

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 [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 4:00 - 5:45 PM.

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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](#)

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Varsity Girls Tennis Team Wins Conference, Places 2nd at Sectionals, Sends 5 to Individual State

It has been a successful few weeks for the girls' varsity tennis team as they close out the season. The team went undefeated in conference play to win the North Shore Conference for the third year in a row. The team finished with an overall match record in conference of 56-7 in their 9-0 campaign. Highlights of the conference season were defeating Cedarburg, Homestead and Nicolet - all top ten teams in the State!

Freshman Clare Schaefer at 1 singles and sophomore Elena Kemp and junior Grace Wu at 2 doubles went undefeated in conference play.

This week, the team competed in Sub-sectionals and Sectionals, for the chance to qualify for the State tournament. The team finished as the Sectional runner-up behind 3rd ranked DSHA, and ahead of rivals Homestead and Nicolet. With 4 top-ten teams, it was the toughest Sectional in the State.

Senior Leisl Vorlop and junior Anna Reimers won the Sectional at three doubles, while Clare Schaefer and sophomore Carly Pence lost in the finals - both in hard fought final set tie-breakers. The individual success continued with juniors Bryn Gonzales and Hannah Griggs qualified in doubles for the WIAA Individual State Tournament, freshman Clare Schaefer qualified in singles and the doubles team of sophomore Elena Kemp and junior Grace Wu qualifying as a special qualifier due to their impressive record.

The team proved they are among the best in the State as they are ranked 5th in State by the Wisconsin Tennis Coaches Association and have only lost to teams ranked in the top 3. It has been an amazing season for the girls and they look to cap it off with a strong showing at the WIAA Individual State Tournament this weekend in Madison!



Varsity Girls Golf Team Qualified for Sectionals and Honkamp Qualifies for State

The Whitefish Bay Varsity Golf team finished off with their best team performance in eight years qualifying through to the Sectional tournament this past week. Leading the way at the Regional tournament, which was held at Mee-Kwon Park Golf Course, was sophomore Daniella Honkamp who shot an 87 on the day which placed her in the top 10 individual performances. Following her up was senior Bryn Dresselhuys who had one of her best performances of the year shooting a 90. Rounding out the top four team scorers was senior Lily Valimont with a 94 and junior Avery Buccholz with a 96. The team performance bested North Shore rivals Homestead by one stroke and knocked out the conference champions Cedarburg from the WIAA tournament!

At the WIAA sectional meet on Tuesday, October 4th at Rolling Meadows Golf Course, the team had its best round of the season with a team score of 352. The team improved by 15 strokes in comparison to their team score from the Regional meet and came up just a few strokes short of DSHA to qualify to State as a team. Seniors Valimont, Dresselhuys and Olivia Reichert all performed very well and ended their careers leaving a legacy on the program that will be hard to replace. Valimont shot an 86, Dresselhuys had a 92 and Reichert had the best performance of her career shooting a 93 on the day.

Honkamp was able to qualify individually to WIAA State Tournament by shooting an 81 and finishing fourth overall. Her day ended with a tie-breaking playoff victory between herself and an individual from DSHA which put the exclamation on top for an awesome day for her and the team. Honkamp will head to Madison this Sunday for her practice round at University Ridge and will play 36 total holes on today and tomorrow. The entire team wishes her all the best!



Varsity Girls Volleyball Team Secures a 2nd Place Finish in Conference

The varsity girls' volleyball team has taken their game to the next level during North Shore Conference play this year. They are on a six-game conference winning streak with key victories this past week.

On Monday, October 3rd, the girls went to Nicolet and beat their crosstown rival 3-0. Then on Thursday, October 6th the team hosted Slinger and celebrated their seven seniors on Senior Night. In a hard fought back and forth battle with everyone on the team contributing and the girls got a huge five set victory 26-24, 14-25, 25-16, 20-25, and 22-20

That win guarantees that the volleyball team will take 2nd place in the North Shore Conference, which is their best conference finish in over 13 years! The girls take on Homestead next Tuesday in their final conference game of the season.



