

# Merit Academy Students Excel in Several Sports

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WOODLAND PARK, CO, UNITED STATES, November 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Merit Academy](#) students in various sporting activities deserve congratulations after finishing up great Fall season.

The School of Rhetoric (high school grades) XC (cross-country) team had some excellent results at the Air Academy Kadet Invitational on October 11, 2025. Congratulations to varsity runners:

J. Noel - 5th place (18:29)  
A. Richards - 14th place (23:23)  
N. Viele - 61st place (29:11)

The results of the School of Logic (middle school grades) penultimate race of the season were:

B. Whitaker - 7th place (6th grade boys)  
K. Whitaker - 33rd place (7/8 grade boys)  
M. Canter - 62nd place (7/8 grade boys)  
D. Illingworth - 63rd place (7/8 grade boys)  
A. Viele - 22nd place (7/8 grade girls)



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Merit Academy Volleyball. (Photo courtesy Merit Academy)

"The SOL Cross-Country team wrapped up their season with some great performances at the

Middle School State meet,” said Coach Dave Kinton. “In the girls open race A. Viele finished 6th place out of 80 runners. In the boys’ open race K. Whitaker finished 9th, B. Whitaker came in 25th, M. Canter was 75th, and D. Illingworth finished 78th. Congratulations to our SOL runners on a great season.”

“We are so proud of all of our School of Grammar (elementary grades) Landshark Runners for their perseverance and friendship out on the course this season,” said Rosie Hendrickson, Dean of the Merit Academy Grammar School.



Merit Academy Cross Country (Photo courtesy Merit Academy)

#### Final Landshark Running Results:

##### 1.5 Mile Race Boys

O. Kinton- 1st place overall

C. Kinton - 2nd place overall

B. Turotte - 3rd place overall

R. Weller - 2nd place for 5th grade

##### 1 Mile Race Girls

L. Lund - 2nd place overall

S. McGarrah - 3rd place overall

C. Pugh - 3rd place for 5th grade

A. Knopp - 1st place for 3rd grade

##### 1/2 Mile Race Boys

T. Hart - 1st place overall

W. Whitaker - 2nd place overall

D. Cross - 3rd place overall

##### 1/2 Mile Race Girls

L. Herrman - 3rd place overall

A. Weller - 3rd place for 3rd grade

In volleyball, the Merit Academy girl’s teams won a second set of matches on October 9, 2025 against the Colorado Springs School Kodiaks. The Bears won both A and B games 2-0 to take both matches. The Bears B team finished their impressive first season at 4-1.

The Merit Academy A team volleyball completed the season sweep of Cripple Creek- Victor. The match went to 3 games with the Bears pulling ahead winning the season series against the

Pioneers.

Standing at 6-3, the A Team then played a tri-tournament in Cotopaxi against host Cotopaxi and Custer County to finish their regular season and headed to the West Central League Tournament in Cotopaxi.

The Bears volleyball B team finished off the year at 4-1. The A team went 8-5 and ended up being in the "B" bracket end-of-season tournament and took 1st place.

"The teams did an amazing job this year - especially being our first year having a middle school volleyball team," said Coach Jim Reaser.

#### About Merit Academy

Merit Academy is a public charter school in the Woodland Park School District.

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