

# WHITEFISH BAY ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER



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## TRADITION, EXCELLENCE, SPORTSMANSHIP, DUKE PRIDE

### 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 [Activities Guide](#) for all information regarding our amazing clubs!

### Fitness Center Available for All Students

The Fitness Center will be open for all students Monday through Friday (while school is in session) from 3:45 - 5:30 PM. Masks will be required at all times and social distancing will be practiced at all times. If a student is not wearing a mask/practicing social distance, they will be asked to leave.

### Interesting in Becoming a WIAA Official

With the current officials' shortage, there's no better time to give back to the sports you love by becoming a WIAA licensed official. Apply now, just in time for upcoming winter and spring seasons. Interested, but still have questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to [Mr. Worzella](#)

To apply, please click on this link: <https://www.wiaawi.org/News/News-Article/officiating-license-flash-sale>

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## Girls Varsity Basketball Off to a Great Start

### Whitefish Bay vs. Brown Deer (November 19<sup>th</sup>)

**WFB 59 - BD 24**

#### Record (1-0)

Whitefish Bay Girls Varsity Basketball kicked off their 2021-2022 season at home vs. Brown Deer High School.

A slower start to the game had the girls down 5-9, but after shaking off some nerves and picking up their intensity of defense, they forced some BD turnovers which were converted into easy layups to turn the score around. Senior Allie Swietlik had a big steal and an “and 1” and gave the Dukes their first lead of the game with 4:50 remaining in the first half. The momentum did not stop there. Senior Gracie Gottlieb hit back to back threes before the half to put the team up 25-16 going into halftime. Starting the second half, Gottlieb came out and knocked down another 3 pointer to set the tone. Sophomores Anna Reimers and Grace Lodl added a three each to extend the lead early to 34-20 with 12:31 remaining. The Blue Dukes finished the game strong on a 25-4 run.

#### The Dukes were led by

Allie Swietlik with 13 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists.

Gracie Gottlieb with 10 points and 4 rebounds

Anna Reimers with 7 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals

Zoe Behrendt with 11 rebounds

Maria Helf and Annmarie Murphy with 3 assists each

### Whitefish Bay vs. Dominican (November 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**WFB 56 - DOM 47**

#### Record (2-0)

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 the Blue Dukes basketball team took on Dominican High School at home.

The Blue Dukes took some time to adjust to Dominican’s defense, trailing for a majority of the first half. A transition-and-1 layup and made free throw by Reimers got the Dukes to close the gap. With less than a minute left to go in the first half, junior Maria Helf knocked down a three to cut Dominican’s lead to 6. The Dukes were down 23-29 going into halftime.

To start the second half, Dominican went into a half court zone, which opened up looks for our shooters. Gottlieb knocked down a three to cut Dominicans lead to 3. Lodl then had back to back threes and two strong takes to the basket, which gave the Dukes their first lead of the game, and contributed to a 17-0 run. The Dukes continued to turn up the defensive pressure and keep Dominican from getting within 7 points the remainder of the game.

#### The Dukes were led by

Allie Swietlik with 8 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals

Anna Reimers with 14 points, 4 rebounds

Grace Lodl with 10 points, 3 assists, 3 steals

### Whitefish Bay vs. Whitnall (November 26<sup>th</sup>)

**WFB 66 - WHIT 44**

#### Record (3-0)

Early in the game the Blue Dukes had some trouble figuring out Whitnall’s half court trapping defense. After figuring it out and turning up their own half-court defense the Dukes were able to take a 9-point lead into halftime. Swietlik continued to dominate the Falcons inside, with help from junior Annmarie Murphy. Reimers and Swietlik created chaos on the top of the Dukes zone, never allowing Whitnall’s shooters to feel comfortable. The team continued to slice and dice Whitnall’s defense in the half court, and also finished with 21 steals on the day and put up their highest scoring total of the year with 66 points.

#### The Dukes were led by

Allie Swietlik with 24 points, 4 rebounds, 7 steals

Annmarie Murphy with 11 points, 4 rebounds

Zoe Behrendt with 11 rebounds

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### **Whitefish Bay vs. Oregon (November 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**WFB 46 - OR 43**

**Record (4-0)**

In the first half it took some time for the Dukes to adjust to Oregon's full court pressure, forcing numerous turnovers. To turn things around on the offensive end, junior Cate Sullivan knocked down some shots and also got some steals and finished in transition. Swietlik and junior Zoe Behrendt also began to pound the ball inside, getting some and-1 finishes to change the momentum of the game. The Dukes were able to execute back to back set plays to keep Oregon from getting back in the lead the entire second half. In what was an overall defensive battle and sloppy offensive game for both teams the Blue Dukes did enough to pull out a tough victory against a tough Oregon team.

