

Evening,

Isabel posted this final note on her Highline Pirate Wrestling Facebook Page this evening, (<https://www.facebook.com/HHSPirateWrestling>) I wanted to make sure you received a copy of it.

It was incredible to watch her growth over the course of the wrestling season, both in her photographs and her article writing. What started as a simple request from Grandpa for photos of her brothers wrestling became an unexpected adventure as she reached for higher and higher goals. At season end, I was delighted to hear she not only wanted to do it again next year but also wanted to try her hand at Track and Field events this spring. I am still a bit awestruck at what she accomplished this wrestling season and wonder what she will figure out during track.

One of my fondest memories of wrestling will be the moment the event staff at State realized Isabel was legitimate in receiving a media pass, as no one we talked to believed her initially. Being told she did not meet the "minimum required height" for a press pass made her giggle the rest of the day when she was not 'working.' She learned a lot watching the other reporters and quickly figured how to make the most of the entire experience. As a fair warning to each of you, she already has plans to earn the privilege again so she can do a better job next year.

Thank you for your part in taking a risk and supporting such a precocious young lady with one of her many interests. She, like her brothers, is quite the unique adventure.

If there are photos she posted you would like to use, please let me know so a regular size version may be sent to you. Not being familiar with typical wrestling photos, neither of us know what type would be of most use to you.

Thank you once again,
Chelle Herbruger
(Isabel's mom)

Dear Pirates and fans,

This concludes my adventures in Pirate Wrestling for this year.

This season, I learned a lot about taking better photos and writing good stories to go with them. The more I learned about wrestling moves, the better I got at knowing when something exciting would happen. I also learned a lot about camera settings and a little about which lens to use. My photos got less blurry during the season and I kept getting lots and lots of great shots each week instead of just a few great shots.

It was really neat to be able to give each of the Seniors a special photo of themselves during the season at their award ceremony. I even had a nice photo collage I was able to share with each of the coaches. I was surprised when they thanked me at the award potluck.

I am also very thankful for the help from the following people this season who helped me accomplish all of this:

Mr. Scott Schaefer from B-town Blog, for publishing my photos and articles.

Mr. David Willoughby from Seamount Athletics, for advice on taking better shots and granting permission to upload photos to that site. He was also helpful in helping get the media pass for State.

Mr. Conor Laffey from WIAA, for taking a chance on me and granting a one day media pass at State to take photos. I hope I exceeded his expectations.

Ms. Box, the Highline High School Athletic Director, who said I was worthy of the media pass at State because I take good photos.

Mr. Kurt Howard, who loaned me a lens during the season and a special lens during State to help me take even better photos. He also spent time giving me pointers on how to change my camera settings in the different school gyms.

The Pirate Coaches, they let me follow them at tournaments and matches. I really felt like I was part of the team, even though I was way too young!

And finally a big thank you to the Pirate Wrestlers.

They let me hang out with them and take all sorts of photos. It was like they were movie stars and I was writing stories about each of them. I hope I never distracted you during a match or told a bad story about you. It was a lot of fun to watch you every week and figure out when you would do a great move on your opponent. Thank you for never landing on top of me!

I really hope I am invited back next year as your OFFICIAL Unofficial Photographer.

Until the start of next match.....

*Love,
Isabel*

P.S.

I hope to see you this spring when I learn how to take track pictures!