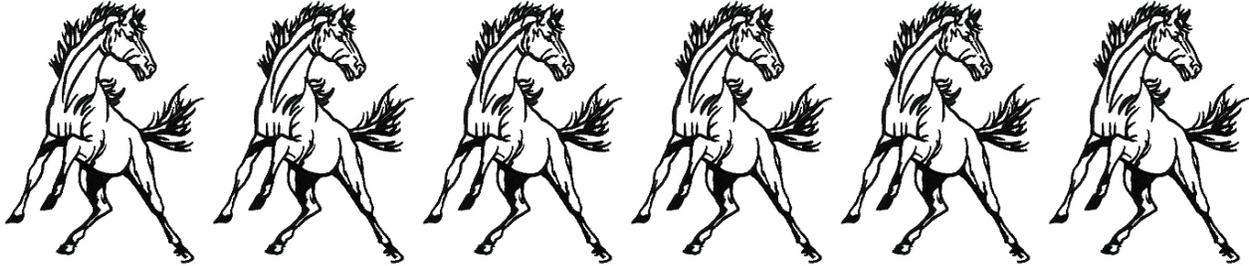


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CLIFTON MUSTANG “THE MESSENGER” SPRING SPORTS UPDATE

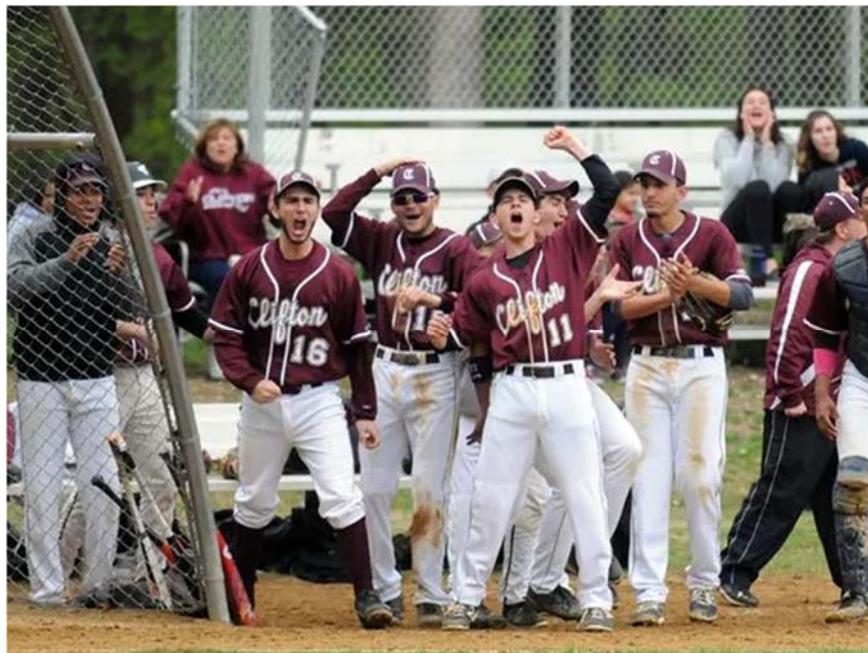


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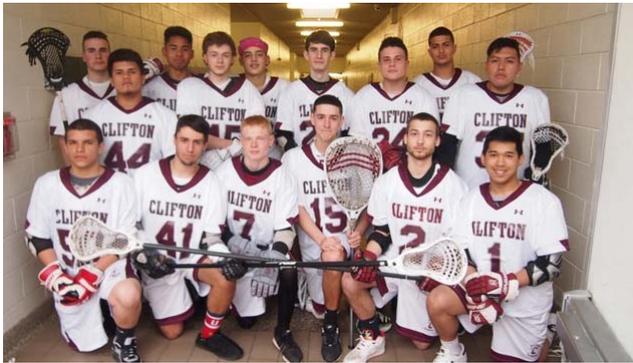
It has been a most exciting spring sports season at Clifton High School. Our students have actively competed in the sports arena throughout the state of New Jersey and have had much success. We continue to offer our students these opportunities to enrich their lives and to model good sportsmanship as well as overall fair-play. We could not have accomplished this without the enthusiasm and support of our parents, the many booster clubs, the overall Clifton Community, especially our Board of Education members who work closely with the administrators to assure adequate facilities as well as a balanced budget for all of our students. The summary below indicates the wonderful efforts made by our students, their coaches, and all support staff to have a rewarding Spring Sports Season. We hope to see you cheering once again at our Fall Sports events.



Baseball – Clifton baseball had one of its best seasons in a long time. They were 16-7. Clifton won the Big North Liberty Division baseball championship with a 9-1 record. They were the number one seed in the Passaic County Tournament. Since week two of the season, they were in the Bergen Record top 25 baseball teams every week.

Pitcher Jason Rivera was named All-League and All County first team selection. Jason was selected to the Senior All Star.

Coach Rivera was honored with Coach of the Year in the Big North Liberty Division.



Boys Lacrosse Spring 2017



Jake Cupoli



Kevin Buttell



Tyler Gibson

Lacrosse (Boys) – The 2017 boys lacrosse team had a good year finishing the season with a 9-9 record and once again qualifying for the state playoff tournament.

Captain Kevin Buttell was named First Team All-County, First Team All-League and was this year's recipient of the John Greco Memorial Scholarship.

Both Kevin Buttell and Jake Cupoli, captains, will be attending Kean University where they will play on the Lacrosse team.

Captain Tyler Gibson was named as Clifton High School's 2017 Male Athlete of the Year for his outstanding achievements in both lacrosse and hockey.



LACROSSE (GIRLS) – Team went 7-10 and entered the state tournament for the first time in ten years. Girls were led by lone senior Amanda Richards along with the rest of the underclassman that strived to have a successful season.



Outdoor Track & Field – 2017 Passaic County Freshman Champions



Outdoor Track & Field Team (Boys) – The team finished the dual meet season 3-2 and finished 2nd in the Big North Liberty Division. They won the Rams Relays Invitational. Five members of the team made 1st All County. The boys 4 x 800 team of Kevin Heredia, Max Dubac, Takashi Yuasa and Joshua Szabo won the State Sectional title with a school record. Luis Zorrilla qualified for the State Meet of Champions in the discus.



2017 Big North Liberty Division Champions

Outdoor Track & Field Team (Girls) – The team finished with a dual meet record of 4-1 and won the Big North Liberty Division Championship at Clifton Stadium. They won the County Seat Invitational for a third year in a row, took third in the Passaic County Relays and County Championship and took fourth at a State Sectional. The team broke five school records and all relay teams advanced to the State Group Championship. Alenys Morales qualified for the State Meet of Champions in the high hurdles and long jump.



Softball – The team went 15-10, they won league going 10-0. They also made states and county.

Volleyball

Volleyball – Young boys volleyball team showed steady improvement over course of the season.



Tennis – The team for 2017 was 15-6; they were third in the county and second in the league. We rebounded from a 2016 season 0-13.