Cross Country Teams Continue to Impress

All four Blue Duke cross country teams left victorious after sweeping the Cudahy-Purgolder Invite on Saturday, October 1st.

The JV Boys were led by senior Ben Plum's 2nd place finish as he covered the 5k course in 18:18. Freshmen Simon Verhehen and Cormac Austin finished 3rd and 4th for the Dukes, respectively.

Senior Maya Stevic took home the individual championship for the JV girls as junior teammates Sofia Demarco and Maddie Hartley followed behind for the top three spots.

Depth proved key for the varsity boys as they narrowly edged conference rival Cedarburg 45-47 to win the meet. Senior AJ Springer finished 3rd overall with fellow senior John Bartschat close behind in 5th place.

Senior Natalie Miller led the varsity girls to a commanding victory as she finished 2nd overall. The girls placed all 5 scoring runners in the top 11 overall to overcome injury and illness setbacks.

Looking ahead, the teams focus on the North Shore Conference meet on Saturday, October 15th at Tendick Park.



Food Drive is Here

Food Drive is here! A Sendiks Bag will be delivered to each WFB home on Saturday, October 8th. Please fill it with healthy non-perishable food items and place it on your front doorstep before 10am on Saturday, October 15th. Bay Gives Back volunteers will come by and pick it up. All donations will go to Kinship Community Food Center. You can also drop off your bag at the HS Field House between 10am and 1pm! If you have any questions please email baygivesback@wfbschools.com. Help us reach our goal of 10,000lbs of food!

Whitefish Bay High School's Bay Gives Back
Is Hosting

City Wide Food Drive



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COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER



Save The Date!

Bay Delivery - October 8th

Bag Collection - October 15th

- Fill a bag with non-perishable food items and place on front porch by 10am to get picked up! Donations can also be dropped directly at the WFBHS Field House (west entrance) between 10am and 1pm.

Get Involved!

- Help with Bag Prep starting September 27th during lunch and study hall
- Help deliver 6,500 bags on October 8th (Starting at 10am)
- Help collect, sort, and deliver collected food on October 15th (Starting at 10am)

Have any Questions?

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10th Ranked Boys Volleyball Team Back on Track

Whitefish Bay vs Hartford (September 19th)

The varsity boys' volleyball team bounced back after their first loss last week with a win over Hartford! JV1 started things out and won all 3 sets. Varsity went 3-1 in a great game lead by senior David Ackles! The team came out fired up and was firing on all blast! They controlled the game with a relentless attack out of the middle by both senior Mason Lavoncher and Ackles. They took game one, 25-21.

Game two has been an issue for the team in the past. Hartford took an early lead and Whitefish Bay could not get over the hump to take the lead back. They would tie it or get within 1 point but never struck gold with any runs. They battled to the end but a few errors towards the end of the game gave Hartford the edge to win game two, 26-24.

The boys always have been up for a challenge though and got back into rhythm right away with more kills from the middles and took the next two sets, 25-21 and 25-18. Ackles led the way with 17 kills and junior Tyler Andrews finished with 44 assists and 3 aces.

2022 Whitefish Bay Invite (October 1st)

Whitefish Bay hosted one of the most competitive tournaments in the state on October 1st. With 7 of the top ten teams in the state competing to be the best. Our varsity squad started with the 8 seed and had Catholic Memorial, Madison Memorial and Wauwatosa West in their pool.

They played Wauwatosa West first and came out firing. Lavoncher was the game MVP and was unstoppable in the middle, where he picked up 7 kills on 8 attempts. Bay won the match 25-17, 25-19.

Next up was Catholic Memorial, who came into the tournament as the top ranked team. Whitefish Bay was determined to show what they could do against the top teams. Both games were competitive and was going swing for swing. Senior Parker Neumann took the game MVP this time and with some clutch digs and big swings throughout the entire match. Bay ended up losing 20-25, 23-25.

The last game of pool play came against Madison Memorial who the team had played earlier in the year. Bay's confidence was at an all time high and controlled the entire match and won 25-16, 25-21.

