

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](#). Please buy a 2023 yearbook before school ends in seven weeks! Purchase here: at www.jostensyearbooks.com or by clicking [HERE](#)

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Make sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram for up to date news and information on all teams and clubs.

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Varsity Softball Team Picking Up Wins, Already Exceeds Last Year's Total

A month into the season, the varsity Whitefish Bay softball team is showing signs that it can be a very competitive team this season. To date, the team is 4 and 3 overall and 2 and 3 in conference play. A huge boost for this success has been their team first mentality. That mentality has been led by seniors Eileen Carey, Izzy Starker and junior Grace Lodl.

Three of their wins were come from behind.

- 8 to 2 non-conference victory over Wauwatosa West
- North Shore Conference victory over Grafton 6 to 5
- North Shore Conference victory over Port Washington 29 to 19.

Tuesday, April 11th at Grafton

The Blue Dukes got down 5 to 0 after 3 innings. Bay got back into the game with 2 runs in the 4th inning.

Then in the 5th inning, Bay put 4 runs on the board to take a 6 to 5 lead. With sophomore Abby Fay pitching, Whitefish Bay shut Grafton down the final 3 innings. Fay pitched 6 solid innings recording 3 strikeouts allowing only 2 hits. Bay had several hitting stars: sophomore Kyla Sullivan led the attack with 3 hits including a double and 2 RBI. Juniors Taylor Hembel, Haley Solati and Lodl all had 2 hits and all three had doubles in the game. Senior Eileen Carey led the defense with several putouts in center field which included a game saving diving catch in the sixth inning. Sophomore Jane Wallace in left field had several nice catches to help solidify the defense.

Tuesday, April 18th at Port Washington

The Blue Dukes jumped out to a 9 to 4 lead after 1 inning with a Solati grand slam, the first of her varsity career. Bay then pushed the lead to 13 to 4 before Port Washington stormed back to take the lead 19-18 at the end of the 5th inning. In the top of the sixth inning, showing no fear, the Blue Dukes scored 11 runs to take a 29 to 19 lead.

In the final inning, junior Maddie Hartley was very sharp striking out the side to secure the win. Hembel, Fay and Hartley all made tremendous plays in the field.

Hitting stars were: Solati with 2 hits, a grand slam and 7 RBI. Sullivan with 3 hits including a grand slam, also her first career varsity homerun and 5 RBI. Junior Alex Peckey and Carey both had 2 hits, 2 RBI and a double.

Lodl collected 3 RBI and Fay scored 4 times.

The other 2 wins this year were pitched and won by sophomore Serena Shunneson who only gave up only 2 total runs in both games.

The JV team is playing well with 2 wins this season beating Grafton and Homestead. Sophomore Josie Flanagan continues to work hard pitching, notching both wins. Sophomore Oliva Robinson has made several nice catches in the outfield.

The next varsity game is Monday vs Nicolet on April 24 at Whitefish Bay. Game time is 6:15 pm.



Young Varsity Boys Tennis Team Does Well in Premier Invitational

The Whitefish Bay varsity boys' tennis team is led by juniors and sophomores (10 of our 12, with the other 2 being freshmen) The young team competed in one of the premier Wisconsin high school tennis tournaments drawing the top teams in the State and finished 12th of 32 teams on April 14th and April 15th.

The Blue Dukes had big wins over Mukwonago (5-2) and Badger Lake Geneva (4-3) and had narrow losses to Germantown and Nicolet both 3-4.

The team this week has dedicated itself to improving so they can compete for a North Shore conference title and Sectional championship. Juniors Ty Schneider and Matthew Noack led our group both going 4-1 in their individual matches over the weekend. Schneider and Noack both had statement wins over Nicolet, claiming their stake as the top singles players in the North Shore Conference. Schneider won 6-0, 6-0 at 1 singles and Noack won 7-5, 6-0 at 2 singles.

The Blue Dukes next travel to Brookfield Central on April 24th.



Varsity Boys Track Team's Season Looking Promising

The 2023 Boys Track & Field season has gotten out of the blocks to a great start. The Blue Dukes have competed well this season adding depth, over 70 athletes competing, which is the most in 5 years and bringing back key varsity experience from last year. The Dukes look to capitalize on last year's state experience with sending more kids than ever.

