

# 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*

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## Boys Swim & Dive Team Win Sectionals, Place 3<sup>rd</sup> at State, Bring Home 2 State Titles

With all the momentum the boys swim & dive team carried throughout the season, it came as no surprise to see the team finish strong at the WIAA Division 2 Sectional and WIAA State Meet.

The WIAA Sectional took place on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Whitefish Bay High School. After finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North Shore Conference the week before, the team was determined to finish on top in their home pool. Sophomore Tyler Emory started the meet off strong with a sectional victory in diving with an impressive 330.05 points, 43 points better than his 2<sup>nd</sup> place competitor.

On the swimming side, the boys took that momentum and carried it to their performance. The group of senior Will Antonelli, sophomore Owen Nedostup, sophomore Steven Camacho and senior Finn Holdredge won the 1<sup>st</sup> swim of the meet, the 200 Yard Medley Relay. The Blue Dukes didn't stop there and let their depth and talent carry them at the sectional meet. Here were the podium finishes for the Blue Dukes

- Diving: Tyler Emory – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 200 Medley Relay – Antonelli, Nedostup, Camacho, Holdredge – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 200 Freestyle – Holdredge – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 200 IM – Daniel Li – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 50 Freestyle – Camacho – 1<sup>st</sup>, Antonelli – 4<sup>th</sup>, William Wang – 5<sup>th</sup>
- 100 Freestyle – Wang – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Camacho – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luke Sommer – 4<sup>th</sup>
- 500 Freestyle – Holdredge – 1<sup>st</sup>, AJ Katch – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 200 Freestyle Relay – 1<sup>st</sup> – Wang, Sommer, Katch, Camacho
- 100 Backstroke – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Antonelli
- 100 Breaststroke – Nedostup – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Finian Sprau – 4<sup>th</sup>
- 400 Freestyle Relay – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wang, Katch, Antonelli, Holdredge

The Blue Dukes won the WIAA Sectional meet with an impressive 394 points, 73 points better than second place Shorewood.



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The Blue Dukes took that momentum to the Division 2 WIAA State Meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Waukesha South High School. To qualify for the state meet, the swimmer/diver must have a top 16 time in the state. Out of 18 sectional entries, the Blue Dukes had 14 entries qualify for the state meet! Good things were on the horizon!

Emory started things off again in diving, scoring an impressive 374.4 points and winning the WIAA State Title!

The Blue Dukes would go home with another state champion that night as Holdredge, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> last year, won the 500 Yard Freestyle with a time of 4:31.42!

Here are the rest of the podium finishes for Whitefish Bay:

- Diving – Emory – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 200 Yard Medley Relay – Antonelli, Nedostup, Camacho, Holdrege – 4<sup>th</sup>
- 200 Yard Freestyle – Holdredge – 4<sup>th</sup>
- 500 Yard Freestyle – Holdredge – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – Wang, Sommer, Katch, Camacho – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 100 Yard Backstroke – Antonelli – 4<sup>th</sup>
- 400 Yard Freestyle – Wang, Katch, Antonelli, Holdredge – 5<sup>th</sup>

The Blue Dukes would finish with an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at State, only 21 points behind second place, Rhinelander. Congratulations on a great season!



## Bay Robotics Win State, Qualify for Worlds, 1<sup>st</sup> Time in School History

The first season with three robotics teams was very successful. DUKES Robotics and our new team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear were very competitive in the regional qualifying events. Bay Robotics competed at the FTC State Championship on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the MSOE Kern Center.

The first time in school history, the Bay Robotics team won State and qualified for Worlds in Houston, which takes place on April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup>. Bay Robotics is one of two teams from the state of Wisconsin that qualified, which includes teams from 67 countries. The members of the Bay Robotics team are: Miles Bockhorst, Dillon Buckley, Felix Singer, Mario Stanescu, Liam Bruch, and Liam Murphy.

In addition to their success on the competition floor, the group also were strong advocates off the floor. On February 6, Liam Murphy, Dillon Buckley, Mario Stanescu, and Nick Bernet participated in the FIRST® WI State Advocacy Day with many other Wisconsin robotics teams. The event, held at the State Capital, was to meet with State legislators and advocate for FIRST® Robotics and STEM education. The group met with our State Senator Dan Knodl and State Representative Deb Andraca. The event was a great opportunity to convey the importance of FIRST® Robotics and for the State to continue supporting it via the DPI grant along with other efforts.



