

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](#)

Robotics Sends 2 Teams to State

Congratulations to our two Robotics Teams!

Robotics is a year around activity. Students design robots that compete in the international FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). Students operate a model business with fundraising and community outreach while utilizing skills in programming, CAD, industrial design, and engineering to build a robot capable of performing the tasks given in the yearly FTC challenge. We compete in 2-4 yearly statewide competitions.

We are so excited to share with you:

- It is the first year the club had 2 teams making it to state: Bay and Dukes
- Bay won the 2nd place Think Award and made it to the semifinals
- The students for our Bay Team: Sid Pandovski, Ben Plum, Liam Murphy, Felix Singer, Dillon Buckley, Miles Bockhorst, and Roman Ormsby.
- The students for our Dukes Team: Rishon Ravin, Marvel Forrest, Mario Stanesco, Ethan Barry, Levi Silveira, Cameron Wong, Liam Bruch, Will Tolefsen, and Simon Verheyen
- State was held in the Resch Center at Green Bay for the first time ever, and with the leadership change of FIRST FTC Wisconsin and the group was able to navigate and managed it very well.
- State was a first for 13 of the students
- We had six amazing coaches, two of them were parents to students on the teams.
- We have two graduating seniors and we wish them all the best! We will miss them dearly and hope that they will stop by in the future. Thank you, Sid and Ben!!!!!! You will stay in our hearts forever.

Also, this past week we had a visit from Deb Andraca, who represents the 23rd district in the Wisconsin State Assembly! Her committee work includes Education and her chief of staff is a member of our school board, Sandy Salzstein.

We are so grateful for the Wisconsin Department of Public Education Robotics League Participation Grant, which is a matching grant, where team raise funds to be eligible to get a grant. Since there is a huge push for technology education, the amount each team can get is shrinking. We are very grateful for our donors, the Wong and Ravin families, General Electrics Healthcare, MSOE, Rockwell Automation, Calspan, and the support of our school. We especially want to thank here among others Jeff Worzella, Principal Amy Levek, the School Board, and the custodial staff.



HOSA Runs Fundraiser for “Be the Match”

HOSA, Future Health Professionals, under the leadership of Co-Presidents Annmarie Murphy and Ryan Scarlett hosted a doubles badminton tournament February 12-17th in the Field House. \$500 was raised through registrations and donated to "Be the Match". This was HOSA International's annual fundraiser in support of blood marrow donors.

The tournament winners were teachers Mr. Krzyzkowski and Jon Schneider, who beat out seniors Charlie Taft and Will Smith in a match that went into overtime. Thanks to all participants and a special thanks to all the PE teachers who gave up their lunch periods to assist a fun and worthwhile fundraiser.

**BADMINTON
for BE THE MATCH**

Be the Match connects patients with bone marrow donors

**Sign up by
02/10!!**

\$10 per team
Sponsored by HOSA!

**Matches during lunch
in the field house,
02/13-02/17**



Bay Gives Back collects 5,000 books

Bay Gives Back ran the Little Laundromat Library Book Drive this past month and it was a great success. It was so successful, that Bay Gives Back ended up collecting over 5,000 books! They established two Laundromat Libraries the weekend of March 4th and they are planning to maintain them for the foreseeable future.

They have received so many books that we are also looking into some other options to spread the love. Thank you to all that donated!



Whitefish Bay High School's Theater Program puts on Memorable Performances

Over the past two weekends, Whitefish Bay High School Theater's production of *Something Rotten!* has delighted audience after audience with its hilarious comedy, impressive tap dancing, professional, innovative sets, cool period costumes, catchy music, immersive lighting, and over-the-top characters. Congratulations to the cast, crew, pit, adult leaders, and parent volunteers!!! Whitefish Bay High School Theater ~ Inspiring Passion



photos by George Katsekis, Jr.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Finishes Season as Regional Champions

