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BHS Activities Updates and
2017-18 Winter Activities Report

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Updates/Program News will be provided at Workshop

- Conference Membership
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Buffalo High School has completed its winter activities for the 2017-18 school year. Coaches have shared a short narrative summary of their seasons for you to review. The report also includes a detailed summary of participation #s including coaching ratios.

WINTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

GIRLS HOCKEY: Head Coach Mark Nordvall (2nd Year)

Annandale was welcomed into the Bison Girls Hockey family in 2017-2018. This program is truly blessed with a group of upstanding respectful young women. They can take pride in the way they represented Bison Girls' Hockey both on and off the ice. A large emphasis for this team throughout the season was to raise its competitive level and staying on task for an entire game. The program focused on keeping a mental count of little things performed correctly when mistakes were made; to learn from them then leave them behind. The 2017-2018 season was a bit of a roller coaster coming up on the short end of, no less than, 8 one goal games.

That said, notable progress was made in their ability to first prepare and then to compete to their potential. The JV program encountered low numbers making it a challenge to field a full team. Our JV players played most of their games with a very

short bench. They should be commended for always giving their best and for their positivity.

The season started with a team building/scrimmage fest in Red Wing. This has proven to be a very successful opening weekend with team building games and activities on Friday evening and a full day of hockey with 4 scrimmages at Red Wing's arena on Saturday. The season finished with a heartfelt battle against a very talented #2 seed Brainerd/Little Falls in the Section Quarterfinals. In between, the Bison played a competitive conference and non-conference schedule finishing right in the middle of the Mississippi 8 Conference.

Seniors Bailey Braccini and Taylor Ryan provided quiet but solid leadership to what is still a young team. Jada Habisch, Emma Carlson, and Allisen Carothers were named to the Mississippi 8 All-Conference Team. Erica O'Borsky and Kennedy Sohler were named Mississippi 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention. Jada Habisch was named to the All-Section 8AA Team.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Grant Stewart (1st Year)

With a change in the leadership of the program, there was not much that remained the same from previous years. This change brought about a new head coach, Grant Stewart, and an almost entirely new coaching staff. With a new staff came a new system and way of doing things.

From the beginning we focused on program building and development of a positive culture while promoting core values that student-athletes need to succeed in life. **"ACT"** accordingly was the primary focus of our core values: **A**ccountability, **C**ommitment and **T**oughness. In addition, Team Unity and Grit were constantly being pushed during the season.

Great strides in building a positive and rewarding culture within Bison basketball were made during the season. The student-athletes made tremendous progress in team unity. There were some definite team issues at the beginning of the season, but to watch how these girls started bonding and embracing the concept of being a team and identifying their individual roles was truly amazing. The athlete's also made great progress on accountability and mental toughness throughout the season. They learned how to deal with adversity and to never give up; regardless of win or lose, to give it everything you have and walk away proud of your efforts. They developed some Grit!

Our season started out rough losing 4 out of 5 of our first games. There were a lot of changes in our system of play and it took some games before we hit our stride. But hit our stride we did; you could actually “feel” it occur.

In our remaining 21 games of the regular season we finished 16 and 5 and ended up tied for second in the Mississippi 8 conference. We were #5 seed for sections. Our first section game was against Brainerd (at Brainerd) and we avenged an early season overtime loss to them for our section win. We took the lead early against Brainerd and never relinquished it the entire game. Our next section game was against STMA and although the game was very close, we did not prevail and were knocked out by the #1 seed. We were very proud of our efforts and had played STMA very tough in our last two meetings.

We finished our season with an overall record of 18-10, which is the best record for the girls’ basketball program since the 2011-12 season. Overall, we were very happy with the team’s accomplishments both as players and their development as young adults. We felt like we laid a great foundation of core values to build upon for the coming seasons.

