

WHITEFISH BAY ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER



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 4:00 - 5:45 PM.

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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Varsity Girls Basketball Team Off to Good Start on the Court and off the Court

The WFB Varsity Basketball won both games last week, defeating Hartford 63-48 on Tuesday, December 6th and West Bend West 70-64 on Friday, December 9th. The two victories improved the Blue Dukes record to 6-1 on the season, with the conference record now standing at 2-1.

In the game against Hartford, senior Cate Sullivan and sophomore Jane Wallace each had 15 points in the victory. Freshman Sage Miskel added 13 points and 5 steals. The Blue Dukes came away with a hard-fought comeback victory against West Bend West. Junior Grace Lodl led the way with 18 points and Junior Anna Reimers had 13 points.

JV 1 improved their record to 7-0 with victories this week!

Off the court the Dukes traveled to Madison last week to watch the Badgers women's basketball team take on the nationally rated Iowa Hawkeyes.



Saturday, December 10th the Blue Dukes hosted a basketball clinic for 20 of the North Suburban Special Olympic team. The girls demonstrated skills and coached the group in fun competitions. This was an incredible day of joy and energy and was memorable for all!!



BOY'S VARSITY BASKETBALL STARTS 2-1 IN THE CONFERENCE

On Friday, December 2nd the boys' varsity Basketball Team hosted North Shore Conference favorite Homestead at home. Whitefish Bay got off to a 9-2 advantage early in the game before Homestead came roaring back to take a 14-point lead midway through the 1st half. The lead was down to 7 before senior Jaden Guyton hit a buzzer beating 3 pointer just before halftime to cut the lead to 33-37 Homestead. The lead changed several times in the 2nd half with Whitefish Bay holding a 1-point lead with under 3 minutes to play but they could not hold on as Homestead pulled away to a 77-70 victory. Guyton's 49 points with three 3-pointers led all scorers and senior Wes Ziel contributed 10 2nd half points with two 3-pointers for the Blue Dukes.

The boys' varsity team traveled to Hartford on December 6th to take on the Orioles. Whitefish Bay trailed 20-25 with under 2 minutes to play in the 1st half until senior Ben Gaenslen scored back to back put back buckets to pull the Blue Dukes to within 1 at the half 24-25. In the 2nd half Whitefish Bay opened up a 13-point lead with just over 4 minutes to play before Hartford made an 11-0 run to cut the lead to 2. Senior Jack Wright hit a clutch 3 with under 2 minutes to play and scored 9 points in the 2nd half to pull out the victory 58-55. Guyton had 13 points and 7 rebounds. Wright tallied a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds and Ziel rounded out the scoring with 10 points.

Last Friday, Whitefish Bay hosted West Bend West at home in another North Shore match-up. Whitefish Bay got off to a double-digit lead in the first four minutes and led 29-19 at the half. In the 2nd half, Joah Lambrecht got the scoring started with back-to-back 3 pointers and the defense carried the Blue Dukes the rest of the way by only allowing 10 West Bend West 2nd half points. Guyton led all scorers with 14 points while senior David Ackles recorded a double-double with 10 points, 13 rebounds and 3 blocks. Sophomore George Dern and senior Joe Morello also had 6 points in the victory. The Blue Dukes play at Port Washington on December 20th and host Greenfield in a non-conference matchup on Thursday, December 22nd.



Varsity Girls Hockey Team Off to 6-2 start

Our varsity girls' co-op hockey team includes four players from Whitefish Bay: freshman Hattie Amato, sophomore Leah Twente, and seniors Eileen Carey and Lily Valimont. The team currently has a record of 6-2. Their next home game (at University School) is on January 3rd at 7:00pm vs Rock County. Make sure to head over and support the team!



Debate Team Continues to Perform Well

On Saturday November 19, we had four students debate at the Gold Meir Debate Invitational. Sam Petski ('24) and Oliver Boyden ('25) competed in Public Forum debate, where they debated the pros and cons of the United States exercising a strategy of Great Power Competition against global competitors. They picked up multiple solid wins!

Lucy Wu ('26) and James Harris ('26) also debated individually in Lincoln Douglas debate and each ended the weekend with winning records. Lucy fully qualified for the State Debate Tournament, and James received his first leg (of two) to State Debate! They debated the pros and cons of Chinese economic and environmental policy. Lucy was also the top speaker at the tournament, out of 10 varsity competitors!

Please wish each of them congratulations, and the team luck for our next tournament.

