

# 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>

### Senior Ads in Yearbook Information

Parents of senior students, if you wish to place a recognition ad in the yearbook, please do so sooner rather than later. The May 11 deadline will be here before you know it. This is a publisher's deadline not a yearbook deadline, so extensions are given rarely to never. Thank you for supporting the yearbook. Use the link to get started. [Whitefish Bay High School | Jostens](#)

### 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](#)

## Varsity Boys Basketball Team is On a Roll

The Whitefish Bay Varsity Boys Basketball Team is not only playing their best basketball of the season, but arguably as good as anyone in the state of Wisconsin. The Blue Dukes are on a six game winning streak, their longest of the season and are heading into the postseason playing their best basketball.

The winning streak started on January 28th, when the Blue Dukes traveled to Germantown to take on Oak Creek in a non-conference match-up. Whitefish Bay opened the game by hitting their first three 3-point shots and raced out to a 27-5 lead. Oak Creek closed the gap to 30-18 at half time but the Blue Dukes extended the lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half by continually breaking the Oak Creek press to go on to win 65-34. Senior Jaden Guyton led Bay with 28 points and senior David Ackles had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The streak then continued into the North Shore Conference, first on January 31<sup>st</sup> as the Blue Dukes hosted the Grafton Blackhawks. Whitefish Bay trailed early in the game and was down 15-17 when freshman Marcus Webb hit a key 3 point shot that gave the Blue Dukes the lead for good. The Blue Dukes hit 7 of 15 3-point shots in a 71-52 victory. Guyton led all scorers with 34 points with three 3 point shots, Ackles had 22 points and 7 rebounds while senior Joah Lambrecht chipped in 5 points with 4 rebounds.

Whitefish Bay followed up Tuesday's win with a 61-50 victory at Cedarburg on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Blue Dukes raced out to an early double-digit lead and led by 12 at halftime. Bay extended the lead to 17 points mid-way through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half before foul trouble hurt the Blue Dukes. Cedarburg made a run of their own and cut the lead down to 1 before senior Wes Ziel hit a key 3 point shot to put Bay back up by 4. Senior Jack Wright then hit some key free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. Guyton led Whitefish Bay with 22 points, Ziel had 15 points with two 3 point shots and 5 rebounds. Ackles contributed 10 points and 6 rebounds in the victory.

Next, the Blue Dukes had an impressive week, which earned them Journal Sentinel's Team of the Week recognition. The first beat Port Washington on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 67-57. Ziel led the team with 19 points, which was a career high for Ziel. Ackles (16), Guyton (14) and Lambrecht (10) also chipped in.

Next up, the Blue Dukes faced Nicolet, which is ranked #4 in Division 2 by the Wissports.net Boys Basketball Coaches Poll. The first half was a back and forth game, where both teams battled each other and couldn't create separation, which Nicolet taking a 26-25 lead into halftime. The first part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was the same, which both teams taking their turn in front without creating a big cushion. With around 8 minutes left, the Blue Dukes made the run that created that separation and grew the lead to 12 points and clinched the game with solid free throw shooting for an impressive 64-57 victory. Guyton had a memorable night with 42 points, which included shooting 50% from the field and 15 of 16 from the free throw line!

If you thought that victory was impressive, last night the Blue Dukes took on Greenfield, which was the 5<sup>th</sup> ranked team in Division 2 by the Wissports.net Boys Basketball Coaches Poll. This game, the Blue Dukes had control from the start. They took a 26-17 game into half and exploded for 42 points in the second half to give them another impressive victory, 68-46. Four players scored in double figures for the Blue Dukes, with Ziel leading the group with 14 points, senior Will Smith had a career high with 13 points, Ackles had 10 points and 4 blocks and senior Jack Wright chipped in with 10 points, 7 assists and 5 steals.

The team travels to West Bend East on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and hosts Slinger on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> for their Senior Night.



SPECTOR SPORTS & PORTRAITS

## Blue Dukes Hope Buzzer Beater Builds Momentum for Playoffs

The Varsity Girls Basketball team stands with a record of 13-10 with 1 game remaining in the regular season. The Dukes recently completed a stretch of 5 of 6 games on the road including games against state ranked opponents Homestead, Cedarburg and Arrowhead. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Blue Dukes had a thrilling victory over Port Washington. With the score tied at 54, freshman Sage Miskel stole the ball on the baseline with 4.4 seconds left, she immediately weaved through traffic and shot the ball just beyond half court for the game winning shot at the buzzer!

