Blue Dukes Doubles Team places 2nd at State

The Whitefish Bay varsity girls’ tennis team represented our school very well at the 2019 Girls Tennis State Individual Tournament held at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison. On the singles side we had two players qualify, senior Mia Hessel and junior Olivia Eckes. Eckes got a tough draw and played the 11th seed from Verona and lost in straight sets. Hessel won her first round match against Madison La Follette 6-1, 6-3 and lost in the second round to the 16th seed from Madison West. Both girls had an outstanding season!

On the doubles side, senior Elena Deslongschaamp and junior Katie Kavanagh had a run to remember. Seeded 5th in the tournament, the team received a bye in the first round and defeated Kettle Moraine in the 2nd round 6-3, 6-3. In the 3rd round, they lost their first set 3-6, but stormed back and won the next two 6-2, 6-0 over Middleton to advance. In the 4th round, they beat 4th seed Madison West 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 to advance to the semifinals where they were matched up against the #1 seed, Muskego which at that point, had not lost a match or set all year. That did not hold the Blue Dukes back, as they upset the top seeded team 4-6, 7-6(1), 7-5 to advance to the championship match. Unfortunately for the Blue Dukes, they were unable to upset the team from DeForest and finished in 2nd place. Congratulations ladies on an amazing year!
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Band Performs at the Bucks Game

On November 25th, Whitefish Bay High School Bands traveled to Fiserv Forum to perform pre-game music as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Utah Jazz. This trip has become more popular each year and quickly become a beloved new tradition for the band.

In addition to an amazing experience at Fiserv Forum, please congratulate the bands on an incredible week of performances. With a jazz concert on 12/10, the department concert on 12/12, Hot Chocolate with the Principal before school on 12/13, and two Fine Arts Assemblies on the 13th as well, it's been a busy but outstanding week!
Gymnastics Team Starts the Season off Strong

The girls’ gymnastics team competed on Saturday, December 14th in a 6-team Invitational at Homestead High School. The team won three of the four events and won the team competition with a score of 139.375!

Senior captain Sarah Kirchner and junior captain Addie Gallun led the team to victory hitting most of their events beautifully. Sophomore Anneh Britz, sophomore Kate Graham and junior Madi Kogler competed in all of the events with fabulous performances and hitting some personal bests. Sophomore Erin Timms rounded out the team competing on vault and turning in a nice score for the squad!

In the individual competition, the girls did extremely well. Gallun led the team by winning the vault competition and placing on the other 4 events. Kirchner and Graham tied for 5th on floor. Graham also placed 3rd on beam and 5th all around. Britz finished in 6th place and Kogler finished in 7th for all around. Congrats to the entire team on a job well done!

E-Sports and Cyber Security Are Up and Running

These new clubs are off to a great start! E-Sports and Cyber Security each competed in a state round competition the second week of December and did great! E-Sports will begin League of Legends competition in January. Interested in joining? Contact Ms. Logan for more information.
**Skiers Excel on the Hill**

On Saturday, December 14th the Whitefish Bay Ski team raced in the JT Hilligoss Memorial Race at Little Switz against Santa and over 200 other athletes. The misty and festive Slalom and Panel Slalom race was a great preseason practice before their first race on January 2nd at the Rock.

Whitefish Bay’s top three boy finishers were Damon Katz, James Moll, and Jacob Aniza and the top three Blue Dukes girls were Sydney Urben, Lydia Lim and Ella Novinski. This was also a first time race for a lot of our skiers and they all did a great job, congratulations!

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**FIRST® Robotics Teams for Kindergarten - 12th Grade Startup Informational Meeting**

Who: For potential coaches or mentors - students are also invited

Date: January 7th, 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Whitefish Bay High School “Link”, doors #6 and #7 entrance

Hosted by Bay Robotics (High School FTC team)

- **FLL JR**: Students from Kindergarten to 4th grade can attend First® Lego® League Jr, where they play with Lego®s, explore real-world scientific challenges, learn about teamwork, and work with motorized Lego® elements. Time investment: 12 weeks, 1 hour per week
- **FLL**: Students ranging from 4th to 8th grade can attend First® Lego® League, where they build Lego® robots to complete various tasks and connect learned STEM concepts to real life examples.
- **FTC**: Students ranging from 7th to 12th grade can enter First®Tech Challenge, where they work with real hardware to assemble creative and efficient robots to complete complicated tasks.
Boys Swim Team Starts out Fast with Impressive Showing at NSC Relay Meet

The varsity boys swim team clearly heard the message that big things are on the horizon. As successfully as the girls completed their season, the boys have picked up where they left off. The team of 32 boys have come into the season with a clear focus, committed dedication, and pool of talent ready to accomplish big things.