## Gymnastics Team Make Great Strides to Qualify for State

The Whitefish Bay gymnastics team was looking for their breakthrough performance all year long. The group went to the North Shore Conference meet on February 17<sup>th</sup> at West Bend East High School. The girls would end up finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place, with a score of 125.625. In a week, the Blue Dukes would face conference foes, Nicolet, West Bend East, and West Bend West, who all beat them at conference in the WIAA Sectional meet. To qualify for team state, the girls would need to jump two of those teams to qualify.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Memorial Gym at Whitefish Bay High School, the girls would not be denied. As the meet began, the team started off well, scoring 34 points on Vault, which included a 9.2 from senior Essence Burrows, an 8.55 from senior Ryann Wesley and an 8.15 from sophomore Lydia Ferguson. Next, they transitioned to floor, where they scored a 35.35. Burrows led the way with a 9.1, sophomore Anika Leinweber scored an 8.95 and Wesley added an 8.725.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation brought them to Bars, where they scored 31.125. Wesley led the way with an 8.175, Burrows had a 7.85 and sophomore Emma Andrews had a 7.75. Heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> rotation, the Blue Dukes were a few points ahead of Nicolet in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. As the top two teams at Sectionals qualify for State, all the pressure was on the girls. They did not disappoint! On Beam, they had no falls, and had an impressive 34.025. All five girls: senior Liv Ross, Leinweber, Wesley, Burrows and senior Gillian Faber all finished with scores about 8.0. Faber would lead the group with an 8.65.

The Blue Dukes ended up scoring a 134.5, an impressive 8.875 points greater than their score at conference! They finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and qualified for WIAA Team State. The Blue Dukes also had the following girls qualify for individual state:

- Vault: Burrows (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Bars: Wesley (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Beam: Faber (5<sup>th</sup>), Wesley (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Floor: Burrows (5<sup>th</sup>)
- All Around: Burrows, Wesley



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The Whitefish Bay gymnastics team was a very confident group heading to the Division 2 WIAA State Tournament on March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wisconsin Rapids High School. The girls had already made an impressive jump in points in the previous week and were excited to compete against the best at state.

The girls would not disappoint as they improved their score again, improving by 2.1832 points, finishing with a season high point total of 136.6832, and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the WIAA Team State Championship. They also would beat West Bend West for the first time this season, and avenged the sectional loss the week before!

At the Division WIAA Individual State Meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the girls finished their season with another impressive display, here are the results

- Vault: Burrows (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Bars: Wesley (11<sup>th</sup>)
- Beam: Faber (26<sup>th</sup>)
- Floor: Burrows (27<sup>th</sup>)
- All-Around: Wesley (11<sup>th</sup>), Burrows (16<sup>th</sup>)



## Bay Gives Back Holds Dress Campaign and Participates in National Reach Out and Read Day

Bay Gives Back partnered with Dress Campaign Inc. and collected over 75 formal dresses for students in need. This partnership was also spotlighted in the news, here is the link: ([WISN 12](#)).

Bay Gives Back also volunteered on National Reach out and Read Day (Dr. Seuss Day) at Cass St. Elementary School on Monday, March 4th. Students spent the morning reading with students and doing literacy activities.



## Math Team Competes in North Shore Conference Math Meet

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Whitefish Bay's Math Team competed in the North Shore Conference Math Meet hosted at Grafton High School.

Top performers for the varsity team were senior Tessie Helf and freshman Hugo Boyden, both scoring 16 points - a team high for varsity. Varsity team members were Tessie Helf, Annie Koch, Liam Murphy, Rishon Ravin, Oliver Boyden, Matilde Fritz-Gomez, Hugo Boyden, and Paul Kim.

Junior varsity was led by sophomore Ella Hoagland, who scored a team high 16 points on the JV competition. JV participants were Ella Hoagland, Julia Almeida, Eadlyn Posard, Marlowe Rathburn, Jake Bilsky, Emma Miller, and Annie Dickinson.

The varsity team placed in 5th and the JV team placed in 6th in the conference. Congratulations to everyone who competed this year!