We also had many players receive accolades this season: Jordan Zrust is just 27 points shy of 1000 as a junior. She received All Conference and All State Honorable Mention. Reese Wishart (Junior) and Megan Lowell (Senior) received All Conference and Bailee Larson (Senior) received All Conference Honorable mention. Bailee will be playing DIII college basketball next year for Concordia. As a team we earned M-8 Gold Academic Standard and had 10 of 14 varsity players with GPAs of 3.70 or better. All of our seniors were awarded Academic All State: Ashley Cordt, Sarah Hudson, Bailee Larson and Megan Lowell. There were also several school records that we bested this season too.

The best moment of the season was when many players stated after our section loss to STMA that this was such a great season and how they wished we could still practice. When students want to continue practicing, that is a positive step in the right direction.

We are graduating four talented seniors this season that will have an impact, but we have a strong group of juniors returning for next season. There is a gap in the sophomore group with not many players in that age so a concerted effort to develop some talent at the younger levels will be necessary. We have a great assistant coaching staff and I believe all of them wish to return next season.

I can hardly wait to get started again! Go Bison!

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant." –

Robert Louis Stevenson

BOYS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Josh Ortmann (2nd Year head coach and 6th year in the program)

It was a fun winter for the Boys' Basketball program. As usual, we provided two 9th grade teams, a Sophomore team, and our JV/Varsity team. All five teams experienced great success on and off the court. As a whole program, we were able to really learn what "TEAM" basketball is all about. All levels made great strides in this area and really bought into the fact that they are a part of something bigger than themselves.

This year our program developed a new ongoing motto: "Refuse to Lose". Typically people think of this motto as refusing to lose a basketball game. However, as a group we broke this motto down into how we can apply this to not only basketball, but our everyday lives. We learned that in life we are going to be faced with adversity and when we are, what is our response going to be? We try to teach our kids how to positively come out of every situation they are faced with; whether it is school related, home related, peer group related, or sport related. We are proud of our boys and our program developing the "RTL" mentality and know because of this mentality and motto, they will continue to grow individually into young men, but also as a team for the Buffalo Bison.

The Bison basketball team made drastic improvements from a year ago. Our coaching staff is extremely proud of the strides we made. We finished our season 15-14 overall, 8-5 within the conference (3rd overall in the M8), 5-6 section record and finished the season as the Section 8AAAA Runner Up to Maple Grove. As a whole, our team finished with a team G.P.A of 3.51. This G.P.A. qualifies us under the MSHSL Academic Gold rating. This is something our boys should be extremely proud of as we always stress the importance of academics. We received three All Conference Awards for Sophomore Matthew Willert, Sophomore Tony Dahl, and Sophomore Aidan Bouman. We received two All Conference Honorable Mention awards for Sophomore Brandon Maatz and Senior Jake Anderson.

Our team continued to stress the importance of academics by reading to students at Parkside Elementary for "I Love to Read" month. They also showed their support to our community by working with local businesses such as Olson Chiropractic and What's the

Scoop. Our coaching staff is extremely proud of the growth our boys made off the court, as we strive every day to represent ISD 877 to the best of our abilities.

Lastly, all season long we had unbelievable support from the communities of Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose. It was evident in our last game against Maple Grove for the Section Championship what the support looked like, sounded like and felt like. BHM fans filled Monticello's gym as if it were their own. This was a night our players and coaches will never forget. We are proud to be a Bison! Thank you all for everything you do in support of our program.

DANCE TEAM: Head Coach Sarah Beyer (2nd Year)

