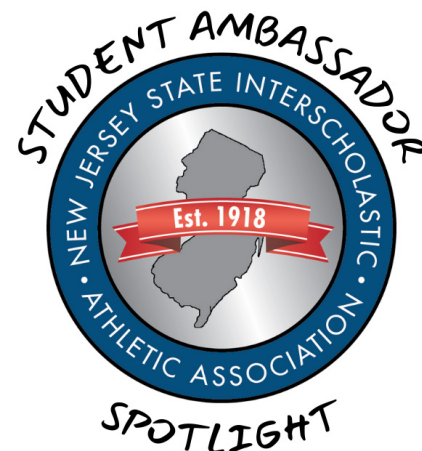


Student Ambassador Spotlight: Timothy Walsh of Lenape Valley



There are many two-sport athletes in New Jersey, but the combination that keeps Timmy Walsh active is somewhat uncommon.

Walsh, a junior at Lenape Valley, swims in the winter and plays baseball in the spring.

It's a combo he not only finds interesting, but beneficial as well.

"I have not really experienced any challenges while transitioning from swimming to baseball, and in fact, I find that my cardio and stamina built up from swimming helps me during the baseball season with staying in running shape," he said. "I love the two sports for many different reasons, with my favorite part of swimming being the actual races, because I like the competition, and my favorite part of baseball being hitting because it comes with satisfaction unlike any other when you succeed. I would say that swimming would be my main sport, even though I like baseball a little bit more."

This school year, he's added something else to his schedule. He was one of 19 student-athletes selected to serve as a NJSIAA Student Ambassador.



Photo provided by Timothy Walsh

He's found the meetings thus far with fellow students as well as the NJSIAA administration to be very interesting.

"I was interested in becoming an ambassador because I want to go into a sports-related field as an adult, so I thought I would be able to get a feel of one of those fields," he said. "I'm hopeful the group can help with revising the transfer rule, as well as improving the state tournaments in the future."

He's also been interested in discussions related to coaching, since it's something he might be interested in pursuing as he gets older.

"I was very interested in the coaching discussion because I could also see myself being a coach in the future," he said. "I'm very interested in what others have had to say about their respective coaches."

Getting to know Student Ambassador Timmy Walsh:

Favorite school subjects: History and Business.

Favorite athlete: Jeff McNeil of the New York Mets. "Because he's a gritty player, and I've loved him ever since he came up to the league in 2018."

Favorite team: New York Mets.

Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals? Listen to "Bulls on Parade" by Rage Against The Machine.

How do you spend time on the bus on the way to an away game? "Listening to my pre-game playlist and playing chess."

Favorite food: Penne Vodka.

Favorite lunch at school? Chicken wings.

The best thing about my school is...? “The Sip’N Study and Tolleyball.”

What’s your favorite thing about being a high school athlete? “The friends I’ve made throughout the years, primarily in swimming, where I met one of my best friends.”

What’s the best quality in a teammate? “Being a good sport and always picking people up when they’re down.”

What’s been your proudest moment so far as a student? “Making states for DECA.”

Do you have a favorite sports memory? Game 3 of the 2015 World Series. (When the the Mets beat the Royals, 9-3, for their only win of the series).

Is there a sport you don’t play but would some day like to try? Football.

Have you ever met anyone famous? “Don Mattingly at spring training.”

If you had a super power, what would it be and why? “Teleportation, because I could go on a lunch break in Hawaii.”



If there were 25 hours in a day, what would you do with the extra hour? “Go to the gym.”

What’s the best place you’ve ever traveled to? “Fenway Park, as well as the whole historical city of Boston.”

Do you have any pets? “I have a dog named Marky.”

Do you have a career ambition yet? “To become General Manager of a professional sports team.”