

# 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!

### In Need of Fitness Center Supervisor

We are currently looking for supervisors to work after school. We currently need a supervisor from 3:45-5:30 each day. It is a paid position. Please contact Mr. Worzella if interested. Students, please listen for announcements for when we're able to open for additional days. Thank you for your patience.

### Interesting in Becoming a WIAA Official

With the current officials' shortage, there's no better time to give back to the sports you love by becoming a WIAA licensed official. Apply now, just in time for upcoming winter and spring seasons. Interested, but still have questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to [Mr. Worzella](#)

To apply, please click on this link: <https://www.wiaawi.org/News/News-Article/officiating-license-flash-sale>

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## Varsity Girls Tennis Team Qualifies for Team State and Sends 6 to Individual State

What an incredible week it has been for the Whitefish Bay Varsity Girls Tennis team! Despite a close miss in the North Shore Conference season, where they narrowly missed a conference championship, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> with an 8-1 record, the Blue Dukes refocused their efforts on Sectionals.

The WIAA Sectional took place at Mukwonago High School, on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Dukes had advanced all flights from the Sub sectionals, which took place at Whitefish Bay High School on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. What a day it was! The Blue Dukes had five sectional winners and won the sectional with an impressive 51 points, four points better than runner up Kettle Moraine and qualified for the WIAA Team State Championship, the first time since 2018. Every point counted and the girls played amazing tennis!

### 1 singles

Sophomore Clare Schaefer is making a name for herself as one of the best tennis players in the state of Wisconsin. Schaefer beat Whitnall in the quarterfinals 6-0, 6-0, Kettle Moraine in the semifinals 6-1, 6-0 and beat last year's WIAA State Singles Runner Up from Muskego, 7-6 (1), 6-1 to win the Sectional and receive an automatic bid for the Individual State Tournament!

### 2 singles

Senior Hannah Griggs also had an impressive Sectional meet, beating the 2 singles from Muskego 6-0, 6-0 and beat Kettle Moraine's #2, 6-3, 6-3 to win the Sectional and receive an automatic bid for the Individual State Tournament!

### 3 singles

Junior Carly Pence might not have known the significance of her championship match with Kettle Moraine's #3 singles player, but at the time, the winner of that match would have a big say in which team won Sectionals. As the crowd and cheers grew larger, Pence, who had lost the first set 2-6, came back and won the second set 6-2 to push the match to a 10 point tiebreaker. In an intense, hard fought tiebreaker, Pence found a way to pull out the victory 10-8 and win the Sectional.

### 4 singles

Senior Ella Smullen won the semifinal match vs Waukesha West's #4 6-2, 6-0 and advanced to play Kettle Moraine's #4. Smullen lost the first set 2-6 but came back and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> set 6-2 to push the match to a 10 point tiebreaker. Unfortunately, she lost the tiebreaker 6-10 and finished as Sectional runner-up.

### 1 doubles

Senior Bryn Gonzalez and junior Elena Kemp won their quarterfinal 6-0, 6-1 and received an automatic qualifier to the WIAA Individual State Tournament. In the semifinal vs Mukwonago's #1 doubles team, the girls won the first set 6-2, lost the second set 4-6 and lost a close tiebreaker 9-11. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match, they took care of business and won 6-0, 6-1 over Waukesha West's #1 doubles team.

### 2 doubles

Seniors Anna Reimers and Grace Wu were dominant in their bracket, beating Waukesha West's #2 doubles 6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals and had an impressive 6-3, 6-2 victory over Kettle Moraine to win the Sectional and receive an automatic bid for the Individual State Tournament!

### 3 doubles

Sophomores Charlotte Jelenchick and Luella Fearday have had an impressive season, coming into the Sectional with a 26-1 record. They were just as impressive at Sectionals, winning their semifinal match vs Muskego 6-1, 6-1 and beating Kettle Moraine 6-3, 6-1 in the final to win the Sectional. With that impressive record, they received a special qualifier to the WIAA Individual Tournament!

Schaefer, Griggs, Gonzalez, Kemp, Reimers, Wu, Jelenchick and Fearday play in the Individual State Tournament in Madison at the Nielsen Stadium on October 13-15<sup>th</sup>. The team heads back up to Madison as the #3 seed in the Team State on October 21<sup>st</sup> and will play Neenah. Make sure to head up I-94 and support our team! Go Blue Dukes!