## Girls Basketball Wraps up Successful and Record Setting Season

The Girls Varsity Basketball team wrapped up the season with a Regional final loss in a hard fought game against Pius on Feb.24th. Despite the loss, the season was incredibly successful and included many team and individual records being set. The Varsity team finished with a record of 20-6 reaching the 20 win mark for only the 5th time in school history. The girls played an exceptionally competitive schedule and rose to the occasion going 8-2 in tough non-conference games. A record of 12-4 was good for 3rd place in the North Shore Conference, with all 4 losses coming to state ranked rivals Homestead and Hartford. This group was characterized by incredible connection, energy and effort that led to competitive and spirited practices that carried over to the games as well.

The team consisted of seniors Grace Lodl and Anna Reimers, juniors Sofie Castro, Megan Gruber, Lauren O'Regan, Itsy Smith and Jane Wallace, sophomores Sage Miskel and Elliot Burkamper, and freshmen Rowan Counsell and Maddy Volpe.

Rowan Counsell was the team's leading scorer at 17.4 Points per game. Counsell also led the team in Free Throw percentage at 90%, 3 point percentage at 41% and steals. Sage Miskel was the team leader in rebounding and assists, Megan Gruber led the team in blocked shots and Grace Lodl in charges taken. For her efforts this season Counsell earned First team All-Conference honors! Miskel and Lodl both earned Third team All-Conference.

Additionally, numerous all time Whitefish Bay team records were set this season. The team scored the most points for a season in school history (1659) and consequently the highest point per game average (66.2). A 96 point outing set the school record for most points in a game. Records were also set for 3 point shots made in a season, highest 3 point percentage in a season, and most 3 pointers made in a game.

Individually, Counsell set a new school record for points for a freshman (488), which is also the second most points in a season by any individual. She also established a new school record with a 90% mark on FT's which included a record 14/14 in a game vs Grafton. Counsell and Lodl each tied a school record hitting 6 3Pt FG's in a game, and Lodl ended her career as the all-time leader in charges taken and second for career 3 Pt FG's made.

The JV team finished 22-0 for the second year in a row. This dominating group consisted of sophomores Olivia Simon and Lucy Paulson, As well as freshman Madonna Helf, Carrington Balthasar, Rose Mussoline, Sofia Bartolone, Nora Wisling, Julie Bacher and Lana Salud.

A final thank you to Seniors Grace Lodl and Anna Reimers for their 4 year contributions to the program. Their dedication, commitment and contributions on and off the court have helped build and grow the program. Thank you seniors, you will be missed.





## Boys Basketball Season Ends in Regional Final

### WIAA Playoffs

On February 27<sup>th</sup> the #6 seed Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes hosted the #11 seed Shorewood Greyhounds. The Blue Dukes got off to a 12-4 lead early in the game but Shorewood hit back to back threes mid way through the 1<sup>st</sup> half to trim the deficit to 2. Late in the 1<sup>st</sup> half the Blue Dukes full court pressure cause three straight Greyhound turnovers and they were able to extend the lead to 9 at half time. Shorewood quickly trimmed the Blue Dukes lead with a couple of deep 3's and the Blue Dukes struggling to score against the Greyhounds zone defense. The lead got down to 1 late in the game but George Dern and Marcus Webb made back to back (and 1's) to extend the lead and the Blue Dukes finished the game off late from the free throw stripe. Webb had 15 points, Dern with 11 points, Luke Sarnowski added 8 points. Emory Robbins scored 6 points with 2 three pointers and Luke Paulson had 6 with 6 rebounds.

The victory over Shorewood sent Whitefish Bay to the #3 seed Milwaukee Vincent in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the playoffs. The Blue Dukes raced to a 28-6 lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> half and led 33-16 at the half. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the Whitefish Bay lead slowly started to shrink with Vincent shooting 19 2<sup>nd</sup> half free throws. The lead got down to 1 at 49-48 when Marcus scored with the foul on a full court inbounds pass from Sarnowski to put the Blue Dukes up 4 with 3 minutes left. Bay spread out the Vikings in the final 2 minutes and Webb scored 3 driving layups to secure the victory. Webb led the Blue Dukes with a career high 34 points, Dern added 8 points and Paulson had 7 points with 8 rebounds. The victory moved the Blue Dukes to the Regional Final vs. #2 seed Cedarburg.

On Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes visited the Cedarburg Bulldogs in the Regional Final. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> match up between the teams this year with each team winning 1 game earlier in the season. It was an even game in the 1<sup>st</sup> half until Bay secured a 5-point lead at 22-17. Cedarburg responded and closed out the 1<sup>st</sup> half with 2 3's to give them a 28-24 lead at halftime. Early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Cedarburg took a double-digit lead but the Blue Dukes fought their way back. Down 35-31 Paulson found Isaac Wagner on a driving layup to cut the lead to 35-33 but the basket was disallowed because Paulson was called for charging. After that play the Blue Dukes struggled to score and could not make enough plays to win the game. Cedarburg took the Regional Final by a score of 65-48. Paulson led the Blue Dukes with 13 points and 6 rebounds while Webb added 10 points.

### Overall

7th in conference 7-11 (1 game out of 5th, 2 out of 4th)

13-14 Overall

13 wins was the 4th most in the conference overall

Won 2 playoff games for the 2nd year in a row

Advanced to the Regional Final

Held almost every team to their top 3 lowest point total on the season

7th rated defense in the state in the Massey Ratings

### All Conference

Marcus Webb - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

### Thank you Seniors!

Luke Paulson

Isaac Wagner

Charlie Clark

Ben Beres



### Girls Hockey Co-op Wins Conference Championship

The Girls co-op team had a whirlwind season filled with highs and lows, ultimately culminating in a triumphant victory that secured them the Eastern Shores Conference Championship.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the girls hockey team had a thrilling conference showdown against the Brookfield Glaciers. Despite a tight battle, the Wildcats emerged victorious with a narrow 2-1 win. Sophomore Reese Caufield (STM) ignited the team with a shorthanded goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, setting the tone for the game. Freshman Zoe Adelman (USM) sealed the deal with a clutch goal in the final minutes, sending the home crowd into a frenzy as they celebrated Senior Night.

However, the Wildcats faced a setback on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, falling to Hudson by a score of 3-0. Determined to bounce back, they entered the matchup against the formidable St. Croix Valley with renewed determination. In a thrilling double-overtime showdown, senior captains Charlotte Fetherston (DSHA) and Molly Jex led the charge, propelling the Wildcats to a stunning upset victory with Fetherston netting both goals and Jex making an incredible 32 saves.

Undeterred by challenges, the Wildcats continued their impressive run on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, defeating conference powerhouse Bay Area in a nail-biting 4-3 semifinal. Fetherston once again showcased her leadership with a stellar performance, supported by goals from Sophia Armbruster (DSHA) and Adelman. Jex's outstanding goalkeeping prowess was on full display as she made 35 crucial saves to secure the win.

The momentum carried into the Conference championship clash against Fond Du Lac Warbirds on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fetherston struck early with a power play goal, but the resilient Warbirds fought back to force overtime. In a dramatic double-overtime showdown, Fetherston delivered the decisive blow, clinching both the victory and the conference championship title, much to the pride of the team and their supporters.

The varsity team continued to showcase their resilience in the WIAA regional playoffs, dispatching the Brookfield Glaciers with a convincing 5-1 win on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Although their journey ended with a narrow loss in the sectional championship on February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Wildcats had a very impressive season! Whitefish Bay girls hockey players were: Hattie Amato, Caroline Olsen, Leah Twente and Dylan Zamzow.



## E-Sports Team Makes State for 1<sup>st</sup> Time in School History

The Whitefish Bay Esports team wrapped up their Rocket League regular season with a solid 4-2 record, earning 5 points and placing 4th in their group. This achievement secured them the 10th seed out of 16 in the Wisconsin High School Esports Association State Playoffs. Their journey in the state playoffs began with a thrilling encounter against the 7th seed, Sun Prairie. They clinched victories in games 1 and 2 with scores of 4-3, followed by a dominant 5-1 win in game 3, securing a clean sweep and advancing to the round of 8. In the round of 8 they faced the #2 seed, Waukesha West. In a best-of-5 series, Whitefish Bay triumphed in game 1 with a 2-minute overtime goal by senior Luis Arroyo, assisted by sophomore Truman Lazovik. They continued their winning streak with a tight 1-0 victory in game 2, courtesy of freshman Owen Buckley's assist to Arroyo. Despite a setback in game 3, Whitefish Bay rallied back to clinch the series with a decisive 2-0 win in game 4, stunning Waukesha West and advancing to the Semi Finals.

