

WHITEFISH BAY ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER



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Message About Duke Pride

Student behavior at sporting events, basketball games in particular, has become increasingly inappropriate. Rather than choose to coordinate cheers that offer a home-court advantage FOR our team, we are instead choosing to heckle members of the other team in an uncoordinated and sometimes obscene manner. Despite our best efforts to redirect students in the moment, this behavior has continued. It is a poor representation of our school and we can do significantly better. To be clear, we WANT a huge fan base for ALL student activities, but behavioral expectations and DUKE PRIDE sportsmanship extend to fans and players alike. Moving forward, students will be asked to leave the games if they are calling out players on the other team or yelling anything deemed inappropriate.

In order to move in the right direction, we invited any and all interested students to attend a meeting/planning session with Mr. Worzella, Coach Wolter, Coach Drew and Coach Schneider this past Thursday in the fieldhouse during lunch. We look forward to working with students to develop new, positive and spirited traditions that will unite our crowd and result in the fan support all players deserve. Our experience tells us that a few confident student leaders who can coordinate these traditions at games is all it will take to move us in the right direction. We hope that a few such leaders will emerge for the second half of the season.

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Whitefish Bay Prepares to Induct More Hall of Famers at Ceremony in April

Whitefish Bay High School 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

The induction ceremony will be on April 18, 2020 at 12:00 in the high school Link.

Dennis Berkholtz (Athlete, Class of 1963)

Dennis Berkholtz was a three-sport athlete at Whitefish Bay High School, where he collected eight letters in basketball and golf. Dennis was one of the most storied basketball players in Whitefish Bay history. He was the first freshman to start on varsity and went on to earn All-Suburban (three years) and All-State (two years) honors and was a team captain for two years. He also led the 1963 team to the Suburban Conference championship and a ninth-ranking in state. Dennis also was a member of the varsity golf team and the number one golfer his junior and senior seasons. Dennis went on to basketball stardom at Kansas State University (1963-1967), serving as captain his senior year. He finished his career as the 13th-leading scorer in school history. He played on the golf team as well, ranking as high as sixth in the Big Eight Conference. In 1972, he played team handball and captained the first U.S. Olympic team at the 1972 Olympics. In 1976, Dennis was named coach of the U.S. Olympic handball team and from 1996 to 2000 served as the president of USA Team Handball.

Jack Bleier (Coach)

Jack Bleier taught mathematics at Whitefish Bay High School from 1972-2005. While teaching, Jack coached football, boys' tennis, and boys' basketball. He coached on the football staff from 1972-74 and on the tennis staff from 1972-77. As the boys' tennis varsity head coach, he led the team to a third-place finish at the WIAA State Tournament in 1977. In boys' basketball, he coached from 1972-1982. The first five years were as junior varsity coach, the last five as head coach. The 1982 team finished first in the 16-team Suburban Conference. He returned to coaching boys' basketball from 1992-1998, where he and Jeff Thielke worked together as co-head coaches. In terms of achievements, the 1996-1998 teams represented a mini golden era in the history of Whitefish Bay basketball. The team compiled a 75-4 record, appeared in three state tournaments and won two state championships. The 1996 team remains the only undefeated basketball team in school history.

Hannah Wallace (Athlete, Class of 2009)

Hannah Wallace was a three-sport varsity athlete at Whitefish Bay High School, where she collected 10 varsity letters in track and field, gymnastics and volleyball. During her track-and-field career, she placed second and fifth in the pole vault at the 2008 and 2009 state championships, respectively. Wallace totaled four sectional and regional individual titles between 2008 and 2009 in both the pole vault and triple jump. She served as co-captain her junior and senior year and continues to hold the school girls' pole-vault and triple-jump records. In gymnastics, Wallace earned a total of 19 state medals, 14 individual sectional titles and six individual conference titles. As co-captain, she led the girls' gymnastics team to a state title in 2009. She was recognized as a WIAA Scholar-Athlete in 2009 and also received the Bill Hilgendorf and Sportswoman of the Year awards at Whitefish Bay. Wallace went on to compete for Brown University, collecting seven individual medals in the pole vault at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships, including a second-place finish her senior year. She currently holds Brown University's women's outdoor pole-vault record.

