



# IRISH NEWS

## News and Notes from the Hackett Athletic Department

### Boosters Meeting

The HCP Athletic Boosters will be meeting tomorrow evening 6:30pm in the Hackett Library. All are welcome to attend.

### Academic Eligibility

Eligibility notices will be sent home this week. The first quarter ends on Friday, 10/19 - students still have two weeks to improve low grades. Students are encouraged to set meetings with teachers if they believe they need help.

### State Rankings

**United Football - 5th in D5**

**Girls Golf - 5th in D4**

**Boys Soccer - 6th in D4**

**Boys Tennis - 5th in D4**

### Updates

For news about goings on at Hackett and in the athletic department please visit [irishathletics.org](http://irishathletics.org) and become a fan or follow me on Twitter @CoachAbid.

### Officials

The MHSAA put out an article recently about the state of high school officials in Michigan, the facts and figures are stark. For years now the number of registered officials in the State of Michigan has been decreasing, some of this is due to an improved economy from the mid-2000s that produced a boom in people looking for additional sources of income. But the numbers are clear, each year there are fewer officials that are registered to officiate high school contests. This is an issue, and it needs to be addressed head on, the main culprit as to why officials are tough to find, are spectators, coaches and administration. WE are to blame. Most officials we are leaving the sport state, "It just is not worth the abuse anymore". All of us at times have taken issue with a call during a game or match, but the way in which we handle ourselves can make all the difference in the world.

We all need to take a step back and realize officials are human and are prone to mistakes, however, I can all but guarantee that no official has ever purposely made a call that was detrimental to either team. As we are told in the gospel "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye". In other words, take it easy on officials, they are hard to come by, and they are honestly trying their best. As Always, GO IRISH!!

### Events Next Week

**Monday 10/8** - Girls Varsity Golf @ FH Northern Invitational 10:00am

- Boys Varsity Soccer HOME vs. Fennville 5:00pm - **Senior Night**

**Tuesday 10/9** - JV Volleyball Quad @ Delton-Kellogg 5:30pm

- Varsity Volleyball Quad @ Martin 5:30pm

**Wednesday 10/10** - Girls Varsity Golf MHSAA Regional @ The Mines 9:00am

- Boys JV / Varsity Soccer @ Gull Lake 5:00pm / 6:45pm

**Thursday 10/11** - Varsity Cross Country Conference Championship @ Gilmore Car Museum 4:00pm

- JV Football @ Constantine 6:00pm

**Friday 10/12** - Varsity Football HOME vs. Constantine 7:00pm