Richie earned All-State, 3 All-County, 3 All-Catholic League and 1 All-League honors. Adina Alterman earned All-State, 2 All-County and 2 All-Catholic League honors. Jordyn Russell earned 2 All-County and 2 All-League honors. Cloe Kurschat and Courtney Cassidy each earned 2 All-League honors. Cynthia Qian, Corinne Jordon, Abby Bloink, Sierra Branch earned All-League recognition.

Jeffren earned All-County and All-League honors. Mike Atsuya, Ryan Marvar and Solomon Kwartowitz earned 2 All-League honors. Nasir Forney, Ethan Liang, Kenta Suzuki and Gian DeGuzman earned All-League recognition.

**College Commitments**

Cranbrook hosted a signing celebration for seniors **Lilli Sherman and Mallory Brophy** who have committed to play lacrosse collegiately. Lilli will be playing lacrosse for the Buckeyes of Ohio State and Mallory will be playing lacrosse for the Lords of Kenyon College.

As a 12-sport varsity letter winner, **Lilli** was captain, two-time Honorable Mention All-State and two-time All-Catholic League member of the CK Lacrosse Team. Lilli was also a two-time All-State and two-time All-Catholic League and All-League captain of the Cranes Field Hockey Team. Sherman was also a captain of the CK Ice Hockey Team where she earned All-Catholic League, two-time All-League, and Academic All-Catholic League honors.

**Mallory** was an Honorable Mention All-State captain of the Cranes Lacrosse Team. Brophy was also captain of the CK Ski Team where she earned All-State, 2nd team All-State, three-time All-Region, All-SEMSL, All-Division, and two-time All-Catholic League honors. Mallory was a Regional Champion, Regional Runner-Up, SEMSL Champion, Division Champion, and four-time Catholic League Champion in the slalom and giant slalom events.
In a similar signing celebration, CK recognized seniors Hale Oak and Bryce Hall who will be continuing their athletic careers at the college level. Hale will be swimming for the Bobcats of Bates College and Bryce will be playing football for the Quakers of U. Penn.

Hale was a captain on the 2020 CK State Championship Team, and was a 12-time All-State performer, (State Champion 200 medley relay (pool record), 2 x State Champion in the 200 free relay (school record), State Runner-Up in the 100 butterfly, and 2 x State Runner-up in the 200-medley relay). Hale was also an Oakland County Champion in the 200 free relay, County Runner-Up in the 200-medley relay. In the Catholic League, Hale was 2 x All-Catholic League, and 2 x All-League honoree (CHSL Champion 200 free relay and 200 medley relay, CHSL Runner-Up 200 medley relay). She was a four-time State Qualifier, a member of the 2017 CK State Championship Team and 2018 and 2019 State Runner-Up Teams.

Bryce was a captain for the Cranes Football Team and where he earned 1st Team All-State, All-Region, 2 x Detroit News All-North Honorable Mention, All-Catholic League, and All-League honors. Bryce was also an All-League center on the CK Basketball Team.

In the final spring college signing celebration, seniors Kaya Freeman and Catherine Moll and families celebrated their commitments to compete at the collegiate level next year. Kaya committed to run track for the Bison of Howard University and Catherine will be playing squash for the Red Devils of Dickinson College.

Kaya was a captain for the CK Girls Track and Field Team and was a State Champion (school record), Regional Champion, and CHSL Runner-Up in the Long Jump. Kaya was State Runner-Up (school record), County Champion, Regional Champion, and CHSL Championship in the 100-meter hurdles. Kaya was State medalist (8th), Regional Champion and CHSL Runner-Up in the 100-meter dash, and was a member of the State Qualifying, Regional Runner-Up, and CHSL Champion 4 X 100 relay team.