The girls then hosted Nicolet on February 10<sup>th</sup> for their Senior Night as they celebrated Maria Helf, Annmarie Murphy, and Cate Sullivan. Juniors Grace Lodl and Anna Reimers, Sophomores Sofie Castro, Megan Gruber, Itsy Smith and Jane Wallace, and Miskel make up the remainder of this hard working, energetic competitive team. The team is supported by senior managers Zoe Behrendt, Shayna Bilsky and Ann Holz. Against Nicolet, the girls made sure the Seniors left with a victory as they controlled the entire game. They built a 20 point lead at halftime and never looked back as they won 78-36. The Blue Dukes were led by Sullivan who had 21 points and 8 rebounds, Lodl had 17 points, Miskel had 13 and 7 rebounds and Wallace had 10 points.

With three games remaining, the JV team has completed an incredible undefeated season to date! Team members include sophomores Lauren O'Reagn, Kyla Sullivan, Audrey Elliot, Audyn Krueger, and Ava Ziel, as well as freshmen Elliot Burkemper, Olivia Simon, Kendall LaVoncher, Lucy Paulson, Emerson Mattke, Grace Burfeind and Olivia Valcq,

The Dukes are looking for a strong finish to the season to propel them into regional and sectional play. Come support the girls as they travel to Shorewood on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> for their 1<sup>st</sup> playoff game!



## Varsity Boys Hockey Season Concludes in Playoffs

The WNS Storm had an impressive start to their North Shore Conference play with a 4-3 win over Homestead on January 3rd and a 3-2 overtime win against Cedarburg on January 7th. The team recently celebrated the 12 Seniors on February 11th at the Kern Center. The Class of 2023 includes Whitefish Bay seniors Hayes Drane and Nate Twente. Both are wrapping up four years of great hockey and fun memories!

As the regular season concluded, WNS Hockey headed off to Arrowhead for the first round of the playoffs. It was not their night though and the teams season ended with a loss to the Warhawks. They finished with an 8-16 record. Junior Michael Adank had an impressive season as he finished with 25 points that included 9 goals and 16 assists.



## Girls Hockey Co-op Team Having Impressive Season

The girl's hockey co-op team has had an impressive season with an 18 and 5 record. The past Saturday, the team played Lakeshore Lightning on their Senior Night, where they celebrated and honored seniors Lily Valimont and Elicen Carey. The team defeated Lakeshore 6-1 and Carey had a goal and 4 assists!

Carey was also recently earned a Scholar Athlete Award and was selected as a First Team All Conference Player. Valimont was selected as a Second Team All Conference Player and was named the Hobey Baker Character Award!

The team was rewarded the #3 seed and host Lake Shore Lightning tomorrow at 7:00pm at USM. Make sure to head on out to support the team.



### Mock Trial Team Advances to State

On Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, Whitefish Bay's Mock Trial participated in the Milwaukee Regionals at the Federal Courthouse. They had three teams competing and two of those teams finished second and third in the Regional, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team moving onto the State competition! The State Competition is held at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison on March 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>.

Since its inception in 1983, the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program has brought our legal system to life for thousands of students.

Using facts and case materials developed by Wisconsin attorneys, students gain a deeper understanding of the court system as they develop their arguments and build their cases.

Students have the opportunity to:

- Analyze and prepare a case
- Present as a witness
- Argue their assigned role
- Receive input and feedback from attorneys and judges

Here are the students that will be competing at State: Bridget Spears, Genevieve Furlong, Bianca Grunbaum, Andrew Gerend, Jack McCauley, William Wang, Sydney Gleason, Mary Vandersluis, Elena Kunz, Katherine Mays, Rose Campbell and Kate Nicolet.



### HOSA Sends 17 Students to State Conference

HOSA, Future Health Professionals, had another great performance at the Regional Leadership Competition. Of the 18 students that competed at the Regional Level, 13 students qualified for competition at the state level and additional 4 students qualified as alternates.

All qualifiers are busy now preparing for the State Leadership Conference to be held on April 2 – 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all competitors.