Lauren Gruber Watson (Athlete, Class of 2008)

Lauren Gruber Watson was a two-sport varsity athlete at Whitefish Bay High School, where she collected six letters in tennis and basketball. During her illustrious tennis career, she was instrumental in leading Whitefish Bay to the team state championship in 2005 and 2007. She won a WIAA individual state championship in 2006, racking up an undefeated season (32-0). Her career record during four years on varsity was 129-4. In basketball, she was a two-year starter on the varsity basketball team, which finished second in the WIAA state tournament in 2006. Lauren went on to play tennis at the University of Delaware (2008) and the University of Wisconsin (2009-2012), where she finished her career as team captain and was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection.

Check Out This Cool Theater Video

This inspiring and vibrant video was created by senior Sophie Mahnke. It is around 5 minutes and shares why students should get involved in Whitefish Bay Theater!

VIDEO(Ctrl + Click): <https://youtu.be/CUqpriA8JOO>

Math Team Faces Upcoming Competitions

An exciting couple of weeks is coming up for the Whitefish Bay High School Math Team as they compete in three important events. We wish them the best of luck!

Upcoming Math Team events:

- January 30, 2020 AMC 10A and AMC 12A
- February 3, 2020 North Shore Conference Meet
- February 11, 2020 Wisconsin Math League

Cabaret 2020: Cabaret Around the World Embraces International Music

On February 7, 8, and 9, Whitefish Bay High School Bands is proud to present "Cabaret 2020: Cabaret Around the World," which features international music from Africa, Israel, Mexico, Russia, China, Japan and more! Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Each ticket includes admission, plus a hand-made dessert at intermission. Tickets can be found online by visiting the Whitefish Bay High School Bands website or by directly visiting:

<https://events.ticketprinting.com/event/Whitefish-Bay-High-School-Cabaret-Around-The-World-36309>



Varsity Dance Team Prepares for Regional Competition

The varsity dance team is competing in the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches regional competition in Watertown on Saturday, January 25th! They will be competing in Pom and Hip Hop with the top teams making it to State! Good luck Blue Duke Dancers!

Girls Lacrosse Season Right Around the Corner

If you're interested in playing girls' lacrosse this spring, please attend the Whitefish Bay/Nicolet/Shorewood open-gym practices! These sessions offer a great way for newcomers to learn more about the program. And it gives returning players a chance to get a stick in their hands prior to the March 9th start. Open gyms take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays from January 19th through March 1st in the Shorewood High School arena.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Tied for 1st in Conference

The Whitefish Bay High School boys' basketball team started the new year off with three wins after dropping a tough road game at Dominican 47-56 on Friday, January 3rd. The next night, the team came ready to play and beat Kenosha Indian Trail 62 – 49 at the Nicole Ellis Tournament. They followed up that victory with won two conference wins, Hartford on the road 46-30, and Port Washington 67-51, in front of the best home fans so far this year!

The boys are 7-1 in conference and are playing for first place against Slinger tonight at 7:15PM.

Between their hard work on the practice court and success in their games, the boys found time to volunteer at Milwaukee College Prep. The team helped out with a clinic of more than 50 boys and girls ranging from 3rd through 8th grade.



Cyber Security Team Excels in CyberPatriot Competition

Whitefish Bay students earned a first place certificate for earning the highest score in their division among schools in Wisconsin. CyberPatriot's core program, the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, challenges teams of students across the United States, Canada, and other schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. There were 6,760 teams competing in three divisions. Congratulations to our team for earning this impressive award!

