

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

We are currently looking for supervisors to work after school. We currently have the Fitness Center will be open on Wednesday from 3:45 – 5:30. Please listen for announcements for when we're able to open for additional days. Thank you for your patience.

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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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Football Team off to Good Start

Game 1: Whitefish Bay at Grafton (August 18th, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes dropped their opening game to the Grafton Black Hawks for the second consecutive season, this time with a final score of 23-7.

Grafton got on the board first after the Dukes fumbled on their opening drive, taking a 7-0 lead midway through the opening quarter. Bay would even the score at 7 with 1:31 left in the first quarter on a 30-yard rushing touchdown by junior halfback Harry Bortolotti. Bortolotti finished the game with 86 yards on 15 attempts and added 4 catches for 31 yards. That would be the only offensive drive that ended in points for the Bay offense as mental miscues and missed opportunities doomed several promising drives.

Grafton would take a 14-7 lead going into the half on a 8-yard rushing touchdown with just over 3 minutes left in the second quarter. They would tack on their remaining 9 points in the third quarter with a 23-yard passing touchdown and a 22-yard field goal.

Defensively, the Dukes D recovered two Grafton fumbles and limited the Black Hawks to 79 yards on the ground on 23 attempts. Through the air, however, the Black Hawks threw for 308 yards and two touchdowns on 19 completions. Senior linebackers Carter Smith and Ben Beckmann led the team with 7 tackles each.

Game 2: Whitefish Bay vs Wisconsin Lutheran (August 25th, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes made a statement on Friday night with a 44-7 thrashing of the Wisconsin Lutheran Vikings at Lubar Stadium. The win brings the Dukes' record to 1-1 ahead of North Shore Conference play.

It was all Dukes from the start as they marched down the field on the opening drive of the game to take an early 6-0 behind a Ben Volpe 7-yard rushing touchdown. Volpe would tack on a second rushing touchdown on the first play of the second quarter from 11 yards out to push the lead to 14.

The Dukes Offense wasn't done there as they would find the endzone two more times before the half. Ben Beckmann took a shovel pass from Volpe 26-yards through the Vikings defense for a 22-0 lead.

The Vikings would finally get on the board with just over 2 minutes left in the first half, but their celebrations would be short lived as Volpe found Axl Woods deep down the sideline for a 76-yard bomb to take a 30-7 into the break. Woods had 2 catches for 107 yards in the game.

Two more touchdowns for the Dukes in the third quarter would bring the beatdown to an end. Volpe would find Beckmann in the endzone from 7-yards out for their second connection of the game. Volpe finished the game 9 of 10 for 189 yards and 3 touchdowns for a perfect passer rating. Junior back Harry Bortolotti capped off the night with a 12-yard rushing touchdown. Bortolotti had 95 yards on 13 carries to lead a Bay rushing attack that saw 8 guys carry the ball for a combined 296 yards on the ground.

A relentless Dukes D held a lethal option rushing attack to 121 yards on 31 carries. Linebacker Carter Smith led the way with 9 tackles and safety Quinn "Gator" McCarthy added 7. Smith, Jack Sievert, and Reggie Hart each recovered a fumble.



Game 3: Whitefish Bay at Hartford (September 1st, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes dropped their North Shore Conference opener against the Hartford Orioles on Friday night, 35-21. The loss brings the Dukes' record to 1-2 on the young season.

The Orioles jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead just two minutes into the game with a 51-yard pass and catch after a quick 3-and-out from the Blue Dukes to open the game. With 41 seconds to go in the opening quarter, the Dukes were able to even things at 7 with a 5-yard touchdown run from junior Harry Bortolotti.

Hartford would add two more passing touchdowns in the second quarter to extend their lead to 14. The Dukes would respond, however, with a passing touchdown of their own as senior Ben Volpe found fellow senior Ben Beckmann over the middle for a 25-yard touchdown to make it 21-14 at the half. Volpe finished the game 11 of 20 for 104 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Beckmann hauled in 5 passes for 53 yards. The lone score in the third belonged to the Orioles as they were able to break free for a 36-yard rushing touchdown to make it 28-14 going into the final quarter, where they would add their final touchdown on a 3-yard run for a 35-14 lead.

Bortolotti found the endzone for his second of the game was just under a minute left, this time from 10 yards out. The junior back rushed for 95 yards on 20 carries to go along with his two scores.

Andrew Elliott, Nick Bakken, and Ryan Scarlett led the Dukes defense in tackles with 6 each and senior Axl Woods brought in his first career interception.