Go Blue Dukes!

Duke Pride Winners for Fall Sports Honored

The Duke Pride award winners for fall sports were honored at the Holiday Stroll on November 25th and at halftime of the basketball game on December 2nd.

The Duke Pride Award recognizes outstanding dedication and teamwork by a Whitefish Bay Varsity High School Athlete. The mission of the Duke Pride Sports Association is to promote student and community spirit in all athletic programs. As parents of student athletes, we are proud to sponsor this award.

It is intended that the recipient of this award, who has been nominated by his/her teammates and approved by the Head Coach and Activities Director, exhibits the qualities of outstanding dedication to his/her sport, is a true team player, and lives by the principles depicted in the athletic code of conduct and general school rules.

This year's recipients include:

Bryn Dresselhuys	Girl's Golf
Katy Kops	Girl's Tennis
Joe Morello	Football
Ben Gaenslen	Boys Volleyball
Zoe Behrendt	Girls Volleyball
Madeline Cleverly	Girls Swim and Dive
Maya Stevic	Girls Cross Country
Nicholas Hall	Boys Cross Country
Will Smith	Boys Soccer



Varsity Gymnastics Team Numbers Grow, Everyone Excited for Season

The Whitefish Bay Gymnastics 2022-23 Season has officially begun! A record number of athletes have made the team this year, contributing to a team full of talent. The ladies kicked off their season with a 1st time appearance at the Glenbard West Invitational in Illinois. At the December 14th home meet vs. Hartford, Ryann Wesley took 3rd on Beam and Essence Burrows took 3rd on Floor, 1st on Vault & 3rd in All Around! Keep up the great work ladies!!



Bay Gives Back Hosts Annual Blood Drive

On Wednesday, December 14th, Bay Gives Back hosted their annual Blood Drive at Whitefish Bay High School. Thank you to all students, staff, and community members who donated blood at this December's Blood Drive with Versiti. We collected 61 units of blood that will benefit 167 patients in our community. We beat our goal and helped save some lives!

Boys Hockey Team Finding Their Way

WNS Hockey kicked off the season in mid-November and have come together nicely as a team under new Head Coach Dano Schonenberg. Varsity currently sits with a 3-6 record and are looking to flip that around at the start of the new year with many conference games hitting the schedule. Come support your Whitefish Bay players at their home rink at MSOE Kern Center on:

- Jan 6 (vs Waupaca)
- Jan 13 - (vs Arrowhead)
- Jan 14 (vs Ice Force)
- Jan 21 (vs Homestead)

We'll be celebrating our Seniors at home on Saturday, Feb 4 at 6 pm vs Cedarburg. This year's Senior Class includes WFBHS Dukes Grant Bay, Hayes Drane and Nate Twente.

HOSA Hosts Guest Speaker

On Thursday, December 1st, the members of HOSA were able to meet via zoom a Neonatal and Transplant Nurse. During the meeting, the students were able to learn more about the doctor's career.



Whitefish Bay Wrestling Starts Season with Impressive Performances

The Whitefish Bay wrestling program is proud to have 35 males and females out for the team during the 2022-2023 Season. Our season started off by the Varsity boys team competing at the Nicolet Scramble on December 3rd. Place winners included freshman Ty Elver-2nd Place, senior NZ Gorham-3rd Place, sophomore Harry Bortolotti-3rd Place and senior Ari Mapes-1st Place. The team ended up in 5th place overall. This was a dramatic improvement from last year when the team placed 11th.

The following weekend the JV wrestlers competed in the Dan Gaynor Tournament at West Allis Central. Undefeated wrestlers included freshman Mike Hernandez, freshman Jackson Speed, sophomore Wyatt Moxom, sophomore Aidan Lal and sophomore Rosemary Triggs. The team placed 4th out of 24 teams.

We look forward to competing over the next couple of weeks when the Varsity team heads to Kenosha Bradford, the JV team wrestles in the JV Regional at Port Washington and our girls team heads to Wrightstown. Go Blue Dukes!



WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

12/19 - 12/22



Monday:

Holiday PJ Day!

Wednesday:

Winter Wonderland Whiteout!



Tuesday:

Channel Your Flannel!



Thursday:

Ugly Sweater!



winter Formal

Save The Date

January 28th, 2023

7:00pm - 10:00pm

At The Historic Pritzlaff Building
333 N Plankinton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Boys Swim Off to Fast Start

While the rest of the world looks to slow down over the holidays, the Boys Swim & Dive team is just getting started! After a successful first month of the season, the Blue Dukes look poised to make a run that mimics the success of our girls' swim team. While a small team of 23 boys, each member of the team brings experience that has already contributed greatly to the team's success!

