

School Board Workshop:

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Subject:

BHS Spring Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report only.

DESCRIPTION: Season Summaries

Buffalo High School completed its spring activities seasons for the 2025-26 school year. Coaches and Advisors have completed a short narrative of their season for you to review. Thank you for supporting activities at BHS!

Bison Baseball

Baseball: Head Coach Mike Beilke (23 years)

The Bison finished the year with an overall record of 11-13. Our regular season record was 9-11 and we finished the year with a Lake Conference record of 4-10. One of the highlights this year was watching this team compete in the section tournament. We started the section tournament with two victories, including a win over the number one seed. We had a record of 2-2. We finished third in the section tournament. This team competed every day and was fun to watch!

We saw a huge improvement in our power numbers. We hit 16 home runs, 32 doubles, and 2 triples. We also saw an improvement in our fielding percent as we committed fewer errors.

Aiden Marconett and Tyson Moore were selected to the All-Conference Team
Riley West, Carson Haugen, and Dolen Brisk received Honorable Mention All-Conference Awards

The All Section Team - Tyson Moore, Aiden Marconett, and Carson Haugen

BISON AWARDS

Cash Hourscht was voted Most Improved.

Tyson Moore was voted Most Dedicated.

Jack O'Brien and Will Miriovsky were selected as Rookies Of The Year.

Riley West was selected for the LeRoy Erickson Hustler Award.

Tyson Moore, Aiden Marconett, and Riley West received the Leadership Award.

Tyson Moore and Aiden Marconett were selected for the MVP Award.

Batting Champion went to Tyson Moore and Aiden Marconett.

Pitching Award was given to Aiden Marconett.

This team only loses one senior so the future for next year looks bright.

Thank you to Aiden Marconett, our one senior, for his outstanding attitude and leadership. We are very excited about the players we have returning for next season. We have a wealth of young talent returning. We have several pitchers with varsity experience returning for next season. I really enjoyed coaching this group of young men. Go Bison!!!

Boys Golf

The Boys Golf team had a successful season, advancing as a team to the second day of Section competition.

Russell Ylitalo qualified individually for the MSHSL State Tournament, where he shot even par on both days and finished tied for 11th place.

Additional season honors included:

- Russell Ylitalo – All-Conference
- Nick Kubu – All-Conference and Academic All-State
- Kale Sarvie – All-Conference Honorable Mention
- 9 of 14 participants earned a varsity letter

Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches on a great season!

Girls Golf

The Girls Golf program continues to experience tremendous growth, with participation increasing from **22 golfers to 32 and then to 41 last season**. The program continues to welcome golfers of all experience levels while emphasizing personal growth, teamwork, and the opportunity to develop skills in a lifelong sport.

Season Honors & Highlights:

- All-Conference: Lexi Hanzlik
- All-Conference Honorable Mention: Emma Forsberg
- Section Day-Two Qualifiers: Emma Forsberg and Marley Honsey
- Letter Winners: Taylin Bechtold, Elin Forsberg, Emma Forsberg, Lexi Hanzlik, Marley Honsey, Ella Iverson, Avery Olson, and Kennedy Steffes

The program also celebrated a strong group of seniors: Keeley Anonen, Emma Forsberg, Chloe Gilmer, Lexi Hanzlik, Skylar Heyerdahl, Skye McKibben, Evalynn Mehr, Gwen Niskanen, Avery Olson, and Taylor Whitney.

Beyond competition, the program continues to focus on developing student-athletes through

a demanding sport that builds perseverance, responsibility, confidence, and skills that carry over into school and life.

Congratulations to our golfers and coaches on another successful season and the continued growth of the Girls Golf program!

Boys Lacrosse

The Boys Lacrosse program had a successful season, earning the #3 seed in the Section Tournament and advancing to the Section Semifinals. The program also recorded its highest participation numbers during the current head coach's tenure.

The team made significant strides off the field as well, continuing to build a positive program culture focused on responding to adversity, supporting teammates, and growing together.

All-Section:

- Parker Youngquist
- Jay Bimson
- Thomas Munger
- Max Wurm

All-Conference:

- Parker Youngquist
- Jay Bimson
- Owen Schmidt
- Max Wurm
- Thomas Munger

The team also achieved its **highest team GPA** during the current head coach's tenure, demonstrating success both on the field and in the classroom.

Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches on a successful season and the continued growth of the Boys Lacrosse program!

Girls Lacrosse

2026 Bison Girls Lacrosse

"Done & Done Right." #thisisabison

Record: 16-3 (3 losses totaling 6 points)

Notable wins:

Edina (first time); Tonka - ranked #1 in state; Wayzata (first time); Lakeville South (first time) (regular season and state quarterfinals); Stillwater (first time) (state semifinals)

Team firsts:

Ranked No. 1 in coaches poll regular season
Lake-Conference (Co) Champions
Section 8 Champions
State Championship appearance (Runner-up)

Individual Milestones:

Hannah Rosso - 100 career points. Reached 84 points this season when she had a season-ending injury in the 3rd quarter of the last regular season game.
Adellita Nelson - 100 career points. Reached in the state quarterfinals
Rory Meyer - Ms Goalie MN. Reached 700 career saves
Daneka Eng - Reached 100 career points v wayzata, reached 100 career goals in state quarterfinals. Reached 200 career draw controls in state semifinals. Reached 100 draw controls in a season in the state championship.