## Varsity Girls Golf Team Qualifies for Sectionals and Send Individual to State

The Whitefish Bay Varsity Golf team finished off the season strong with two of their best team performances in recent years-- winning the North Shore Conference Tournament and qualifying through to the Sectional tournament this past week. Leading the way and finishing in the top 10 at the Regional tournament was junior Daniella Honkamp who shot an 81 and senior Avery Buccholz who carded an 87. Following her up was senior Finley Counsell who had one of her best performances in her career shooting a 95. Rounding out and contributing to the team moving on were also seniors Olivia Ross and Ellie Adank. The team performance bested North Shore rivals Homestead by several strokes to eliminate them from the WIAA tournament!

At the WIAA Sectional meet, the team performed well but fell short of qualifying for state. Seniors Avery Buccholz, Finley Counsell, Olivia Ross, Ellie Adank and Gretchen Greischar contributed to some of the best team performances in recent history including back to back Sectional appearances after having not qualified as a team for nearly a decade prior. They have left a positive legacy on the program that will be hard to replace and we will miss them greatly!

Junior standout Daniella Honkamp was able to qualify individually to state shooting a 78 and finishing second overall in a very competitive field. This is the second straight year that Daniella will be heading to Madison! She heads over to University Ridge this Sunday for her practice round and will play 36 total holes on Monday and Tuesday next week. The entire team wishes her all the best!



## Girls Varsity Volleyball with Impressive Comeback Win over Nicolet on Senior Night

October started with a bang as the girls' volleyball team took on Homestead and Nicolet, with the DSHA Tournament on the horizon. On Tuesday, the Dukes faced Homestead and, unfortunately, fell in a tough 4-set match. However, this only motivated them for what was to come later in the week. Thursday rolled around and the team celebrated their four seniors – Clare Davis, Lydia Lim, Zoe Miller, and Georgia Koscielak. After starting the match down two sets, the girls dug deep and were able to take down Nicolet in five sets. They showed perseverance, determination, and a whole lot of grit! Looking forward as the season wraps up, they will conclude conference play next Thursday with West Bend East (away). They know there is a lot of season yet to be played and are excited for the next opportunities to compete!

## Girls Varsity Cross Country Team Takes Home 1<sup>st</sup> and Boys Take Home 4<sup>th</sup>

The boys and girls cross country teams continue to train hard through the middle of the season with eyes set on championship races in the end of October. Adding to the fun and exhaustion of homecoming week the teams competed at the Bill Grieten Eagle Invite at UW-Parkside on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The JV boys finished 4th, led by juniors Anthony Agostini and Aiden Chang while the JV girls finished 5th led by junior Meg Fetterley.

In a tough field the varsity boys finished 4th, placing all five scoring runners in the top 25. Juniors Jacob Jones and Oliver Sedivy led the effort with 14th and 15th place finishes, respectively.

The varsity girls, still navigating injuries and setbacks, proved to still be a force to be reckoned with and won the meet! Scoring runners for the Blue Dukes were seniors Lily Kriegel, Freya Stratte, and Megan Curran, junior Kate Nicolet, and freshman Ella Kukuk.



## Bay Gives Back Hosting Annual Food Drive

Food Drive starts Saturday! 5,000 Red Sendiks Bags will be hitting the front door of every Whitefish Bay household on Saturday morning. Community members are encouraged to fill that bag with preferably healthy non-perishable food. Place bags back on their front doorstep (visible from the street) by 10AM on Saturday, October 14th and Bay Gives Back will pick it up! You can also drop off food at the high school field house between 10AM-2PM that day.

Students interested in still signing up to help out should click on the link below.

### [October 14th - Food Collection Sign Up](#)

- 10AM- Approx. 2PM
- Meet in the Field House

We also need help with student waving posters on October 14th in the morning to remind people of the community to put out their bag.

- Sign up to [Wave Posters](#) on Food Collection Day (10/14) (8-10am)



**BAY GIVES BACK**   
**9th Annual**  
**City-Wide Food Drive**  
**OCTOBER 7-14th**

<p><b>Bag Delivery:</b>  <b>October 7th</b>          A Sendiks bag with more information will be placed on your front door</p>	<p><b>Bag Collection Day:</b>  <b>October 14th</b>  <b>10am - 1pm</b>          WFBHS Field House Entrance          off of Marlborough Dr.</p>
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Bay Gives Back is asking everyone in the community to fill a Sendiks bag with healthy, nonperishable food items to benefit **Kinship Community Food Center**.