Our State Qualifiers are:

- Ryan Scarlett, Connor Smith - Sports Medicine
- Bridget Spears, Hannah Griggs, Annmarie Murphy, Maya Stevic - EMT
- Ayusha Niraula, Aurora Persson CPR/EMT
- Bryn Gonzales - Dental Terminology
- Joseph Lee, Paige Haglund - Forensic Science
- Lucy Chen - Behavioral Health
- William Wang - Pharmacy Science
- Ty Schneider, Thomas Began, Quinn Muderlak, Ben Beres - HOSA Bowl Team

### Order Your Yearbook Now

Please don't forget to order a yearbook. We are falling behind where sales were this time last year. It's going to be another great edition, so reserve your copy today. Thank you.

<https://www.wfbschools.com/schools/high/athletics-activities/Yearbook.cfm>

### Chess Club Brings Home Another Trophy

Whitefish Bay took first place as a team in the K12 division at the recent WSCF chess tournament hosted by St. Monica School! Congratulations to sophomores Joey Swietlik, Luke Johnson, and Harry Bortolotti and seventh grader Nicole DaVanti on a strong performance. These players each won the majority of their matches and their combined score resulted in the team narrowly edging out Milwaukee School of Languages to land in first place. A huge success!!!

In other news, the club is in first place in the WSCF virtual tournament season. The team is led by sophomore Oliver Boyden, freshman Grant Griggs, eighth grader Hugo Boyden, seventh graders Junran Feng and Nicole DaVanti, and fifth grader Junhao Feng. Match play concludes in a few weeks and the team hopes to continue their momentum and receive awards at the grade level championships held at UW-Milwaukee in March!!



## Boys Ski Team and 2 Individual Girl Skiers Qualify for State

The WFBHS Ski Team has had a speedy fast season! With three out of six conference races in just one week, the Ski Team worked hard and had fun.

This year's team has 20 girls and 23 boys, with some skiers having lots of ski and racing experience and some who are racing for the first time. Regardless, everyone has a great time cheering each other and racing down the course. At each race, WFBHS enters six teams: girls varsity, boys varsity, plus JV Blue and JV Gray for girls and JV Blue and JV Gray for boys. The teams race against anywhere from two to four other area schools at each race.

This year's season started on January 9th with the first race against Waukesha, Oconomowoc and Badger, and ended this week with our final conference race on February 8th at The Rock against UBLT, USM, Catholic Memorial and Nicolet/Shorewood. The highlight of the conference season was race number three when Whitefish Bay won all four races: Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, JV Girls and JV Boys.

Currently the Boys Varsity team is in a three-way tie for tenth place (out of 22) teams, Girls Varsity is in 14th place, Boys JV Blue is in 4th place and Girls JV Blue is also in 4th place.

Four skiers have qualified to go to state as individuals by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at a race: senior Ella Novinski, junior Lydia Lim, senior Hayden Johansen, and senior Matthew Gruber. They will race at Mt. Lacrosse February 19th and 20th. The Varsity Boys team also qualified for State by being one of the top twelve in our conference. Hayden and Matthew will be joined by senior Joseph Rohlinger, junior Ryan Foley, junior Conley Bolger, junior John Egan, and freshman Jake Gerend. Go Blue Dukes!

Senior skiers pictured below: (Back Row) Joseph Rohlinger, Matthew Gruber, Hayden Johansen, John Bartschat, (Front Row) Amelia Smith, Ella Novinski, Lauren Hanson, Sira Maul, Claudia Hellman



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Robotics Team Qualifies for State Competition

Congratulations to team Bay Robotics for resilience, working hard, and at Saturday's regional competition winning the Inspire Award, which is the highest award. This is an all-around award for the portfolio, outreach into the community, robot design, innovation, control, and performance on the field. They also got 2nd place Think Award, and being in the winning alliance.

State is March 11 for both Whitefish Bay Robotics teams. You can watch it on youtube, search FTC FIRST Wisconsin



## E-Sports Having Successful Year

This week our Varsity Rocket League team improved to a 4-1 record after a 3-0 series victory on Tuesday, February 7th. Junior Luis Arroyo, freshman Truman Lazovik, and sophomore Jaden Berkhalter all played well, beating Waterford Union High School 3-2, 6-1, and 5-3 in the three games played during the best of 5 series. Berkhalter stepped up particularly this week, getting a hat trick in games 1 and 2! Next up the team plays against Waukesha West High School to solidify our second place position in our conference.

On Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, freshman Evan May, freshman Jerome Gillum, and sophomore Andrew Hellermann finished in 12th place in their Fortnite arena pool and so are now in 10th place overall in the league out of about 30 teams!

There is still space available to join a Fortnite team! We could use some extra players in case someone can't make it! Feel free to email Mr. Yorke ([nana.yorke@wfbschools.com](mailto:nana.yorke@wfbschools.com)) or visit the LMC to sign up!