Commits from the last year:

Jocelyn Phillips (2027) Missouri Western (DII)
Adellita Nelson (2027) Florida Southern College (DII National Champions 2026)
Calista Weiche (2027) Northern Michigan (DII)
Daneka Eng (2027) Army West Point (D1)
(Rory Meyer - 2026 - is now headed to play at the College of Saint Benedict)

Team Awards:

All-Conference:

- Adellita Nelson
- Hannah Rosso
- Rory Meyer
- Daneka Eng

All-Conference Honorable Mention:

- Aubrie Guida
- Jocelyn Phillips
- Calista Weiche

Section 8 First Team

- Adellita Nelson
- Hannah Rosso
- Rory Meyer
- Daneka Eng

Section 8 Second Team

- Aubrie Guida
- Eva Viteri
- Calista Weiche

All-State First Team

- Daneka Eng
- Rory Meyer

All-State Second Team

- Hannah Rosso

All-State Honorable Mention

- Adellita Nelson

Academic All-State

- Calista Weiche
- Evelyn Lloyd
- Hannah Rosso

Team Academic All-State

Gold

Team GPA 3.85

Ms. Goalie Minnesota

Rory Meyer

MSHSL All-Tournament Team:
Rory Meyer
Daneka Eng
Adellita Nelson

Softball

Head Coach Josh Bechtold

I took over for Kennedy Youngren who had to step aside and take a leave after having a new baby. Congrats to her and excited to get her back coaching next season. Rachel Hitze assisted coaching and she was amazing, very relatable with the girls.

The Bison softball team didn't have any success on the winning side going 0-22 on the season. What that record doesn't show or reflect is out of those 22 games, we were competitive in 16 of them. Losing 11 games by 3 runs or less and 5 games by 5 runs or less. That's a huge improvement from last season.

Highlights for the season was a game against Eden Prairie. Kenley Bechtold pitched toe to toe against one of the best pitchers in the league and we unfortunately ended up losing 0-1. Kenley achieved pitching 112 strikeouts on the season which kept us in many games.

We do have some really talented underclassman coming up who got some great experience on the field this year but we will rely heavily next year on the upcoming seniors in Kenley Bechtold (pitcher), Mia Haugen (catcher) who pitched and caught in almost every game for us this season, Payton Millerbernd (2nd base) and Payton Hynes (outfield), upcoming Junior Addison Glur (LF), upcoming Sophomores Sally Schmidt (SS), Lilly Reil (3rd), Elsie King (1st base/pitcher), upcoming Freshman Colette Oppegard (outfield/infield), Jayda Allen (outfield), Maddison Gallagher (outfield), and many other great underclassman that improved tremendously throughout the season.

Super excited to see what these girls can accomplish next season and to see what the underclassmen can do after another summer of playing and growth.

Awards:

Avery Bjorklund: Co MVP, All Conference honorable mention

Kenley Bechtold: Co MVP, Defensive Player of the year and All Conference

Mia Haugen: All Conference honorable mention

Payton Millerbernd: Best Teammate

Sally Schmidt: Rookie of the Year, Most Improved and All Conference honorable mention

Lilly Reil: Offensive Player/batting title

Boys Tennis

Boys Tennis: Head Coach Jordan Danielson (3rd Year)

The 2026 boys tennis season was my fourth season as the V head coach. My assistant coach Simona Erickson returned for her fourth year in the boys program and Hunter Fasching returned for his third year as the JV coach. We also had the opportunity to bring Kevin Umhoefer on as a full time coach after volunteering with us last year.

We finished with a 7-13 record, improving from last year. We finished 2-5 in the Lake Conference with regular season wins over STMA and Hopkins. Both matches came down to the wire and were really exciting team wins. Though our record wasn't as good as we would have liked, we were competitive throughout the season and had most matches end as 3-4, 2-5 or vice versa. One of our tightest losses came against Becker in a 3-4 result that saw the final match go into a tight 3rd set.

Though our success on the scoreboard as a team was a bit limited, we bring back most of our players next year and hope to make a true run at qualifying for the state tournament. In the meantime, this year we saw Will Schmidt, our junior #1 singles player, qualify for the state tournament as the Section 8AA Singles Champion! This is the first singles player from Buffalo to qualify for the state tournament since Michael Sicora in 2008. Will won his first match against a player from Eagan, before falling in the quarterfinals to eventual runner-up Ethan Turunen from Wayzata.

Track and Field

The Bison Track & Field program concluded the 2026 season highlighted by two individual state championships, as seniors Rose Lamberts (300m hurdles) and Tristan Lenton (1600m run) closed out their high school careers at the top of the podium. The squad shattered three school records this spring: Tristan Lenton in the 1600m (4:12.33), the Girls 4x400m relay team of Alyssa Simonson, Rose Lamberts, Kennedy Herrboldt, and Abigail Lamberts (3:56.22, finishing 7th at state), and Rose Lamberts, who clocked an incredible 41.94 in the 300m hurdles—the third-fastest time in Minnesota history. Alongside three All-Conference honors and 10 individual Academic All-State recipients, both the boys and girls programs earned the state's Gold Academic Standard by maintaining team GPAs of 3.94 and an astonishing 3.99, respectively, perfectly embodying the standard of the Bison student-athlete.

ATTACHMENT:

- BHS 2026 Spring Activities Participation Report