After a 3-0 start to the dual meet season, the Blue Dukes took to Nicolet for the Nicolet Spring Invitational this past Saturday. After an unfortunate relay disqualification, the boys took to the adversity and finished 4th out of 16 teams. Depth from all classes led to the strong finish as sophomore Matt Azcueta finished top 5 in both the 100 IM and 50 Breast. Senior Carl Youel followed suit, with two 5th place finishes in the 200 and 100 Freestyle.

Coming back from adversity demonstrated the potential this team has and they again showed why on Tuesday, December 17th at the NSC Conference Relay Meet. Through and through, the Blue Dukes took home the title! Under the combined team effort, the Blue Dukes won 7 of 12 events, never finishing worse than 3rd place in an event. The dominating victory shines a light on the potential for a conference title, a feat that has eluded the team for 35 years.
Cheer Team Competes in First Competition and Places 4th

This past weekend on December 14, the Cheerleading Team took 4th place with their Cheer Dance routine. The team was in attendance at the Southside Showdown Cheerleading Competition, at Waukesha South High School. Members of the team include: freshman Grace McMorrow, sophomore TT Henderson, senior Salome White, junior Rian Mahan, freshman Anna Olsson, junior Jamya Jackson and sophomore Maggie Franzen.
Wrestling Team Excited for a Break Out Season

This season's Blue Dukes wrestling team is set to make big strides this year, both individually and as a team. The Blue Dukes return undefeated state champ from last year, Da'jun Johnson, who is currently ranked #6 in the country at 170 lbs. Seniors Caleb Heidmann 152 and Connor Dyke 145 are also primed for big seasons, with both looking to make a run for the state tournament in Madison at the end of February. Senior Dave Pellenz returns at 138 to help strengthen the team.

The Blue Dukes also added a strong Freshman class, with Ari Mapes 132, NZ Gorham 132, Andres Pesch 106, Jacob Turner 145 and Nathan Chung 220 all working hard to acclimate themselves to the challenges of high school wrestling. Brothers Mike and Kyle Xiong (170 and 195 respectively) have shown exceptional toughness. First year wrestlers Nason Lancina 182, Roger Walker 182, Alex Seltzer 152 and Taylor Ramseur 160 have helped make this a competitive and dangerous squad.
Girls Basketball Team Starting to Gel

The girls’ basketball team is heading in the right direction nearing almost the half-way point of the conference season. The Blue Dukes entered the year a very young team losing 75% of their scoring and rebounding from the previous year. They started off the year 1-3 losing three single digit games to South Milwaukee, Slinger, and Nicolet, two of which currently sit at the top of their respective conferences. Then the Blue Dukes won three straight conference games against Cedarburg, West Bend West, and Grafton. Leading the way so far include senior Elena Deslongchamps (scoring and steals), senior Gretchen Stock and sophomore Allie Swietlik (rebounding), and freshman Zoe Behrendt (assists). The girls currently sit 4-4 overall 3-2 in conference, and travel to West Bend East Friday night before break.
Boys Basketball Team Starts off Strong

The varsity boys’ basketball team is currently tied for 1st place in the North Shore Conference with a 4-1 record. The team started off the conference season with a matchup against rival Nicolet on December 3rd and won 53-50. Junior Cullen Starker led the team with 21 points and 10 rebounds and junior Jayden Jackson chipped in with 16 points and 5 steals.

Next they beat West Bend West 53-29, Cedarburg 65-44, and lost to Grafton 59-68 to head into a 1st place showdown with Homestead on December 17th. The Blue Dukes were up for the challenge and with a huge second half where they outscored the Highlanders 29-16 helped propel the Blue Dukes to a 60-36 victory. Jackson led the team with 15 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals. Senior Kiernan Heller had 11 points to help the Blue Dukes get the victory. In all, 9 players scored for the Blue Dukes that night.