

~Welcome to Edgewater Crew 2018/2019 ~



We're looking forward to an exciting year as we enter our 56th season! The team had an incredible 2017/2018, with a record four boats winning Scholastic State Championships and two boats advancing to finals at Stotesbury, the largest high school rowing competition in the world.... and the kids and coaches are enthusiastic about building on the momentum!

Several of our talented rowers will be returning; but we are eager to welcome many new team members as well, some of whom have no previous experience, others who participated in our Middle School programs. Regardless of experience levels, Head Coach Brad Arnold and Coaches Bill Palmer and Brandon Walker will utilize their expertise to train and prepare the kids for the season ahead.

Crew is the ultimate team sport – for both rowers and parents. Rowers can only be successful when they execute flawlessly together. Likewise, the organization can only function optimally when parents and volunteers unite and contribute their unique skills, ideas and time. It's really a win-win . . . Parents get to know one another, gain perspective on how and why things are done - and have a lot of fun being part of the “team that supports the team!”

Without a doubt, Crew involves a huge time commitment, but it's a sacrifice that will never be regretted. After all, time invested in kids' futures pays huge dividends - and the development that occurs extends well beyond the sport itself. It teaches self-discipline, responsibility, accountability, respect for others, multi-tasking – and builds countless other character traits that benefit kids throughout their lifetime. Despite the many hours spent at practice and regattas, 80% of the team still consistently maintains honor roll status.

Reflecting on the past three years with Edgewater Crew and its positive influence on my son's life, and on mine, I'm overcome with gratitude. Coaches, fellow-parents and other volunteers have selflessly given of their time, supporting one another in ways too numerous to mention. Endless hours preparing for race days, planning and hosting events, participating in fundraisers, preparing food, decorating cars, transporting kids to regattas, selling merchandise, creating yearbooksmaking memories to last a lifetime!!!

While my initial involvement with Crew began out of a sense of responsibility, it's evolved into rich friendships and so much more - and I encourage you to join in! Like all endeavors, you get out of it what you put in ☺. THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed so much – and to those who will be joining me to make a difference now and for years to come. Can't wait to spend time with you at the Boathouse, at regattas and at various other events!



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