Team leader and captain senior Will Smith has picked right back up where he left off dropping some impressive times. One time in particular was a 49.5 in the open 400-meter on April 14th at Franklin High School where Smith was just .5 tenths away from beating the school record which stands at 49.02 held by current coach Davontae Johnson.

Sophomore Jacob Jones and newcomer, senior AJ Springer have set the tone for the distance crew putting in amazing performances this year, both winning in the mile and 800-meter appearances in some big meets this year.

Stepping out of his comfort zone has been senior Thor Gabik. Gabik has entered into the world of hurdles this year and has posted a very competitive time in the 300 low hurdles in his first race. Gabik has already run sub 45 seconds and looks to continue to improve and add more depth to the boy's team.

Sophomores Joe Lee and Wyatt Van Dyke have been impressive both running extremely well and improving weekly. These two young stars have served as double duty at times as they compete on JV and Varsity which brings the team depth. Lee has posted a PR in the 100 meters with an 11.85 and Wyatt has posted a PR in back to back weeks running 24.4 in the 200-meter race.

Junior Ryan Scarlet is jumping well as he PR in the Triple jump looking to improve and add to his state campaign. He has already jumped over 40feet and is rapidly improving. As we get into the season the Dukes are gearing up for a good North Shore Conference showing and inserting ourselves in the conversation in the North Shore.



Photo by Randee Drew

Girls Lacrosse Team Starts Off with 3 Impressive Wins

The WNS Wolfpack girls lacrosse season is underway! They are off to an amazing start with two games into it with a 2-0 record and goalie, Caro Pierri (Sr. NHS) won PLAYER OF THE WEEK! First game was played on St. Patrick's Day at the new Dominican High School Palermo Field. After the snow and ice were scrapped off, the Wolfpack needed the luck of the Irish to persevere and beat the Arrowhead White team 4-3. Freshman, Hattie Amato (WFB) scored her 1st high school goal and Chloe Bowers (Sr. WFB) scored 3! Amazing grit in the face of a blustery, cold night where even the scoreboard struggled to stay lit!

Shorewood High School's field was the site of the second win against Franklin on April 5th. While the teams did not have to shovel snow off the field, it was another blustery night for the girls! The Wolfpack came to play after a week off for spring break, winning 14-4! Bowers (WFB) scored an impressive 7 goals and Karinna Andersen (Sr, WFB) followed with 2 goals! Kasey Dulmes (So. SHS), Molly Quinn (Sr. NHS), Hannah Kimmel (Jr. NHS), Alex Malaney (So. WFB) all scored their 1st season's goals! Remy Gundert (Fr. GHS) scored her 1st high school goal!

On April 11th, the WNS girls lacrosse team experienced their first loss to USM. It was a beautiful night for lacrosse and the team played TOUGH, but USM prevailed with a 9-15 win. Bowers(WFB) led the goals with 6 and Amato (WFB), Andersen (WFB) and Ena Hines (NHS) all scored one each. The team fought hard and should be proud of their fight!

On Tuesday, April 18th the team traveled again to Homestead to win big 15-3! Andersen (WFB) and Mia McKinnis both put 2 in the net. Bowers tossed 6 into the net! Gundert (GHS) & Amato (WFB) contributed to the scoreboard one goal each. Mary Rataczyk (WFB) & Maddie Kohler (SHS) debuted their 1st goals against Homestead! Lily Valimont (WFB) came back strong from an injury and scored one to help the Wolfpack take home a win!

The next home game will be on April 27th. It is SPIRIT NIGHT and there are some exciting plans underway to show this team our Wolfpack spirit! Come to Lubar Stadium and cheer them on!!



Boys Lacrosse Team Picks Up 2 Wins as They Continue to Improve

After a slow start to the season, the WNS / Lakeshore varsity boys lacrosse team has rallied to win the two in a row.

The team opened with losses to Waukesha on March 21 and Homestead on April 6th. There were some standouts in those games. Jack Geise opened the season with a hat trick against Waukesha. Defense in the opener was anchored by great performances by junior Nick Baaken (WFB) and Odin Foster. Sophomore Ian McClaren (WFB) added a goal and senior Jake Mort (WFB) tallied 2 assists.

Their second game was played on Dominican's new turf field. The WNS defense was tested. The goalies Dylan Creegan and August Golden had their hands full but continued to battle in holding Homestead to 14 goals off of 42 shots. Mort had the team's second hat trick of the season scoring three times on only three shots. Not to be silenced, Griese and McClaren continued their scoring streaks and both added a goal. Mort tallied an assist late in the game. Homestead won this meeting 14-5.

