**Help Us Nominate Coach Neff for the Brooks Inspiring Coach Award!**

At North Allegheny we are blessed to have two of the state’s best programs in Track and Field and Cross Country, both of which are run by head coach John Neff. Success is reflected in the number of boys and girls that go to WPIAL individual championship and the Pennsylvania state championship meets each year. It is also illustrated by the number of WPIAL team championships and state championships that Coach Neff’s teams have won in the past 11 years since he began coaching at NA. These accomplishments and the rich tradition of success upon which they were built, have established North Allegheny as one of Pennsylvania’s premier high school track and field and cross country programs.

The most successful coaches around the country may have similar team and individual accomplishments, but what sets Coach Neff apart and makes him a uniquely inspiring coach is his commitment to encouraging broad participation in these sports. The cross country and track and field teams carry 150 athletes of wide ranging ability. Over the course of an eleven year career, Coach Neff has influenced hundreds of kids to give Cross Country and Track and Field sports a try and then rewarded them with the opportunity to train and compete for their own personal best results as well as competing against students from other high school teams. His efforts to encourage participation extend to grade school and middle school kids who attend the summer Tiger Cubs track and field camp as well as the summer recreational cross country running program he offers to all middle school and high school age kids. The opportunity to compete and the high level coaching provided for all athletes is a tremendous gift to our community that we wish to recognize by nominating Coach Neff for the Brooks inspiring coach award.

Brooks is sponsoring a national competition to recognize high school track and cross country coaches, known as the Inspiring Coaches Program. It not only recognizes the country’s finest coaches, but also provides generous benefits to the teams of the winner and finalists. What does the program provide?

Each finalist will receive:

* + $5,000 in Brooks performance running footwear, apparel and accessories for their team(s)
  + $500 cash for team expenses (paid to the high school’s athletic department or booster club)
  + Membership to the Brooks Inspire Daily (ID) program for the following year

And for the winner:

* + An additional $5,000 in Brooks gear
  + Another $2,000 cash for team expenses (paid to the school athletic department or booster club)
  + A trip for two to the Brooks PR Invitational in Seattle

Please join us in nominating Coach Neff for this award. Let’s recognize Coach Neff for his commitment to our athletes. **The deadline for nominations is May 30, 2014**. We need as many nominations as possible for him to win. Please pass this along to anyone you know and let’s and show the country our NA pride.

The nomination form is on-line. Go to <http://www.brooksrunning.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-BrooksRunning-Site/default/Programs-Inspiring_Coaches#application>

You will need the following information to fill out the nomination form:

1. Your name, address, phone number and email address.
2. Your coach's name, the sports they coach, how long they have been a coach, & how many athletes they coach.:

*Coach John Neff has been coaching for eleven years. He is the head cross-country and head track and field coach. In track and field, he mainly coaches the boys and girls distance events, but also contributes to other events as needed. He coaches over 150 students in each sport.*

1. Your school's name, address, and phone number.

*North Allegheny High School*

*103758 Perry Highway*

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*Coach Neff’s contact information is the NASH phone number: 724-934-7200. His email is jneff@northallegheny.org.*

1. An answer to the question, "Why do you think Coach Neff is inspiring?"
2. A description of a specific moment when Coach Neff inspired you or someone you know.
3. You can attach a video of your inspiring coach. (Optional)
4. A photo of your inspiring coach. (Optional)