Catherine has been playing on the US Squash Junior Circuit, has played at Nationals, and was a US Squash Scholar Athlete during her high school career. Cate has been nationally ranked since the age of 10.
GET TO FOUNDATION AWARD
The GET TO Foundation was formed in the memory of our beloved Football Coach Ben Jones. The Foundation continues Coach Jones’ legacy of inspiring others to consider obligations and obstacles as opportunities while encouraging student athletes to shift perspective from “have to” to “GET TO”. In its’ inaugural year, the GET TO Foundation recognized Cranbrook Student Athletes Charlotte Trunsky and Max Spradlin. Both were awarded scholarships by the Foundation to go towards their college tuitions.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE ATHLETES HONORED
CHSL Scholar Athlete Awards/Coaches of the Year
Each year our Catholic League honors the top senior Scholar Athletes. In a typical year, the League assembles a gathering of over 900 people for a banquet to celebrate our scholar athletes, coaches of the year and faculty of the year recipients. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, the annual June banquet had to be cancelled for the second year in a row.

Cranbrook’s CHSL Senior Scholar Athletes for 2021 were: Mallory Brophy (Ski), Santo Craprotta (Soccer), Charlotte DeSantos (Lacrosse), Abby Foltyn (Tennis), Julia Frykman (Golf), Luke Hellweg (Hockey), Emma Inloes (Cross Country), Sarina Lee (Volleyball), Laura Manrique (Softball), Justine Murdock (Swim), Dhilan Nagaraju (Tennis), Jonah Rinaldis (Lacrosse), David Safta (Basketball), Lilli Sherman (Hockey), Resha Sheth (Field Hockey), Nick Schumacher (Baseball), Max Spradlin (Football), Charlotte Trunsky (Basketball & Soccer), and James Wiater (Swim).
Mallory Brophy and Justine Murdock were recognized as the Scholar Athletes of the Year in their respective sports of Ski and Swim.

CHSL Don Duchene Foundation Award Each year the Catholic League Awards Scholarships to a girl and boy from each Catholic League School to help with college expenses. These funds come through the kindness of the Duchene family and Catholic League Hall of Fame member, Mr. S. Gary Spicer, ESQ. The recipients are acknowledged at Tiger Stadium during the CHSL Baseball Championships. This year’s recipients of the Duchene Award were Charlotte DeSantos and Graeme Gump.

UNDERCLASS AWARDS
Athletic Department and Booster Club Awards At the virtual Underclass Awards Assembly Ceremony, the Cranbrook Athletics Booster Club honored the Michelle Foster and Bobby Tremain Award recipients. Michelle Foster was an excellent student and very talented and successful CK basketball player on the CK Girls Varsity Basketball Team in the fall of 1993. Michelle passed away unexpectedly from complications of chicken pox in the fall of 1994. The Booster Club established the memorial award in her memory so that a deserving young girl and boy CK basketball player can attend a basketball camp each summer. This year’s recipients of the Michelle Foster Award were freshman Yasmyn Palmer and junior Brandon McCaskill.
Bobby Tremain was an outstanding athlete who graduated from Cranbrook in 2002 and passed away while attending Georgetown University in 2004. As a tremendous student-athlete, Bobby made quite an impact as a goalie for the varsity lacrosse team. He was an All-State and All-American team captain that was recruited to play lacrosse at Georgetown. Bobby worked vigorously at his lacrosse game, always looking to not only better himself, but more importantly the team.

In remembrance of Bobby’s legacy, this award is presented to an underclass member of the boys varsity lacrosse team to attend a lacrosse camp. The recipient of this award embodies a strong competitive spirit, leadership, passion and dedication for lacrosse, and has a positive effect on his teammates and the lacrosse program as a whole. This year’s recipient of the Bobby Tremain Award was sophomore Preston Washer.

SENIOR CLASS AWARDS
At the Senior Class Awards Ceremony, the Cranbrook Athletic Department and Booster Club recognized senior athletes Olivia DeMuth, Lilli Sherman and Charlotte Trunsky as CK’s newest 12 Sport Letter Winners.