## Blue Duke Boys Swim Team Making Noise in the Water

The Blue Dukes have laid claim to being one of the best in the state, and for the next few weeks, they will have every opportunity and more to prove their worth! Following their final regular season dual meet, vaulting the Boys Swim & Dive team to a 6-1 record, the Dukes traveled to Shorewood for the annual Small School State Invitational. Playing host to every D2 powerhouse, this "state-meet preview" proved there will be a nailbiter in Waukesha in a few short weeks. Finishing 3rd overall behind Shorewood and Rhinelander, the Dukes found themselves only 20 points away from winning the meet; a difference in swimming that is far too narrow to consider safe for anyone! Freshman diver Tyler Emory catapulted the team into the driver's seat with a tremendous 4th place finish, giving him promising looks at a podium finish at the state level. Versatility and depth would have all three Whitefish Bay Relays finishing in the top 5. Junior Backstroker Will Antonelli would go on to swim two season-best times, one in the 50 free, and a 4th place finish in the 100 backstroke. Senior Jack Gunderson and Finn Holdredge found themselves on the podium twice. Gunderson would take 5th in the 100 Free and an impressive second place in the 100 breast. Holdredge would match Gunderson's fifth place with one of his own in the 200 freestyle, and go on to win the 500 freestyle, posting the fastest time in the state to that point. In the end, every Whitefish Bay swimmer contributed massively, giving the Dukes a promising look at what could be at the state meet!

Shortly after, our JV Conference squad took to the waters of Cedarburg High School. A small but mighty team, five boys represented the Blue Dukes, and still competed to score an impressive 160 points! First-year diver Tome Gomez Taraud would complete his rookie campaign as champion, winning the JV Division of the Diving event! Freshman Simon Gahr would add to the win column, dropping a massive five seconds to win the 200 freestyle going away. Not to be outdone, Sophomore Dominic Cottrill would win the next individual event, the 200 IM. Going a lifetime best time by over 7 seconds, Cottrill led the race wire-to-wire, putting an emphasis on the prowess the Dukes show in the pool. Cottrill would later return for the 100 breaststroke, dropping yet another 4 seconds in the event to bring home second place. Rookie swimmers Rishon Ravin and Oliver Boyden would finish their season, hitting best times in both the 50 and 100 freestyles, and again on their relay splits! It was an impressive night for the Dukes, and more motivating to see their hard work come to fruition!

A short day later, the Varsity squad would head to Homestead for their shot at winning the Conference title. While they did close the gap by more than half their projected deficit, the D1 powerhouse Homestead took command early and didn't look back. However, the Whitefish Bay proved that they were also in a league of their own, taking second place in the meet by over 100 points over third. While the "household names" who we often hear from did their part, it was the depth of the Blue Dukes who shined. Sophomore Luke Sommer put together what of the most impressive meets possible. Dropping over 7.5 seconds in the 200 free, look moved up considerably to narrowly miss finishing on the podium in 9th place. Following that swim, which no one could quite comprehend, Sommer would drop another two seconds in the 100 freestyle, again providing big points for the team. Senior Logan Schmidt produced a wildly-fast 200 Individual Medley, dropping three seconds off his lifetime best time. In typical Logan-fashion, Schmidt dominated his 100 breaststroke heat, dropping three seconds on the season and put himself on the podium in 8th place. A swim that surprised no one, but made us all proud! Senior Brian Plemel joined in on the fun, dropping 6 seconds in his 200 freestyle, and a near impossible seventeen seconds in his 500 freestyle to contribute big points. The future looks bright, however, as numerous Freshman stepped up to build a promising future. Fischer Jakowski would go on to drop 4 seconds in his 200 Individual Medley, and a whopping three seconds in his 100 fly. Fellow freshman Finn Sprau obliterated his 200 Individual Medley with a TEN second drop, and followed suit with a 4 second drop of his 100 breaststroke.

With impressive swim after impressive swim, there's no clearer way to say these boys know what it takes to work hard and commit to what is possible. Playing host to their D2 Sectional last weekend, the Blue Dukes are ready to make a statement!



## Gymnastics Team is Hitting their Stride

The Whitefish Bay Gymnastics Team is hitting their stride in the New Year with back to back duel meet wins against Port Washington and West Bend East.