Game 4: Whitefish Bay vs West Bend West (September 8th, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes evened their North Shore Conference record at 1-1 after a 35-10 thrashing of the West Bend West Spartans on Friday night, 35-21. The Dukes are now 2-2 on the year as they seek to make it back to the playoffs.

It was all Blue Dukes from the jump as running back Harry Bortolotti took the ball 72-yards to the house on the very first play of the game for what would be his first of four rushing touchdowns on the night. The Spartans did their best to respond with an 8-minute drive, but they had to settle for a field goal from 40 yards as the Dukes D bent but didn't break.

The Blue Dukes would respond quickly with another Bortolotti touchdown run, this one from 12 yards, for a 14-3 lead after the end of one quarter. Quarterback Ben Volpe snuck into the endzone from a yard out to push the lead to 21-3 at the half. Volpe finished the game with 43 yards rushing on 7 carries.

After two more rushing touchdowns from Bortolotti the scoring would end for Bay after the third. The junior back finally eclipsed the 100-yard mark this season with 186 yards on 14 carries for an average of 13.3 yards. In total, 9 different Blue Dukes carried the ball 38 times for 331 yards in what was a vintage rushing performance at Lubar.

The Spartans would tack on a touchdown late against the Duke backups to bring the score to 35-10.

Senior Carter Smith flew around the field all night and led the Dukes D with 6 total tackles. John Dorsey, Bo Behrendt, and Quinn "Gator" McCarthy each added 5 tackles. Defensive lineman Rashi Earl and Kellen Busalacchi added two tackles for loss apiece, Brodie Gann-Dudgeon recovered a fumble, and Axl Woods hauled in his second interception.

Game 5: Whitefish Bay vs West Bend East (September 14th, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes watched the sun set in West Bend on Thursday, September 14th with a 37-29 victory over the East Suns. The win moves the Dukes to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the North Shore Conference.

There was a lesson at Buck Sweep University and Professor Rathkamp's class was in session as the Bay line of Jack Sievert, Carter Smith, Mitch Schoen, Nick Bakken, Rowan Hodges, and Bob Grano led a Duke rushing attack to the tune of 410 yards on 56 carries. The rushing total fell 4 yards shy of tying the school record set by the 2001 team against Nicolet. Junior Harry Bortolotti was the main benefactor of the great line play as he set a career high in carries, yards, and touchdowns, going off for 274 yards on 35 attempts with 5 scores.

The Dukes D set the tone early as they forced a Suns 3-and-out to start the game. The Bay offense took it from there as they marched down the field on 14 plays capped off by a Bortolotti 7-yards touchwon with 1:49 left in the opening quarter. East would tie the game at 6 on their next drive and that would be the closest they'd get all night.

Bortolotti would tack on two more scores in the second quarter as Bay held on for a 20-12 lead at the break. They would come out of the half with the ball and find the endzone again as Ben Volpe snuck it in from a yard out.

The Suns battled all night and responded with a score on the next drive to make it 26-20 with just over 3 minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Blue Dukes, like they did all night, would respond with another rushing touchdown to make it 32-20 before having arguably their best offensive and defensive series of the night.

Facing a crucial 4th and 5 around midfield, the Dukes D flushed the Suns QB out of the pocket where Volpe would come up from his safety position and make a huge tackle a yard short of the marker to essentially seal the game. Bay would then grind up more than 7 minutes of clock on a 14-play drive in which they'd convert three 4th downs before Bortolotti finished it off with his 5th and final touchdown of the night with 1:50 left in the game. The Suns would score with just seconds left in the game to bring the final score to 39-27.

Volpe finished the game 2 of 3 for 16 yards in the air in addition to 49 yards on 10 carries on the ground. Senior Ben Beckmann broke loose for a couple runs and added 69 yards on 8 rushing attempts. Junior Joseph Lee toted the rock 3 times for 18 yards for a lethal Bay offense that scored all 6 times they possessed the ball.

Cross Country Teams Showing Success Early in the Season

Early into the cross country season, senior leadership has proven imperative for the girls team. Lead by arguably the best one-two punch in the state in seniors Lily Kriegel and Freya Stratte, they opened the season with wins at Brookfield East's Grade Level Challenge and the Marshfield Columbus Invitational. Kriegel and Stratte individually finished in the top 3 at both events. At the Arrowhead Invite on September 7th, the team competed without vital runners but cheered as Kriegel won the 18-team meet by 35 seconds, covering the five kilometer course in 18:06.