On Thursday, February 23rd the Whitefish Boys' basketball team hosted Slinger on senior night. Seniors Jack Wright, Wes Ziel, Will Smith, Jaden Guyton, Alex Eisenberg, David Ackles, Joah Lambrecht, Ben Gaenslen, Joe Morello and Nick Gogan were honored prior to their last regular season home game. The Blue Dukes led at halftime 23-16 and outscored Slinger 33-17 in the 2nd half to come away with a 56-33 victory. The highlight of the game was that senior manager Nick Gogan suited up for the game and drained a late three pointer that sent the crowd into a frenzy. Guyton scored 19 points with 5 rebounds and 7 assists and Ackles contributed 11 points and 7 rebounds.

The Blue Dukes started tournament play as the #2 seed and opened up vs. the #7 seed Beaver Dam in the WIAA Regional Semi-Final on Friday, March 3rd. The Blue Dukes built a 25-18 halftime lead but struggled in the 2nd half to only score 16 points. Beaver Dam closed the gap and got off a three-point shot as time expired that would have tied the game, but missed and Whitefish Bay went on to claim the victory 41-38. Ziel was the difference maker as he scored 19 points with five 3-point shots. With the victory, Whitefish Bay moved onto the Regional Final.

The Blue Dukes hosted the #3 Seed Cedarburg Bulldogs on Saturday, March 4th in the WIAA Regional Final. The Blue Dukes struggled to score early in the game and were held scoreless for the first 5 ½ minutes of the game. In the final minute of the 1st half, Whitefish Bay went on a 5-0 run to take a 26-25 lead into the locker room. The 2nd half was all Blue Dukes as Whitefish Bay outscored Cedarburg 38-30 and went on to a 64-55 victory. Guyton scored 25 points in the victory while Wright scored 17 points with four 3's. Ackles was solid inside with 8 points, 14 rebounds and 4 blocks. The Regional Championship is Whitefish Bay's 2nd in 4 years.

The Blue Dukes advanced to the Sectional semifinal game vs Nicolet on March 9th, but were unable to beat the #1 seed team.

Season at a Glance

5th in conference 10-8

15-11 Overall

Won 9 of last 11

Regional Champs

Massey ratings had WFB as a Top 5 defense in State



Girls Basketball Team Finishes with 14-11 Record

The girls, varsity basketball team recently concluded their season, finishing in the top half of the North Shore conference with a final record of 14-11. The Dukes finished strong by winning four of their last five games before dropping a 66-57 decision to Shorewood in the WIAA Regional Semi Final on February 24th. Playing a very tough schedule, which included numerous state ranked teams, the girls showed great improvement on a consistent basis. School records were broken this year, as the team beat the all-time school record for 3-point shots made in a season.

Seniors Anmarie Murphy and Maria Helf were honored as North Shore Conference Scholar Athletes and fellow senior Cate Sullivan was named the winner of the prestigious Jack Nagle award. Along with Zoe Behrendt and team manager Shayna Bilsky, the seniors were all 4-year members of the basketball program and have made incredible contributions both on and off the court. We will miss their presence!!

Players returning to build on this year's improvements include seven varsity players, juniors Grace Lodl and Anna Reimers, sophomores Sofie Castro, Megan Gruber, Itsy Smith and Jane Wallace and freshman Sage Miskel. Miskel concluded a tremendous freshman year by being named to the North Shore Conference 2nd team! Congratulations to Sage!

The JV team recorded an incredible undefeated season and at both the team and individual level showed great improvement as the season progressed. Congratulations to Coach Atoi, Coach Paula and the entire JV team on such a rare accomplishment.

At our banquet last week, players and coaches from both teams reflected positively on all of the memories and accomplishments of the past season, as well as looking to the future.



Rock Climbing Team Places 4th

The Whitefish Bay Rock Climbing seized the spotlight at their March competition at Adventure Rock Brookfield on March 13th. 17 members of the team helped the Blue Dukes take 4th place in the team category against 25 other Wisconsin high schools.

