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Walnut Hills Girls Are Making Their Mark This Fall

From championships and postseason berths to individual recognition and emerging young stars, Walnut Hills girls athletics is making an impact across the fall season. At Walnut Hills High School, success in girls athletics is showing up in more than one place this fall.

Across the course, court, field, fairway and pool, Walnut Hills girls are competing at a high level and earning recognition throughout the Cincinnati area. With more than 600 female student-athletes competing across 18 sports, the depth of Walnut Hills girls athletics is significant. And through September 20, several programs have already given the school plenty to celebrate.

Girls Golf: A Historic Season

The biggest team success of the fall has come from girls golf.

The Lady Eagles captured both the ECC Preseason and Postseason Tournament championships, winning the preseason event by six strokes over Lebanon before returning to the top of the leaderboard at the September 10 postseason tournament. Walnut Hills shot a 312, finishing 18 strokes ahead of runner-up Anderson's 330. The postseason tournament victory marked the second ECC tournament championship of the season for Walnut Hills. The Eagles then advanced to the OHSAA Division I district tournament as a team after finishing third at the Walden Ponds sectional.

Senior Ash Kertpet has been one of the conference's leading individual golfers. She shot a 73 at the sectional tournament—the best score among ECC golfers competing in that round—and currently ranks fourth among ECC golfers with a 39.2 average. Teammates Elise Weinrich, Amy Wongsaroj and Grace Gong also rank among the conference's top golfers statistically.

Walnut's athletic department reported the team at 9–2 overall with only one ECC loss heading into its final conference match. Regardless of how the final conference race unfolds, the 2026 season has already established a new standard for Walnut Hills girls golf.

Girls Soccer: Near the Top of the ECC

Girls soccer has also put together a strong conference season.

As of September 20, Walnut Hills is 5–3–2 overall and 3–0–1 in ECC play, placing the Eagles in a tie with Milford for second place in the conference standings. The Eagles' conference run includes a 2–1 victory over Loveland on September 15. Walnut then faced Lakota West on September 19, falling 2–0.

Individually, junior Karringtyn Wilder has been one of the conference's leading offensive players, while Eliza Pierce has also received significant recognition. Pierce was among the September 15 Enquirer Athlete of the Week nominees.

The team still has plenty of season remaining, but its 3–0–1 conference record has already positioned the Eagles among the ECC's top teams.

Girls Volleyball: Veteran Leadership and Young Talent

Girls volleyball has experienced a more up-and-down stretch but has still produced several individual standouts.

The Eagles enter September 20 at 4–6 overall. Walnut opened the season with a 3–0 sweep of Reading, defeated West Clermont in five sets, and picked up wins over Winton Woods and Purcell Marian before dropping four consecutive matches to Loveland, Milford, Lebanon and Anderson.

Despite the recent stretch, Walnut has several players making their mark statistically. Senior Hope Vernon currently ranks fifth in the ECC with 98 kills, while senior Sania Washington is tied for third in the conference with 24 blocks. Sophomore Natalie Smith ranks third in the ECC with 146 digs.

The program is also getting contributions from younger players, giving the Eagles a mix of experience and emerging talent as the second half of the regular season approaches.

Girls Water Polo: A 2–2 Start

Girls water polo deserves a place in the conversation as well.

The Lady Eagles are 2–2 through September 21, with victories over Mason and Milford. Walnut opened the season with a 10–6 victory over Mason on August 18 before defeating Milford 7–5 on August 25. The Eagles then dropped an 8–6 decision to Sycamore on September 2 and a 12–10 matchup with Milford on September 15.

The team competed at the Ohio Cup on September 19 and is scheduled to return to action September 22 against Princeton. The season is still in its early stages, but the 2–2 record and two early wins give the program a strong foundation heading into the remainder of its schedule.

Girls Cross Country: The Championship Is Still Ahead

Girls cross country is a different kind of success story.

Unlike traditional team sports, cross country does not maintain a conventional win-loss record, making individual and meet performances the better measure of progress.
Walnut Hills has competed at the Milford, Loveland, Little Miami and Troy Twilight invitationals this season, with the ECC Championship Meet scheduled for October 17.
The championship season is therefore still ahead.

The ECC has identified October 17 at Milford as the conference championship date, giving Walnut Hills' runners several more weeks of competition and preparation before the conference meet.

For a program competing in one of the region's strongest conferences, the upcoming championship provides another opportunity for Walnut Hills girls to make their mark.