Olivia DeMuth was an All-State, All-Catholic League and All-League captain of the CK Field Hockey Team and was an Honorable Mention All-State and All-League member of the Lacrosse Team. Olivia was also a four-year letter winner on the CK Ice Hockey Team.
Lilli Sherman is a nominee for the Detroit Free Press Lacrosse Player of the year. She was captain of the CK Girls Lacrosse, Girls Hockey and Field Hockey Teams. Lilli was a 1st Team All-State, two-time Honorable Mention All-State and a three-time All-Catholic League athlete in Lacrosse. In Field Hockey, Lilli was a two-time All-State, All-Catholic League, and All-League honoree. In Ice Hockey, Lilli was All-Catholic League, two-time All-League and earned Academic All-Catholic League recognition.

Charlotte Trunsky was captain of the CK State Championship Girls Swim and Dive Team, Girls Soccer and Girls Basketball Teams. Charlotte was an All-American in the 200 free relay, a four-time State Qualifier as a swimmer earning 12-time All-State and 4-time Honorable Mention-All-State honors. In her career, Charlotte was 2 x State Champion in the 200 free relay (school record), 2 x State Champion in the 400 free relay (school record), State Runner-Up 50 free and 200 free relay (school record); County Champion in the 200 free relay, All-County, County Runner-Up in the 400 free relay, 3 x All-Catholic league, and CHSL Champion in the 400 free relay (school record). Charlotte earned 2 x 1st Team All-District and two-time All-Catholic League as a Soccer Goalie and earned two-time Academic All-Catholic League honors on the CK Basketball Team.

Senior Athletes of the Year
Each year, the CK Athletic Department recognizes a girl and boy Senior Athlete of the Year. The varsity coaches nominate and vote on the selection of the Athlete of the Year recipients. Sports participation, team contribution, leadership, character and individual accolades are factored into the selection process. This year, we once again had an outstanding group of nominees from our senior class. This year, the Senior Athletes of the Year are Gwen Woodbury and Leyton Stenman.

Gwen Woodbury was Captain of the CK State Champion Swim and Dive Team. Gwen was honored as the 2020 Division III State Swimmer of the Year and was a nominee for the Detroit Free Press Swimmer of the Year. Her season and career accolades were impressive. Gwen was an All-American in the 100, 200 and 200 free relay, a 4-year State Qualifier, 16-time All-State honoree, 3 x State Champion in the 200 free (school records), 2 x State Champion in the 100 free (school
record) and was a 3 x member of the State Championship 200 free and 400 free relay teams (all school records). In her career, she was State Runner-Up in the 100 and 200 free (school records) and the 200 butterfly, State Runner-Up 200 free relay team (school record); 2 x Oakland County Champion in the 200 free, County Champion in the 100 free and a member of the County Championship 200 Free relay team, County Runner-Up in the 100 free and a member of the County Runner-Up 200 free and 400 free relay teams; 2 x CHSL Champion in the 50 free, 2 x member of the CHSL Champion 400 free relay team (school records), a member of the 200 free CHSL Championship relay team, and a member of the CHSL 200 medley relay Championship Team, and CHSL Runner-Up in the 50 free.

Gwen came back to the Girls Lacrosse Team this spring to help as a Goalie where she earned All-State, Academic All-State and All-Catholic League.

**Leyton Stenman** was captain of the CK State Championship Hockey Team. Leyton was recognized by USA Today as a Finalist for the High School Hockey Player of the Year. He was also recognized by the State Champs Network as Michigan Hockey Player of the Year and was the first defenseman to receive this honor. Leyton was also MIHL Player of the Year, State Tournament MVP, and earned All-State Dream Team and 1st Team All-State honors, 2nd Team All-State his junior year, MIHL Dream Team, 2 x All-MIHL North, 2 x All-Catholic League honors in his career.

**Upper School Coach of the Year Awards**

Each year, the Cranbrook Athletics Booster Club honors our Upper School Head Coaches who encourage both scholastic and athletic excellence, promote team spirit and encourage the development and contribution of each individual to the team effort, and who teach sportsmanship and citizenship while promoting their sport.