On top of this impressive performance, four Bay climbers also placed on the podium in their respective divisions, marking a new school record! Sophomore Emeline Koshkin tied for second place in D1, falling short of first place by just one point. This is Emeline's second podium placement of this year. Senior Malin Morris placed 5th in D2, narrowly missing 4th place by 10 points. Senior Lola Rigano took second place overall for D3 females, and senior Shiv Kulkarni seized first place for D3 males.

The team ended the night with their traditional post-competition celebration at Portillo's. The Climb Team is now preparing for their all-bouldering competition at Adventure Rock Walker's point on April 21st. This will be the climbers' final competition before heading to state in May. Let's go Dukes!



1st Season of Intramural Basketball Concludes with 2 Champions

The Whitefish Bay Intramural basketball leagues concluded on Friday, March 17th at lunch. The club had two leagues, one on Thursday's during lunch and another league on Tuesday nights. The club had great success in it's first season as over 100 students participated.

The Tuesday night championship game was between Team Carew and Team Wienke on March 6th at the Whitefish Bay Middle School. Team Crew took home the championship with an impressive offensive performance.

The Thursday night championship game was between Team Saulsberry and Team Moran was an all-time classic. In a highly competitive contest, Team Moran took home the championship with a 32-30 overtime victory.

Thank you to all the students who participated, we are already looking forward to running the league next school year!



Ski Team Ends Season at State with Impressive Races

JV CONFERENCE (Thursday, 2/23):

Whitefish Bay JV girls team placed 4th behind some of the fastest schools in the conference. Our overall top placing girls were senior Claudia Hellman (12th), freshman Abby Anzia (14th), senior Lauren Hanson (17th) and sophomore Alex Malaney (19th). They were joined by junior Bryn Gonzales, sophomore Kaylie Hernandez and freshman Mariner Hernandez.

The JV boys team placed 3rd overall with junior Christian Zastava taking 10th place, junior Dakota Moll taking 14th place and sophomore Luke Johnson taking 18th. They were joined by junior Jack Mascia, junior Cooper McGann, freshman Charlie Bolger and sophomore Will Bruett.

STATE TEAM (Sunday & Monday, 2/19-2/20):

The Varsity State Racers raced at Mt. Lacrosse on Sunday and Monday. It was an amazing few days!!

Out of the many racers there from all over the state, senior Hayden Johansen placed 27th overall, which is the 2nd best in Whitefish Bay boys racing history! Junior John Egan placed 59th and freshman Jake Gerend placed 73rd. These three were joined by junior Ryan Foley, senior Matthew Gruber and senior Joseph Rohlinger for the boys' team which placed 8th in Division 2 and 15th overall.

Senior Ella Novinski and junior Lydia Lim competed as individuals. Lydia placed 87th overall and Ella placed 93rd. Great job and congratulations to all!!



Jake Gerend, Matthew Gruber, John Egan, Joseph Rohlinger, Hayden Johansen, Ella Novinski, Lydia Lim and Ryan Foley.
Not Pictured (did not race due to injury): Conley Bolger



Hayden Johansen



Lydia Lim

Girls Hockey Team Just Misses out on State Tournament Berth

The girls' hockey co-op team defeated Fond Du Lac Warbirds 2-0 in the sectional semi-final on Tuesday, February 21st. Senior Eileen Carey (WFB) scored the game winning goal in the 2nd period. Senior Lily Valimont (WFB) scored an empty net goal with 26 seconds remaining.

On Saturday, February 25th, the Wildcats fell to Bay Area 3-1 in the sectional final. The girls finish their season with a 20-6-1 record.

The senior girls were well represented on the All State teams. Valimont earned a 2nd team all defense and Carey was All State 1st Team Forward. Congratulations to both girls!



Varsity Gymnastics Team Send 2 to Individual State Competition

The Whitefish Bay gymnastics team had a strong post-season run between their Conference and Sectional meets.