The Blue Dukes Rocket League Team embarked on a journey to Wausau for the WIHSEA State Championship on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Despite valiant efforts, they narrowly fell short in the semi-finals, losing the best-of-five series 3 games to 0. Undeterred, in the 3rd place showdown against Racine Case, the Dukes rallied with an impressive display of skill, securing victory in a commanding fashion, triumphing 3 games to 1. Senior Luis Arroyo, alongside the dynamic duo of sophomore Truman Lazovik and freshman Owen Buckley, spearheaded the team's dominant performance, showcasing their unwavering determination and talent.



### Ski Team Handles Adverse Season, Sends Boys Team to State

This ski season has been a tough one for the Blue Dukes racers. Our skiers have had many schedule changes due to not enough snow and frigid temperatures. They didn't even get to practice on a race course until halfway through the season. Fortunately, the team was able to get in all six conference races. The season started at Little Switzerland with many skiers skiing through gates for the first time! At that race, both varsity teams finished fourth, the JV boys finished in second and the JV Girls took home the gold.

As the season progressed, our skiers improved. Race number three at Heiliger Huegel was particularly exciting as Conley Bolger finished in third overall, clinching a spot at the state meet. The last race of the season had to be called after the first run due to lightning and hail. Both varsity teams finished in second that night while the JV girls finished in second and the JV boys finished in first. It was not the end of the season that the team had hoped for, but with a second place finish the varsity boys qualified for the state meet.

The ski team had six boys head to the state meet on February 18th and 19th. Conley Bolger (senior), John Egan (senior), Ryan Foley (senior), Andrew Gerend (senior), Jake Gerend (sophomore) and Christian Zastava (senior) represented Whitefish Bay High School at Mt. La Crosse in three events: slalom, giant slalom and super G. The team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 900 points in Division 2.

The Blue Dukes are also sent two teams to the JV Conference race on February 22nd at Sunburst. The boys team is made up of Luke Johnson (junior), Charlie Bolger (sophomore), Wes Grunau (sophomore), Jason Mayer (junior), Will Bruett (junior) and Dillon Buckley (junior). The girls going are Tessa Raymond (junior), Lily Weasler (freshman), Ella Kukuk (freshman), Kate Hunter (sophomore), Janie Brown (freshman) and Christina Cai (sophomore). Congratulations to everyone on a great season!



### Debate Team Sends 3 to State Tournament

Three Whitefish Bay debaters competed in the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament on January 13-14, 2024. Malina Troicki competed in Junior Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate, arguing if the United States ought to substantially reduce its military presence in the West Asia-North Africa region. Ella Hoagland and Anne Dickinson competed in Junior Varsity Public Forum Debate, arguing if the United States federal government should repeal Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Over two days, debaters competed against the best debaters in the state. Ella won 1st place speaker at the tournament, with two judges awarding her a perfect speaking score!



### Chess Club has had great success at local tournaments so far in 2024!

Freshman Jack Newbold and middle schoolers Dexter Henika and Nicole DaVanti combined to bring home a 4th place team trophy in the K12 division at the Midwest Regional Championships at UW-Milwaukee in January. Senior Allison Sylke placed individually in the USCF U800 division.

At the WSCF tournament hosted by St. Monica in January, the team of Jack Newbold and middle schoolers Charlie Bruett, Dexter Henika, Rachel DaVanti and Nicole DaVanti placed 2nd as a team in the K12 division. Charlie Bruett earned a second place trophy in the K7 division for his individual score. Nicole and Rachel DaVanti placed individually in K12 (first and third respectively) to round out the team's success.

Next up was the 17th Annual All-Girls Tournament hosted by University School of Milwaukee where the team of Allison Sylke, Nicole DaVanti and Rachel DaVanti placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the K12 Division and as a team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place!

The Blue Dukes are sure to bring home at least one trophy that day for their amazing performance in the WSCF virtual league. Junior Oliver Boyden and freshman Hugo Boyden are currently in the top 5 for individual results across the entire season. With help from middle schoolers Oliver Pape, Charlie Bruett, Rachel DaVanti and Nicole DaVanti, the team is solidly in first place with three weeks remaining.

