

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16
Cross-country: Central at Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17
Boys Soccer: Dallas at St. Helens, 7 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Central at North Salem, 4 p.m. Liberty at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at Lebanon, 6 p.m. Dallas at Corvallis, 6 p.m. Willamette Valley Christian at Falls City, 5:30 p.m. Perrydale at Country Christian, 5:30 p.m. Alaska Anchorage at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18
Boys Soccer: Central at West Albany, 4 p.m.
Cross-country: Western Oregon at Ash Creek Invitational (Ash Creek Preserve), 5 p.m.

Football: South Albany at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 7 p.m. Yoncalla at Falls City, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Mitchell, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19
Cross-country: Dallas at Three Course Challenge (Camp Rilea, Seaside), 10 a.m. Western Oregon at Sundodger Invitational (Seattle), 9 a.m.
Football: Western Oregon at Central Washington, 1 p.m.

Girls Soccer: Western Washington at Western Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Central, Dallas at Dallas Tournament, 8 a.m. Perrydale at St. Paul 3-Way Tournament, 12:30 p.m. Alaska Fairbanks at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21
Girls Soccer: Central at Gresham, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22
Boys Soccer: Benson at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Dallas at Century, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at Silverton, 6 p.m. Crescent Valley at Dallas, 6 p.m. Falls City at Crosshill Christian, 5:30 p.m. Jewell at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23
Volleyball: Falls City at Livingstone Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Cross-country: Central, Dallas at Mid-Willamette Conference Preview Meet (Crystal Sports Park, Corvallis), 2:30 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Sign-ups open for run/walk

DALLAS — Registration is open for the Run for One 10K/5K run and walk on Sept. 26. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 before Sunday and \$30 after.

Money raised from the event will support the Halligan family in their journey to adopt a child from Africa. Registration is available online at: www.runsignup.com/Race/OR/Dallas/runforONEcause.

CHS to honor National Guard

INDEPENDENCE — Central's football team will honor the Oregon National Guard during its game against South Albany on Friday at 7 p.m. The Panthers will wear a special National Guard uniform. All military members will get free entry with military ID.

PREP VOLLEYBALL



Walking tall

Sophomore towers over competition

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas volleyball team has many strengths.

Height is not one of them. "We're not a big team," Dragons coach Shanna Lavier said. "We played Naomi (Howe) on the outside and she's 5-foot-2."

There is one exception — sophomore Tristin Savage — who, despite playing on varsity for the first time, is

towering over her competition.

Excluding Savage, Dallas' tallest player measures 5-foot-8.

Savage stands taller than her teammates at 6-foot-5.

"We tell people she's 5-foot-17," Lavier said, smiling.

Savage is no stranger to standing out among her peers.

"(I've been tall) my whole life," Savage said. "When I was in sixth grade, I was 6 feet tall."

Volleyball and basketball became natural sports for

Up next

- Dallas defeated Central 24-26, 20-25, 25-21, 25-17, 15-5 on Thursday.
- The Dragons entered the week 2-1 overall and 2-0 in Mid-Willamette Conference play.
- Dallas hosted South Albany Tuesday after press time. The Dragons play at Corvallis on Thursday and will host the Dallas Tournament Saturday at 8 a.m.

her to try. It hasn't taken long for Savage to excel at both, but it's volleyball that has lit a competitive fire.

"I like how fast it is," Savage said. "I like hitting the ball. It's just awesome. I like to see people's faces when you get a kill."

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At 6-foot-5, Dallas sophomore Tristin Savage stands nearly a foot taller than her teammates on varsity, including Courtney Heggstrom.

PREP FOOTBALL

Taking it to the house

Junior helps Panthers cruise to a 42-21 victory over Mountain View



By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Central junior Peter Mason knew one player stood between him and the end zone. Seconds after receiving a pass from quarterback Pete Mendazona on Friday night, Mason saw a surging Mountain View defender bent on bringing him down.

All he had to do was shake off one last defender and it was clear sailing for a touchdown. Mason used his free hand to stiff arm and, with all his might, broke free of the tackle and sprinted into the end zone, striving for a moment more than six years in the making.

"It's been my dream to score on varsity," Mason said. "When you run into the end zone, nothing can match that feeling or make you feel as excited as that."

Mason began his tackle football journey in fifth grade. It became apparent his position choice was going to be limited.

"I was the small, skinny kid," he said. "I

Back on turf

- Central defeated Mountain View 42-21 on Friday night.
- Running back Alvin Berroa rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns.
- Quarterback Peter Mendazona threw for 156 yards and three touchdowns.
- Isaiah Abraham returned a fumble 95 yards for a touchdown.

was fast, but not big enough to be a running back."

Mason was enamored with football — and if receiver was going to be his position of choice, Mason was going to do everything he could to be the best he could be.

"My brother threw me balls day after day," Mason said. "He would come home from football practice and I would ask him to throw to me. We would work on some of the same routes that I run out here and I've been running them since I was in fifth grade."

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Central junior Peter Mason breaks free of a Mountain View defender while scoring his first varsity touchdown.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

The thrill of victory

Dallas earns first win in four years

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The last time Dallas' boys soccer team won a match, the oldest Dragon players were in middle school.

Since a 2010 win, the Dragons went three seasons without a victory.

"They had a monkey on their back," Dallas coach Jon Jones said.

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