

# 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!

### 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>

### 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.

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### Varsity Girls Swim & Dive team places 2<sup>nd</sup> at State

The Blue Dukes concluded an outstanding season with a triumphant victory at the WIAA Sectionals, which was held at Whitefish Bay High School on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Spearheaded by sophomore standout Anne Dickinson, who claimed top honors in both the 200 freestyle and 50 freestyle events and contributed significantly to two winning relays, the team displayed remarkable skill. Additionally, freshman Aibhlinn King secured a first-place finish in the 100 fly, further bolstering the Dukes' achievements. With victories across all three relays, the team secured spots for 8 swimmers and 2 divers at the WIAA State Championship meet. They were: Sarah Bruett, Alexis McCauley, Annika Leinweber, Maddie Smith, Anne Dickinson, Emily Dickinson, Aibhlinn King, Lila Borchardt, Kate Antonelli, Mahika Prasad

At the Division 2 WIAA State Championship meet, held at Waukesha South High School on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Blue Dukes delivered an exceptional performance, culminating in a second-place overall finish. Once again, Anne Dickinson led the charge, winning the WIAA State Championship in the 50 freestyle and securing second in the 200 freestyle. Notably, sophomore Kate Antonelli claimed fourth place in the 200 IM, while King and freshman Lila Borchardt secured fifth place in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, respectively. The Dukes continued their success in relays, securing second place in both the 200 Medley Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay, and a commendable fourth place in the 200 Freestyle Relay.





### Varsity Boys Basketball team off to Undefeated Start

The Varsity Boys Basketball Team opened their season on Tuesday, November 28th in a non-conference match up with Waukesha North. The Blue Dukes got off to a cold shooting start and trailed 8-0 early in this match-up. Bay continued to struggle with their shooting as the North lead grew to 13 midway through the 1<sup>st</sup> half but then the Blue Dukes full court pressure started to take effect as they cut the lead to four (27-23) at halftime. North continued to lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and had a 42-35 lead with six minutes left. The deficit was quickly erased with back to back threes from Jack Brodersen and Luke Sarnowski as the Blue Dukes cut the lead to one. The turning point of the game occurred when a North player received a technical foul and Marcus Webb hit four consecutive free throws to give Bay the lead for good. The Blue Dukes sealed the win with 15 free throws in the final two minutes. Marcus Webb led the way for the Blue Dukes with 20 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists. George Dern also had 18 points and 4 rebounds.

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes opened North Shore Conference play last Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Hartford. It was a back and forth affair in the first half with several lead changes as the Bay led 27-25 at the half. Charlie Clark sparked the Blue Dukes in the 1<sup>st</sup> half with a clutch 3 on his way to seven points for the game. The Blue Dukes were down four late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but they came roaring back to finally take the lead for good with four late Luke Paulson baskets. Whitefish Bay went on to win 61-57. Luke Paulson led the Blue Dukes with 17 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Marcus Webb had 12 points, George Dern chipped in 10 points and Jack Brodersen had 5 points, 5 rebounds and 4 steals.

Whitefish Bay continued North Shore Conference play Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with a home game versus the Port Washington Pirates. The Blue Dukes got off to another slow start offensively and trailed 25-27 at the half. Full court defensive pressure by Bay took over in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and wore down Port Washington. 14 steals led to easy baskets as the Blue Dukes outscored the Pirates 32-17 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and won 55-44. Marcus Webb led Bay with 29 points and 3 three point shots. George Dern had 14 points and was 10/12 from the free throw line. Luke Paulson also chipped in 8 points in the victory.





## Wrestling Program Starts Strong

The wrestling season is finally upon us. The Whitefish Bay wrestling season started their dual meet season with a road trip to Greendale on November 29th. They took on Greendale/Whitnall coop team, Beloit Turner and Wisconsin Lutheran. Going undefeated at the quad was Harry Bortolotti, Cole Silverman and Rowan Hodges on Varsity. Davi Garcia, Kaden Kelly and Tatum Tesch went undefeated on JV.

On Saturday, December 2nd, the Varsity boys wrestling team traveled to Nicolet for the Nicolet Scramble. Wyatt Moxom (165 pounds) led the Blue Dukes with a 4-1 record and finished in 2nd place. Other place winners included Harry Bortolotti (175), Cole Silverman (190), David Kleiner (132), Aidan Lal (144). The team finished in six place out of 13 teams.