The Bison Dance Team represented BHS very well again this year. The season started with two Mississippi 8 competitions. The first Jazz competition was in Chisago Lakes on November 20th and the Bison hosted the first Kick competition on November 27th at Buffalo High School. Steady improvement was evident during two more Mississippi 8 Competitions in December at North Branch and STMA. The Conference Finals took place in January at Monticello. The girls continued to make stride in invites during the season at Fridley, Waconia and Rogers and they competed for the last time in a very competitive Section 2AAA event at Chanhassen in February. Mississippi 8 All-Conference honors were awarded to Vanessa Wong and Jade Wilson was named Honorable Mention. The team had great senior team leadership from Payton Salonek, Emily Skoog and Amanda Welter. The seniors will be missed. Although the Bison did not finish near the top in most events, the girls, parents and dance community in Buffalo continue to remain positive and excited as the team showed continuous improvement throughout the season and the momentum grows. Mary Sansevere has now been hired to lead the program beginning next season and she has already conducted tryouts for next year's team. I look forward to watching Coach Sansevere work to move the Bison Dance Team to the next competitive level.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE: Head Coach Pam Brophy (9th year head coach and 12th year in program)

Both in terms of personal growth, and athletic achievement, the 2017-18 season was the most successful in program history. We had a record 54 athletes this season, including 22 first-time team members. Boys Swim & Dive went 7-0-1 in dual meets resulting in a Co-Conference Championship and historic undefeated season. Our

athletes earned 31 changes to our Top 15 lists, 40 PRs at Sections, 41 PRs at JV Championships, and placed 3rd at 8AA True Team and at the 8AA Section Meet. We also had two relays and one individual advance to the State meet. We are especially proud to be Conference Academic Champs, earning a Gold Standard, and to be tied for Section Academic Champs, earning a Silver Standard.

Boys Swim & Dive had 22 medal winners at Sections, and our first ever relay event Section Champion when our 400 Free Relay took 1st. (Parker Kabe, Triston Kosek, Marco Maffei and Max Menzemer.) These talented swimmers set a new school record when they dropped even more time at the State Meet. Parker Kabe qualified for state in the 500 Free and dropped time at the State Meet to set another School Record. Parker also anchored our 200 Free Relay to a 2nd place finish at Sections. Carter Barton, Triston Kosek, Max Menzemer and Parker all dropped time at State to set yet another School Record. This is the 10th consecutive year Boys Swim & Dive has had someone qualify for State.

Quincy Kabe was our top diver at Sections finishing just 3 points out of 4th, which would have earned him his second trip to State. Sam Yost PRd at Sections to finish 7th and Vance Winter PRd to finish 9th. Seventh grade diver, Grayson Mills, took 16th which earned him a Varsity letter. When we told him he'd lettered, Grayson said, "And I earned a point for our team!" This type of response speaks volumes about this team!

For the first time, our program had 8 athletes selected for All Conference with 4 more receiving All Conference Honorable Mention. In addition, we had 12 All Academic Awards winners. Our team earned a M-8 Gold Standard Academic award for the 3rd consecutive year and were Silver Standard winner for Section 8AA for the 3rd year as well. We held our 9th annual Alumni Fun Fest over Winter Break and had 15 former athletes join us for swimming, diving, and a poolside pizza party.

Boys Swim & Dive also hosted our 8th Annual Border Battle Invitational Swim & Dive Meet. Once again, our team dedicated this season to a KICK Cancer initiative to support the parent of a former team member who passed away from cancer one year ago. As a result of our Kick-A-Thon, PINK OUT Night, and Chuck-A-Duck efforts, we were able to donate \$1300 to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund. We have also established a Marie Butler Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a deserving senior each spring. Our team was happy to accept an invitation to participate in Parkside's "I Love to Read Month" by being guest readers. Much to our delight, the students sent our readers handmade thank you cards that are definite keepsakes!

Even though we are graduating 3 talented athletes, our strong core of young swimmers and divers give us reason to be excited about the 2018-19 season!

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Head Coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson (34th Year),
Debi Warpula (3 years)
Willie Pecarina (2nd year as a coach)
Micah Morris (1st year coaching gymnastics)

It was another memorable season for the Bison gymnastics team this year; quite an accomplishment for a small group of athletes. Unlike last year, this season was one in which the athletes were relatively healthy and injuries were minor to nonexistent. The six gymnasts who usually filled the varsity positions, Seniors Rachel Haas, Amanda Montplaisir, Sam Twardy, and Peyton Retterath, Junior Sam Poeschl, and Freshman Madi Peters were veterans of last year's squad. They brought lots of experience, set wonderful examples and gave great advice to the 9th and 7th graders who composed the JV. The coaching staff was joined by Micah Morris. He added his analytical eye to the adult leadership mix.