The club and its student leaders Georgia Koscielak and Lily Girzadas continue to welcome all high school players to meetings over lunch, every other Thursday. No chess experience necessary

### Chamber Festival Concert a Success

On Wednesday, March 13, the Whitefish Bay High School Band presented a "Chamber Festival Concert," featuring all four bands, as well as performances from Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, Sax Choir, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Combo. The five Chamber Ensembles included special guests from the WFB Middle School band. Each group performed selections from the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Festival Music List, which are carefully chosen for their high quality by a panel of experts from the WSMA. Good luck to our chamber ensembles as they compete on Saturday, March 16th at the WSMA District Solo/Ensemble Festival at Homestead High School!



### FBLA sends 16 to State

Congratulations to the FBLA team for their work at the Regional competition February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Green Bay. Over 30 students competed and 16 qualified to participate at State. Way to go!



## Intramural Basketball Crowns Two Champions

After 2 months of intense basketball, 115 students participating, the Whitefish Bay Intramural Basketball Leagues crowned two champions!

### Thursday Lunch League at the High School

The championship game took place on February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Field House. Team Franklin and Team Tighe both advanced to the championship game with an identical record of 8-1 and had split their two matchups earlier in the season. In a tightly contested game, Team Franklin made just enough plays to come out with the 25-21 victory, highlighted by Jaden Berkhalter's 13 points, which led all scorers.



### Thursday Night League at the Middle School

The championship game was between Team Weide and Team Moran, both coming into the game with 6-1 records. Earlier in the season, Team Weide had defeated Team Moran, leading to much anticipated rematch. Team Moran's depth was too much for Team Weide to overcome, as Team Moran won by 3 points.



### Boys Hockey Season Ends at Regionals

The 2023-2024 WNS varsity hockey season came to an end on February 13<sup>th</sup> with a 9-1 loss at the hands of Waukesha in the Regionals of the WIAA Playoffs. Senior forward Michael Adank scored in the loss. WNS finished the season with a 6-18 record. In our first season as a part of the Classic 8 conference we finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place. Adank finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the team in points totaling 14G, 9A and 23pts. Freshman Connor Burke was 5<sup>th</sup> with 2G, 5A and 7pts. Juniors Mitch Kryger and Ian McLaren added 5 and 3 points respectively. Our win over Marquette in December marked our 3<sup>rd</sup> win over them in our program's history. We also won the Waupaca Holiday Tournament with wins over Waupaca, East Merrill and Negaunee (MI).

In the final two games of the season for the JV team, they split with a road loss but season finale win. The 1-3 loss was at Kenosha. But WNS closed out the season with a decisive 8-1 win over Brookfield and a 9-14-1 record overall. In the win, Whitefish Bay players figured prominently in the scoring with Henry Kramer (2G, A), Aaron Collins (G,A) and Connor Burke (G) all contributing.

### Theater Program Inspire with Musical

Congratulations to the over 100 students and staff involved in *Disney's Newsies: The Broadway Musical*. Not only did this production inspire our audiences night after night with its catchy music, powerhouse dance numbers, moving story, innovative sets and lighting, and amazing costumes, but it also broke attendance records, almost selling out night after night!!! Thank you to everyone involved for their dedication and passion!





## Mock Trial Team Advances to State

The Whitefish Bay Mock Trial team had a very successful season this year. Nearly 50 students participated in the program comprising four separate teams. Three of the four Whitefish Bay teams competed at this year's regional tournament in February, which took place at the Federal Courthouse in Milwaukee. Our Team 1 (Varsity) placed second which qualified them for a spot at the State Tournament in Madison which took place earlier this month.

Twenty teams from throughout Wisconsin qualified and competed at the State Tournament which took place in Madison earlier this month. Whitefish Bay finished 9th overall at the state level. However, one team member, Bridget Spears received a top attorney award and Whitefish Bay was selected for the prestigious Spirit of Mock Trial Award.

The Spirit of Mock Trial Award is given to a team which has gone above and beyond in its attempt to foster understanding and respect for the legal system and the rule of law. In giving this award, special consideration is given to activities which foster teamwork, collaboration, and cooperation among the teams and which improve communication and cooperation among community members (including students, teachers, government leaders, law professionals, and citizens). Whitefish Bay was honored to be selected to be the 2024 recipient of this prestigious award for all the ways the Whitefish Bay teams and coaches have put in extra effort to elevate the Mock Trial Program above and beyond themselves.

