

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>

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Blue Duke Dance Team Wins Invite

The Blue Duke Dancers made history with a 1st place win in the D2 Hip Hop category at the Pewaukee Pirate Invitational on December 16th. Their hard work paid off, marking a significant milestone for the team.

In a highly contested competition, Whitefish Bay emerged victorious, securing the top spot by a margin of four points over the 2nd place, South Milwaukee. West Bend West, who previously outperformed Whitefish Bay at the Ashwaubenon Invite on December 2nd, with a 6th place finish while Whitefish Bay landed on the 13th spot, had to settle for 3rd place in this showdown.

What makes this achievement even more remarkable is the impressive improvement showcased by the Whitefish Bay. The Blue Dukes having scored 297.1 at the Ashwaubenon Invite, remarkably surged to a formidable 329.5 at the Pewaukee Pursuit, demonstrating a commendable growth and competitive spirit.

The Blue Duke Dancers, comprising a talented roster, showcased their improvement with each member contributing to this victory: Evie Svehla, Alannah Kelly, Mary Block, Shristi Kunwar, Riese Doyle, Meng Zhou (Yaya Taylor), Genesis Buckner, Erielle Miranda, Clara Hinz, Chochagai Quirk, Ayusha Niraula, and Sneha Joshi

Their dedication and improvement secured their first invitational win in over five years, marking a bright moment for the Blue Duke Dance program! Congratulations on a job well done!



Boys Basketball Team Responds to 1st Loss with 3 Wins

The Whitefish Bay Boys Basketball Team visited Grafton on Friday, December 8th for a North Shore Conference match up with the Blackhawks. Grafton connected on their first three 3 pointers and Whitefish Bay never got on track as they shot poorly for the game going 7 of 30 from three-point land. Grafton led 44-28 at the half and went on to win 79-46. Junior George Dern led the Blue Dukes with 14 points and 3 three pointers followed by freshman Colin Julien who had 8 points and 2 three pointers.

Next up, Whitefish Bay hosted the Bulldogs from Cedarburg in North Shore Conference play on Tuesday, December 12th. The Bulldogs led by as much as 9 in the first half but a late Blue Dukes rally put Bay up 3 at half 26-23. Julien and sophomore Marcus Webb took over in the 2nd half as they teamed up for 3 consecutive steals to put Bay up double digits half way through the 2nd half and they never looked back. Whitefish Bay sealed the game from the free throw line as they went 23-28 on the night. The final score 62-51. Webb had 21 points, 4 assists and was 10-10 from the free throw line. Dern contributed 14 points and 3 three pointers and Julien added 11 points, 5 assists and 6 steals in the victory.

It was a wild first half at West Bend East on Friday, December 15th as neither team could miss in the first half. Bay shot 60% from the field in the first half and WBE connected on 5 three-point shots. Whitefish Bay pulled ahead in the 2nd half from a 35-35 half time score thanks to outstanding defense and Dern's 6 three pointers made on the night. Dern finished with 28 points in the 74-58 victory. Webb had 23 points and 5 assists with senior Luke Paulson adding 12 points in the victory.

The Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes found a way to pull out a big victory vs. Slinger on Tuesday night at home. It was a back-and-forth affair in the 1st half with several lead changes and Bay found themselves down 3 at the end of the 1st half 23-20. In the 2nd half, Slinger extended the lead to 7 before the Blue Dukes' full court pressure caused several turnovers leading to easy baskets. With under 3 minutes remaining, Whitefish Bay was down 3 when junior Emory Robbins came off of the bench to bury back to back 3's to give Bay the lead 48-45. Junior Ethan Waldron then hit 2 clutch free throws as Slinger cut the lead to 1 and Whitefish Bay held on to win 50-47 after Slinger missed a last second three. Eight Blue Dukes scored in the Whitefish Bay victory and Bay tallied 11 steals. Here are the scoring totals from the victory: Paulson 9; Dern 9; freshman Jack Brodersen 8; Webb 7; Robbins 6; Julien 4; Waldron 4; junior Luke Sarnowski 3.



State Ranked Girls Basketball Team off to Fantastic Start

The Girls Basketball team has improved their season record to 8-2 and currently stand in second place in the North Shore Conference. The Dukes have accomplished this while taking on one of the toughest schedules in the state.

After a loss to state power Hartford, the girls traveled to Port Washington on December 5th and bounced back to defeat the Pirates 55-41. Senior Grace Lodl led the way with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Returning home on Friday December 8th, the Dukes won a hard fought battle with undefeated Grafton 58-47. Freshman Rowan Counsell had 17 points and junior Megan Gruber added 9 points and 8 rebounds.

