

Sean's Run and the Safety Squad

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If you don't know what Sean's run is, it is a run in memory of Sean French, a high school student from Chatham. He was a very good student and got good grades. Sadly, he got in a car accident and died. He was killed by a drunk driver. His family made Sean's run for their son and First Niagara Bank has donated \$10,000 for this event.

The battle of the belts is a part of Sean's run. It is a relay race where a team of four races around the car and buckles their seat belt while they are being timed by a judge. Before the run, I went to the battle of the belts at our high school and the Safety Squad (Colette Dowling, Jimmy Shorey, Tyler Winters, and Kelsey Potter) won. They went to Sean's run from winning battle of the belts by tenth of a second! Sean's run was the championship. They got best team name too and Colette made up the name!

Julia Keyoskey went as a cheerleader and said, "My favorite part is when I got to cheer really really loudly. Jimmy's reason for going is

"Because it was a good cause towards stopping drunk driving."

Kelsey Potter's favorite part was running the race.

Colette said, "The trip was really awesome, we hung out like family on the bus, and we got free stuff, candy...."

Ms. Hill introduced the Battle of the Belts to our school. This is what she had to say about Sean's run. "I liked that I was able to bring kids to an event that spreads such a positive message."

She wanted to help spread the message to not drink and drive. Ms. Hill hopes to do Sean's run again because it had a good message and it was fun for students. See you next year!