Against Port Washington on January 4th, junior Essence Burrows scored a season high 9.3 to win the Vault event. Over on Beam, the Dukes took the top 3 spots with junior Ryann Wesley taking first, senior Kate Brugman taking second and junior Olivia Ross taking third. T

he Blue Dukes had a great showing in West Bend on January 11th, with Wesley and junior Grasyn Dunsirn taking first and second on Vault, respectively. Wesley took first on Floor, followed closely by freshman Annika Leinweber who took second. Wesley also took first on Beam with her season-highest score and Brugman coming in second with her all-time personal best score.

The girls followed up those performances with an impressive showing at the Arrowhead Invitational on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and posted a season high score. The girls will travel to Port Washington on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to defend their North Shore Conference Championship! Great progress and keep up the hard work Ladies!!



## Wrestling Team Sends 7 to Sectionals

The Whitefish Bay Wrestling team had an impressive showing at the Kenosha Bradford Invite in January. Earning individual medals for the Blue Dukes were freshman Ty Elver-2nd, senior Andres Pesch-1st, sophomore David Kleiner-1st, sophomore Gus Schaub-4th, senior NZ Gorham-4th, senior Ari Mapes-2nd and sophomore Wyatt Moxom-3rd. As a team, the Blue Dukes were runners up.

The Blue Dukes competed at the WIAA Regional at Oconomowoc High School on February 11<sup>th</sup> and the team performed very well! The Blue Dukes ended up having seven wrestlers qualify for the WIAA Sectional meet, which will be held on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at Homestead.

Here are the Sectional Qualifiers:

- Andres Pesch – 113
- Gus Schaub – 132
- David Kleiner – 138
- NZ Gorham – 145
- Harrison Bortolotti – 152
- Ari Mapes – 170
- Rosemary Triggs -



## Intramural Basketball Starts Up

The Whitefish Bay Intramural Basketball club has started and over 100 students are participating! There are two leagues that students are able to play in, one on Tuesday night at the Middle School and one during lunch in the High School Field House. Teams will get five games in before the playoffs start. Good luck to all of the teams!



## FBLA Send 9 Students to State Competition

Whitefish Bay's FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, had 9 students qualify for the State Competition. The competition is April 17th and 18th in Green Bay.

Congratulations to the following FBLA students for making it to State: Nick Tichener, Mary Vandersluis, Aidan Karas, Carly Pence, Sophia Simenz, Laini Hafsoos, Connor Smith, Genevieve Furlong, and Quentin Simenz. FBLA is a new club this year and we are extremely proud of the 25 students who competed.

## Upcoming Bay Gives Back Events

**February Event - Little Library Book Collection Competition - [Click here to sign up](#)**

**When:** Variety of dates in February-June (see spreadsheet)

**Where:** Varies, but most likely Ms. Gibson's room (245)

**What:** Bay Gives Back will be creating 2 Little Libraries in laundromats in Milwaukee. We will be conducting a school-wide book collection competition and then use those books to create and maintain free little libraries so kids and families can read while they do their laundry.

**Hours:** Vary depending on how much you volunteer and what parts of the event you participate in!

*\*\*More details will come via email based on what you sign up for!*

**March Event - Invitation Delivery for the Bay Ball - [Click Here to Sign Up](#)**

**When:** Saturday, March 4th at 10am

**Where:** Meet in High School Link

**What:** Delivery of a Bay Ball invitation to every front door in Whitefish Bay. This event is a lot like our bag delivery for the food drive. We will break up into delivery teams and hand deliver a Bay Ball invitation to every front door. Pizza will be provided for volunteers.

**Hours:** Approx. 10am-1pm (3 merit award hours)

**What you need to bring:** Walking shoes and proper weather attire (also a car if you can be a driver)

*\*\*More details will come via email closer to the event!*

Whitefish Bay High School Theater Presents

## Something Rotten!



Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theater involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz.

*Something Rotten* features large song and dance numbers, and a wacky cast of over-the-top characters, each given his or her own special moment in the show to shine. Throughout its Broadway run, the musical received a show-stopping standing ovation from audiences... in the beginning of the first act! You don't want to miss this one!

Come join us for this production that will leave you rolling in the aisles!

**When:** 7:00 on March 3rd, 4th, 10th, & 11th as well as 2:00 on March 5th

**Where:** Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium

**Tickets:** \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Seniors, & \$10 for Students

**Ticket Information:** [WFBHSTHEATER.COM](http://WFBHSTHEATER.COM)

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**Can't wait to see you there!**