Field Hockey: Individual Excellence

Walnut Hills field hockey has also produced significant individual recognition this fall.
Senior goalkeeper Gretchen Pearson was named an Enquirer Athlete of the Month winner on September 4, following recognition earlier in the season as an Athlete of the Week finalist.

Sophomore Audrey Westrich has also emerged as a player to watch. Westrich was an Enquirer Athlete of the Week nominee on September 15, with the ECC recognizing her for her passing, transition play and stick skills.

The field hockey program competes against a challenging schedule that includes programs such as St. Ursula, Kettering Fairmont, Oakwood, Mount Notre Dame, Summit Country Day and Indian Hill.










More Than the Scoreboard

What makes this fall particularly notable is not one championship or one athlete - it is the variety.

- A golfer placing 3rd at sections and the entire team advancing to the district tournament.
- A soccer team is competing near the top of the ECC standings.
- A volleyball senior is among the conference's leaders in kills.
- A water polo team has already collected two wins.
- Cross country runners are building toward a conference championship.
- And field hockey athletes are earning recognition beyond the Walnut Hills community.
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That is the broader story of girls athletics at Walnut Hills.

Building a Legacy

Every successful season creates examples for the athletes who follow. The current generation of Lady Eagles gets to compete alongside teammates who are setting records, winning championships and earning recognition, while younger athletes get to see what is possible. At the end of the day, the success of one program helps raise the profile of them all.

Walnut Hills has a long history of successful girls athletics, both team and individual, including conference championships and individual state-level accomplishments such as Quinn Schureck's 2026 OHSAA state championship in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The current fall athletes are adding their own chapters to that history—and the season is far from over. Through September 20, the message is already clear:

Walnut Hills girls athletics isn't defined by one team or one championship. It's defined by hundreds of young women competing, leading and raising the standard across the entire department.

And this fall, the Lady Eagles are making their mark.








City Wide Recognition

Walnut Hills Athletics is making its mark across Cincinnati.

On September 18, the Girls Golf Team was named the Team of the Week! The team won the ECC post season tournament, shooting 312 to take first by 18 shots.

Last week 2 student-athletes and one team recognized as nominees for the Cincinnati Enquirer's Athlete of the Week.

The Eagles represented on the ballot included:

Girls Golf - Fall Team of the Week
Audrey Westrich - Field Hockey
Eliza Pierce - Girls Soccer

The recognition is a reflection of the depth of talent and dedication across Walnut Hills Athletics. From the cross country course to the football field, golf course, soccer pitch and volleyball court, Eagles are competing at a high level and earning recognition throughout the Cincinnati community.

The accomplishments are a reminder that athletic excellence at Walnut Hills isn't limited to one team or one season. It's happening across the department.

Different sports. Different athletes. Different coaches. Different paths to success.
Same Eagle standard. This is what a department-wide culture of excellence looks like.

ECC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eliza Krumm, Field Hockey
Eliza showed composure and skill on Saturday during the Dublin Scioto game in Columbus. Her strong passes moved the ball across and down the field.

Cam Middleton, Football
Cam had a great game against Little Miami with 100 plus rushing and two touchdowns. He also threw for another score and recorded eight tackles on defense.

LAST WEEK in the Nuthouse

VARSITY



Cincinnati Enquirer coverage: Dominick Goodman playing long game as he builds Walnut Hills football



Girls Golf finishes 3rd at Sectionals and advance onto Districts!



During the Ohio Cup, Sophmore Soraya Bias scored the game winning goal in odouble overtime to beat Milford.



Another ECC win - Lady Eagles defeated Loveland 2-1, advancing to 3-0-1 in ECC play (5-2-2 overall)



Another ECC win - Lady Eagles defeated Loveland 3-2, advancing to 3-1-0 in ECC play (3-4-2 overall)



BIG team win: Lady Eagles defeated Kings 4/1

Stay Connected with the ECC!

Want to stay up to date with everything happening across the Eastern Cincinnati Conference? Visit the ECC website often! The site is updated daily with the latest news stories, statistics, schedules, and more.

Be sure to click on the Athletes of the Week tab to see which student-athletes coaches have selected as the week's top performers. You can also celebrate our ECC Academic Award recipients, State Champions, and former ECC athletes competing at the collegiate level.

Visit eccsports.com today!

Stay in the Know with Walnut Athetics!