After getting the 2 wins, the team advanced to the top bracket in the playoffs and faced off against conference rival Cedarburg who had swept them in conference play a few weeks ago. The whole game went back and forth and both matches were tied in the 20's. Bay had some big blocks in the middle and on the outside that caused their hitters to get uncomfortable and make more mistakes. With that type of pressure, Bay pulled off a 2-0 win (25-21 and 25-23) which put them in the semifinal's vs Wauwatosa East.

After a huge win over Cedarburg and exerting so much energy, Bay wasn't sure if it had enough gas in the tank to face off with a very talented Wauwatosa East team. Game one though, Bay came out and went toe to toe with their hitting and set one went all the way to 30! They ended up losing 28-30 but what a show it was! Game two Bay lost some steam and emptied the tank.

It was a great day for Whitefish Bay boys' volleyball with a 3rd place finish, the highest place they've had in 5 years.

Girls' JV Tennis ends season with perfect record and celebration

16 team wins and zero team losses!

175 individual wins and only 27 individual losses!

Those were the Blue Dukes' statistics after the girls' Junior Varsity tennis season concluded at the end of last month. Captains Sabina Lesinski and Abby Frieder led a very skilled and determined group to a flawless team record and an excellent individual match record. The players were a force to be reckoned with every time they stepped on the courts.

They look forward to training in the offseason and returning to take on the competition again next year. Way to go, Whitefish Bay!!

Chess Club Creates Casual Play and Competitive Opportunities

The Chess Club gathered for some fun games and dessert during lunch period last week. They plan on having meetings approximately every other week, and they will be announced ahead of time. Please come join the club to meet fellow chess players!

Within the club is a core group of players who compete in the North Shore Milwaukee Chess League. These students are sophomore Aidan Lal, junior Allison Sylke, freshman Grant Griggs, sophomore Luke Johnson, sophomore Simon Pollock and 7th grader Nicole DaVanti. They have played in five weekly team battles which occur online on Thursday afternoons. On October 13, the league will have its first in-person chess meet at the University School of Milwaukee. The team welcomes new players, so please contact Coach Mary at mary.davanti@wfbsschools.com if you are interested in joining!



Varsity Girls Swim & Dive Team having Historic Season

The Lady Dukes have owned the pool this season, and are racing and diving their way to one of the most historic seasons to date!

On September 22nd at Grafton High School, the first glimpse of a "changing of the guard" within the conference broke through. After over a decade of the Cedarburg Bulldogs winning the Conference Relay meet, the WFB Girls said, "no more"! Overcoming a critical DQ in one event, the Dukes used 4 event victories, and no place worse than 4th in any of the 12 relays to be the first team other than Cedarburg to win the meet! In no surprise, freshman phenom Anne Dickinson was a part of victories in all three of her races. Freshman Kate Antonelli and Gabby Blake joined her as part of two relays that also brought home the victory. While the meet was closer on paper than in the water, this was a huge testament to the strength of depth the Blue Dukes pose!

Next on September 24th, the Dukes headed up to Cedarburg for the Bulldog Invitational. In a field stacked with multiple D1 powerhouses, the Dukes didn't back down. Finishing in 5th place, the Dukes were the highest-placing D2 team, and also the highest-finishing team in the conference. Junior Ryann Wesley started the Dukes on a high note, as she finished in the points, placing 16th out of 46 divers! Senior "distance queen" Casey Stephens finished in second place in both the 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle. Most notable was the third-place finish of the 400 Free Relay team. The team of Kate Antonelli, Casey Stephens, Madeline Cleverly, and Anne Dickinson would combine to post a time only two seconds slower than WFB's State relay from 2021.

The Blue Dukes capped off their historic week with a dual against Cedarburg this past Thursday, October 6th. The Bulldogs, winners of the Conference title for the past 11 years were simply no match for the Blue Dukes. In this historic win, the Blue Dukes won every single event, a feat rare in any dual meet let alone against one of the best! Senior Ellie Lukas showed great promise posting season-best times in her individual swims, along with rising sprinter, senior Claudia Hellman. Massive improvements from sophomore Isabelle Cleverly in two new events for her has her looking like a secret weapon towards a postseason run! The team effort is one that will go down in history. However, it merely sets a tone for the great things to come in the last month of the season!