Please leave the bag on your doorstep, visible from the street, for us by 10am on October 14th!

Questions?  
[baygivesback@wfbsschools.com](mailto:baygivesback@wfbsschools.com) 

## Mountain Bike Team Finishes 6th

The Mountain bike team had a successful race weekend at Nordic mountain, with our team coming in 6th out of 14 total teams. Great job!

## Varsity Football Game Suffers Two Defeats, Plays at Nicolet Tonight

### Whitefish Bay vs Slinger (September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes fought hard but ultimately ran out of gas to the Slinger Owls, falling 35-21. The loss drops the Dukes' record to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the North Shore Conference with three games remaining.

Bay jumped out to an early lead after receiving the opening kickoff and marched 80 yards right down the field, with the drive ending in points when Harry Bortolotti found the endzone from 13-yards out.

The Bay D started strong and kept an explosive Slinger offense contained in the first quarter as the Blue Dukes clung to their 7-0 lead. The Owls would eventually tie it up at 7 with just over 5 minutes left in the first half, but the tie would be short-lived. On the ensuing kickoff, the Owls tried a squib kick directly to Quinn "Gator" McCarthy who turned on the jets for a 68-yard house call to put the Dukes back on top, 14-7.

Slinger would tie things up, however, just before the half and it was 14-14 going into the break.

After a quiet start to the third quarter, Slinger turned it on for 21 points within the last 4 minutes to pull away from Bay. The Owls took their first lead of the game with just under 5 minutes left in the 3rd. The Dukes would strike back quickly when Ben Volpe fired a bullet to Ryan Scarlett over the middle to tie things up at 21, but then Slinger hit right back and scored on consecutive drives to make it 35-21 before a scoreless 4th quarter for both teams.

Ben Beckmann led the Bay rushing attack with 121 yards on 7 carries, with Bortolotti adding 107 yards on his 18 attempts. Defensively, Carter Smith finished with 12 total tackles, 7 solo, and recovered a fumble.

### Whitefish Bay vs Homestead (September 29, 2023)

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes fell down early to the Homestead Highlanders on Homecoming and lost with a final score of 40-16.

The Dukes' second straight loss leaves them with a 3-4 overall record, 2-3 in conference, with just two games remaining.

It was all Homestead early as they jumped out to a 9-0 lead after the first quarter and were up 16-0 before Bay finally got on the board with 11 seconds left in the first half. A lack of discipline, however, would allow the Highlanders to still get on the board before the break with a 48-yard field goal that would make the score 19-8.

The Bay D forced a quick 3-and-out to start the second half and the Blue Dukes looked poised to make it a ballgame after driving into the redzone. But, the offense faltered out and had a field goal attempt blocked.

Another Highlander 3-and-out gave the ball right back to Bay, who would also go three plays before punting. The wheels would come off there as Homestead would need only two plays to find the endzone and break the game open.

The Highlanders scored with 7:42 remaining in the 4th quarter to go up 40-8 before Bay put a drive together on their final possession that ended with points.



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## Junior Varsity Girls Tennis Team has Outstanding Year

The girls' JV tennis team, led by captains Megan Byrnes and Ruby Maillet, had another stellar season. These players competed in the conference championship on September 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Julia Almeida  
 Elizabeth Deam  
 Caroline Kuhn  
 Kate Beres  
 Olivia Simon  
 Charlotte Meadows  
 Janie Brown  
 Katherine Conta  
 Lucy Paulson

Everyone medaled in their flights, and Whitefish Bay earned first place in five of the six flights!

- 1 singles (Julia Almeida) took first place
- Elizabeth Deam (2 singles) and Caroline Kuhn (3 singles) lost only 4 games each as they cruised through their brackets to first place finishes
- 1 doubles (Kate Beres / Olivia Simon) took third place after losing in a competitive tiebreaker in their semifinal
- 2 doubles (Charlotte Meadows / Janie Brown) took first place
- Katherine Conta and Lucy Paulson (3 doubles) pulled out a thrilling tiebreaker win in their semifinal match against a solid Homestead doubles team and then won their final to take first place

The team also relied on the following players to build an excellent record of 12 wins and 2 losses in regular season play: Anna Beck, Sophia Lozanova, Hannah Vinson, Julia Wilson, Gabriella Herpel, Francesca Pikul, Ava Tischler, Olivia Valcq, Caitlin Ross, Isabella Herpel, Ella Kukuk, Anya Prakash and Lily Weasler, along with senior captains Megan Byrnes and Ruby Maillet. Go Blue Dukes!!! Congratulations on an awesome season!!!