This season marked our first experience in the new facility, which required extensive preparation before the season started. Arranging equipment and legal matting in the allotted space was challenging because, although the space was similar to the previous area, the foam pit occupied a 20 X 20 foot section not available for competitive apparatus. Equipment storage during meets was another issue, as the space has no storage room for equipment used for training but has to be stored out of the competitive area for meets. Because the equipment has to be stored in the gym, there is less room for spectators during competitions. Other issues included sound system and microphone usage. The foam pit began to pay off when the additional floor boards, carpet and pit training bar were finished about three weeks after the season began and the gymnasts were able to tumble, vault and dismount into it. By February, the athletes were rapidly improving, especially on vaulting and bar dismounts, because they now have the facility where those types of skills can be practiced into a safer landing surface.

Overall, Bison meet results were impressive. Even if the final score did not result with the Bison being the top scoring team, the team consistently scored in the high 130s and over 140 for the last three meets of the season. This means the athletes peaked at the conclusion of the season, exactly as they should. During the final meets of the season, the girls put some high totals in the record book. As a team, they achieved the second

highest beam total ever with a 36.625 against Big Lake High School. (These Bison gymnasts definitely dominated beam competition in almost every meet.) Also, during vault competition at the section meet, the team scored the third highest vault total on record. Additionally at the section meet, Bison continued beam domination and solid vaults with other polished routines. This allowed the girls to win the second place trophy behind the St. Cloud Tech Tigers and three gymnasts qualified for the state tournament in February. Rachel Haas competed at state on the balance beam, as did Madi Peters and Amanda Montplaisir. Madi also qualified in the floor exercise and Amanda as an all-around gymnast. Amanda, a senior, had her highest all-around and uneven bar scores of her career. Madi placed third on the balance beam and came home with the bronze medal on this event. The team was especially proud to again win the State Academic Championship, given by the Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association, for the second year in a row. This year the team was tied with Bemidji with a GPA of 3.975

BOYS HOCKEY: Head Coach Aaron Johnson (5th Year)

The boys' hockey Team had a very successful 2017-2018 season. The team finished with an overall record of 13-13. In Mississippi 8 play, the Bison finished in second place for the fourth time in the last five seasons. The Bison's conference record was 7-3. The team was led by two seniors this season. The seniors were Tyler Marr and Ben Lindvall. The Bison placed four players on the Mississippi 8 All-Conference Team. The members included Sophomore Jake Braccini and Juniors Joe McNamara, Nathan Mueller and Ryan Nelson. Sophomore Tyler Braccini and Junior Ben Klein were both named All-Conference Honorable Mention. The team earned the #7 seed in Section 8 for the playoffs. The Bison traveled to St. Michael to face the #2 seed Knights and lost 5-3. The 36 members of the Boys' Hockey team had a great experience and learned many valuable life and hockey lessons. The varsity team finished with a team GPA of 3.49 during the quarters of the hockey season. The boys were positive leaders around school and represented our program with class.

WRESTLING: Head Coach Ben Presler (3rd Year)

Blake Trullinger, Assistant Coach (3rd year)

Jeff Granrud, Assistant Coach (3rd year)

Grant Renner, Assistant Coach (1st year)

The 2017-2018 Bison wrestling season is once again highlighted by continual growth. As coaches, we had high expectations for this team on the mat, but even higher for them as people. In both cases, our expectations were exceeded. We put together a difficult schedule that allowed our wrestlers to be tested by some of the top teams and individuals in the state and even the country. They are competitors. They hold nothing back, compete with pride for their team and their school and never fail in their pursuit of continuous improvement.