Varsity Football Team Has Tough Stretch, Continues to Battle

Dukes Fall to Suns (September 16th)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes fell to 2-3 (1-2) through five weeks as they were no match for the West Bend East Suns at Lubar Stadium. The 27-7 loss for the Blue Dukes was their third loss at home as they have yet to win a game at Lubar this season.

The Dukes D was able to force a fumble on the Suns' first possession of the game but after that it was all West Bend East. The Suns built a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter and never looked back.

The Blue Dukes were able to cut the deficit to 14-7 before the half on junior Ben Volpe's 5-yard touchdown run, but that would be the only time they'd find the endzone all night. Bay was held to 137 total yards of offense and turned it over three times. Defensively, junior safety Ryan Scarlett registered 12 total tackles, 9 of which were solo.

Owls Overpower Dukes (September 23rd)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes were overpowered by the Slinger Owls 35-7, their second straight loss which leaves them at 2-4 (1-3) on the season. It was the first road loss for the Dukes on the year. Slinger jumped out to a 7-0 lead after the first quarter and a 21-0 lead with just over 3 minutes left in the first half behind a bruising power run game. The Blue Dukes would get on the board before the half though on senior Sean Callahan's 80-yard touchdown run to make it 21-7 going into the break.

Both teams would keep each other off the scoreboard in the third quarter and the score remained the same to start the fourth quarter. The Owls would tack on 14 more points in the last two minutes of the game after executing a fake field goal for a touchdown and returning an interception for a touchdown on the Blue Dukes ensuing drive. Defensively for the Blue Dukes, junior Carter Smith led the team with 15 tackles, Callahan had 14, and Scarlett added 12.

Dukes Lose to Highlanders (September 30th)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes were beaten by the Homestead Highlanders 40-3, to drop their third straight game. The Blue Dukes are now 2-5 (1-4) on the year. Homestead jumped out to an early 7-0 lead after returning the opening kickoff to the Blue Dukes 17-yard line. The Dukes looked prime to even the score after Volpe ran a QB keep on their first play from scrimmage to the Homestead 9 for a 71-yard gain, but they had to settle for a field goal to make it 7-3. It was all Homestead the rest of the game, who benefitted from great starting field position all night.



Gaming Club has Great Turnout!

On September 23rd, the Gaming club offered student an opportunity to play games with their peers in the LMC. The gaming club gives students opportunities for fun games and to compete against other Wisconsin schools in E-Sports. All Students are invited to participate. Please contact Ms. Freeman or Mr. Yorke if interested in attending the next meeting.



Boys Soccer Team Poised for Conference Championship Game and Postseason

The Whitefish Bay boys' soccer team has had quite the season. They are currently #1 in the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Poll with a record of 13-1-3.

Here are some recent results:

- Tuesday, September 20th vs West Bend West – 5-0 victory for the Blue Dukes
- Thursday, September 22nd vs West Bend East – 10-1 victory for the Blue Dukes
- Saturday, September 24th vs New Trier (IL) – 2-2 tie
- Thursday, September 29th at Nicolet – 0-0 tie
- Saturday, October 1st vs Westosha Central – 2-1 victory for the Blue Dukes
- Monday, October 3rd at Shorewood – 1-0 victory for the Blue Dukes
- Thursday, October 6th vs Slinger – 3-1 victory for the Blue Dukes
- Friday, October 7th at Brookfield East – 0-4 loss

The team has played a very competitive schedule and now have an opportunity to win the North Shore Conference Championship on Tuesday when they travel to Homestead (8-0-0). With a conference record of 7-0-1, the boys will need to pull off the victory to win the title. After that, the team plays their annual pre-postseason match up with Marquette on Saturday, October 15th at Lubar at 3:00pm.

The postseason starts the next week and the Blue Dukes secured the #1 seed in the regional and received a bye. They will play the winner of West Bend West vs Kaukauna on Saturday, October 22nd at 7pm at Lubar.