On April 11th, Lakeshore traveled to Brookfield Central and registered their first win of the season in a tight game. Geise led the scoring and had his second hat trick of the season. McClaren, Kellen Elias and Mort also added to the score. Defensively, Foster forced a season high 7 turnovers. Goalies Creegan and Golden were tough all game and did not allow a goal for the last 10 minutes of the game to allow WNS Lakeshore to prevail 9-8.

Lakeshore hosted Hamilton on April 16th. The scoring happened early and often as three players had hat tricks including Elias (4 goals), Geise (4) and Mort (3). While McClaren did not score, he created several opportunities for the offense. Foster, Lucas Scanlan and Ty Buck shut down the Chargers and the goalie play was outstanding. WNS Lakeshore wins 12-6.

Next home game is at Dominican on April 25 against Marquette

Whitefish Bay Boys Basketball Team has 2 Players Selected for WBCA All Star Game

The Whitefish Bay Boys' Basketball Program would like to congratulate David Ackles and Jaden Guyton on being selected to play in the Division 2 Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association's All-Star Game on June 29th at Just A Game Field House in Wisconsin Dells. David is playing for the Division 2 White Team and Jaden is playing for the Division 2 Red Team.

This All-Star Event is a fundraiser and the players need to raise money for the WBCA from donations to participate in the event. The WBCA has teamed up with the MACC Fund (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer) over the years and the money raised goes to a great cause! If you or someone you know would like to contribute in our players' names, please click on the links for their player pages below. There are also opportunities for businesses to advertise on the player's page and in the game program. Please click on the Blue Donate / Create My Add Box if you wish to make an online contribution.

<https://wisbca.org/allstar-game/allstar-boys-teams.php?p=David-Ackles&id=20980&s=b&d=2&t=White>

<https://wisbca.org/allstar-game/allstar-boys-teams.php?p=Jaden-Guyton&id=21023&s=b&d=2&t=Red>

Thanks for supporting our players!



Bay Gives Back and HOSA Team Up for Blood Drive

Bay Gives Back and HOSA will be hosting its second blood drive of the year with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin on **Wednesday, May 17th from 9am-2pm in the HS Field House**. You will be excused from class during your donation unless your teacher needs you present. Please check in with a teacher during ISHP prior to donation to confirm any missing work.

16-18-year olds can participate. If you are 16 years old you will need a permission slip. See Ms. Gibson to pick one up or print out the document linked and get it signed.

Expect for the process to take between 45 minutes and an hour and make sure you have a hearty breakfast and drink lots of water the day before. Snacks and drinks are provided for all donors during and after donation. You will earn a merit award hour for next year for participating!

[You can sign up for a time that works best for you here!](#)

You can share this link with friends and family as this is a community-wide event. Any outside guests can check in through the main office upon arrival. The event will be held in the Field House.

If you are not 16 years of age, ineligible to donate or want to help out in another way **you can earn merit award hours for NEXT YEAR** by helping us out during your study hall or at ISHP/Lunch.

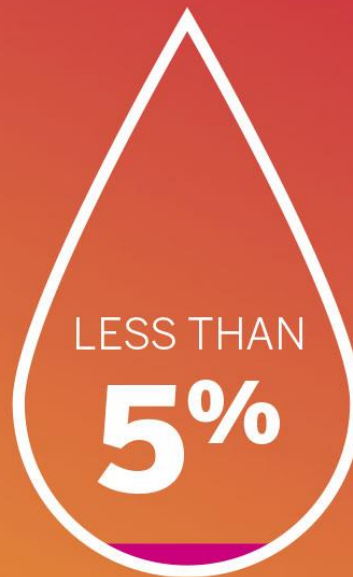
- [Volunteer on Blood Drive Day during study hall](#)
- [Volunteer prior to Blood Drive Day by helping get students signed up to donate and prepare for the event!](#)

Thank you for supporting Bay Gives Back, help us save some lives!

WHY is blood donation important?



People who are
ELIGIBLE
to donate blood



People who
ACTUALLY
donate blood



Bay Gives Back Leadership Position - Open to members of the 2025 graduating class!

Are you interested in taking on a leadership role next year at WFBHS? Do you love the idea of giving back to the greater Milwaukee community? If yes, consider applying for a Co-President role in Bay Gives Back next year.

