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August 2026 - Activities Director Board Report

Tomahawk High School:

Fall sports have begun at the School District of Tomahawk for the 2026 - 2027 school year. The High School had their annual Fall Sports Parent Meeting on Monday August 3 with Football beginning on Tuesday August 4. Over the next two weeks, we will have the Girls Swimming program starting, followed by Cross Country on their annual Bond Falls Trip, and Volleyball to round off the start of the Fall Sports Season. Our numbers in the high school are down across all sports this fall, and we will be evaluating the levels of play we can compete at in the best interest of our student athletes and their health over the coming weeks.

Cross Country:

- Head Coach Connor Ahrens ~ ahrensc@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Monday August 17 - Bond Falls Camp
- Scrimmage: Saturday August 22 @ Bradley Park - 8:00 AM
- First Meet: Thursday August 27 @ Hodag Invite (Rhinelander) - 10:00 AM

Football:

- Head Coach Dewey Reilly ~ reillyd@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Tuesday August 4
- Scrimmage: Friday August 14 @ 10:00 AM - Hatchet Field v. McDonell Central, Ashland, and Colby
- First Game: Friday August 21 @ 6:00 PM - Hatchet Field v. Luther High School

Girls Swimming:

- Head Coach Megan Backes ~ backesm@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Tuesday August 11
- First Meet: Thursday August 20 @ Merrill Fun in the Sun - 5:00 PM

Volleyball:

- Head Coach Kasie Holt ~ holtk@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Monday August 17
- Scrimmage: Saturday August 22 @ Merrill - 9:00 AM
- First Game: Friday August 28 @ Wisconsin Dells Friendship Tournament

Tomahawk Middle School:

The Tomahawk Middle School will also be beginning practices this next week for the start of their Fall Sports Season. We will have the Middle School Fall Parent Meeting on Monday August 10 at 6:00 PM in the TSD Auditorium. Middle School football will begin on August 10, with Cross Country beginning on Thursday August 20, and Middle School Girls Swimming and Volleyball the following Monday August 24. We have greater numbers for participation in the

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Middle school for the upcoming school year than in years past. We also are no longer a WIAA affiliate Middle School program beginning this fall.

Cross Country:

- Co-Head Coaches Katie Mackin ~ mackink@myhatchets.org and Rhonda Zorn
- Start Date: Thursday August 20
- First Meet: Thursday September 3 @ Marathon Invite (Nine Mile Forest, Wausau, WI)

Football:

- Head Coaches Mike Krich ~ krichm@myhatchets.org and Kole Woodall ~ woodallk@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Monday August 10
- First Game: Thursday August 27 v. Rhinelander @ 4:00 PM - Hatchet Field

Girls Swimming:

- Head Coach Kaylie Svacina ~ svacinak@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Monday August 24
- First Meet: Tuesday September 8 @ Antigo - 5:00 PM

Volleyball:

- Head Coaches Morgan Ernst ~ ernstm@myhatchets.org and Gina LeTempt ~ letemptg@myhatchets.org
- Start Date: Monday August 24
- First Game: Tuesday September 8 @ Rhinelander - 4:00 PM

Activities Director Notes:

It has been a very busy summer with a lot of changes and items updated. Below are some current or ongoing projects.

- 1) Video Board Update
 - a) It will be getting installed beginning Monday August 17
 - b) Mr. Wendell Quesinberry and myself have been working on solidifying sponsorships for the board, and are having some great success and support from the community.
- 2) Communication Updates
 - a) Important Websites to have for information regarding athletics:
 - i) The School District of Tomahawk Website ~ www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us
 - (1) Will be completed by October 2026 - all necessary forms and contact information will be looked through a district wide activities page
 - ii) The Great Northern Conference ~ www.greatnorthernconferencewi.org
 - (1) Conference documentation, stats, and schedules.
 - iii) Arbiter Live Website ~ www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityID=23522
 - (1) Location for all Athletic Schedules for the 2026 - 2027 School Year
- 3) Hatchet Hall of Fame
 - a) Working with current remaining Board President Tim Albert and community members to begin to reinvigorate this program through the community and school.
- 4) Jim Nesbit will be leaving the district as our Certified Athletic Trainer through Aspirus Northland Orthopedic.
 - a) Would like to thank Jim for everything he has done for our student-athletes during his time at Tomahawk, he will be greatly missed.
- 5) Banners and Record Boards have been updated from last year's championship performances and records.
- 6) Looking to work through the High School English Department for a club to work directly with Jalen Maki at the

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Tomahawk Leader to provide articles through the classroom.

- 7) Concession stands will be covered for almost all of the football games on Hatchet Field this season. Multiple school groups will be running them including FBLA, NHS, and the new Spirit Club.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me at any time!

GO HATCHETS!

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