Hitting the road again for a match up with always powerful Cedarburg, the Dukes came away with a 51-44 victory on December 12th. Lodl again led the way with 18 points and sophomore Sage Miskel added 15. The Dukes then extended their winning streak to 4 games defeating cross town rival WFB Dominican 51-48 in a tough battle on December 16th. Counsell led the way with 21 points.

The Dukes traveled to Slinger on December 19th to take on the Owls in a conference match up. A relentless full court press and a quick paced offense led to an 83-62 victory. Impressively, 5 girls scored in double figures, Counsell put up 22, Gruber, Lodl and Miskel all added 11, and freshman Maddy Volpe chipped in 10.

Standing at 8-2, the girls have moved up to be rated 10th in state for WIAA Division 2 schools. Way to go!!

The JV team remains undefeated at 8-0. The girls have had an incredible season as well!



Bay Gives Back Holds Blood Drive and Gift Drive

Congratulations to all involved in last week's Blood Drive. Bay Gives Back and HOSA are proud to announce that we met our goal and collected 55 units of blood that will go on to help the lives of over 150 local people. The next drive is in May, so stay tuned for another opportunity to save some lives!

On Wednesday, December 20th, Bay Gives Back had it's 9th Annual Gift Drive Sponsorship benefitting Seeds of Health Elementary School

- 156 WFB families sponsored 282 students by purchasing individualized holiday gifts for each student in grades K4-6th grade
- 34 WFBHS students then hand delivered the gifts and spent the afternoon with the students as part of our annual tradition continued relationship with the school and its students.



Varsity Wrestling Team has Success at Prestigious Invite and Duals

The Blue Duke wrestling team wrapped up the 2023 year by going to the Ed Stech Tournament at West Allis Central on December 15th and 16th, followed by dual meets against West Bend East and Cedarburg.

The Ed Stech Tournament had 24 teams from Wisconsin and Illinois. Getting on the podium were senior Essence Burrows (1st), junior Rosemary Triggs, (2nd), junior Harrison Bortolotti (2nd), junior David Kleiner (6th) and junior Wyatt Moxom (6th).

On Wednesday, December 20th, the team battled through sickness and injury to lose a close one to West Bend East and won in dominating fashion against Cedarburg. Wrestlers who went 2-0 were sophomore Ty Elver (113), junior Aidan Lal (144), Moxom (165), Bortolotti (175) and senior Cole Silverman (190). We resume competition on Thursday, January 4th when we head to Homestead. Go Blue Dukes!



Whitefish Bay Robotics Continues to Impress

This year robotics grew to three teams!!! The team, 3rd gear had their first competition ever together with the Dukes on December 16th. Bay did compete the week before and was selected by team Gearheads as their partner. Together they scored the 2nd highest score in the world and that score is still in the top ten today. Their alliance won the competition and Bay is qualified for state. Congratulations!!!!

The competitions can be watched on youtube @FIRST WI FTC

Robot Assisted Surgery: We would like to invite all students to join us for an event on Wednesday, January 10th, at 8pm to hear about robot assisted surgery by a surgeon. Please RSVP at outreach@bayrobotics.org if you like to come.

Varsity Boys Hockey Team Secures 1st Classic Eight Conference Win over Marquette

WNS finished the week on a high note beating Marquette 4-3 in a Classic 8 Conference matchup for our first Classic 8 victory on December 16th at the Kern Center. The team battled back from a 3-1 deficit after the first period to take the lead 4-3 in the 3rd period. Senior Michael Adank added a goal to bring his season total to five!

Earlier in the week, WNS lost a close matchup with Stoughton 5-3. Junior Ian McLaren scored a short-handed goal to cut the Vikings lead in half with an assist from Adank, however the Storm were unable to complete the comeback. WNS also lost 8-0 on the road to West Bend in another Classic 8 game.

Two big games this week at the MSOE Kern Center, 12/22 8:00pm against Waukesha and 12/23 2:00pm against Sheboygan.



Varsity Girls Coop Team Responds Well after Loss to Hayward

The Wildcats lost the opening game at the USM Invitational on Friday, December 8th against Hayward 4-2. Senior Eleanor Langenfeld scored one of the goals and assisted on the other goal. In Saturday's consolation game, the Wildcats won a hard fought 1-0 victory. Freshman Zoe Adelman scored the game's only goal with an assist by senior captain Charlotte Fetherston. Junior Leia Schaefer recorded her first varsity shutout by stopping all of Arrowhead's 30 shots on goal.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats won a 6-3 victory over the Fox Cities Stars. Senior captain Charlotte Fetherston and Sophomore Delia Narrai both recorded hat tricks for the co-op. The Wildcats end the first half with a 6-2 record and they are 2-0 in conference play. They head to Minnesota on Dec 26th to compete in the Herb Brooks Classic.

