

## **Boys and Girls Cross Country Complete Rare Double at Middletown Invitational**

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Both the girls and boys varsity cross-country teams took home first place at the 2011 Middletown Invitational this week. Despite wet, muddy conditions, both teams showed improvements to their overall times and promise for an exciting and fast season of cross country ahead.

The girls race was led by a crop of young SAS runners who continue to improve on already fast performances. First for the Saints was Caitlin Porazzo '15 who finished fifth overall in a time of 22:08. The Saints' exceedingly strong depth was then illustrated beautifully as the next three scorers came across the line within 30 seconds for a Top 5 average of 22:29. Caitlin was followed closely by her sister Emma Porazzo '15 and teammates Aggy Barnowski '13, Charlotte Bristow '14 and Captain Robin Kim '12. Coach Wilson Everhart was pleased with the girls' week-to-week progress. "We beat a few teams today that we had lost to earlier this season, so it's a good measure of where we are in the state," he said. "There is still great work to be done, but at this point in the season the team is making some nice progress."

The girls JV team had four medal winners in their race en route to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. Isabelle McGrail '13, Carbery Campbell '15, Eunice Song '14, and Bertie Miller '14 all brought home well-earned hardware from race.

An experienced boys squad continued to build on their success from last year by cruising to a victory in the boys race. Seven runners took home Top 15 medals, including Henry Weaver '12 (1<sup>st</sup> overall), Alec Hill '12 (2<sup>nd</sup>), Davis Hammond '12 (4<sup>th</sup>), Alex McIlvaine '14, Riley McDonough '13, Sky Jones '12 and Bobby Moffitt '12.

The JV race saw a dominating performance by a very deep Saints program. Twelve St. Andrew's runners were among the first fifteen to cross the finish line, including the first five enabling them to record the lowest score possible (15). "This JV squad is fast and getting faster," said Coach Dan O'Connell. "It's the most decisive win by any SAS boys JV team in the twelve years that I've been at the school. I couldn't be prouder of how hard these boys have worked."

The next race for both the boys and girls will be on Saturday at the challenging Brandywine State Park course to run the historic and very fast Salesianum Invitational.