The boys team has found depth in unexpected places this season, giving hope for a post-season run. Senior Miles Bockhorst and junior Oliver Sedivy had tremendous off-season improvements to help score up front for the Dukes, joining varsity veterans senior Noah Vedder and junior Jacob Jones to lead the deep roster. At the Arrowhead Invite on September 7th, freshman standout and normal varsity contributor Leander Braun won with ease a race unique to the event, the freshman boys race.

On Thursday, September 14th at Kletsch Park the Dukes did not disappoint for their only home meet of the season. The JV boys finished 4th with JV girls coming in 3rd. The varsity boys, led by senior Noah Vedder narrowly missed the victory coming up a single point short. The varsity girls earned their third win in four meets lead by an individual victory by senior Lily Kriegel. Senior Freya Stratte finished 3rd overall.



4th Ranked Varsity Girls Tennis Team with Statement Invite Victory

Ranked 4th by the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Association, the Whitefish Bay varsity girls tennis team won the Nicolet Sweet 16 on September 8th and 9th while playing against the top teams in the state. Claire Schaefer led the way at first singles, while Ella Smullen won the fourth singles flight! Every flight made it to the semi-finals or better, including: Hannah Griggs (2nd singles), Carly Pence (3rd singles), Elena Kemp and Bryn Gonzalez (1st doubles), Grace Wu and Anna Reimers (2nd doubles) and Charlotte Jelenchick and Luella Fearday (3rd doubles). The Blue Dukes play West Bend West on Tuesday, September 19th at Cahill. Head over to cheer them on!



Girls Swim & Dive Team Taking Care of Business in North Shore Conference

The swim and dive team kicked their season off with a win at the Brown Deer Invite (out of 6 teams) on August 19th. The team later saw success at the Shorewood Invite (4th of 7 teams) on September 2nd and the Nicolet Sprint Invite (2nd out of 6 teams) on September 9th. In addition to their success at invites, The Dukes have remained undefeated in dual meets with victories against West Bend Co-Op, Homestead, and Cedarburg. Up next, the Blue Dukes head to Homestead to compete in North Shore Conference Relays on September 22nd. The next home meet will be Thursday, October 5th vs Grafton.



3rd Ranked Varsity Boys Soccer Team off to Great Start

The Whitefish Bay varsity boys soccer team has kicked off their season with a 4-2-1 record. They opened their campaign vs state ranked Wauwatosa East on August 22nd and finished with a 1-1 draw. Next up was another sectional opponent Wauwatosa West on August 24th and the team took care of business with a 5-0 victory. Goals were scored by senior John Began (2), junior Jack McCauley, sophomore Jeremy Kleiner and junior Adam Tingley.

The team then traveled up to Madison to take on Madison West on August 29th. It was a hard felt battle but they fell short 2-1 for the first loss of the season. Lone goal scored by senior captain Yanis Bengana. The boys started off their 2023 North Shore Conference schedule at home vs Hartford on August 31st and came away with a 3-0 shutout. Goals by junior Chris Luce, Tingley and sophomore Tucker Drane. After that solid victory, the team had a matchup on the road with state ranked Arrowhead. After going down early the boys battled back strong in the second half but it wasn't enough as they fell 3-1. Began scored the lone goal.

The boys then hit the road again for another North Shore Conference showdown with Port Washington on September 7th. After getting an early goal in the 4th minute by Tingley, the gents poured on the goals cruising to a 7-0 shutout victory. Tingley added another goal in the second half and also had two assists. Other goals were by junior captain David Kleiner (2), Began, senior Isaac Wagner and Drane.

Last week they hosted North Shore Conference opponent Grafton on September 12th and came out victorious with a 2-0 victory with goals by Began and Tingley. On September 14th, they hosted cross town rival Shorewood and after a hard fought scoreless first half, the group put up two goals in the second for a 2-0 shutout victory. Goals by Wagner and McCauley. The third captain this season is senior defender Luke Sarnowski and the goal keeper duties have been shared by seniors Luis Arroyo and George Pencak. They have combined for 5 shutouts in the 8 games played. GO BLUE DUKES!!!



Varsity Boys Volleyball Team Excited for Second Half of Season

The Whitefish Bay boy's volleyball started off the season winning a quad at Madison West High School on August 28th by going 2-1 in match play and winning the tie-breaker! The North Shore Conference season has been tough as they continue to find their offensive rhythm. The team had a good showing at Waukesha North Invitational on September 9th, making it to quarter-finals and tying for 5th place out of 16 teams. They are looking forward to the 2nd half of the season to show their progress!