The Dukes opened their competitive season as they played host to the West Bend Co-Op on November 29th. While West Bend welcomed a freshman class that puts them on the map, the Blue Dukes showed little flaw in taking care of business. Sophomore William Wang flexed his strength by posting a 200 Individual Medley time that was two seconds faster than his Sectional time from last season. Junior Finn Holdredge saw the same success, winning the 500 Freestyle in a time that was 5 seconds faster than his state performance from last season! While only winning 3 of the individual races, the Dukes would win all three relays, and use multiple 2-3-4 finishes to push past West Bend 111-74.

The Blue Dukes traveled to Nicolet on December 6th to dual the Knights. In similar fashion, the depth and talent of the Blue Dukes paved the way, winning nearly every event while swimming new races. Their potential for the season broke through when they traveled back to Nicolet on Saturday, December 3th, for the annual Nicolet Sprint Invite. In a meet which hosts numerous division 1 teams, the WFB squad finished in an impressive second-place, only behind perennial D1 powerhouse Middleton. Senior standout Jack Gunderson shined with two 3rd-place finishes, in the 100 Freestyle and 50 Breaststroke. The ever-mighty backstroke trio of Will Antonelli, Grant Anderson, and William Wang would finish 3-4-6 in the 50 backstroke, vaulting the team to their dominant performance. The depth of the program shined as the Blue Dukes would take second place in the 500 Freestyle relay, in which ten individuals all swim a 50 freestyle. The consistency and athleticism displayed by WFB leaves little reason to believe big things can happen this season!



SPECTOR SPORTS & PORTRAITS

First Annual Whitefish Bay Chest Tournament a Roaring Success

On Saturday, December 10th the Whitefish Bay Chess Club hosted a tournament run by the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation. 110 players from various schools and clubs came to WFBHS to compete. Here are the highlights:

- Whitefish Bay High School had eight players compete...six from the high school and two from the middle school! They were: junior Allison Sylke, sophomores Harry Bortolotti, Luke Johnson, Simon Pollock, Oliver Boyden, and freshman Grant Griggs. The Whitefish Bay Middle School was represented by Hugo Boyden, and Nicole DaVanti.
- There were 8 teams in our division...and Whitefish Bay finished in 2nd place!

Official results are posted online here: <https://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org/tournaments/past-results/>

Our first annual tournament couldn't have run without our student volunteers. Thank you so much to the following people for stepping up and helping with setup on Friday and concessions on Saturday: Georgia Koscielak, Lily Girzadas, Abigail Albrightson, Oliver Boyden, Raymond Rajaram, Nicole DaVanti, Rachel DaVanti, Colette Kriegel, Lily Kriegel, Avery Buchholz, Ruby Maillet, Louis Maillet, Gabriella Herpel, and Sam Petski. You all were a HUGE help!!



Rock Climbing Team Places 5th Overall at 2nd Competition.

The Whitefish Bay Climb Team had great success in their second competition of the year. On December 9th at the Walker's Point bouldering gym, 23 Wisconsin high schools faced off across 4 bouldering divisions, from D1 all the way up to D4 routes. 12 WFB climbers went head-to-head against rivals from the Kettle Moraine and Homeschool teams, seizing 5th place overall in the team category. Sophomore Emeline Koshkin took 3rd place in D1 in the initial competition and advanced to finals where they tied for second place! Way to represent!

The team is now preparing for their third competition, which will be held at Adventure Rock Milwaukee on January 13th. The style of the competition will be a combination of bouldering and top rope, and the competition will be the first of the year held at the WFB team's home gym. Let's go Dukes!



Robotics Teams Place 2nd and 5th, Dukes Advance to State

Congratulations to the teams of the very successful Robotics Club! Bay Robotics and Dukes competed on Saturday 12/17/2022 in Valders against 26 other teams with and against each other. All the games can be watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5INzSDWoVQ>.

In the qualification rounds Bay placed 2nd and Dukes 5th. Both teams were also runners up for multiple awards. In the final rounds Bay became the captain of the finalist alliance and Dukes the captain of the winning alliance, with Dukes moving on to State on 3/11. Way to go!



Finalist Alliance
WI Lakeshore FIRST Tech Challenge Qualifier
Captain: 10829
Bay Robotics