#### **The Dukes were led by**

Allie Swietlik with 12 points, 6 rebounds

Cate Sullivan with 9 points, 4 steals

Zoe Behrendt with 8 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals

### **Whitefish Bay vs. Homestead**

**WFB 51 - HOM 53**

**Record (4-1)**

In the first couple plays of the varsity game Behrendt and Gottlieb attacked the basket giving the Dukes a 4-0 lead within the first 2 minutes of play. Homestead's full court pressured forced turnovers that converted to transition layups to tie the score up 4-4.

Duke's inside advantage against the younger Homestead kept them in the game throughout the first half.

Dukes had their hands in every passing lane, making it difficult for Homestead to get any momentum to take a larger lead.

Team contributions by Sullivan, Lodl, sophomore Fini Bortolotti, Murphy, and Swietlik helped the Dukes take the lead 23-18 going into halftime.

Homestead went on a 12-0 run to start the second half. Behrendt and Swietlik answered with both getting back to back buckets to stop Homestead's momentum.

A beautiful midrange by Helf lit up the Dukes to go on a 10-2 run towards the middle end of the second half.

Swietlik and Lodl kept getting buckets of their own and heading to the free throw line to cut Homestead's lead to four.

With the Blue Dukes down three, Reimers got fouled on a layup with .02 seconds and the shot just fell short which would have given a chance to go to the line and tie the game, but instead fell short to Homestead 53-51.

#### **The Dukes were led by**

Allie Swietlik with 16 points, 8 rebounds

Zoe Behrendt with 13 points, 8 rebounds

### **Whitefish Bay vs. Hartford**

**WFB 45 - HART 65**

**Record (4-2)**

The Blue Dukes traveled to Hartford for their 4th consecutive road game. Both teams traded baskets early on, but a late run by Hartford in the first half put the Dukes down 12 going into halftime. Behrendt carried the Dukes on both ends of the floor, but with only small scoring contributions from the rest of the team, the Dukes were unable to close the gap in the second half. The Blue Dukes are usually the number 1 defensive team in the conference, but this night they were unable to get into a groove giving up the most points this season to an opponent. With some late turnovers and poor shooting from the free throw line, the Blue Dukes eventually fell short.

#### **The Dukes were led by**

Zoe Behrendt with 15 points, 12 rebounds

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### **Whitefish Bay vs. University School (December 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**WFB 56 - USM 22**

#### **Record (5-2)**

After two tough losses, the Blue Dukes bounced back strong the next day. Even with missing a few players, all of the girls stepped up on both ends of the floor. The Dukes came out and applied intense full and half court pressure, forcing USM into multiple turnovers which were converted into quick points. After a few threes from Gottlieb and Lodl, the Dukes held a 32-11 lead at the half.

Coming out strong in the second half, Behrendt got multiple steals and ran the floor well with Bortolotti, scoring some more quick transition buckets. USM was never able to get back into the game and all of the Blue Dukes contributed to the victory, and a great response to two previous tough games.

#### **The Dukes were led by**

Zoe Behrendt with 15 points, 12 rebounds, 7 steals

Grace Lodl with 13 points, 6 rebounds

Gracie Gottlieb with 11 points, 3 rebounds

Fini Bortolotti with 6 points, and 6 rebounds

### **Whitefish Bay vs. West Bend West (December 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**WFB 49 - WBW 32**

#### **Record (6-2)**

Heading back into conference play, the Blue Dukes took on the Spartans from West Bend West. The girls had some early foul trouble, but thanks to the hot shooting of Lodl who knocked down some early threes they were able to maintain a lead. The Dukes defense kept WBW from getting comfortable, and with the Dukes sharing the ball well on the offensive end they took an early 28-19 lead at the half.

To start the second half, Lodl once again came out on fire, knocking down more shots to start a quick 6-0 run. Junior Ally Yarbrough, and Bortolotti hit some more shots to keep the momentum in the Dukes favor. The Spartans never pulled within single digits the rest of the half and the Dukes cruised to an easy NSC win.

