

WHITEFISH BAY ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER



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Important Information for All Students

Have you signed up for a club yet? If not, signing up for a club is a great way to:

- *Make new friends*
- *Have fun*
- *Connect w/ Whitefish Bay Staff*
- *Find your passion*
- *Be active in the school community*
- *Engage in healthy competition*

Check out the [Virtual Activities Fair](#) for all information regarding our amazing clubs!

Fitness Center Available for All Students

The Fitness Center will be open for all students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Masks will be required at all times. Due to COVID restrictions, we will only allow 15 students in the Fitness Center at a time.

Follow Athletics and Activities on Social Media

Make sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram for up to date news and information on all teams and clubs.

Twitter: [@WFB_BLUEDUKES](#)

Instagram: [wfb_athletics_and_activities](#)

Live Stream of Home Events:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgwnBarnIv8pVTrae3Oj2tw?view_as=subscriber

www.facebook.com/WFBSchools

Live Stream of Away Events:

<https://www.northshoreconference.com/page/show/5985509-live-streaming-links>

Blue Dukes Clinch Conference Championship, beat Martin Luther and CMH to finish season undefeated Whitefish Bay at Homestead, November 6th

For the first time since 1962, the Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes Football team are undefeated, outright Conference Champions. The Blue Dukes traveled to Homestead for the 2020 regular season finale and took down the Highlanders 28-0.

The Blue Dukes Defense hadn't allowed a point in the last three games and had shut down everything that opposing offenses are throwing at them. The Highlanders were held to 109 yards of total offense, all on the ground, and were 0-12 through the air. Senior safety's Grover Bortolotti and Byron Burrows both had interceptions in the shutout as the Dukes Defense continued to fly to the ball and smother opponents. Junior cornerback Nick Lewis recovered a fumble that was forced by junior Joe Brunner on the Highlanders second possession, helping the Blue Dukes defense finish the regular season with 15 total turnovers forced.

The unsung heroes of the game were the offensive line that led an offensive attack that racked up 289 total yards of total offense. Junior Caleb Bowers, senior Joe Bakken, senior Nick Callahan, senior Heath Oberg, junior Joe Stockwell, senior Nick Layeux, and junior Joe Brunner clearing the way, the Blue Dukes rushed for 138 yards on the ground.

Senior signal caller Jack Stecker threw for 151 yards and two touchdowns on 8 of 14 from the pocket. Stecker connected with Bortolotti through the air from 26 yards out after Homestead fumbled a punt return just 4 minutes into the game. With 31 seconds left in the first quarter, Junior fullback Dom Bartolone took a carry 50-yards to the house for his first touchdown of the year to extend the Bay lead to 14-0. Bartolone became the third different running back to lead the team in rushing this year, averaging 11.6 yards per carry on 7 attempts for 81 yards. Fellow junior wingback Jack Nau capped off the night by hauling in a 17-yard shovel pass from Stecker to make it 28-0 with 11:09 left in the game. Nau caught 3 passes for 97 yards, a jaw-dropping 32.3 yards per catch, to lead the Dukes in receiving on the night.

Whitefish Bay at Martin Luther, November 13th

Following their impressive win against Homestead, the 3-seed Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes traveled to Greendale for a Level One Playoff game to take on the 2-seed Martin Luther Spartans and came away with a 34-7 victory.

The stingy Blue Dukes Defense were up to their old tricks again, living in the Spartans' backfield and holding them to just 102 yards of total offense. Martin Luther ran for only 16 yards on 11 carries and were limited to 7 completions for 91 yards on 21 attempts in the air. The front seven certainly didn't make it easy for the Spartans as they ended the night with 4 sacks. Junior nose tackle Reid Jamerson had two, while Brunner and senior outside linebacker Aaron Ghilardi each had one. The Blue Dukes added another turnover to their season total by junior Nick Jorndt's interception in the 3rd Quarter.

With another week of stellar Offensive Line play, the Blue Dukes ran wild while controlling the ball for over 33 minutes. The Blue Dukes offense ran 62 plays for 431 yards of total offense, running the ball 54 times for 386 yards. Leading the way was Bortolotti who went off for 180 yards on 22 carries, finishing in the end zone four times on runs of 4, 5, 24, and 53 yards. Senior Patrick Muth made his debut in the backfield and rushed for 94 yards on 13 attempts, while Nau finished off the night with a rushing touchdown from 5-yards out to cap off a 21-point 3rd Quarter.

Whitefish Bay vs Catholic Memorial, November 20th

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes capped off their magical season with a 19-7 over the Catholic Memorial Crusaders, winning their respective Division 2 Pod for a Regional Championship. The Blue Dukes handed the Crusaders their third loss of the year in route to a perfect 7-0 season.