Blue Dukes JV will kick off their tournament season this week when they travel to West Allis for the Dan Gaynor Invite. The girls will also be in action when they travel to Brillion on Friday to take on 28 other high school teams. Go Blue Dukes!



## Debate Team's First Few Tournaments a Success

The Whitefish Bay Debate team kicked off their season with an impressive display of skill and intellect. In the Lincoln-Douglas debates, discussions centered around whether the United States should guarantee the right to housing, while in Public Forum debates, the focus was on the substantial increase of the U.S. federal government's military presence in the Arctic.

During our inaugural tournament hosted by La Crosse Central High School, Simra Jamal, a sophomore, showcased remarkable skill, securing a 2nd place overall in her division and earning recognition as the 3rd place speaker. Following this success, at the Ronald Reagan Invitation Tournament in October, Lucy Wu emerged undefeated, clinching 1st place overall and also claiming the prestigious title of 1st place speaker.



## Yearbook Information

Please purchase a yearbook this week. We are lagging behind last year's sales, and pre-sales allow the yearbook to pay its publishing bills. Thank you!

Seniors, upload to Jostens your yearbook photo by January 7, or better yet, do it this week so you don't forget to do it over the holiday break. The upload link is on the [WFBHS website](#) with the rest of the yearbook info.



## Varsity Girls Basketball Team Handles Tough Schedule with 4-2 Record

The girls' varsity basketball team has been embracing challenges against some of the toughest teams in the state, consistently rising to the occasion. During Thanksgiving week, the Blue Dukes secured a remarkable victory at home against the reigning WIAA state champions, the Kettle Moraine Lasers, triumphing in a hard-fought battle with a final score of 69-59. Notably, Rowan Counsell, Maddy Volpe, and Grace Lodl all delivered double-figure scores..

Following the break, the Dukes ventured into the fiercely competitive Chick Fil-A tournament at Kettle Moraine High School, where they faced the formidable New Berlin Eisenhower Vikings. In a thrilling match, the girls clinched an impressive 68-66 win, emphasizing balanced scoring contributions from Lodl, Counsell, Sage Miskel, Sofie Castro, Megan Gruber, and Jane Wallace, each contributing between 7 and 11 points. The game reached a tie with just 0.01 seconds remaining when senior Anna Reimers calmly sunk two crucial free throws, securing the victory.

Unfortunately, the Dukes experienced their first defeat in a hard-fought battle against the formidable Muskego Warriors the following day, concluding with a narrow 59-56 loss. Despite the team's tenacity and a close half-court attempt at the buzzer, the victory eluded them. Counsell led the charge with 16 points, supported by Miskel's contribution of 12 points.

Their commendable 4-2 start against top-tier competition resulted in the Dukes achieving a significant milestone—their first State Division 2 ranking since 2019, landing them at an impressive #8 spot. This recognition marks a pivotal moment for the program, highlighting their resurgence on the state scene.



Photo by Ryan Cassas

## Bay Robotics Dominates in Madison Competition

On Saturday 11/18/2023, our varsity robotics team Bay Robotics, comprised of Liam Murphy, Miles Bockhorst, Mario Stanescu, Dillon Buckley, Felix Singer, and Liam Bruch, competed at the Phoenix Fury Qualifier competition in Madison, WI, the first of the season. Lead by drivers Mario, Miles, and Dillon, and software lead Felix, the team finished in first place after the qualification matches, won the championship round, and won the Inspire Award (the top achievement that rewards teams who place high in all award categories). In doing so, they qualified for the state competition twice over. Right now, Bay is ranked 11th place out of 500 teams who have played. The state competition is in early March, and our two junior varsity robotics teams will begin competing this December. Good luck at state, Go Bay!



## HOSA and Bay Gives Back Hosting Blood Drive

Do you like free food? Do you like Culvers? HOSA and Bay Gives Back are partnering to host this winter's blood drive on Wednesday, December 13th in the Field House and all participants will get coupons for free Culvers! All students are encouraged to participate by either donating blood or volunteering to help sign up donors or work the event. An email was sent out via Bay Gives Back if you want to learn more about how to get involved and earn merit award hours. If you want to donate blood, you must be 16 years of age and can sign up in the link below or see Ms. Gibson in room 245! Help us save some lives this holiday season!

