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BASKETBALL

STVM, Revere, many others on the move as OHSAA announces winter sports divisional lineup

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***Editor's note:** This story has been changed to reflect the correct divisions for the Canton South and Manchester girls basketball teams.*

When you're the king, sometimes they move your crown.

Fresh off its second consecutive Division II championship and seventh title overall, the St. Vincent-St. Mary boys basketball team was bumped up from Division II to Division I.

The announcement came Tuesday when the Ohio High School Athletic Association and its board approved the new divisions for winter sports during their June meeting last week.

Fall sports breakdowns were announced Monday. Spring sports realignments will be announced in September.

The OHSAA uses enrollment data provided by the Ohio Department of Education to determine each school's base enrollment numbers for girls and boys sports, which will be used for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Among the OHSAA's winter sports, only basketball utilizes competitive balance data, therefore it is reconfigured every season. Sports that do not utilize competitive balance data are reconfigured every two years.

St. Thomas Aquinas and Malvern went from Division IV to III due to competitive balance.

Competitive balance helped Loudonville, which moved from Division III to Division IV.

In girls basketball, enrollment numbers moved up Revere from Division II to Division I and Crestwood from Division III to Division II.

Canton South, Triway and Southeast went from Division II to Division III, and Canton Central Catholic and Mogadore were moved from Division III to Division IV for the same

reasons.

Aurora was moved down from Division I to Division II for competitive balance reasons.

Rittman was moved from Division III to Division IV because of competitive balance.

Here is a breakdown of where Greater Akron-Canton area schools are in each football division in alphabetical order:

Boys basketball

Division I

Archbishop Hoban, Akron North, Aurora, Barberton, Brecksville, Brunswick, Canton McKinley, Copley, Cuyahoga Falls, Ellet, Firestone, Green, Highland, Hoover, Hudson, Jackson, Kenmore-Garfield, Kent Roosevelt, Lake, Louisville, Massillon, Medina, Nordonia, North Royalton, Perry, Stow, St.-Vincent, St. Mary, Twinsburg, Wadsworth, Walsh Jesuit, Wooster

Division II

Akron East, Alliance, Buchtel, Buckeye, Canton South, Carrollton, Chippewa, Cloverleaf, Coventry, Fairless, Field, Marlinton, Minerva, Northwest, Norton, Ravenna, Revere, Springfield, Streetsboro, Tallmadge, West Branch, Woodridge

Division III

Black River, Canton Central Catholic, Crestwood, East Canton, Garrettsville Garfield, Malvern, Northwestern, Norwayne, Orrville, Rootstown, Sandy Valley, Southeast, Smithville, St. Thomas Aquinas, Triway, Tuslaw, Waterloo, Waynedale

Division IV

Dalton, Hillsdale, Manchester, Mogadore, Rittman, Windham

Girls basketball

Division I

Archbishop Hoban, Barberton, Brecksville, Brunswick, Canton McKinley, Cuyahoga Falls, Ellet, Firestone, GlenOak, Green, Highland, Hoover, Hudson, Kenmore-Garfield, Kent Roosevelt, Jackson, Lake, Louisville, Massillon, Medina, Nordonia, North Royalton, Perry, Revere, Stow, Twinsburg, Wadsworth, Walsh Jesuit, Wooster,

Division II

Akron East, Aurora, Alliance, Buchtel, Buckeye, Carrollton, Cloverleaf, Copley, Coventry, Crestwood, CVCA, Field, Marlinton, Minerva, Northwest, Norton, Ravenna, Springfield, Streetsboro, St. Vincent-St. Mary, Tallmadge, West Branch, Woodridge

Division III

Black River, Canton South, Chippewa, Fairless, Garrettsville Garfield, Hillsdale, Manchester, Northwestern, Norwayne, Orrville, Rootstown, Sandy Valley, Smithville, Southeast, Triway, Tuslaw

Division IV

Canton Central Catholic, Dalton, East Canton, Malvern, Mogadore, Rittman, St. Thomas Aquinas, Waterloo, Windham

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