The Blue Dukes defense flew around all night and made yet another case for being the best in the state. The Crusaders offense came into night averaging nearly 300 yards per game and were held to just 220 yards of total offense in the loss. Forcing two fumbles and holding the Crusaders to just 78 yards on the ground, the Blue Dukes defense kept Catholic Memorial in check all night and made them work for every yard. With a 13-0 lead and 2:24 left in the first half, senior cornerback Nick Lewis forced a fumble at the goal line to hold the Crusaders scoreless in the first two quarters. On the season, the Blue Dukes Defense only allowed a total of 3 points in the first half, and a whopping 43 points total all year for an average of 6.14 per game.

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For the 7th straight game, the Blue Dukes offense controlled the ball and outgained their opponent. Possessing the ball for 29 minutes, the Dukes kicked things off with a methodical scoring drive that took 10:32 off the clock and spanned two quarters. The Crusaders were forced to punt on their first drive after a three-and-out and their offense wouldn't see the field again for the rest of the first quarter. Starting at their own 24-yard line, the Blues Dukes converted six 3rd down conversions and one 4th down conversion to jump out to a 6-0 lead. To cap off the scoring drive, Stecker threw a 6-yard dart to a wide-open Nau on the first play of the second quarter. Following a Catholic Memorial turnover on the ensuing possession, Bortolotti found the end zone for a team-high 13th time on a sweep to give the Blue Dukes a 13-0 lead.

Saving his best game for last, three-year starter Jack Stecker put the nail in the coffin when he scrambled 63-yards for a touchdown to put the Blue Dukes up 19-7 with 2:12 left in the game. Stecker finished with 188 yards of total offense, throwing for 95 yards on 9 of 10 attempts and rushing for 93 yards on 9 carries. The senior leader finished the year with one of the highest Quarterback Ratings in the state and commanded an offense that wore down opponents all year.

Thank you, Class of 2021 Seniors!

Putting on a Blue Dukes uniform for the final time, we celebrate the following seniors for their hard-work and contributions to the football program:

- Jack Stecker
- Gabe Toureene
- Byron Burrows
- Grover Bortolotti
- Patrick Muth
- Jayden Jackson
- Aaron Ghilardi
- Morgan Brower
- Omari Walker
- Joe Bakken
- Nicholas Callahan
- Nick Layeux
- Will Noonan
- Jacob Donovan
- Heath Oberg
- Roger Walker

Thank you Seniors and congratulations for going out on top!



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Girls Swim and Dive Team Finish 6th in State, Win an Individual Title, First since 2001

If you asked the Girls Swim and Dive team three months ago what their season would look like, I bet most would be uncertain. Yet, through constant change, numerous adversities, and a whole lot of patience, the Lady Dukes put together one of their most storied seasons in recent program history.

Tying with the Division 2 State Champions Rhinelander, the WFB Girls Swim and Dive qualified the most swims and dives at the state meet. With 15 of 21 sectional entries competing at Waukesha South, the girls dramatically improved on 2019's 15th place team finish. The 2020 squad came together to bring home a 6th place, their highest in years to date. Best times were had by all swimmers, with nearly every swim moving up position. The afternoon was started by two tremendous diving performances. Junior Anneh Britz held her own, finishing 13th place, while Junior Kate Graham commanded the board, reaching the podium with a 6th place finish. Both divers had a fantastic rookie season and we are in store for a significant year ahead!

Having not had an individual state title since 2001, sophomore Casey Stephens proved she can't be stopped. While maintaining the top 500 freestyle time in Division 2 all season, she used an incredible last 200 yards to overtake her competitors, running away with the victory by nearly 4 seconds! Her dedication and commitment rightfully earned the title and we could not be more proud! She would add a 3rd place finish to her repertoire in 200-yard freestyle.

We want to take a moment and congratulate all our state performances:

- Amy Wang (100 Breaststroke -12th place)
- Casey Stephens (200 Free- 3rd place / 500 Free- 1st place / 200 Free Relay -12th place / 400 Free Relay- 11th place)
- Ellie Lukas (500 Free- 14th place / 400 Free Relay- 11th place)
- Emma Dickinson (200 Medley Relay- 12th place / 200 Free Relay- 12th place)
- Felicity Gresnick (200 Medley Relay- 12th place / 100 Breaststroke- 9th place)
- Natalie Nelson (200 Medley Relay- 12th place / 100 Fly- 13th place / 200 Free Relay- 12th place / 400 Free Relay- 11th place)
- Maddy Cleverly (200 Medley Relay- 12th place / 500 Free- 15th place / 100 Backstroke- 14th place)
- Rachel Goldblatt (200 Free- 9th place / 500 Free- 8th place / 200 Free Relay- 12th place / 400 Free Relay- 11th place)

Get ready for 2021...They all come back! Go DUKES!