#### **The Dukes were led by**

Grace Lodl with 20 points, 3 rebounds

Zoe Behrendt with 10 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists

Fini Bortolotti with 6 points, and 6 rebounds





### Gymnastics Team Starts Off Season with Conference Victory

The girl's gymnastics team competed in a conference dual meet vs West Bend West on December 7th. Whitefish Bay dominated the meet out scoring West Bend West 139.05-127.475. The JV team also won beating west by 3 points!

Individual highlights include senior captain Anneh Britz winning the all-around, beam and bars. After last season's hand injury, she is in great form and healthy this season! Senior captain Kate Graham competed beautifully and placed 2nd in the all-around as well as in beam and bars. Sophomore Ryann Wesley won the vault and placed third in all-around. Sophomore Essence Burrows is back in action and stronger than ever. She won floor with a personal best 9.05 and will provide depth for the team. Congratulation to the entire team for a job well done!



### Whitefish Bay Pep Band Performs at Fiserv Forum

On Monday, November 22nd the WFBHS Pep Band performed pre-game music before the Milwaukee Bucks took the court at Fiserv Forum. After playing a number of tunes, 180+ musicians and family members were able to enjoy the game as our world champion Bucks dismantled the Orlando Magic. This is a tradition with the band program and one of our favorite annual events. If you'd like to be a part of our group, please reach out to Mr. Gard at [tom.gard@wfbschools.com](mailto:tom.gard@wfbschools.com)! Even if you haven't played for a couple years, you're welcome to join!



### Casual Gaming Club has 2<sup>nd</sup> Outing

We had our second meeting of Casual Gaming Club on Friday, Dec. 10th. Once again, we enjoyed board games, Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, and others! Students gathered to play competitive games. Overall, we had about 20 students in attendance. We hope to see more students at our next meeting!

### Debate Team Continues to Perform Well

Whitefish Bay debaters are continuing their successful season. Senior Anna Harris, who competes in Lincoln Douglas debate, argued the resolution: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers to strike. At the West Bend Debate Extravaganza on November 6th she placed 3rd overall and was awarded 3rd place speaker. On December 11th at the Lancer Invitation hosted by Brookfield Central High School, Anna won 2nd place.

Public forum debaters argued the resolution: Increased United States federal regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and/or assets will produce more benefits than harms. At the West Bend Debate Extravaganza Sophomore Sam Petski and freshman Oliver Boyden continued their undefeated winning streak, winning 1st place overall in Junior Varsity Public Forum. Freshmen Amber Schlappi and Delaney Dunn also competed at West Bend. They placed 4th in JV Public Forum and earned a qualification for State.

### Senior Photo Deadline for Yearbook is January 5<sup>th</sup>

18 days remain to upload a senior photo for the yearbook. The publisher's deadline is January 5, 2022 and **no exceptions will be given from the publisher.** The link will just stop working. Thank you for prioritizing this request. File parameters: 4x6, vertical, 300ppi, JPEG

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## Whitefish Bay Wrestling Program Off to Great Start

The Whitefish Bay wrestling team is excited to have 26 hardworking and dedicated student athletes out for the 2021-2022 season. The season kicked off with dual meets against Hartford, Mequon, Nicolet and Ronald Reagan. The win against Ronald Reagan marks the first dual meet victory for the Blue Dukes on the season.

Along with dual meets, the Whitefish Bay wrestling team participated in the Nicolet Scramble and the Dan Gaynor Invite. The Nicolet Varsity Scramble on December 4<sup>th</sup> included some of the top teams in the state. Wrestlers who earned victories in the tournament include junior NZ Gorham, freshman Wyatt Moxom and sophomore Gus Schaub.

The Dan Gaynor JV Invite was hosted by West Allis Central on December 11<sup>th</sup> and consisted of 25 teams throughout Wisconsin. Whitefish Bay finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place as a team. Place winners include freshman David Kleiner, freshman Rosemary Triggs, Moxom, freshman Marcelino Molina, sophomore Rashi Earl, freshman Asa Behrens, freshman Harry Bortolotti, sophomore Aaron Gorham and sophomore Eric Peck.