Concert Season at Whitefish Bay High School Impressive as Always

The HS Band, Choir and Orchestras all had fantastic Concerts over the last week. The Orchestra Concert took place on Tuesday, December 12th, The Band Performed their Concert on Thursday, December 14th and the Choir Finished the Holiday Concert Season on Tuesday, December 19th. The performing groups also showcased their talents for the entire Middle School and HS Student body last Friday at the Fine Arts Assembly.



Whitefish Bay Debate has an Incredible December

Whitefish Bay Debate had an outstanding December. Lincoln-Douglas competitors debated if the United States ought to prohibit the extraction of fossil fuels from federal public lands and waters. Public Forum competitors debated if the United States federal government should forgive all federal student loan debt.

At the Lancer Invitational Tournament at Brookfield Central, sophomore Malina Troicki won third place in JV Lincoln-Douglas, and sophomore Lucy Wu went undefeated, winning first place! Troicki also won third place speaker and Wu won second place speaker.

At the Middleton Cardinal Kerfuffle Debate Tournament, Whitefish Bay dominated in JV Public Forum debate. Sophomores Anne Dickinson & Ella Hoagland went undefeated, winning first place. Hoagland was awarded first place speaker.



Chess Club's 2nd Annual Chess Tournament a Success

The second annual WFBHS chess tournament is in the books, and final results have been posted! See link here: <https://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/20231209-WFB-Final.pdf>

We wanted to highlight and congratulate the following 14 students within our district who played in the tournament:

WFBHS students:

Hugo Boyden (freshman, K12 division) (finished with a plus score, and placed in top 10 of his division!)

Cameron Ghaferi (freshman, K12 division)

Jack Newbold (freshman, K12 division)

WFBMS students:

Charlie Bruett (6th grader, K7 division) (finished with a plus score!)

Nicole DaVanti (8th grader, K12 division)

Rachel DaVanti (8th grader, K12 division)

Oliver Pape (6th grader, K7 division)

Richards students:

Layla Adar (3rd grader, K3 division)

Penny Haworth (3rd grader, K3 division) (finished with a plus score, and placed in top 10 of her division!)

James Henning (3rd grader, K3 division)

Will Henning (kindergartener, K3 division)

Henry McKenzie (3rd grader, K3 division)

Deklin Riley (3rd grader, K3 division)

Donovan Riley (1st grader, K3 division)

The Richards students also brought home a 2nd place team trophy in the K3 division – wow! This is really exciting!! We had 119 players in our tournament, which was 9 more than we had last year, and had players from 20 different schools. We received very positive written feedback from players' parents regarding the logistics of our tournament. **Thank you so much to the following people who volunteered their time to make it a successful and fun event:**

- Setup the night before (85 chess boards, concessions supplies, trophy display): **Hugo Boyden, Rachel DaVanti, Nicole DaVanti, Caleb Geigler, Cameron Ghaferi, Roman Grunbaum, Cade Johnson, Georgia Koscielak, Finn Wilsing**
- Registration of players: **Sally Beres, Maggie Newbold, Megan Paulson, Amy Qvester**
- Scoring table: **Lily Girzadas, Maggie Newbold, Drew Pape**
- Chess Control table: **Colin Olson, Allison Sylke**
- Tournament Directors on playing floor: **Eric Adar, Eric Olson, Alex Tarra, Matt Wood**
- Concessions at tournament, and cleanup at end: **Rachel Adar & Kathy Vlcek (your breakfast sandwiches were amazing!), Shiloh Adar, Nicole DaVanti, Rachel DaVanti, Roman Grunbaum, Cade Johnson, George Judy, Colin Julien, Maggie Newbold, Mary Pape, Amy Qvester**

We are so grateful to the WFB chess community for your support of our annual tournament. I am already looking forward to next year's! Happy Holidays everyone!



Varsity Boys Swim Season off to Fast Start

The 2023/2024 swim season has been off to a great (and fast!) start. The varsity team has already won two dual meets, finished 3rd at the Nicolet Sprint Invite on December 2nd, and just finished 4th at the Conference Relays meet on December 19th.

We have been really satisfied with how all of the guys have been progressing - a testament to the hard work they've been putting in in the pool. We are looking forward to more fast swims this year! Come cheer us on at our next home meet against Grafton on January 11th.

