

The Liberty and Liberty North middle school athletic programs will begin playing for travelling trophies this year in order to help build on the friendly rivalry between schools. These trophies are wooden paddles with each sport name as well as a Blue Jay and Eagle on each. The theme for each Liberty vs. Liberty North game will be "Battle for the Paddle."

The winner of each individual sport paddle will be determined by the winner of the "A-team" head to head matchup in the regular season of each sport except for Cross Country and Track. Cross Country will be determined at the Ray-Pec Invite, and Track will be determined at the Liberty Relays. There are two sets of paddles so that the winning paddles can be displayed by the winning team at both of their respective middle schools.

The winner of the most sport paddles in one school year will receive the "Coach Rebori All-Sports Award" paddle. This paddle is named for long time Athletic Trainer and PE teacher at LJHS, Dave Rebori. Naming the paddle after Coach Rebori was a nod to our athletic history as one school (Liberty Junior High School), and to Coach Rebori because he was so involved in all of our athletic events for many years. Coach Rebori taught, coached, and was an athletic trainer at Liberty Junior High School from 1979-2009 and made a difference in thousands of people's lives in that time. Current Heritage Middle School staff who had Coach Rebori for a teacher include: Mr. Carr, Mr. Stegall, Mr. Hill, Mr. Goodwin, and Mr. Kallal. Coach Rebori has also taught and been an athletic trainer for 16 years at Archbishop O'Hara High School in Kansas City, which includes time before and after his time at Liberty. Coach Rebori also served for 24 years in the United States Army National Guard, and shared his love for the military with students and staff alike.

One of Coach Rebori's favorite athletic memories was from when he coached freshman football at LJHS. He had his players run "The Hill" on the North side of the track for conditioning. When he went out for practice one day, his players had made a wooden sign and staked it into the ground. The sign said "The Hill" and was autographed by the whole team. "The Hill" has also been referred to as "Mount Rebori" over the years.

In addition, we plan to make some of our contests theme events, and will try to "pack the house" for these events, and work together to raise some money for charities. Upcoming events we have planned:

- October 19 – Liberty v. Liberty North volleyball game at HMS. ("80's Blue Out" theme for Liberty, "Black Out" for Liberty North)
- October 20 – Liberty v. Liberty North football game at DMS/SVMS. (This is a "Pink Out" game for both schools with t-shirts being sold to benefit the Susan Komen foundation.)
- December 17 – Liberty v. Liberty North wrestling dual at LMS.
- January 15 – Liberty v. Liberty North basketball at LHS. (This event will be a "White Out" for Liberty and a "Gold Rush" for Liberty North. T-shirts will be sold to benefit a children's charity to be determined.)

Both of the Liberty and Liberty North middle level athletic programs are excited about beginning this new tradition and honoring our past, while adding some excitement to our contests against each other.





Football  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Volleyball  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Coach  
Rebori  
All-Sports  
Award  
This rivalry trophy is awarded to the school who is victorious in the majority of contests between Liberty and Liberty North.

Boys  
Cross Country  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Girls  
Cross Country  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Girls  
Basketball  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Boys  
Basketball  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Wrestling  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Girls  
Track and Field  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North

Boys  
Track and Field  
Liberty  
VS  
Liberty North