

# SPORTS CHATTER



**More than 700 participants helped raise scholarship money for Olmsted Falls students last Sunday in the annual Dara Hosta/Olmsted Spirit 5K Race/Walk. The event has raised over \$100,000 since it began in 1998. (Photo courtesy of Mark Madere of SpectraLight Photography)**

## Hosta 5K/Walk sets attendance record

The Dara Hosta/Olmsted Spirit 5K Race/Walk was held on last Sunday in Olmsted Falls. Over 700 runners and walkers, ranging in age from infants in strollers to 81, took part in the annual fund-raising event. An additional 200-300 family and friends were there to cheer on their loved ones.

"It is extremely gratifying to have an event that brings out the community for fun, fellowship and exercise," said founding sponsor, Mark Madere of SpectraLight Photography.

"Since 1998, we have raised over \$100,000 for scholarships for Olmsted Falls students," Madere said. "It wouldn't be possible without the financial support of so many businesses from Olmsted Falls and beyond who donate money and door prizes as corporate sponsors."

In 2009, \$20,500 in college scholarships was distributed to 41 Olmsted Falls High School graduates. To receive a scholarship, the student had to demonstrate their school and/or community spirit by the activities they were involved in during their lifetime.

Originally named the "Olmsted Spirit 5K Race/Walk" when it was first run in 1998, the event was renamed the "Dara Hosta Olmsted Spirit 5K Race/Walk" in 2000 in memory of the OFHS freshman who passed away after winning the 400 meter run in gym class in the spring of 2000.

## Fairview boys run past Sailors

The Fairview boys track and field team continued its successful West Shore Conference season with a 97-41 win at home over Vermilion last Wednesday. Last Friday, the Warriors ran with a largely Division I field at the Berea Relays, finishing 12th.

Against Vermilion, the Warriors registered 12 first-place finishes. Wade Clark won the 400 in 54.7 and the 200 in 23.7,

while Rory Juhn took the 110 hurdles in 17.4 and the high jump with a leap of 5-6. James Graham was first in the 100 with a time of 11.5 while participating in the winning 400 (49.0) and 1600 relays (3:44.0).

Gage Falcone was a double winner in the field events, winning the shot put with a 42-1 and the discus with a personal record of 131-5. In addition, Chris Gillmore won the 300 hurdles (42.8), Justin Beamer won the long jump (18-6½), John Miles won the 3200 (11:07.0) and Joe Pasini took the pole vault with a personal record of 11-6.

At the Berea Relays, the 400 relay of Gillmore, James Roland, Graham and Clark set a personal record with a time of 3:31.3. Miles also had a PR in the 3200.

The Warriors host Rocky River today in their final WSC dual meet of the season. They will participate in the Bulldog Relays this Friday.

**In 2010, \$21,000.00 in college scholarships was distributed to 42 Olmsted Falls High School graduates thanks to the support of people like you!**

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