### **Freshman Football Team Drops Two Close Games**

#### **Dukes fall short against Owls, 29-36**

In a clash of North Shore Conference powers, the Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes battled with the Slinger Owls in a thrilling game on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Dukes struck first off shiftiness of running back Lateef Love, scoring a touchdown on the opening drive, setting the tone for an action-packed contest. Towards the end of the first half, running back Kayden Kelly showcased his speed and agility as he sprinted away for a 38-yard touchdown.

Throughout the game, both teams showcased their big play ability, with the Blue Dukes displaying a strong passing game and the Owls demonstrating a formidable rushing attack. The Blue Dukes fought back in the second half, capitalizing on a massive touchdown pass from Jack Lodl to George Frieder, narrowing the Owls' lead.

In the fourth quarter, Mark Banks carried the Dukes down the field with impressive runs, finishing in the end zone to close the gap to 8 points with less than two minutes to go. As the clock ticked down, the Blue Dukes launched a valiant comeback attempt, relying on their resilient defense to stifle the Owls' offense. However, the Owls managed to hold on, securing their victory at Lubar Stadium.

Despite the loss, the Blue Dukes displayed an incredible effort from the entire squad as many players battled on both sides for the entire game. Captains PJ Mahoney and Jack Lodl earned the unofficial game balls after the game for their leadership and effort in Thursday's contest.

#### **Dukes drop thriller against Highlanders, 41-52**

In what amounted to be a heavyweight boxing match of a football game, the Blue Dukes went blow for blow with the Homestead Highlanders on September 28<sup>th</sup>, coming up short 41-52, at Lubar Stadium.

Whitefish Bay got on the board first after a George Frieder reception set up a Lateef Love rushing touchdown. Homestead would respond with a touchdown of their own on the following drive to tie the game at 7-7. Bay went back to the air attack with impressive corner of the end zone passing touchdown from quarterback Jack Lodl to wideout George Frieder to give the Dukes the lead.

The Highlanders would unfortunately score 14 points unanswered following the Bay connection and go up 14-17. However, Kayden Kelly and the Dukes weren't down for the count yet, as the power back raced away for a 70-yard rushing touchdown to give the lead back to Bay. Homestead punched back with another scoring spree, amounting to a 21-0 run to give the Highlanders a 21-38 lead.

Despite the Highlanders' dynamic offense, Whitefish Bay would not go away quietly into that good night, clawing back with another Kayden Kelly touchdown in the second half. After another Homestead touchdown, Bay drove down the field and plunged into the end zone off a Jack Lodl QB sneak that put the game within 10 points, 35-45. Bay would finally get a stop on the Homestead offense, scooping up a fumble to keep the Dukes alive in the fourth quarter. Kelly furthered those comeback hopes with another rushing touchdown, breaking tackles all the way to six to put the game at 41-45. Unfortunately, the Highlanders would find the end zone again on the ensuing drive and ice the game at 41-52.

The short-handed Dukes fought tooth and nail all the way until the end with some impressive performances on both sides of the field.

### **Varsity Boys Volleyball Team on a 7 Match Win Streak**

The boys' varsity volleyball team is on an extraordinary run, winning seven consecutive matches and dominating the North Shore Conference. They've not only defeated their arch-rivals but also bested top teams in the state, showcasing their exceptional skill and teamwork. With a reputation as a formidable force, they now prepare to host their highly-anticipated varsity tournament on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, where they'll face even tougher competition.

As they head into the final matches of the season, the team's unwavering determination remains undiminished. Their sights are set on the playoffs, where they hope to continue their impressive streak. The community is buzzing with excitement, eager to witness this remarkable team's journey!



## Chess Club is Up and Running

Chess Club is off to a great start this year! Seniors Georgia Koscielak and Lily Girzadas are returning for another year as Student Leaders. They do such a good job with recruiting that the club needs to look for a bigger space for their meetings! Pictured is the group at their first meeting of the year.

