

holding pattern

A young and tough Aves Wrestling team took everyone by surprise.

This 2021-2022 winter season has been nothing but a grind for the wrestling team at Sycamore High School. With wrestling being such a physical sport, the constant fear of getting quarantined swarmed around the team's tough atmosphere. Nevertheless, the wrestlers represented one of the true meanings of Aves Pride: to battle through adversity. For example, the team had to be relocated to the back gym as a temporary wrestling room, since the old room was turned into a temporary office. There were also many times where valuable wrestlers, like **Evan Massey, 12**, or **Amir Isakov, 12**, injured themselves, which definitely hindered the success of the team. Although there were some negative moments in the season, there were also many moments of success for the team. This year, the team got 3rd in the GMC, and took 7 wrestlers to districts, their most ever. Furthermore, **Adam Gelmen, 10**, qualified as an alternate for the state tournament, and **Eugene Harney, 10**, went on to place 3rd in state.

The wrestlers had a very tough season to say the least, but finished as one of the greater teams that has gone to the mat for our school. Their strong spirit and determination represents in every way what it means to be an Aviator.

