Varsity Dance Team Advances to State for First Time in School History

The Whitefish Bay varsity dance team made school history at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches regionals by earning a spot at state competition. They competed at Watertown High School on Saturday, January 25. They competed in the pom division this past Saturday, February 1, at the La Crosse Civic Center.

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**Boys’ Hockey Team Wins Two Out of Three, Murano Scores 10 Goals**

Senior Dominic Murano had quite the week for the WNS hockey team and even the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel took notice. After scoring 10 goals and one assist, Murano was nominated for the newspaper’s Athlete of the Week. He currently has 38 goals and 17 assists on the season.

With Murano leading the way, WNS took on the Stoughton Vikings at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Kern Center on Saturday, January 25, and won by a 10-4 score, snapping a six-game losing streak. Murano finished the night with five goals. Senior John Ratajczak also had an impressive game with one goal and four assists. Sophomore Charlie Mitchell chipped in a goal, while juniors Matthew Ebersole and Griffin Holbrook each had 2 assists. Senior Ben Wunderlich also provided an assist on the night.

This past Tuesday, January 28, WNS traveled to Arrowhead to take on one of the top teams in the state. WNS found themselves down by only one goal at the end of the second period, but in the end, the Warhawks pulled away for a 6-1 victory. Ebersole scored the lone goal and was assisted by Murano.

Last night, the team traveled to Kenosha and took care of business, easily beating the Kenosha Thunder by a 12-0 score. Murano finished the game with five goals.

WNS finished off the week with an away game in Beaver Dam on February 1, with the junior varsity starting at 4 p.m. and varsity playing at 6 p.m.

**Duke Pride Association Selling Signs**

Looking for a “WFBHS Athlete Lives Here” sign - Duke Pride is selling them for $25. If interested, email milenabrower@yahoo.com for more information.
 Ranked Number One in State, Robotics Team Ready for Competition

The Whitefish Bay robotics team was recently ranked number one in the state of Wisconsin and the 41st worldwide this past week. On February 1, the team headed out to Lake Country Lutheran High School in Hartland for the Knack Attack Qualifier. Good luck to the team as it attempts to qualify for the state and world competitions!

![Team Photo]

 Strong Performances Vault Snowboard Team into State Tournament

With impressive showings the past two weekends, the Whitefish Bay snowboard team qualified for the state’s High School Ski & Snowboard Championships in La Crosse on February 15-17. On January 18, the team competed in the slalom, giant slalom and boardercross at Alpine Valley Resort, with senior Finn Weresch finishing in second place overall. The following weekend at Alpine Valley, senior Josh Harmsen finished second in boardercross and Weresch took third place. The team is in fourth place in conference.
Boys Basketball Team Stands Atop the North Shore Conference

The Whitefish Bay boys’ basketball team took care of business on Friday, January 17, at Slinger High School in a showdown of first-place teams in the North Shore Conference. The Blue Dukes got behind early and were down 32-19 at the half. But during a huge second half, the Blue Dukes outscored the Owls, 39-19, and earned a hard-fought 58-51 victory and sole possession of first place in conference. Junior Jayden Jackson led the way for the Blue Dukes, finishing with 16 points, four rebounds and three assists. Senior Kieran Heller chipped in with 11 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Junior Cullen Starker and sophomore Joe Brunner also added eight points apiece.

The Blue Dukes then lost close games to two state-ranked opponents, Nicolet High School and Rufus King High School. Playing at Nicolet on Friday, January 24, the Knights avenged a loss to Whitefish Bay earlier this season with a 55-49 win. The following game came at home against undefeated King on Tuesday, January 28, with the Generals earning a 59-53 victory.

On Friday, January 31, the Blue Dukes kept pace in the race for a conference championship with a 53-36 victory over West Bend West. After a tight first half, the Blue Dukes pulled away in the second half. Jackson was the leading scorer for the Blue Dukes with 18 points and Starker scored with 14 points and corralled 11 rebounds. Brunner notched eight points and junior JD Cohen chipped in with seven.

The Blue Dukes sit atop the conference with a 9-2 record, tied with Nicolet and Slinger.
Ranked Third in State, Swim and Dive Team Prepares for Post-Season Competition

The Whitefish Bay boys’ swim and dive team wrapped up their final regular-season meet on Thursday, January 23. In the most anticipated match-up of the season, the third-ranked Blue Dukes traveled to top-ranked Cedarburg High School for the dual meet of the year. Both teams are poised to make a run for a state title. The dual meet never favored one team by more than six points. After an unfortunate relay-team disqualification, the Blue Dukes lost, 96-88, and now look for revenge at the North Shore Conference meet.