Boys' Swim Team Tops Homestead in Last-Minute Thriller, Ranked Third in State

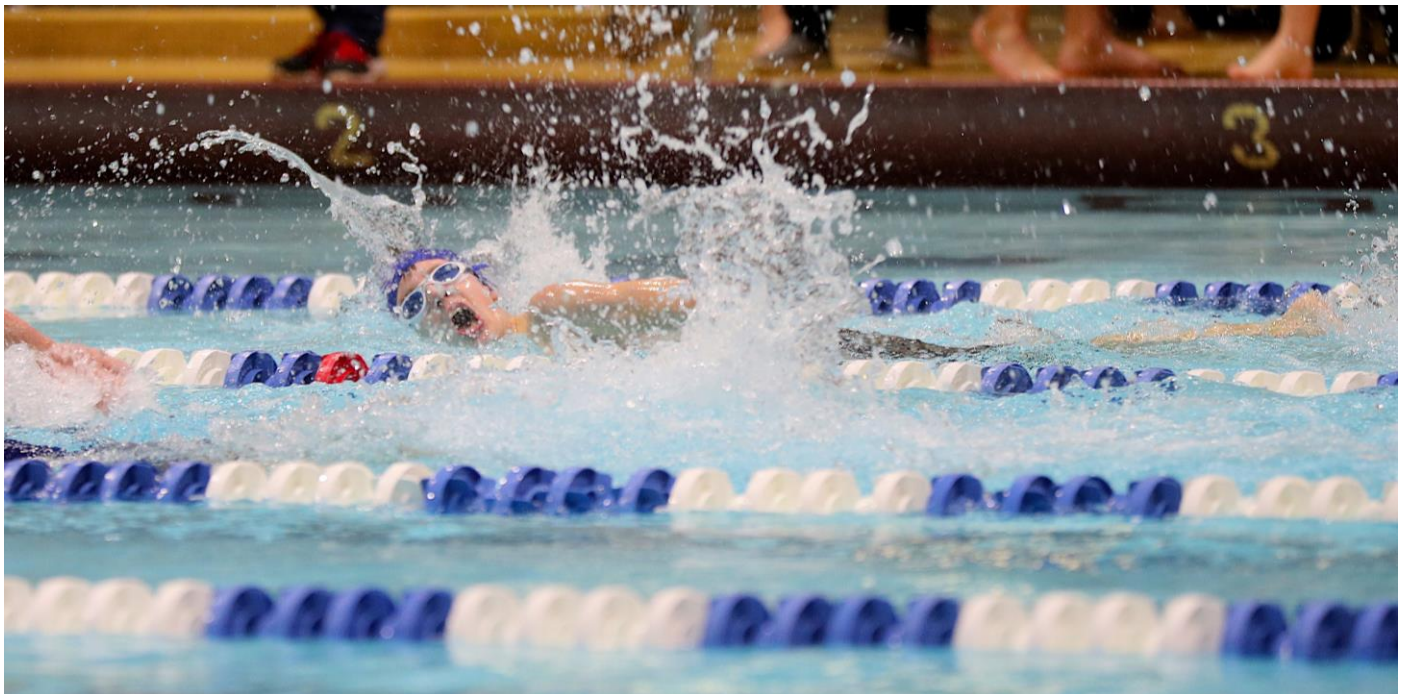
The Whitefish Bay varsity swim and dive team pulled off an impressive nail-biting win at Homestead on January 9. During the meet, no team led by more than four points. And going into the last relay, the Blue Dukes were down by two points.

But the 400-meter freestyle relay teams stepped up big-time to produce a 1-3 finish, giving the Blue Dukes an exciting 92-88 win. The relay team of seniors Carl Youel and Ben Browning and juniors Peter McMahan and Andrew Hall improved on the team's best 400-meter free relay time by eight seconds, vaulting the team to a number-four ranking in the state!

Youel led the charge, taking home two individual wins (in the 200- and 100-meter freestyle), along with swimming on the winning 200-meter freestyle relay team. Now ranked third in Division 2, the Blue Dukes' next meet is at Cedarburg at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 23rd.



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Blue Dukes Wrestling Team Continues to Improve

On Saturday, January 4th, the Blue Dukes varsity wrestling team finished with two champions and five place winners on their way to fifth place in the 11-team Bauer Brawl Invitational, held at West Allis Hale High School. Seniors Da'jun Johnson (170-pound weight class), who is ranked first in the state, and Connor Dyke (152) each won their respective weight classes in dominating fashion, earning bonus points in every match they wrestled.

Senior Caleb Heidmann (145) went 3-1 on the day and fell just short in the finals, finishing in second place. Freshman Andres Pesch (106) earned his first high school medal with a fourth- place finish, while fellow freshman Ari Mapes (132) went 2-1 and finished fifth. Sophomore Mike Xiong (160), freshman Jacob Turner (145) and sophomore Nason Lancina (182) all competed in their first varsity tournaments and gained some invaluable mat experience in the process.

