

2007 PIAA District IX Cross Country Championships

Press Release Oct 10, 2007

To: Newspapers and Media
From: C. Robert Wicker, District 9 Cross Country Chairperson
Re: **2007 District 9 Cross Country Championship**
Release Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2007
Cc: District 9 Committee Members

The following information concerns the District 9 Cross Country Championships:

Date of Meet: Saturday, October 27, 2007

Location: Francis S. Grandinetti Elementary School (Formerly Ridgway Elementary School), Ridgway, PA. Grandinetti Elementary is located on Route 219 one mile south of the Borough of Ridgway. Coming from the south (Brockway), the school is located on Boot Jack Mountain just prior to the truck by-pass down the mountain.

Course: The course is a challenging 5000 meter course. The first and last miles will be on a grassy surface clearly visible to coaches and spectators. The middle mile will be on grass and groomed trails through woods and fields. There are hills! ¼" or 3/8" spikes are recommended.

Entry Deadline: **3 P.M. on Wednesday, October 24, 2006.** Athletes must be entered online at the www.directathletics.com (**Now Available**) website by the principal or his/her designee. Questions should be addressed to Bob Wicker at 814-697-7175 (Work) or 814-697-7833 (Home). *Site is Open!!*

Time Schedule:

Registration Begins / Pick-Up Packets (in Finish Tent)	9:30
**Course Inspection	9:45
Registration Ends.....	10:30
Coaches Meeting (in cafeteria)	10:30
"AA" Girls Championship Race	11:00
"AAA" Girls Championship Race	11:45
"AA" Boys Championship Race	12:30
"AAA" Boys Championship Race	1:15
Varsity Extra Race – Boys & Girls – "AAA" & "AA" (run together).....	2:00
Awards	3:00

**** NOTE:** Teams will be given a map with their packets and may take tour the course on their own.

Results: Final results will be posted at the meet within 30 minutes of each race. All results will be posted immediately following the meet on the www.directathletics.com website and as soon as possible on the D9 website.

PIAA State Meet: The following number of teams and individuals will qualify for the State Championships which will be held in Hershey on Saturday, November 3, 2006 at Parkview Cross Country Course:

- AAA:** First place team plus next FIVE individual runners
- AA:** Top TWO teams plus next TEN individual runners

PIAA State Meet information will be included in each school's team packet.

Awards:

District IX will award a Team Championship plaque to each first place team. Individual plaques will be awarded to each State Meet qualifier. Additional plaques can be ordered by contacting Aaron Straub at Elk County Catholic (814-834-7800).

Awards will be presented in the elementary school cafeteria.

Meet Management:

Meet Director – C Robert Wicker	Oswayo Valley S.D.	814-697-7175
Asst. Meet Director - Aaron Straub	Elk Co. Catholic H.S.	814-834-7800
Site Manager— Sandi Hanes	Ridgway Area S.D.	814-773-3164