This weekend the Varsity team will participate in the prestigious Ed Stech tournament in West Allis. We will also be making history when Rosemary Triggs participates in the Badger State Invitational at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. This marks the first time in school history where there is a WIAA Girls Division in wrestling. Go Blue Dukes!



## Duke Pride Yard Signs for Sale

Duke Pride is selling yard signs. If interested please contact Michelle Counsell - [mmcounsell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcounsell@yahoo.com) \$25 cash or check made payable to Duke Pride.



## Rock Climbing Team Wins First Event

The Whitefish Bay Climb Team took home the gold in their first competition of the year. With a total of 15 climbers, the team took first place out of the 18 participating schools, with several climbers on the podium. Freshman Celia Grimes tied for 3rd in D1, and junior Sira Maul tied for first in D2. Juniors Gus Zuccaro and Mateo Pasina tied for first place for D1 males, and Juniors Brian Plemmel and Shiv Kulkarni took 1st and 3rd place in D2. Way to represent!





### Varsity Boys Basketball Team Rebounds after First 2 Games

The varsity boys' basketball team got off to a bit of a rough start dropping their first two games to Sussex Hamilton, 27-65 and Homestead 47-68. But since then, the boys have gone 4-1 and are currently in second in the North Shore Conference.

They had a big week this past week defeating both Grafton 56-47 and Cedarburg 63-48. Senior Ryan Carew, senior Kamarion Ivory, and junior Jaden Guyton have been leading the team in scoring...while junior David Ackles and junior Joe Morello have been taking care of the boards. They have also had big contributions from senior Andy Dern, junior Jack Wright, senior Mike Strecansky, and junior Will Smith have also been critical to the Blue Dukes early success.

The Blue Dukes host Port Washington on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Blue Dukes Soccer Receiving National Recognition

Maggie Starker, a 2021 Whitefish Bay High School Graduate, was named the United Soccer Coaches High School Soccer Girls National Player of the Year for 2021! She is the first female soccer player from Wisconsin to receive this prestigious honor. Starker, who recently completed her freshman season at Marquette University, had 38 goals and 23 assists for the Blue Dukes last spring as she helped lead the team to WIAA Division 2 State Championship. She finished her high school career with 73 goals and 60 assists. The only other high school soccer player in Wisconsin to win this award was Matthew Comiskey, a 2017 Whitefish Bay High School Graduate, who claimed the boys award in 2017.



Whitefish Bay girls' soccer head coach Rob Dubinski also received national recognition. Coach Dubinski was named the 2021 Girls High School Region Coach of the Year by the United Coaches Soccer Association! Dubinski is also a finalist for the United Soccer Coaches National Coach of the Year, an award he has already won in 2017. Coach Dubinski helped lead the varsity girls' soccer team to an undefeated season, 20-0 and a Division 2 WIAA State Championship this past spring.



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Coach Dubinski and senior Mitchell Dryden also participated in the United Soccer High School All American game on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in Knoxville, Tennessee. Dryden, who scored a goal in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute and Coach Dubinski helped led the West team to a 3-2 victory!





### **Girls Swim and Dive Team Finishes 10<sup>th</sup> at WIAA State Meet**

The Girls Swim and Dive Team continues to build this program into one of the best in the state, concluding a successful season with a top-notch state performance, which took place at Waukesha South on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The meet began with an overwhelming presence of Whitefish Bay, with all four divers qualifying for state. The senior gymnast duo of Kate Graham and Anneh Britz capped their short but incredible diving career with 4th and 5th place, respectively. Senior leader Lucy Sarnowski proudly made her state debut, placing 14th overall. Sophomore Ryann Wesley finished in 16th, touting great potential to continue the flourishing diving success!

The swim portion opened with a fantastic medley relay performance. Improving by a full second from their sectional performance, junior Madeline Cleverly, senior Amy Wang, senior Natalie Nelson, and sophomore Dickinson would finish 10th in the state. Most notably was Emma's incredible freestyle leg to move far up the ranks in the last 25!

Junior Casey Stephens took to the pool next, edging herself onto the podium in 6th place. Her time improved from sectionals and will stand as the new school record! Casey would then take on the 500, looking to defend her WIAA state title from 2020. Posting a new school record, Casey earned the bronze medal.

Dickinson, Cleverly, Stephens, and Nelson would keep the relay success alive, posting a season-best 200 Free Relay for an 11th place finish. Cleverly would then go back in the water for the 100 backstroke, ending in an incredible 13th place with a time of 59.79. Notably, Cleverly took 13th in the 2020 state meet, but with a time of 1:01!