With our difficult schedule, our team finished the season with a record of 8-7 overall. Senior Jacob Scherber, juniors Riley Habisch and Hunter Hendricks and freshman Ryan Scherber earned All-Conference marks for their season and eight others earned All-Conference Honorable Mention. We earned the third seed in our section tournament and lost in a close dual to the second seeded Maple Grove Crimson. Individually, three wrestlers earned trips to the state tournament. Ryan Scherber went 1-2 in his state tournament debut. Riley Habisch went 4-2 and earned a third place finish. This was his second state medal. Jacob Scherber capped off his senior campaign with a trip to the state championship match and a silver medal. Jacob was the first state finalist for Buffalo since 2008, and earning two medals has not been done since then as well. Jacob ends his career with the Bison wrestling team as the second highest wrestler for wins in program history, amassing 144 wins in five seasons as a varsity wrestler. Academically, the bison wrestling team was outstanding. We were the only conference wrestling team to earn a team academic award. They also earned a gold plaque from the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association (MWCA) for our team GPA of 3.75. Jacob Scherber was selected as a recipient of the MWCA Scholarship and the team had a total of 11 wrestlers earn the Academic All-Conference award.

All of these accomplishments are incredible and well deserved, but they do not define the team that we had this season. When asked of the team part way through the season, their thoughts on the season to that point, junior Tommy Samson stated it best; he said, "We are more than a team. We are a family. I know that when I succeed, so does my family. I also know that no matter what, win or lose, they have my back." As a coach, I cannot think of a better way to define success for a team.

MOCK TRIAL :

Head Coach Jason Swanson (4th year Varsity Coach, 8th year in the program)

This Mock Trial season proved to be a challenging one. This year was a record year as far as number of participants. Typically, Mock Trial runs two teams with 20 to 22 members total. This season, however, Mock Trial had 29 members. The Varsity team consisted of 10 members this season and the JV team had 19. This JV team could be split into two teams, but that proves challenging with two coaches. This season's case was also the most challenging I have faced as a coach.

Our case was a vehicular homicide case involving an eighteen wheeler that did not stop in time for a red light and collided with a car in the cross traffic. There were many difficult facts and a lot of unknown details that made this case particularly challenging.

Due to a rule change from the Minnesota State Bar Association, we are now allowed to compete with up to 12 scoring members on a team. I ran 12 on the Varsity team last year (2016-2017), and chose this year to go back to a ten scoring member model. This allows two team members to play both sides of our case. I do plan to run ten scoring members again next season due to the fact that we tend to create stronger prosecution (plaintiff) and defense sides of the case when two members are actively performing both roles.

A Mock Trial is divided into the Mississippi 8 Region play, as well as the Minnesota State Bar Association Region. The Mississippi 8 Region play remained unchanged from last year, consisting of teams from: Buffalo, STMA, Princeton, and Cambridge High Schools. In the Mississippi 8 competition, varsity and junior varsity teams are separated for competition. Both Buffalo teams were successful, taking Grand Champion for both Varsity and JV divisions. Both teams also qualified for Academic Honors again this season.

The State Region play brought much more strict competition this season compared to all previous seasons. In past years, there have been anywhere from six to eight teams in our region (Region 3). This season, teams were redrafted geographically, placing 11 teams in Region 3. This new region now consists of: Annandale, Buffalo (2 teams), Cambridge-Isanti (2 teams), Glencoe Silver Lake, Princeton, STMA (3 teams), and Watertown-Mayer. Mock Trial is unique in that during state region play, all teams compete on the same playing field. This means that varsity and junior varsity teams face each other. Even with this added challenge of more teams to face in the region, the Varsity team placed 2nd in regular region play, and the JV team finished 3rd. Regular Region Play consists of four rounds/trials. The top two teams in each region then face each other in one trial to determine the top team to compete at state against

15 other regions. Buffalo faced Watertown in this Round 5 competition and came up just shy of the win, finishing 2nd overall in Region 3.