Music Club is Up and Running

Do you like to listen to music? If so music club is the place for you! Join us for weekly zoom meetings where we discuss music of all genres, discover new sounds, and share playlists.

If this interests you please fill out this survey, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKcChqLL-8u_v0iSCqj-nKcUoEx2y46tZ1ddj3j_QbPidDvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Cheer Tryouts Coming Up

The Whitefish Bay Cheer Team is looking for members to be a part of their Competitive Cheerleading Team for this upcoming season! We compete in the divisions of Non-Stunt and Cheer Dance and compete at multiple local competitions and the WACPC State Cheer Championship weekend. Our season begins in December and finishes by March. Individuals who are interested in being a part of our competitive team will be handpicked based on their abilities, growth-mindset, and positive attitude shown during the season and tryout week. Anyone who is interested may join us at our upcoming practices, where you will be able to experience what it's like to be a part of our competition team! Open tryouts will take place on the following days...

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the High School Link

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the High School Link

Monday, December 7th, 2020 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the High School Link

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria

If you are interested please email Head Coach Miranda Keller at miranda.keller@wfbshschools.com and fill out the google form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVqk6vLnembFcnAYr77SaLyHxA-mcY-XJttObdYQSPkgD_gA/viewform. Let's go Blue Dukes!

Blue Dukes Boys Basketball Excited for Season

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes boys' basketball team is excited to get back on the court. With a week of practice and a scrimmage, the team traveled to 2nd ranked Nicolet and lost a heart breaker 49-51 on Tuesday, December 1st. Senior forward Cullen Starker led the team with a double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Junior Ryan Carew finished with 15 points and senior Jayden Jackson added 13 points. Blue Dukes host West Bend West on Friday, December 4th. To watch the game, please go to the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgwnBarnIv8pVTrae3Oj2tw?view_as=subscriber

Softball Off-Season Information

To all girls interested in playing softball this spring, the softball team will be having pre-season open gyms on Sunday afternoons in the field house from 12:00-2:00pm on the following dates: 12/20, 12/27, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/14. In addition, the batting cage in the fitness center is available for hitting practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. All hitters will need to bring their own bat and helmet.

Girls Basketball Program is off to a Great Start

The girls' basketball program is off to a great start. The program as a whole is currently 5-1, and improving each day. The Varsity team lost their first game of the season to Slinger, but bounced back with a nice win against Nicolet on Tuesday night, 49-46. Currently leading the team is sophomore Zoe Behrendt averaging 11 points and 7 rebounds per game. Also leading the Blue Dukes are senior Emeria McPherson who had 11 points against Nicolet, and junior Allie Swietlik who also added 8 points. The girls will travel to West Bend West this Friday for their next game.

Duke Pride Chili Fundraiser

Details: Support Local - Support Duke Pride

- Pandls Chili Drive-thru fundraiser
- Sunday, December 13th - Packer game starts at 3:25pm.
- Pre-order your chili by calling Pandls directly [414.946.3800](tel:414.946.3800). Be sure to mention Duke Pride.
- All orders due by Saturday, December 12th at 9pm
- \$14/qt. (50% donated back to Duke Pride)
- No need to mention what chili will include - Laura will handle that when people call in
- Pick up 2-3pm

BLOOD DRIVE

Season of giving

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER**

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10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**16 YEAR OLD CONSENT FORMS
REQUIRED**

FDA face covering required.

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Your donation ensures that we have enough blood to meet demand in our communities. People need people, we need you!

Visit bit.ly/baygivesbackdec2020 or call 877-232-4376 to Save the Day!

COVID Update: The SARS CoV-2antibody test, AKA COVID-19 Antibody Test (CAT), will now be performed on all blood donations as part of our standard testing. For more information visit: www.versiti.org/covid19



Blood Center of Wisconsin

For more information, Call 877-BE-A-HERO or visit Versiti.org

Theater Program's *Hamlette* Qualifies for State

Whitefish Bay has returned to the Wisconsin One Act competition this year and *Hamlette*, directed by the brilliant Ceri Robinson Hartnett, has advanced to STATE by the unanimous support of all of their judges! Whitefish Bay Theater couldn't be prouder of this resilient and truly hilarious cast and crew, guided by an amazing group of adults!!!

A huge thank you to George Katsekes for capturing this truly extraordinary time in high school theater ❤️