Varsity Girls Golf Team in Competition for Conference Championship

The Whitefish Bay Varsity Golf team have kicked off the season with some impressive individual and team performances so far. Leading the way has been junior Daniella Honkamp who currently leads the North Shore Conference in scoring average (per 9 holes) and senior Avery Bucholz who has shot her career best to this point of the season. Regular varsity contributors include seniors Finley Counsell, Olivia Ross, Ellie Adank and Gretchen Greischar who all contributed to the first place finish at Hidden Glen in last month's North Shore Conference meet. The team sits four points behind Slinger in the Conference standings heading into the North Shore Conference Championship meet today at Washington County Golf Course. Next week will be shortly followed by the WIAA Regional and WIAA Sectional meets as well. Good luck ladies!



Bay Gives Back Information

Bay Gives Back had its first meeting of the year last Thursday. Any students looking to get service hours should join the Bay Gives Back email list by seeing Ms. Gibson in room 245.

See descriptions and links below to sign up! If you have any questions please see Ms. Gibson in room 245 or talk to any of our student leaders (Burke Brown, Bryn Gonzales, Isaac Kang, and Connor Smith).

Kinship Food Drive

- Sign up to be on a [planning committee](#) here (Bag Prep, Advertising, Logistics, Video Promo etc.)
 - Meeting at lunch on Tuesday, September 19th in room 245
- Sign up to help with [Bag Delivery](#) (10/7)
 - Need bag runners and drivers!
- Sign up to help with [Food Collection](#) (10/14)
 - Need bag collectors, drivers, sorters and packers
- Sign up to [Wave Posters](#) on Food Collection Day (10/14) (8-10am)

Little Laundromat Libraries Restocking

- Sign up to restock books at our two little library locations in Milwaukee. Must have a car or a parent driver to sign up.
- [Click here](#) to sign up (2 hours of Merit Award allocated per drop off)

Upcoming signups to keep an eye out for via email and announcements:

- Thanksgiving Meal Drive for Cass St. School (Nov)
- Gift Drive for Windlake Academy (Nov/Dec)
- Blood Drive (Dec)

Bay Gives Back needs a cool logo! Do you like graphic design? Design a cool logo for BGB and send it to our email! We'd love to start using your design in our materials and website! See Ms. Gibson if you have any questions.

Merit Award

[Click here](#) for the Merit Award Application if you would like to print it out and start logging your hours.

Meeting Slides

Access to today's slideshow can be found here. [Kick Off Meeting Slides 2023-2024](#)

Project Proposal

If you want to propose a project for this spring [click here!](#)

Mountain Bike Club Information

The mountain biking team had a very successful home race at Minooka park on Sunday, September 10th as sophomore Tom Curran placed 4th in the High School Open Class category! The mountain bike club will continue to host regular meetings and anyone is free to stop by to learn

Theater Program Announces Season Schedule with an Ice Cream Social

The Whitefish Bay Theater department announced their 2023-24 season in the Auditorium on Friday, September 8th and then had an ice cream social to celebrate!

The Fall Play: *Radium Girls* – November 10th, 11th, and 12th

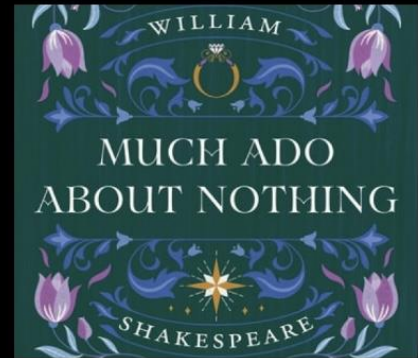
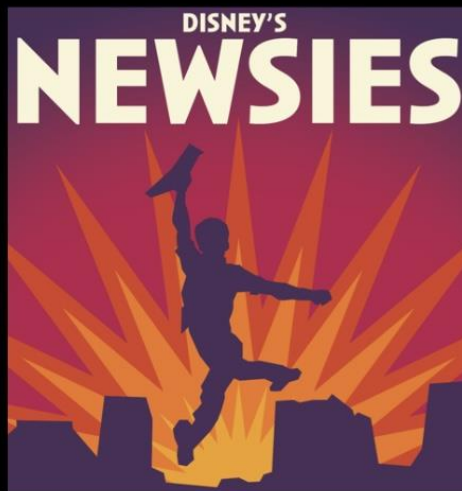
The Winter Musical: *Newsies* – March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 9th

The Spring Play: *Much Ado About Nothing* – May 17th, 18th and 19th

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German Club Goes to Germany

Whitefish Bay students Riese Doyle, Nathan Fetzer, Andrew Hellermann, Mitch Kryger, Annie Koch, Andy Kowaliczko, Gracie Lutz, Kyla Sullivan, Maya Thomure and Julian Whelan visited our partnership school, the Hölderlin Gymnasium in Heidelberg, Germany from June 12th through July 3rd this summer.

