

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK – November 24th to November 28th, 2014

DANIELLE ELIA



Danielle has just wrapped up her first season on the midget girls Cross Country team here at Michael Power/St. Joseph. At 14 years old, Danielle is a rookie in her grade 9 year. She brings a smile to practice every day along with her lungs that seem to take in more air than Simon Whitfield in the prime of his career.

Danielle came from behind at our TDCAA Championships and out-kicked her opponent in the last 400 meters to win the race and capture her first (of probably many) TDCAA gold medals. She also led that team to an OFSAA birth in Waterloo. On November 1st we woke up to our bus blanketed with snow on OFSAA morning. Danielle didn't let the conditions be a factor in performance that day. She remained focussed and competed with the top 260 athletes in the province. When the mud had dried, Danielle ran her way to a 21st place finish.

With her first high school sports season under her belt, the future is looking bright for this young star. Danielle hopes to compete for MPSJ as a member of our volleyball or swimming teams as she dives into tryouts next week. MPSJ is very lucky to have such a dedicated student-athlete!