The next challenge was a dual meet at Hartford Union High School on January 9th. The Blue Dukes were hard hit with injuries and illness that week, but still made a strong showing against a very tough Hartford team. Johnson, Dyke and Heidmann all won their varsity matches in convincing fashion. Mapes and Xiong accepted the challenge of wrestling more experienced competition. And senior Kyle Xiong (195) unfortunately suffered an injury that resulted in a medical default for the remainder of his match.

With two seniors sidelined by injuries, the Blue Dukes sent three wrestlers to the Port Washington Varsity Invite on Friday, January 10th. Each wrestler met or exceeded their seed and wrestled strong throughout the afternoon and evening. Johnson took home the championship with a low scoring 3-2 victory over an Ashwaubenon wrestler ranked second in state. Dyke earned a berth in the finals, where he fell to a highly ranked wrestler from Kimberly. Heidmann also wrestled well, going 3-2 on the day and finishing fifth. The team tied for 14th place in the 17-team tournament.



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Alumni and Basketball Team Honor the Late Coach Jim Smallins

On Friday, January 10th, former Whitefish Bay boys' varsity basketball coach Kevin Lazovik, alumni Miles Sigh and several other former Blue Duke basketball players paid tribute to the late Jim Smallins, who served as a volunteer assistant coach for roughly 20 years. The pre-game ceremony included the presentation of a plaque to the Smallins family.

Smallins was the definition of a true winner. As a young coach at Milwaukee Lincoln High School in the City Conference, Smallins cemented his legacy very early in his coaching career with several state titles. Two of those titles came while he was head coach in 1966 and 1967, leading teams that included Clarence Sherrod and "Downtown" Freddie Brown, arguably the best backcourt that Wisconsin prep hoops has ever seen. Both went on to play in the NBA.

Later in Smallins' coaching career, he joined the Whitefish Bay boys' varsity basketball staff as a volunteer assistant. His tenure at Bay was highlighted by a 2011 state championship. He provided a wealth of basketball knowledge to young coaches like Dave Shaw and Lazovik and was a great mentor to all coaches in the program.

Although his accomplishments on the court are reflected by his induction into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Indiana Tri-State Hall of Fame and the University of Evansville Hall of Fame, Smallins was a true champion off the court as well. He used basketball as a platform to groom his players into men. He often preached the importance of respecting others and finding ways to be a light to everyone, and he used his life as the greatest example of all.

To plaque presented to the Smallins family reads as follow:

"With our Greatest Appreciation, the Whitefish Bay Boys' Basketball Program presents this award to the Smallins Family in recognition of Coach Jim Smallins and his twenty years of volunteer service, unwavering support for this basketball program, and his commitment to spreading his wisdom and positivity to every life he touched."



Ski Team Performs Well at First Two Competitions

The Whitefish Bay Ski Racers had their first competition of the season on Thursday, January 2nd, at The Rock Sports Complex in Franklin. Both girls' varsity – led by juniors Molly Keiper and Lauren Andersen and sophomore Sydney Urben – and boys' varsity – led by juniors Damon Katz (team captain) Jack Van Dyke and Jacob Anzia – came in fourth against powerhouses Arrowhead, Mukwonago and West Bend. The girls' and boys' junior varsity teams came in third and fourth. Many racers recorded personal bests and our athletes' cheering could be heard for miles!

The team's second race of the season was on Wednesday, January 8th, at Little Switzerland in Slinger. The competition featured teams from Badger, Menomonee Falls/Sussex/Germantown, Waukesha and Slinger. Both girls' varsity – led by Keiper, sophomore Emilie Lesinski and junior Abby Lim – and boys' varsity – led by juniors Anzia, Hunter Bania and Drew Novinski – finished third. The girls' junior varsity teams won and finished third and the boys' junior varsity teams finished second and third. Extra kudos to freshman Ella Novinski, who finished second in the junior varsity race. Way to go Blue Dukes Ski Racers!



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Snowboard Team Finishes Fourth in First Meet

This past Sunday, January 12th, the Whitefish Bay snowboard team competed at Alpine Hill. They raced in the slalom event in the morning and giant slalom in the afternoon. The team finished fourth in conference and junior Finn Weresch placed fifth out of 50 racers.