[Click Here](#) to download the application. **Applications due Sunday, May 14th** to the Bay Gives Back email (baygivesback@wfbschools.com)

Rock Climbing Team has One More Meet Before State

The WFB Climb Team will be participating in an all-bouldering competition at 5pm on April 21st at Adventure Rock WKP. Climbers will tackle bouldering routes across 3 divisions, ranging from D1 up to D3. This will also be the Bay team's final competition before heading off to STATE on May 6th! Let's Go Dukers!

FLBA Competes at State in First Year

FBLA students competed in the state leadership conference in Green Bay on April 17-18. Students qualified for the finals in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Students competing were: Bianca Grunbaum, Sophia Simenz, Alaina Hafoos, Carly Pence, Connor Smith, and Aidan Karas.



Varsity Girls Track has Amazing Indoor Season, Poised for Great Outdoor Season

The track season has started off great, with solid meet results and lots of hard work at practice.

The varsity athletes started with a duo of meets at UW-Parkside with top performances of:

- 1st: 4x800 of Paige Haglund, Ixzel Rios, Amalia Holbrook and Lily Kriegel,
- 1st: 55 dash Lola Kolawole,
- 1st: 800 Lily Kriegel,
- 1st: 3200 Natalie Miller,
- 1st 400 Lola Kolawole,
- 1st 55 hurdles, Lily Girzadas,
- 1st 4x200 of Cherish Norah, Aniya Henning, Kate Brugman and Taylor Welsh,
- 2nd 4x400 of Martha Mitchell, Gretchen Greischar, Lily Girzadas and Taylor Welsh,
- 2nd 55 hurdles Gretchen Greischar,
- 2nd 4x400 of Martha Mitchell, Lola Kolawole, Paige Haglund and Lily Girzadas,
- 3rd: pole vault Ryann Wesley

At indoor state the team took a solid 7th place as a team, with Lola Kolawole winning the 60 dash in a meet record time, the 4x400 team of Martha Mitchell, Lola Kolawole, Paige Haglund and Lily Girzadas taking 5th and Lily Kriegel taking 7th in the 1600.

The JV team had top performances at the Slinger Invitational on April 18th with freshman Colette Kriegel taking 2nd in the high jump, the 4x200 team of senior Kate Brugman, senior Audrey Casper, freshman Gabbie Wallace and sophomore Abby Krewson taking 3rd and sophomore Magnolia Judy setting a personal record in pole vault and taking 4th place.

With Most Participants in a Long Time, Wrestling Program Has Successful Season

The Whitefish Bay Wrestling program had another outstanding season. At the beginning, the program was excited to have 35 students participating, leading to significant achievements. The team's notable accomplishments were winning 4 dual meets, 5th place in the Nicolet Knight Scramble (Varsity), 4th place in the Dan Gaynor JV Invite (JV), 3rd place in the Bradford Invitational (Varsity), 2nd place in the Dave Cohen Classic (Varsity), 7 wrestlers qualifying for Sectionals, and Rosemary Triggs (10) qualifying for the WIAA Individual Girls State tournament. After a great season, the Wrestling Program is excited to have another great season for the 2023-24 year.

Blue Dukes Varsity Boys Golf Team Places 3rd in First NSC Meet

The Whitefish Bay varsity boys golf team had their 1st North Shore Conference meet of the season on April 18th at Brown Deer Golf Course. The Blue Dukes ended up placing 3rd with a score of 156, five strokes behind 1st place and 24 strokes ahead of 4th place. Senior Jake Barry had a 37, senior Carter Schmidt had a 39, senior Johnny Guo and sophomore Mario Stanescu both shot a 40 and senior Nate Twente posted a 45.

Tower Times Wins Numerous NEWSPA Awards

Tower Times, our high school student newspaper attended the NEWSPA Awards at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Wednesday, April 19th. Below is the rundown of the awards the Tower Times won yesterday. The information is ordered by category - award recipient - and honor level.

News Story/Sports - Carly Pence - Honorable Mention

Feature Story/News-based - Carly Pence - 4th Place

Column/Humorous - Sam Petski - 2nd Place

In-Depth Reporting - Anavi Prakash - 1st Place

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Page Design Layout - Bill Lewis - 1st Place

Page Design Layout - Sophie Lozanova

Newspaper/Medium School - The Tower Times - Red Ribbon Honors.