Families, make sure you're following Walnut Hills Athletics on social media! Stay connected with the latest scores, schedules, game-day updates, highlights, athlete spotlights, celebrations, and behind-the-scenes moments from the Nuthouse.

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Strengthen the Mental Game!

At Walnut Hills Athletics, we encourage families to explore Performance Psychology as another resource to help student-athletes thrive—both in competition and in life.

Performance Psychology offers mental skills training, individual evaluations, therapy, and team and coaching development with services customized to each athlete's needs. Student-athletes can develop tools to build confidence, manage pressure, improve focus, navigate setbacks, and perform at their best.

Learn more and explore available resources: Performance Psychology



WHHS All Sports Passes

All Sports Passes MUST be purchased online and are good for use at all WHHS regular season home events (passes are NOT valid for OHSAA post-season events or contests)

Golden Eagle Pass

four adult passes good for ALL regular season games/events, $500

Eagle Pass

two adult passes good for ALL regular season games/events, $300

Blue Pass

one adult pass good for ALL regular season games/events, $150

Nuthouse Pass

one student pass good for ALL regular season games/events, $85

Eagles Seasonal Pass

one adult pass good for ALL regular season games/events for select season, $100

Don't want to commit to a pass? No worries! Single tickets are available too. Single game tickets can be purchased online one (1) week prior to the sporting event, or at the gate via cash or card.

Ticket Prices

Football:
Varsity: $10 adults $9 students/seniors
JV/F: $5 adults/students/seniors
JH: $5 adults $2 students/senior

All Other Sports:
JV/Varsity: $8 adults/ $5 students/seniors
JVB only: $7 adults $5 students/seniors
JH: $5 adults $2 students/seniors

GET YOUR PASSES AND TICKETS HERE!

All spectators MUST have a valid ticket, WHHS All Sport Pass or ECC Pass for event entry. NO OTHER PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED

UPCOMING EAGLE EVENTS

Schedules are subject to change.

Sept 20
V Tennis v SUA · 4:00 PM

Sept 21
HS Girls Golf @ Little Miami · 4:00 PM
HS Volleyball @ Princeton · 5:00/5:00/6:00 PM
JVB Soccer @ Beavercreek · 5:30/7:00 PM

Sept 22
V Tennis v Little Miami · 4:00 PM
JV Tennis @ Little Miami · 4:00 PM
HS Volleyball @ Kings · 4:30/5:30/6:30 PM
HS Water Polo @ Princeton · 5:00/6:00/7:00/8:00 PM
HS Field Hockey v Kettering Fairmont · 5:30/7:00 PM

Sept 23
HS Boys Golf @ OHSAA Sectional Tournament
V Tennis @ ECC Championship · 9:00 AM
JH Tennis v Milford · 4:00 PM
JH Football @ Winton Woods · 4:30/5:30 PM
JH Volleyball @ West Clermont · 4:30/5:30 PM
HS Girls Soccer v Roger Bacon · 5:00/7:00 PM
JVB Boys Soccer @ Sycamore · 5:00 PM
JH Field Hockey v Oakwood · 5:30 PM



Sept 24
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JH Tennis v West Clermont · 4:00 PM
JH Soccer v New Richmond · 4:30/5:30 PM
JH Volleyball @ Lebabnon · 4:30/5:30 PM
HS Volleyball v Little Miami · 4:30/5:30/6:30 PM
HS Boys Soccer v Milford · 5:00/7:00 PM
HS Field Hockey @ Indian Hill · 5:30/7:00 PM

Sept 25
V Football v Lovealnd · 7:00 PM

Sept 26
JV Tennis @ JV Coaches Classic
HS Cross Country @ Firebird Invitational
JH Field Hockey @ All Saints · 10:00 AM
JH Soccer v Clark · 10:00/11:15 AM

Eagle fans, for up-to-date schedule and team information please visit walnuthillseaglesathletics.com.

WHHS Parent Association x WHHS Athletics

WHHS Sneaker Ball

Lace Up for Gabe



Saturday, November 7, 2026
Contemporary Arts Center
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Ticket Prices:
$75/person
$140/couple
(each ticket includes 1 drink and 1 raffle ticket)

Get Tickets

Proceeds support WHHS Soar Grants & The Gabe Robinson Scholarship Foundation

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Walnut Hills High School

Looking to get involved? The WHHS Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Recital Hall at 7p

Interested in other WHHS Association events?
Check out the full listings HERE