This year, the Varsity team graduates four senior members. We will miss their hard work and talent. These students were excellent mentors for all underclassmen both on the Varsity and JV teams. With a large group in Mock Trial this year, and a strong performance from both teams as well, we anticipate another successful season next year.

ONE ACT PLAY: Co- Directors Tracy Hagstrom Durant (26th year at BHS, 37th total) and Nick Lostetter (1st year at BHS, 2nd total)
Brandon Aldrich (2nd year)

mockingbird (mok'ing-burd)

by: Julie Jensen, based on a young adult novel by Kathryn Erskine.

Twenty students participated in the One-Act Play program during the 2017-2018 season. Play selection is essential to success in the competitive One-Act play arena. This year, Directors Hagstrom Durant, Lostetter and Aldrich selected another very timely, moving and educationally significant piece of challenging theater. This particular play stretched the students as producers of theater and further prepared them to be educated, thoughtful human beings. ***mockingbird (mok'ing-burd)*** showcased what it was like to live within the mind of a child living on the autism spectrum. I also poignantly looked at parenting, teaching and befriending children on the spectrum, all issues significantly impacting us today.

The students learned so much through research, rehearsal and performance. Education is always taking place. District 877 facilitates all of this education through valuing the arts! Once again, our theatre students worked diligently and produced another powerfully educational show. **The students were able to dream, believe and achieve!**

About The Play –

Caitlin, as a 13-year-old on the autism spectrum, used to rely on her older brother to help make sense of the world. When Devon was killed in a school shooting, she and her father must come to terms with their life alone and together. With the help of those around her, she learns how to get close to other people in spite of the “messiness” of emotions. We experience this play from Caitlin’s point of view. Adapted from the

National Book Award winning novel by Kathryn Erskine. Commissioned by Kennedy Center and VSA, produced by Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences in 2015, winning the Marc David Cohen National Playwriting Award, and a nomination for a Helen Hayes Award for best new script.

2017-2018 Season Performance Record

Mississippi 8 Conference Starred Performance

All-Conference Ensemble Academic Gold Award

All-Conference Cast –Madelyn Backes, Eric Braun, Victoria Herda

All Conference Tech Crew – Ciarra Fagerlis

All-Conference Cast Honorable Mention – Perrin Thompson

All-Conference Tech Crew Honorable Mention – Grace Happe and Harrison Bjorback

Subsection 5AA – 1st place

Section 5AA Finals – 2nd place

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA: Lead Advisor Brenda Diekman (11th Year)

Business Professionals of America is an activity for any student in grades 9-12 wanting to advance their knowledge and skills in careers such as business, management, medical office, legal office, office administration, computer applications, information technology and other related career fields.

Membership was made up of 11 students who participated in eight of the 68 possible events. This year, we were fortunate to be able to host the Regional Competition in January during which eight members received top awards and moved on to the State competition in Minneapolis in March. While attending the State Conference, four members advanced to the National Conference in Dallas, Texas which will be held in May.

This year we are also proud to have Chloe Paul, our Chapter President and Madelyn Hackett, our Chapter Treasurer both be elected to be part of next year's Regional Officer Team.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL: Coaches Tracy Johnson, Abby Bohler, Ann Hamann (1st Year)

Since November, the BHS Knowledge Bowl team has done so much to make their coaches, families, school, and community proud.

One major change in 2018 was that we were absent a Head Coach this season for Knowledge Bowl. The three coaches (Johnson, Hamann, Bohler) shared the duties equally throughout the season and did our best to lead the team forward. We divided the roles of communication, academic tracking, practice game-planning and goal-setting among the three coaches. We limited our numbers this year to just seven teams purposely so that we could build more positive relationships with the students. We also changed practices to be three days a week for all players, instead of a rotating schedule as was used in the past. This proved to be a positive experience for the students, who reported on the end-of-season survey that they felt more connected to the coaches, their teammates on Varsity and JV, and that practices were run more smoothly.