NEWSPA, or Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association, is a collection of schools in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a mission to inspire and educate high school journalists. Each year, the conference provides sessions for students to learn more about their craft as well as interface with real-world journalists and other newspaper advisors.

HOSA has Successful State Leadership Conference, 9 Students Qualify for International Conference

Whitefish Bay HOSA participated in another fabulous State Leadership Conference on April 2 – 4th in Wisconsin Dells. 18 students qualified for State Competition, 16 students attended and 9 students qualified for the International Conference to be held in Dallas, TX in June.

Students and their qualifying competitions are as follows:

- Healthcare Issues Exam: Lucy Chen, Bryn Gonzales, Hannah Griggs, Bridget Spears, William Wang, Ryann Wesley, Ryan Scarlett
- Pharmacy Science: William Wang (Placed 3rd in State)
- Sports Medicine: Ryan Scarlett (Placed 2nd in State)
- Forensic Science: Joseph Lee, Paige Haglund (Team Placed 3rd in State)

In addition to competitions, the students attended breakout sessions in a variety of medical topics, attended the HOSA Expo to meet with educational and employment exhibitors and attended keynote session with over 1000 HOSA members from around the State of Wisconsin. In addition, Whitefish Bay HOSA earned international recognition with their \$500 charitable contribution to Be the Match, Bone Marrow Registry, which they earned through sponsoring the Bay Badminton Tournament (thanks to all of the high students and faculty that participated in the tournament). Whitefish HOSA continues its streak of International Qualification! Great job to all HOSA members.



Varsity Baseball Team Starts off Strong, Undefeated Record

The Whitefish Bay varsity baseball team is off to a 6-0 record and have outscored their opponents 83-16 and are currently the 3rd ranked team in Division 1.

Whitefish Bay vs Homestead - April 5th

The Blue Dukes started off their season with an impressive 23-5 victory over their conference rival, Homestead. Junior Ben Van Bell and junior JD Dix both led the way with 3 hits, while senior Jack Wright collected 5 RBI.

Whitefish Bay vs Racine Lutheran (Doubleheader) – April 8th

The Blue Dukes took control early and won both games of the doubleheader, 19-0 and 15-3.

Wright and junior Ben Volpe both collected 3 hits while seniors Austin Wienke and Sean Callahan each had a home run in the 1st game. In the second game, senior Jack Trettin and Volpe had 3 hits while Volpe and senior Kevin Carew had a homerun.

Whitefish Bay vs Wauwatosa East – April 10

The Blue Dukes handled the Red Raiders for a 12-1 victory. Senior Gavin Farnsworth pitched 4 innings for the win and had 4 strikeouts. The Blue Dukes had a 5 run inning in the 2nd and 3rd to take control of the game.

Whitefish Bay at West Bend West – April 12

The Blue Dukes first road game was also their most difficult game to date. The Blue Dukes found a way to get a 5-4 victory on the road. The Blue Dukes went down 2-0 in the first inning but clawed back to tie the game at 3 in the 3rd inning. They took the lead 4-3 in the fourth, but West Bend West responded and tied the game in the 6th. In the 7th, the Blue Dukes took the lead for good and closed out the game in the bottom of the 7th.

Whitefish Bay vs Hartford – April 14th

The Blue Dukes jumped out to a 4-0 lead after 2 and never looked back. Freshman Charlie McIntyre lead the team with 2 hits and Wienke connected on his 2nd homerun of the year.

The Blue Dukes travel to Port Washington tonight and host Cedarburg tomorrow at 10:00AM

Varsity Girls Soccer Team Ranked 3rd in Division 2, Starts off Season with Difficult Schedule

The Whitefish Bay girls soccer have played a very difficult schedule to start the season. That schedule included defending state champions, ranked teams in Division 1 and 3 and they are currently at 3-2-1.

The Blue Dukes got victories over conference rival Homestead, 2-0 on April 11th where the Blue Dukes scored their goals in the last 10 minutes of the game. They also notched victories over non-conference opponents, Wauwatosa West (2-0) on April 8th and Westosha Central (5-0) on April 13th.

Senior Sofia Englund leads the team with 3 goals and junior Lulu Yarbrough has 2 goals.

The Blue Dukes are up in Green Bay this weekend and return home on Tuesday, April 25th vs Hartford.