



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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1942-1974

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FLAGET GRAPPLERS

For the 1964 school year the Kentucky High School Athletic Association sanctioned a new sport, wrestling. Flaget jumped on the bandwagon that very first year and fielded a squad under the leadership of Vince Semary. Junior Hawthorne took over as coach after two years, coaching for one year, as did Brother Rian. Brother Daniel took over as coach and led the squad of grapplers until the school closed. During the ten years of Flaget wrestling several state winners were produced. Although the squad never won the state championship, individual championships were achieved several times. 1968 saw Bob Fehriback win the 145lb class and become Flaget's first state wrestling champ. Ken Welch followed a year later winning the state 138 lb class. 1971 is most likely Flaget's most successful year for wrestling posting two individual state champs, Tommy Miller won the 98lb class and Chester Massie won the 112lb class. Chester Massie repeated the feat in 1972 winning the same class. Flaget just did not have the numbers during these years to compete successfully for the state team championships even though they fared well in the individual championships. Flaget finished the school history in wrestling when Chris Purcell won the 185lb class during the 1974 state championship. 1974 is also the year the best team championship placement was achieved by finishing third in the state. By 1974 this school with very few students did not even have enough wrestlers to field participants in all weight classes. This severely hindered them during season competition since they were penalized and points given for no class competitor. Thus during this season they only won two meets and had a second place finish in the regionals. But when the state tournament arrived Flaget toed the line and came away with their best state finish in wrestling history, a third place.

The Flaget Museum is always looking for vintage school memorabilia. Items which were used during the time period the school was open make for the best displays. Our room is limited so newer items usually cannot be displayed. If you have something to donate, please bring the items to any luncheon or drop them off at Alumni Hall on the Saint Xavier campus. If you need the items picked up, just give me a call. A big thank you to all who have donated in the past. If you have not been to the museum lately, try to stop by.