

CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country program started out successfully in the sixties. In the shadows of the wrestling program, the runners quietly sped their way to two league titles by 1966. In the fall of 1965, the varsity team finished second in league, second in regionals, and second in CCS. Homestead was the dominant team that year, but the team managed to still place sixth in the nation while Chuck Menz (66) had the 20th best time in the nation.

In the fall of 1966, the Pioneers were able to surpass their nemesis taking first in league and regionals. The team finished second in CCS and 14th in the nation that year.

CHS finished third the next two years as they continued to be one of the elite teams in the area. Renner led the "harriers" to eight CCS appearances placing no worse than 14th in any year.

Tom Dooley, a two-time Olympic racewalker (68, 72), took over the program in the fall of 1974 and led the program to its third

and final league title. His "Dooley Loops" entered into the team's vernacular for future runners.

Ed Cutshall held the longest tenure of any coach with 15 years. Coaching in the school's smaller population years, Cutshall didn't find much team success but he did coach excellent individual runners. Dan McDonough (98) finished ninth in the state his senior year, while Celeste Dunlap finished 2nd in league in 2000. Dunlap went on to CCS and placed third with a time of 18:53. Sophomore Amy Wong (02) finished 15th with a 20:04. Dunlap was named to the All-CCS cross-country team.

English teacher Stacey Stebbins took over the team for two years and was succeeded by Neill Sackett, who also serves as the school's track coach. Numbers for the teams are still low, but the team continues to attract very dedicated students.



Nate Barczi (96-left) and Peter Diep (95) were members of the 1994 cross-country team. They are shown here competing in a meet against Fremont.

"Cross Country always provided an outlet for academically motivated kids with a wide range of athletic abilities."

—Ed Cutshall, coach

Carl Renner, in his first year as coach led the runners to a second place finish in the CCS and were ranked 8th in the nation.



Two-time Olympic race walker Tom Dooley led the Pioneers to their last league title in the fall of 1974.



Ed Cutshall coached the team for 15 years and led the two highest placing runners in school history.



LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1961, 1965, 1974

VARSITY COACHES

1960	Steve Barooshian
1961-63	Jim Regan
1965	Fred Ertman
1966-72	Carl Renner
1973-74	Chris Kinder
1975-77	Tom Dooley
1978-83	Chuck Bean
1984	Rob Brandt
1985-99	Ed Cutshall
2000-01	Stacey Stebbins
2002-	Neil Sackett



Dan McDonough (Above) follows the path at the traditional Crystal Springs Reservoir course. Celeste Dunlap (left) is one of the most successful runners of the past decade. McDonough was a state qualifier, while Dunlap was selected to the All-CCS team. Dunlap was also the school's athlete of the year in 2000. Jon Penrod (76) is pictured at left.