



## GOLDBACK

As the winter season comes to an end we have to highlight the two Lady Goldback teams that have brought historic success to Newburgh Athletics.

Our athletes have captured not one but TWO Section IX Championship Titles that have been elusive to our school for decades.

Both the Varsity Competitive Cheerleading team and the Girls Basketball teams delivered unforgettable performances, bringing home titles and creating memories that will last a lifetime for the athletes, coaches, and entire school community.

The Competition Cheer team soared to the top of the leaderboard with a powerful and polished routine that showcased months of dedication and teamwork. From sharp motions to impressive stunts and high energy throughout the performance, the team executed when it matter most, and even earned their first “hit-Zero” of the season at Sections! The victory not only highlights their athletic ability but also the spirit and pride they bring to the competition floor.



Not to be outdone, the Newburgh Lady Goldback basketball team also etched its name into the history books by capturing a Section IX title of their own. The team battled through a competitive season and rose to the challenge during playoffs, displaying determination and a strong defense. Game after game, the Goldbacks showed resilience and composure under pressure, stepping up in key moments to secure the big wins on their path to the first Newburgh Section IX title in 21 years!!

These Championships are a testament to the dedication of our student- athletes, coaches and the support systems behind them.

Congratulations to both teams our Newburgh community is so proud of you!

## GOLDBACK UPDATES CONTINUED



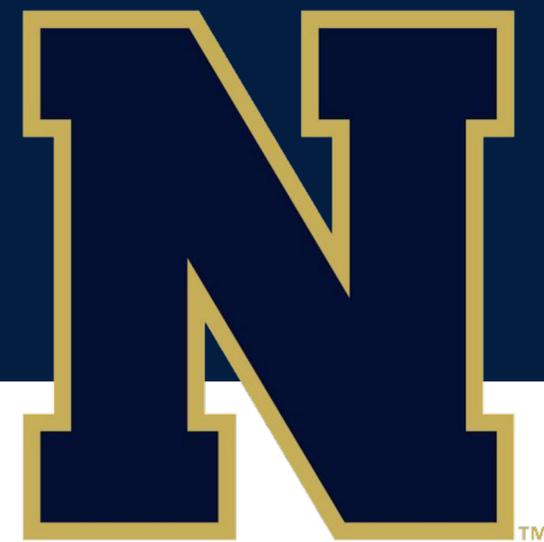
The winter season has been filled with outstanding achievements across several Newburgh Athletic Programs, with many of our student-athletes rising to the top of their sports. Throughout sectional competitions, numerous Goldbacks captured sectional championships or earned the opportunity to compete in the New York State Championships, representing our school at the highest level of competition.

The athletes pictured above have demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and talent throughout their seasons. Competing at the sectional level requires months of preparation, discipline and teamwork, and advancing to the state stage is a testament to the commitment these athletes bring to their sport each day.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination shown by these student-athletes. Their success continues to highlight the tradition of excellence within Newburgh athletics and serve as inspiration for the many future Goldbacks who will follow in their footsteps. Congratulations to all of the athletes pictured above for their incredible achievements and for representing Newburgh with pride!

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## SECTION IX CLASS AAA COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Section IX Class AAA Girls Basketball Coach Of the Year, Matthew Greenbaum. Throughout the season, Coach Matt consistently pushed the team to compete at a high level while fostering teamwork and pride in this NFA Basketball program. This recognition reflects not only a successful season but the lasting impact Coach Matt has on the athletes he mentors every day!

## Coach McAllister Honored

This year Boys Basketball coach Jason McAllister Jr was honored with the Jim Taravella Memorial referees award! An honor that reflects the respect he has earned from officials across the league. This award highlights his commitment to sportsmanship, professionalism, and the positive example he sets for his student-athletes. Coach McAllister's dedication to the game and to representing Newburgh with integrity continues to make our athletic community proud!



## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS SHOUTOUT

Behind every successful athletic program is a team of dedicated professionals working tirelessly to keep our student-athletes healthy and ready to compete. With March being Athletic Trainer Appreciation month, we feel it's only fitting to shout-out our incredible athletic trainer Hailey Anthony-Arsad! From evaluating injuries and guiding rehabilitation to being present at practices and games, her commitment plays a vital role in the success and safety of our programs. It's not uncommon to see a line of students outside her door each day, all waiting for help, advice or treatment. Our athletes are able to perform at their best thanks to her expertise, support, and compassion. We are truly grateful for everything she does for Newburgh Athletics!

Thank you so very much Hailey! – Chris Herrera