[https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/260099](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/260099)



### Music Department Showcased Student's Talents at Community Conversation

On November 16-18, the Whitefish Bay School District hosted a "Community Conversation" to discuss the future of our schools. Families, community members, school board members, administrators, teachers, and students collaborated to outline our areas of strength. One recurring theme throughout the event was the many benefits of Bay's strong performing arts department. Our community understands that students who enroll in classes like band, orchestra, and choir stand out in the eyes of employers and college admission personnel for highly sought-after transferable skills. Such skills include: teamwork, communication, perseverance, discipline, inclusivity, mentorship, and creativity.

With that in mind, the Whitefish Bay School Board asked music students to perform over two evenings to showcase our programs. Several of our soloists and chamber ensembles (small groups) took advantage of the opportunity, including: Daniel Li, Lucy Wu, Joy Zhao, Collin Runnoe, Oliver Runnoe, Georgia Mitchell and Hugh Mitchell (orchestra); Cantorei (vocal jazz ensemble); and Jazz II (instrumental jazz ensemble).

If you're interested in getting involved in performing music --whether you have experience or not-- please feel free to reach out to our music faculty. Every student belongs here!

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### Varsity Girls Co-op Hockey Team 4-1 to Start Season

The USM Girls Hockey Co-op opened the conference season with a 2-0 victory over Fond Du Lac Warbirds on Friday. Leah Twente, Hattie Amato, Caroline Olson, and Dylan Zamzow represent Whitefish Bay on the co-op team. They have helped the Wildcats to a 4-1 start this season.

This weekend, the Wildcats host their invitational tournament at USM. They play Hayward today at 7:00pm at USM. Hope to see you there.



### Gymnastics Team Takes on West Bend West in 1<sup>st</sup> Dual of the Season

The Whitefish Bay gymnastics team kicked off the 2023-24 season in full swing during our first dual meet against West Bend West on Tuesday night. In an exciting display of talent, Megan Curan, Emma Andrews, and Ellie Olsen showcased their skills, securing a collective tie for 2nd place in the JV Vault event. Meanwhile, Grasynd Dunsirn and Maddie Smith shone on the Floor, claiming 1st and 2nd place respectively in the JV event.

The team's prowess extended to the Varsity level, with Dunsirn securing a remarkable 2nd place on the Vault, closely followed by Lydia Ferguson in a commendable 3rd place. Essence Burrows delivered a strong performance, clinching 3rd place finishes on both Bars and Floor, while Ryann Wesley made an impressive start to her season with a 2nd place finish on Beam.

Anticipation is high as the team gears up for another thrilling meet slated for December 12<sup>th</sup> at Homestead, building upon this promising start to the season.





## WNS Shows Resilient Performances as Season Begins

WNS Strom has commenced the 2023-2024 season with a 1-4 record, navigating through early challenges and striving for a stronger footing. In our inaugural Classic 8 matchup, the team encountered a 9-1 defeat, salvaging a lone goal courtesy of senior Michael Adank's determined effort.

During the Thanksgiving weekend, WNS engaged in three intense games in Sheboygan, facing a mixed bag of outcomes. The team faced setbacks in the initial two clashes against Waupaca (resulting in a 5-3 loss) and Sheboygan (ending in a close 4-3 loss). Noteworthy performances emerged, including assists by Mitch Kryger and Connor Burke in the Waupaca match. Against Sheboygan, Adank demonstrated exceptional resilience, netting two short-handed goals and contributing an assist despite the loss. Wrapping up the weekend, WNS bounced back with a commanding 7-3 victory against Green Bay United, where Adank and Kryger each secured a goal and an assist, while Burke contributed with a goal and two assists.

However, in the team's subsequent Classic 8 matchup against KMMO (Kettle Moraine/Mukwonago/Oconomowoc), WNS faced a tough 5-0 defeat, highlighting areas for improvement. Looking ahead, our next challenge awaits on December 8th at the MSOE Kern Center against Milton, as the team aims to regroup and refocus for an upcoming opportunity to reclaim momentum.

