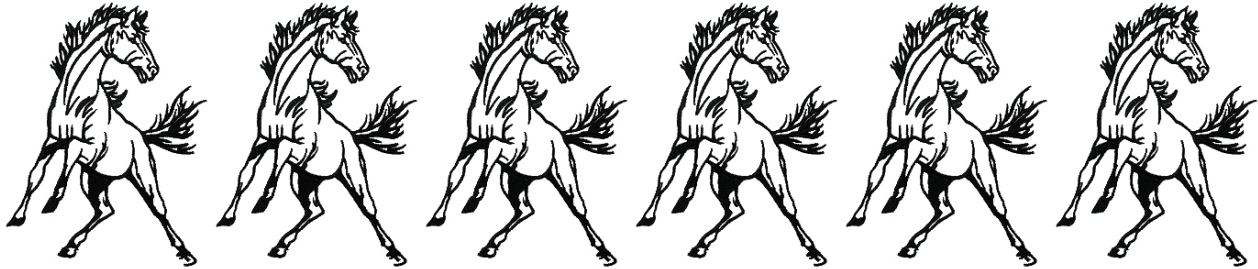


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# CLIFTON MUSTANG “THE MESSENGER” WINTER SPORTS UPDATE



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It has been a most exciting winter 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 Winter Sports Season. We hope to see you cheering once again at our Spring Sports events.



**BOYS BASKETBALL** – finished 12-15 and qualified for the state tournament for second year in a row.



**GIRLS BASKETBALL** – Finished the season 14-12 (7-3) in division. The girls qualified for the state tournament and advanced in the county. Jordan Rivera finished her career with 1051 points, while Shahd Badeer ranked #5 in the state in rebounds per game.



**BOWLING-** The boys bowling team finished 10-0 in the league and second in the state sectional. The girls bowling team finished 5-5 in the league.



**SWIMMING** – The boys & girls swim teams showed great improvement over the course of the season.

## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (BOYS & GIRLS)



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Both the boys and girls teams won the Big North Liberty Division Championship, and placed third at the state sectional championship. The girls' team scored the most points in the history of the championship meet. Alenys Morales, who has been recruited by a number of Division 1 colleges, was named the Record/Herald News Athlete of the week after winning four events at the county meet. Sophomore Andrea Dubbels placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet of Champions after winning two county individual titles. Kevin Heredia, who has received a full athletic scholarship to Rider University, won three events at the county championship and placed fifth in the State Meet of Champions in the 800 meter race. Kevin is the first boy in school history to win back-to-back medals at the Meet of Champions. Jordan La Ceste won pole vault event at the state sectional championship and county shot put champion Sonny Ruiz threw over fifty feet at the Meet of Champions, which was the best performance by a Clifton thrower since Clifton Hall of Fame Joe Hathaway accomplished the feat. Ten athletes (3 boys and 7 girls) qualified for the State Meet of Champions, which was the most in program history.

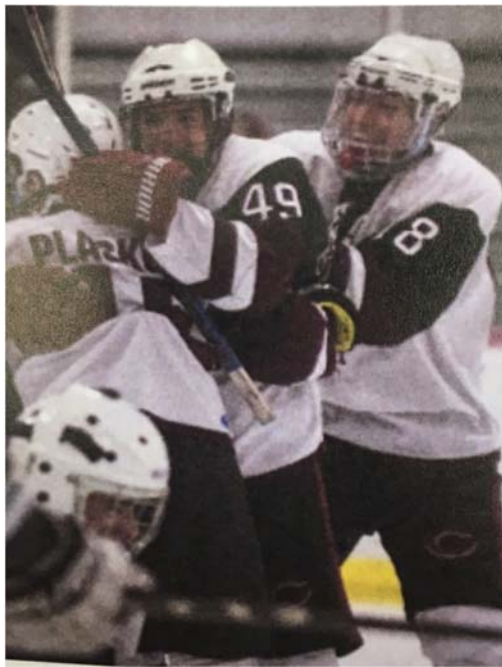
Mike Rogers won Passaic County Coach of the Year for the Boys & Girls.





**WRESTLING** – The wrestling team finished the season 13-9 and took second in the Liberty Division. Matt DePasque won his 100<sup>th</sup> match and Nick Nosal made it to the state championship in Atlantic City.





**ICE HOCKEY** - The Clifton High School Ice Hockey team ended a successful 2017--2018. The Mustangs finished the season with a 12 win 9 loss and 2 ties record. After a slow start, the team won eight straight games in the second half of the season. The team made it to the semi-finals of the Passaic County Tournament. In league play, the team finished in third place in the Big North Patriot Division and made it to the semi-finals of the Big North Silver Cup Tournament. The team was seeded eighth in the Public A New Jersey State tournament.



**CHEERING** - Clifton Varsity Cheerleading had an outstanding winning season. The varsity team took home first place at all local competitions at Woodridge High School, Secaucus High School, Hackensack High School, Paramus Catholic High School and Wayne Valley High School. They finished third in the Big North Liberty Division and came in second place at the NJ State Cheerleading and Dance Championships in Trenton on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Clifton Cheerleading has not had a winning season in several years and they are proud of all of their accomplishments. With fifteen graduating seniors, the Clifton cheerleaders are motivated to work hard to make next season even better than this one.