Rock Climbers have a Great Day at Adventure Rock

The Whitefish Bay rock climbing team continued their strong year this past Friday, January 10th, at Adventure Rock. With 28 climbers competing, the team finished second out of 20 teams. The team also sent six climbers to the finals and senior Braeden Fruchtman was the Division 3 boys champion!



Debate Dominates at Regionals, Sends Four to Nationals

The Whitefish Bay varsity debate teams recorded impressive showings on Saturday, January 4th, at West Bend High School. Both public-forum teams dominated the debate circuit, with juniors Cynthia Cao and Mia and Gwen Gleason and senior Bea Windorski qualifying to compete at the National Speech & Debate Association's National Tournament. Nationals will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in June. Sophomore Anna Harris also had a terrific performance, winning four out of the five rounds in the varsity Lincoln-Douglas (one-on-one) competition and has qualified for state! Congratulations to our debaters!



Gymnastics Team Captures First at the Mount Horeb Invitational

The Whitefish Bay High School girls' gymnastics team competed in the Mount Horeb Invitational on Saturday, January 4th. Competing against seven Madison area high schools, the Blue Dukes were victorious by posting a 138.3 score.

Leading the team individually was sophomore Anneh Britz. Britz took first place in the all-around competition, which included a first place finish on floor, second place finishes on the beam and bars and a sixth place finish in vault. Sophomore Kate Graham was also impressive, finishing third in the all-around competition. Graham also had a season best score on vault which gave her a second place finish. Senior captain Sarah Kirchner placed 2nd on floor, 5th on bars and 6th on beam. Junior Madi Kogler finished 5th in the all-around competition.

In their meet on January 14th, the team beat West Bend West in a conference dual. Despite the absence of junior captain Addie Gallun who is rehabbing an injury, the girls have been stepping up to close the gap. Senior Celia Murphy and sophomores Erin Timms and Liz Gaeta have stepped up to fill the void and are doing a stellar job. Gaeta hit a personal best on floor and senior captain Meghan Grimm hit a personal best on vault.

Individual winners in the dual were Graham on vault and bars. Beam was won by Kogler and floor was won by Kirchner. The all-around competition went to Britz. Congratulations to the entire team on a fabulous season thus far!

Girls Basketball on a Three Game Winning Streak

The Whitefish Bay varsity girls' basketball team is off to a hot start, currently riding a three-game win streak while compiling an 8-5 record overall and a 6-3 record in conference, good enough for second place in the North Shore Conference. The Blue Dukes have been dominating teams on both ends of the floor with at least eight girls scoring in the last three games. Senior Elena Deslongchamps has led the way, averaging 24 points, five rebounds and four steals per game. Sophomore Allie Swietlik, who's averaging 14 points and 10 rebounds a game, also has been on a roll; she notched career-highs in points (21) and rebounds (18) against Milwaukee Riverside High School on Friday, January 3rd. Junior Emeria McPherson has been a force on the defensive end and also dropped 13 first-half points on Port Washington this past Friday, January 10th. Meanwhile, junior Megan Niemoeller currently leads the team in assists and is averaging four steals per game as well. Next up for the Blue Dukes is a home game today against Slinger at 7:15 p.m. A win could potentially give the Blue Dukes a share of place in conference, as Slinger is in a three-way tie for first place with a 7-2 record.



Boys Hockey Win the Waupaca Winter Classic

WNS headed out to the Waupaca Winter Classic with one goal on their mind, bring home the championship. In their first game of the classic, on Friday December 27th, WNS beat Waupaca 4-1 behind an outstanding performance by Martin Luther senior goalie Max Green, who only allowed one goal on 37 shots.

The next game came against their conference rivals, the West Bend Ice Bears. WNS took an early lead in the first period, with Whitefish Bay senior Dominic Murano putting two goals in the net, and Whitefish Bay junior Matthew Ebersole adding another goal, taking WNS out to a 3-0 lead. West Bend responded with a goal, but by the end of the second period, Whitefish Bay junior Griffin Holbrook scored and took the team into the intermission with a 4-1 lead. WNS held off West Bend in the final period and won 4-3 to win the Winter Classic!