The team consisted of five Varsity teams (comprised of 11th and 12th grade students), and two JV teams (comprised of 9th and 10th grade students.) We welcomed six players that were brand-new to the sport and welcomed back many of our veterans. Teams were decided based on creating teams with balanced knowledge and skill sets, but also on teams that could work well together. Thankfully, this year, we did not have to turn students away as in the past. However, by advertising that our team numbers were limited, some students chose not to try out at all. Our JV numbers are very low, and next year we will have only two freshmen who will return to play as sophomores. We have plans in place to recruit and promote next year.

This year, we are extremely proud of all of our teams. They learned so much about the game of Knowledge Bowl and even more about building positive relationships, handling conflict, participating in a community and having great sportsmanship. The team was consistently praised by the coaches and students from other schools in our region as being the most polite, helpful and encouraging of one another. That is our greatest success.

Even though we are most proud of the way our students grew personally in the areas of character, I'm also quite happy with the trophies on the shelf, and we are not going to send them back. :)

Our results:

@ Buffalo: Varsity 4 placed 11th with 88 points; JVA placed 2nd with 86 points

@ St. Francis: Varsity 1 placed 8th with 71.5 points; JVA placed 1st with 65.5 points
@ Elk River: Varsity 1 placed 7th with 89.5 points; JVA placed 6th with 86.5 points
@ Sartell: Varsity 1 placed 3rd with 100.5 points; JVA placed 4th with 82 points; JVB placed 6th with 78.5 points
@ Rogers: Varsity 1 placed 5th with 90.5 points; JVA placed 1st with 83 points
@ North Branch: Varsity 1 placed 8th with 99.5 points; JVA placed 1st with 101 points
@ Zimmerman: Entire team placed 1st for combined team score; Varsity 1 placed 4th with 105 points; JVA placed 1st; JVB placed 5th
@ Sub-regions: Varsity 1 placed 6th with 98.5 points; Varsity 2 placed 10th with 87.5 points
@ Regions: Varsity 1 placed 3rd with 109 points
@ JV Finals: Varsity 4 placed 1st with 86.5 points

We have the most amazing students in Knowledge Bowl. Every day at practice, and at every meet, they make us so proud. Former Coach Doug Voerding often joins us at Knowledge Bowl meets, and on one bus ride, we asked him why he continues to come back after all these years. "Because they give me hope. Watching these kids reminds me of all the good things that could happen in the future, and all the good that we are doing in classrooms." Knowledge Bowlers are smart kids with integrity, communication skills, positive attitudes, and they handle pressure well. They indeed give us hope, and we are proud to be a part of training these future world-changers.

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY: Coaches Ruth Clarke and Dave Kauffman

We had an exciting inaugural season as the Buffalo-Monticello-St. Michael-Albertville Coyotes! Our athletes, and coaches, had fun getting the new team underway. We had great help from three student managers, Abby and Katie Burandt and Connor Carlson. There was a learning curve for everyone involved, but a lot was learned. We started our season against the 2018 Adapted Floor Hockey State Champion - St. Cloud Area. It was a great first game, but we came up short against a tough team. As the season progressed, the athletes became more comfortable on the floor and began to gel as a team. We received our first win on 2/12/18 at White Bear Lake with a score of 3-2. We went on to win two more games by the end of the season. We finished our regular season with a record of 3-9. We traveled to South Washington County (13-0) for our play-off game. This was one of the toughest games of the season that ended our season. Throughout the season, the players worked hard and were TIRED, but they had a blast! We had a total of 12 athletes - 10 were from Buffalo, 1 from Monticello,

and 1 from STMA. It was great to get some exposure to some of the other schools and we are looking forward to expanding with the other schools in the future!

End of the year award winners: MVP - Park Gilmer (Buffalo), Best Hustle - Grace Lamprecht (STMA), Best Defender - Brandon Powers (Buffalo)

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Participation #s