Not to be outdone, the squad of Stephens, Wang, Nelson, and Cleverly would cap the successful meet with a 12th place finish in the 400 Free Relay. Their time was a nearly 4-second improvement from sectionals and moved them three positions higher than their seed. When the dust settled, the Lady Dukes finished with a 10th place finish as a team, boasting great potential for years to come!

### **WNS Hockey Team Looking to Bounce Back after Tough Start**

The WNS Hockey team has started the season 2-5 and are looking to turn that record around in the next few weeks. Led by senior captain Charlie Mitchell (1 goal, 3 assists), the varsity team also includes Whitefish Bay players: junior Hayes Drane, junior Grant Bay, sophomore Michael Adank (2 goals, 2 assists), sophomore Dominic Amato and junior Nate Twente. JV players are freshman Mitchell Kryger, freshman Ian McLaren and sophomore Colin Staley. The JV and Varsity teams both head to Waupaca for a holiday tournament next week. Home games are at the MSOE Kern Center – come out and support your hockey team!

### **Bay Gives Back Has Successful Blood Drive**

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, Bay Gives Back ran its annual winter Blood Drive. The Blood Drive was a success, with 35 pints of blood donated. Many community members took advantage of the opportunity and participated as well.

### **Blue Duke Dance Team Excited to Be Back Competing**

The dance team recently competed in their first competition since 2020! They attended the Ashwaubenon Dance Invite, which hosted 103 dance teams from around the state. They placed 11th in their pom division and are looking forward to their next competition in January. They will be attending the WACPC Regional Dance Competition in Watertown on January 29th, and competing in both pom and hip hop. Good luck, Blue Duke Dancers!

### Cheer Team Earns 1<sup>st</sup> Place at First Competition of Season

On Saturday, December 11th, 2021, the Cheer Team attended their first competition of the season at the Waukesha South High School 'Southside Showdown' competition. The team successfully performed their Non-Stunt routine and placed 1st!

The Non-Stunt division routine emphasizes various aspects of cheerleading such as a sideline cheer with a creative dance that incorporates advanced tumbling, expert jumps, and multiple pyramids that include elite motions and positions.

During this performance, senior Jane Graham showcased her new roundoff back handspring layout series!

This routine was performed by seniors; Maggie Franzen and Jan Graham, junior; Sofia Mexiner, and sophomores; Amelie Gibbert and Morgan Govan. With an abundance of support from freshman cheerleader, Delaney Dunn. Congratulations to the Cheer Team and we are looking forward to a great season ahead! Let's Go Blue Dukes!

Check out the Whitefish Bay Cheer Team website to learn more about the team! If you're interested, email Coach Miranda Keller at [miranda.keller@wfbhschools.com](mailto:miranda.keller@wfbhschools.com) for more information.



### Blue Dukes Boys Swim & Dive Team Off to Fast Start

The Boys Swim and Dive team is off to a flying start! With only having six days before their first meet of the year, the Dukes showed no reserve, and have already proven their depth and talent is poised to take them far this season.

Ready to make a splash this season, sophomore Finn Holdredge was the sole winner of two events in the Duke's second meet, when they hosted Nicolet on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Holdredge took home wins in both the 200 & 500 Freestyle, posting massive lifetime best times in both! Senior captain Matt Azcueta would pick up the only other individual event win for the Dukes, winning the 100 Breaststroke. Coupled with two relay victories, and a second and third place in nearly every event, the Dukes held the upper hand, winning by 15 points in their first home dual.

The Dukes would then travel to Nicolet's house on Saturday, participating in the annual Nicolet Sprints Invitational. Though riding low in numbers, the progress and best times were bountiful! Notably, senior captain Carson Ormsby and junior Brian Plemel carried the team in the 200 freestyle, both dropping 3 seconds from their best times this season. The dynamic backstroke duo of junior Grant Anderson and sophomore Will Antonelli took home strong 6 & 7th place finishes in the 50 Backstroke. Senior Sprint King Peter Youel would finish 6th in the 50 free, less than a half second from his time posted at last year's state meet! The Dukes would finish 5th overall, but out swimming their seed times collective by over 2 minutes! This quantity of progress, this quickly, shows the best is yet to come this season! Go Dukes!