At the North Shore Conference Invitational, freshmen Annika Leinweber & Lydia Ferguson tied for 2nd place on JV bars. Ferguson also took 4th on JV balance beam and junior Olivia Ross took home the 4th place medal for JV vault. On the varsity side, junior Essence Burrows placed 9th on Balance Beam, while junior Ryann Wesley placed 4th on balance beam, 5th on bars and 6th all around. The JV team placed 6th with 114.15 and the Varsity team placed 5th with 131.025.

Heading into the WIAA Sectional meet on February 23rd at West Bend West High School, the varsity team knew they were capable of much more than they displayed at the North Shore Conference meet and they delivered their season-high best score of 136.65 - a full 5.625 points higher than their conference score a week prior!

Senior Kate Brugman finished her career placing 10th in varsity all around. Freshman Emma Andrews tied junior Essence Burrows for 8th place on the uneven bars. Burrows also came in 7th on vault, and earned a spot at the WIAA Individual State Tournament for her 5th place finish on the floor and her 5th place finish in all around. Junior Ryan Wesley qualified for the WIAA Individual State Tournament by placing 4th place on bars, 4th place in the all around and 2nd place on the balance beam.

At the State Tournament, Wesley took home the 3rd place medal on the balance beam with a 9.083. She also placed 11th all around, scoring 8.56 on uneven bars, 8.9 on vault and 8.983 on floor. Burrows ended her year placing 15th all around at the State Tournament, scoring 9.233 on vault, 8.6 on bars and 8.9 on balance beam.

Congratulations on a great season ladies!!

Dance Team Has Another Successful Year

In its 7th year, the dance team had another successful season! The 10-month varsity sport is jam-packed with events. In addition to their own competition season, the team performed at all home football games and Friday girls and boys basketball games. They also participated in the 4th of July parade, the Holiday Stroll, pep rallies, and other community and charity events. We hope you look for tryout information and consider being a part of the 2023-2024 team!

Varsity Boys Swim & Dive Team Places 4th at State

With all the momentum the Boys Swim and Dive team carried throughout the season, it came as no surprise to see them succeed at the WIAA Division 2 State Meet.

The WIAA State Meet can be an intimidating atmosphere, especially if you're a freshman. However, diver Tyler Emory trusted his talents, and steadily climbed the leaderboard throughout the meet. From being in 8th after the first five dives, Emory, the only freshman in the field, would go on to finish 3rd at the state meet! His season-best score was only outdone by a Senior and Junior, meaning there's great potential ahead!

On the swimming side, the Dukes flexed their depth, and continually dropped season-best and lifetime bests with every race. The nine swimmers, and Tyler, would combine to finish in 4th place as a team. This was a monumental performance, as the Dukes moved up from 10th place a season ago.

Remarkably, all 10 swimmers found their way to the podium and took home a medal. Major highlights come from the 200 and 400 Free Relays finishing in 3rd place, and the 200-medley relay finishing 4th. Junior Finn Holdredge took home a massive 2nd place in the 500 Freestyle, but also broke the school record set back in 1998! Holdredge would break the record by over 3.5 seconds!

We couldn't be prouder of the entire team, as everyone's success contributed to this historic season. While we lose many seniors, who paved the way for the future, the young talent ready to take over looks primed to keep the momentum rolling!

State Results:

Diving: Tyler Emory, 3rd Place

200 Medley Relay: (Will Antonelli, Jack Gunderson, Zoli Lauko, Grant Anderson), 4th Place

200 Freestyle: Finn Holdredge (4th Place), AJ Katch (14th Place), Ben Ernster (15th Place)

200 Individual Medley: Grant Anderson (10th Place)

50 Freestyle: Will Antonelli (16th Place)

100 Freestyle: Jack Gunderson (7th Place)

500 Freestyle: Finn Holdredge (2nd Place, School Record), AJ Katch (10th Place), Ben Ernster (11th Place)

200 Free Relay: (William Wang, Will Antonelli, Steven Camacho, Finn Holdredge), 3rd Place

100 Backstroke: Will Antonelli (4th Place), Grant Anderson (6th Place), William Wang (15th Place)

100 Breaststroke: Jack Gunderson (3rd Place)

400 Free Relay: (Finn Holdredge, William Wang, Ben Ernster, Jack Gunderson), 3rd Place

Chess Club is going to need a bigger trophy case!

Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation over-the-board tournament news:

Seven players from chess club competed in the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation tournament hosted by Maryland Avenue Montessori School in February: sophomores Harry Bortolotti, Oliver Boyden, Luke Johnson, Simon Pollock, and Joey Swietlik; eighth grader Hugo Boyden; and seventh grader Nicole DaVanti. Congratulations to these players on their stellar performance in taking home the first-place team trophy in the K12 division! They beat out 8 other teams, squeaking by the second-place team on a tiebreaker. It was a nail biter!

Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation virtual tournament news:

Also pictured are Hugo Boyden, Nicole DaVanti, and Oliver Boyden, who placed first, second, and third respectively in the individual standings of WSCF's virtual tournament season. It ran from October to early March and had over 40 players join from Milwaukee and the surrounding area. Junior Allison Sylke, freshman Grant Griggs, eighth grader Daniel Li, seventh grader Junran Feng, and fifth grader Junhao Feng rounded out the team, which placed FIRST overall in team standings!

North Shore Milwaukee Chess League end of season competition:

Eight Whitefish Bay players competed in the city championships of the North Shore Milwaukee Chess League on March 10th. Nicole DaVanti, junior Luis Arroyo, Junran Feng, Hugo Boyden, and Oliver Boyden placed in Division 1 of Varsity, taking home a seventh-place team trophy. Junhao Feng, Allison Sylke, and Grant Griggs placed in Division 2 of Varsity, also earning a seventh-place team trophy. The competition took place virtually due to the winter storm, so no pictures are available. But the team has wrapped up a very successful season in their first year of the NSMCL, and they look forward to a strong start next year!!!

The club continues to meet socially every other Thursday, and an update will be sent out soon about additional tournaments and opportunities to play more chess!



Mock Trial Goes to State

Congratulations to Mock Trial Team 2! This year, Mock Trial's Team 2 went to compete at State in Madison. After finishing second at Regionals (behind Shorewood 1 and barely ahead of Whitefish Bay 1), our Team 2 moved on to State.

Team 2

Bridget Spears

Jack Mccauley

Genevieve Furlong

Sydney Gleason

Mary Vandersluis

Elena Kunz

William Wang

Andrew Gerend

Bianca Grunbaum

Rose Campbell

Kate Mays

Kate Nicolet

The State Competition was held March 3-5 in Madison and our team performed admirably. They finished 2-2 and one of the two losses was against the eventual champion, Waukesha South. Waukesha South only lost two ballots in the tournament, and one of those was to our Team 2! I know they are excited to compete again next year!



The WFB Cheerleading Team Wraps Up their 2022-2023 Competition Season

Over the past 4 months the Cheer Team has competed at local events such as the Waukesha South Southside Showdown, Greendale iCheer Championship, Greenfield Cheer Extreme Competition, Kettle Moraine Lutheran Cheer Competition and the statewide WACPC Preliminaries Competitions.

The Cheer Team competed in the Game Day Small division, which emphasizes the various aspects of sideline cheerleading like a situational sideline of either an offensive or defensive cheer, a sideline spirit cheer, a band dance and fight song that incorporates creative dances that include stunting as well. The Cheer Dance division focuses on incorporating creative dances with advanced tumbling, expert jumps, and stunting pyramids that include elite motions and positions.

Both routines are performed by senior; Anna Olsson, junior; Morgan Govan, sophomore Delaney Dunn, and freshman Kamarrya Hemphill.

Congratulations to the Cheer Team on a great season!

Tryouts for the 2023-2024 Cheerleading team will take place in April 2023.

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 for more information. Let's Go Blue Dukes!