This year, the CK Coaching staff did an incredible job in the face of adversity, constant change, and so many un-knowns that were educational athletics in a COVID pandemic… and each went above and beyond the call of duty. For their GET TO attitude, ability to pivot, their positive energy, leadership, and most of all their care and compassion for our athletes in these times, the Cranbrook Booster Club honored all of the Upper School Head Coaches as Coaches of the Year.

The Booster Club, CK Athletic Department and the Cranbrook Community would like to thank our Upper School Head Coaches: **Zubair Ahmed** (Field Hockey), **Grant Asher** (Tennis), **Alexis Bohlinger** (Hockey), **Cynthia Burton** (JV Tennis), **Corey Childs** (JV Football), **DaJuan Dickerson** (JV Basketball), **Meg Dyer** (Softball), **Paul Ellis** (Swim and Dive), **Andy Fairman**
Jack Sanders Assistant Coach of the Year Award:
The Jack Sanders Award is representative of our beloved Cranbrook Alumnus and Baseball Assistant coach for 62 years that passed away in 2013. Coach Sanders loved Cranbrook and all that it stands for. Coach loved Cranbrook baseball and all that the game of baseball stands for. Coach loved our students, he cared about the type of people they were growing up to be, he cared about their athletic experience, their growth, their citizenship. Serving Cranbrook for 62 years (for free) was his way of keeping in touch with that which he loved.

The Cranbrook Booster Club annually recognizes a Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School assistant coach that has served in a coaching capacity for at least 5 years (not necessarily in the same sport). This award is in honor of coach Sanders and is awarded to a Cranbrook assistant coach for their loyalty to the athletic program and our student athletes; for encouraging students’ development as athletes and students; for promoting their sport and team spirit; for teaching and exhibiting sporting behavior; and for encouraging good citizenship.

The Booster Club, CK Athletic Department and the Cranbrook Community would like to thank our Upper School Assistant Coaches: Mike Schuette, Jordyn Finney (Baseball), Matt Gump, Matt Broder, Brian Turner, Jordyn Finney, Bill Hancock, Paige Sickmiller (Basketball), Jen Heath, Chris Rainwater, Glen Maylath, Claire Ford (Cross Country), Nick Landry, CJ Mifsud, Zach Cutkomp, Uday Singh, Andrew Koterba, Matt Kidd, George Davis, Sam Pearlstein (Football), Todd Berry (Golf), Pat Hultman, Ron Slavick, Karl Daiek, Terry Brooks, Jared DeHaven, Tom LaGrasso, Sara Russell, Max Rutecki, Alex Stankovski (Hockey), Mack Gembis, Will Kane, Mike Turnbull, Bill Stacy, Cory Kroneman, Summer Aldred, Carolyn Moss, Mac Woodbury, Lauren Mann (Lacrosse), Chris Samul, Patrick Padgett, Kevin Kresnak, Helen Vlasic (Rowing), Scarlett Shader (Ski), David Brown, Gabrielle Monaco, Teo Uno (Soccer), Rachel Paradis (Softball), Carly Sevald, Alexa Resetar (Swim and Dive), Allison Motea, Dan Krteski, Clarence Boyd, Ismail Kadyrov (Tennis), Zac Krug, Tom Pryhitko, Taylor Webb, Ryan Eskuri (Volleyball), JD Reed, Colin Hinde, Corey Childs (Track and Field).
Tennis Facility The Cranbrook North Tennis Facility is nearly completed and without a doubt…it’s a beautiful new athletic venue addition to CK Athletics and the Cranbrook campus. This new facility will be a great source of pride for the tennis athletes of the Upper and Middle Schools and the site will be a perfect viewing experience for spectators. We want to thank the alumni and parent donors, Booster Club and Cranbrook leadership for providing the resources to build our new Tennis Facility.

Have a great summer!