Teacher coach Jeff Biskowitz was thrilled to coach this year's mock trial program.

“I have seen the High School Mock Trial Program have a huge impact on students developing critical thinking skills and improving their confidence in public speaking and advocacy. I've witnessed students who knew very little about legal proceedings when they first joined Mock Trial, gain a profound knowledge of legal principles, rules of evidence, and courtroom procedures. Students also learn how to really collaborate with each other by working together to develop strong arguments as they prepare a compelling case.”

Mock Trial Team Attorney Coach, Scott Campbell sees tremendous benefit for students that participate in the program, “Participating in the State Bar of Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program gives students the opportunity to learn key life skills, including problem solving, teamwork, acting, public speaking, and extemporizing. Students learn these skills by working together to build a believable, memorable, and interesting case and by presenting that case through professional-sounding mock lawyers and based on the testimony of credible and colorful witness characters admissible under the rules of evidence. Teaching students the skills they need to build an effective case and to present that case persuasively—and helping facilitate the students’ creative processes of building their case and developing their witness characters—is a joy.”

Whitefish Bay will cap off a very successful season with their annual banquet and award dinner in April. We congratulate all the seniors and look forward to many returning students along with new students that wish to join the program the next season.

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Mock Trial team that participated at this year's State Tournament:

Seniors:

Genevieve Furlong

Noah Vedder

Bridget Spears

Mary Vandersluis

Sydney Gleason

Bianca Grunbaum

Kate Mays

Andrew Gerend

William Wang

Juniors:

Elena Kunz

Jack McCauley

Rose Campbell

Kate Nicolet

William Wang

Rose Campbell (Team alternate)

Special Thanks to all the Mock Trial Lawyer Coaches that helped coach this year's Mock Trial Program:

Teacher Coach - Jeff Biskowitz

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## Wrestling Sends 3 to Individual State

The Whitefish Bay wrestling team had an historic day at the Franklin sectional on February 17<sup>th</sup>, with three wrestlers qualifying for the WIAA Individual State Tournament in Madison. This marked the first time since 2012 that more than two wrestlers made it to state in a season.

On the girls side, junior Rosemary Triggs qualified for state for the third time, pinning her way to the Kohl Center. Triggs pinned her opponent from Milwaukee Ronald Reagan in 26 seconds, and finished off her opponent from Milwaukee Tech opponent in 5:04.

Sophomore Tyler Elver placed second at 113 pounds, putting himself in the state tournament for the first time. Elver started with a pin, added a 16-4 major decision in the semifinals before losing a close decision to Jose Rivas of Oak Creek 9 to 7.

Junior Harrison Bortolotti also qualified for state, taking second at 190. Bortolotti wrestled up in weight, giving up over 20 pounds to some of his competitors. Bortolotti pinned opponents from Greenfield, Homestead and Brown Deer, but lost in the championship to Asa Clark from Milwaukee Riverside.

7 of the 8 Bay wrestlers who qualified for sectionals placed, including Gus Schaub (138 pounds), Aiden Lal (144), Tatum Tesch (157), senior Cole Silverman (175) and senior Rowan Hodges (215).

At the Division 1 WIAA State Tournament on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, all three wrestlers represented themselves well.

Rosemary Triggs started her tournament with a 2:38 fall of Morgan Rutherford of Milton before losing to eventual state champion Maddie Peach in the second round. Triggs then pinned a Cameron opponent before being pinned herself in the blood round. Triggs ended her season at 34-8.

Ty Elver wrestled twice, losing to state champion Ethan Bast in round one. He then took on Thiago Guardiola (5<sup>th</sup> place) and lost by major decision. Elver finishes his sophomore year with a 32-16 record.

Harry Bortolotti went 1-2 at state, losing to finalist Ethan Winkleman from Hudson. He then came back to beat Konnor Tubin in OT before falling to a Reedsburg opponent by major decision. Bortolotti finished his season with 37 wins, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> most wins in school history.

Bortolotti and Triggs now share the season pin record with 26.

Bay wrestling has qualified wrestlers for the state tournament in 13 of the past 15 years.