The Blue Dukes also traveled to Shorewood High School for the Shorewood Invitational on Saturday, January 25. Junior Phil Swietlik led the team to a strong fifth-place finish in the meet, bringing home two podium finishes. Swietlik placed sixth in both the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events and teamed with junior Adi Prasad, senior Simon Anderson and sophomore Carson Ormsby to bring home a sixth-place finish in the 400-free relay.

The Blue Dukes began their postseason run at the highly touted Small School State Invitational this past Saturday, February 1. Be sure to catch the action next weekend as the Blue Dukes host the Conference Invitational on Saturday, February 8, with the first race at 10 a.m.

Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity Ski Teams Excelling on the Hill

Congratulations to the Whitefish Bay Ski Racers, who competed in their fourth race of the season on Sunday, January 19, at Little Switzerland against Brookfield Central, Muskego, Nicolet/Shorewood and University Lake School/Brookfield Academy/Lake Country Lutheran/Trinity. Both the girls’ and boys’ varsity teams finished third. The girls were led by juniors Molly Keiper and Abby Lim and sophomore Emilie Lesinski, while juniors Damon Katz, Hunter Bania and Jack Van Dyke paced the boys’ team.

Ski Racers were at it again on Thursday, January 30 at Little Switzerland against University School, Waukesha, Franklin, and Homestead. Both the girls – led by Lesinski and Lim and sophomore Sydney Urben – and boys – led by Katz and juniors James Moll and Drew Novinski – won their races. Extra congratulations to Katz for winning the varsity boys’ race individually!

Divide and Conquer: Math Team Starts its Competitions

Twenty-two Whitefish Bay students participated in American Mathematics Competition (AMC) 10 and AMC 12 math contest, held at Whitefish Bay High School. The 75-minute long contest consists of 25 non-calculator, multiple-choice questions. High-scoring students will be invited to participate in the American Invitational Mathematical Examination (AIME) in March.

Upcoming Events:
February 11: Wisconsin Math League, 3:45 p.m. in Room 345
March 17: Wisconsin Math League, 3:45 p.m. in Room 345.
Gymnastics Team Comes up Big at Arrowhead Invitational

On Saturday, January 25, the girls’ varsity and junior varsity gymnastics teams competed at the Arrowhead Invitational. Both teams won by sizable margins and recorded a season high in points against fields of seven teams in each division. Varsity posted a 140.15 score and edged second-place Menomonee Falls/Germantown by 1.65 points.

The gymnasts attempted many new skills and revamped several routines, which helped raise their start values and improve their scores.

The varsity team was comprised of junior Addie Gallun and seniors Meghan Grimm and Sarah Kirchner (all team captains) as well as junior Madi Kogler and sophomores Anneh Britz, Kate Graham, Erin Timms and Liz Gaeta.

Despite dealing with an injury and watered-down routines, Gallun was able to compete in two events and placed second on bars and fifth on beam. Britz placed fifth on bars and third in the all-around. Graham also was impressive and placed fifth in the all-around. Congratulations to both teams for yet another successful meet!
Cheer Team Brings Home Some Hardware from Brookfield Blast Competition

The Whitefish Bay varsity cheer team recorded its most successful performance to date, taking home trophies for top-three finishes at the Brookfield Blast Cheer Competition, held this past Saturday, February 1, at Brookfield Central High School. The team won first place in the non-stunt competition and finished third in the cheer dance competition. The team’s next competition is the Cardinal Classic on February 15 at Sun Prairie High School.
Whitefish Bay Theater Presents Disney’s Classic Musical “Beauty and the Beast”

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful original songs along with new music, show-stopping numbers, iconic characters, and magic for the whole family.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

This "tale as old as time" offers a perfect opportunity for the old, the young, and everyone in between to witness and enjoy family theater at its best.

Come join us for this magical, humorous, and heart-warming experience at the **Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium**
located at 1200 E. Fairmount Avenue.

**Dates:**
February 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th at 7:00 PM
February 23rd & March 1st at 2:00 PM

**Tickets:**
$15 for Adults
$10 for Seniors, Students, & Children

**Tickets are available at wfbhstheater.com**
Bay Gives Back Toiletry Drive Begins in February

MPS IDENTIFIED OVER 5,200 STUDENTS WHO WERE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS LAST YEAR

We are partnering with the Homeless Education Program at MPS by collecting toiletry items for those in need. Join us by bringing items to WFBHS between February 17th-28th. Competition will be among 2nd hour classrooms! The class that collects the most items will win a bagel and donut party!

See Ms. Schmidt if you have any questions or want to help volunteer during the event!

What is needed:
- deodorant
- soap
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- conditioner
- lotion
- feminine hygiene products

Do you want to win a donut and bagel party?
Bring items to your 2nd hour class!

February 17th-28th!

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