They got to experience a trip that will impact their lives in so many ways. Students lived with a German host family with a host student around their age, they attended a German high school with their host, where they got to not only see but experience German teenage life first hand.

As a group with Frau Beirold and Maestra Hill, students also experienced history come alive by visiting castles, new places and the Archive of the University of Heidelberg. Students experienced an introduction on how the government works in the European Union when they visited the Parliament of the EU in Strasbourg, France. The students made lifelong friends, memories that they will be sharing for years to come and mostly learned new things about themselves.



Varsity Girls Volleyball Team Showing Competitive Spirit

The varsity girls volleyball team has shown this season, how competitive they can be as they compete against a very difficult schedule. They are currently 2-6 on the season, with wins over Kenosha Tremper (25-10, 25-17) on August 23rd and Martin Luther (25-12, 25-23) on August 26th. In North Shore Conference play, the Blue Dukes lost to Port Washington, but were within 6 points in each set and lost to Grafton, where they won the 3rd set to force a 4th set. The Blue Dukes travel to Cedarburg on Tuesday, September 19th and then host their annual varsity invite on Saturday, September 23rd in the Field House.

JV2 Football Team Undefeated

August 31st: Freshmen Dukes ground Orioles, 34-21

The Blue Dukes clawed past the Hartford Orioles, 34-21, in the freshmen squad's first road test of the 2023-24 season on Thursday, August 31.

Whitefish Bay's run game was virtually unstoppable Thursday night as the Dukes scored five rushing touchdowns on the Hartford defense. The duo of Lateef Love and Kayden Kelly helped Bay amass over 360 yards in total offense. Love used his foot speed to score two touchdowns, while Kelly powered in another three touchdowns on the day.

Down from the get-go, the Orioles tried to get back in the game with a spread-style passing offense, but was unable to deliver consistent drives in order to catch the Dukes.

September 7th: Freshmen Dukes run past Spartans, 42-13

The Whitefish Bay freshmen football team enjoyed their first home outing of the school year Thursday night, defeating West Bend West in dominant fashion, 42-13.

The Blue Dukes hit the ground running Thursday with over 400 yards of total offense. On the opening drive, Lateef Love sprinted past the Spartans for a 57-yard score. Kayden Kelly one-upped his Bay teammate with a 79-yard touchdown, breaking numerous tackles on his way to the end zone. Love responded with another score of his own, finishing the drive with a five-yard touchdown by stretching the ball over the pylon. Quarterback Jack Lodl ended the first half with a QB sneak to put the Blue Dukes up 22-13.

In the second half, Kelly hauled in a 46-yard touchdown pass from Lodl for his second score of the day. Running back Charlie Livingston earned his first touchdown of the season late in the second half to put the game away for the Dukes.

After a shaky opening half, Whitefish Bay's defense kept West Bend West out of the end zone in the second half. Safety Mark Banks made big plays for the defense all afternoon, snatching an interception in the third quarter to keep the Dukes rolling towards a victory.

Up Next: The Blue Dukes travel to West Bend on Wednesday, September 13, to take on the West Bend East Suns.

September 13th: Dukes outshine Suns, 45-6

The Whitefish Bay freshmen football team took care of business in West Bend Wednesday night, blowing past the West Bend East Suns, 45-6.

Bay wasted no time getting on the scoreboard as running back Mark Banks ran in his first touchdown of the year on the opening drive. Freshmen soccer star Hugo Boyden lended his leg to the football team Wednesday, nailing the following extra point in his first outing.

Later in the first, Kayden Kelly showed his speed on the following series as the power back sprinted away for a 56-yard touchdown.

After another failed series by the Suns, the Dukes would go up three scores thanks to a 13 yard-touchdown by Charlie Livingston out of the wildcat formation.

Mark Banks found the end zone again before the end of the half with an impressive seven-yard touchdown.

Lightning struck twice in the second half when Kayden Kelly ran in his SECOND 56-yard touchdown of the game. Kelly would add another 22-yard score shortly thereafter.

Whitefish Bay's final score would come from Mark Banks as the speedster ran in his third touchdown of the game to secure the fourth win of the season.

Bay's defense was relentless all night in West Bend. The Dukes held the Suns to less than 100 yards of offense and preserved the shutout until the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.