The club is happy to announce it has contracted with the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation (WSCF) to host its 2nd annual tournament at the high school. It will take place on Saturday December 9, 2023. Last year, over a hundred players from Milwaukee and surrounding areas attended. Student and parent volunteers will be needed (no knowledge of chess required). If you would like to help, please email club advisor Mrs. Mary DaVanti at [mary.davanti@wfbsschools.com](mailto:mary.davanti@wfbsschools.com).

Chess Club has a team registered in the North Shore Milwaukee Chess League and has started weekly virtual competition. The first in-person meet is Thursday, October 12. The club will also register a team in WSCF's virtual league which is held on Sundays and begins October 15. Players are also looking forward to joining in-person tournaments on Saturdays to try to add to the club's trophy collection!

Remember, it is never too late to join chess club! Meetings are every other Thursday over lunch and are announced ahead of time. To join, all you need to do is attend one of the club meetings and sign in. You can also email Mrs. DaVanti if you can't attend the meetings. There is something for everyone at chess club, from the students who prefer just to socialize at meetings, all the way to players who want to compete in leagues and tournaments. Everyone is welcome!



## Girls Swim Team Gliding Through Season, Ready for Upcoming Invites

After a successful start to the season, the swim and dive team has maintained their success through the middle of the season. The Blue Dukes remain undefeated in dual meets, with recent wins over Grafton and Port Washington.

After taking a few weeks away from invitationals to focus on training, the team will travel Cedarburg for the Bulldog Invite on Saturday, October 7th and later the Small School State Invite at Shorewood the following weekend. The Dukes will be away vs Nicolet on Tuesday, October 10th and will celebrate Senior Night on Tuesday, October 17th while they take on Hartford/Slinger Co-Op at home.



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## Boys Soccer Team Currently Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 2

The boys' soccer team is currently excelling in both area and Division 2 rankings, sitting comfortably at 7th and 4th place, respectively. Over the course of the past few matches, they have shown their mettle by achieving a record of 3 wins, 3 draws, and 1 loss, a testament to their resilience amidst the most challenging phase of their schedule. As of now, their overall record stands at 8 wins, 5 losses, and 2 draws.

On September 19th, our boys embarked on a journey to face Cedarburg, a conference rival, and displayed a dominant performance, clinching a remarkable 5-1 victory. The goals were beautifully executed, with Captain David Kleiner netting one from the penalty spot, and additional goals coming from Tucker Drane, John Began, and a fantastic brace by Adam Tingley.

Two days later, during Senior Night at Lubar Stadium, the Blue Dukes left spectators in awe with an astonishing 11-0 victory over another conference opponent, West Bend East. Tucker Drane and Noah Bruesewitz contributed two goals each, while Owen Richards, Jack McCauley, Luke Sarnowski, John Began, and Captain David Kleiner all added to the impressive tally. It was also a memorable night for our senior goalkeepers, George Pencak and Luis Arroyo, who showcased their skills by finding the back of the net as well.

The team then faced a formidable opponent, New Trier from Illinois, on September 23rd. Despite a scoreless first half, the Tritons managed to break the deadlock, resulting in a hard-fought 1-0 loss for the Blue Dukes. However, they quickly regained their winning form on September 26th, when they returned home to face Sun Prairie East, securing a convincing 5-1 victory. Grayson Ogren, a newcomer from the JV team, stood out with a brace, and Alec Jacquart and David Kleiner also contributed with two goals.

A challenging away match against Slinger on September 28th proved to be a test of resilience. After initially falling behind 1-0, the boys swiftly equalized with a goal courtesy of Tucker Drane. Despite relentless efforts in the second half, securing additional goals proved elusive, ultimately resulting in a 1-1 draw.

With just 5 games left, all against state-ranked opponents, the group face a formidable challenge. Currently tied for first place in the conference with Homestead, they endured a late 1-0 loss against the Highlanders in a closely contested match. Subsequently, during a recent encounter against cross-town rival Nicolet, the Knights narrowly prevailed, handing our boys their second conference loss.

The Blue Dukes remain undaunted and are determined to bounce back in their upcoming clash against defending D3 State Champions, New Berlin Eisenhower, scheduled for tomorrow night at 7 pm at Lubar Stadium. The following week will see the final two games of the regular season, with the Blue Dukes traveling to face D2 ranked West Bend West and the formidable 3rd ranked MUHS at Quad Park.