

Athletic Department End of Season Report Winter 2024-2025

This report is an overview of each sport, the number of participants, the cost to run the program, an academic review of the winter sports season and the clubs and activities in place.

The report shows that participation in sports increased from last Winter season. From an operating perspective, expenses decreased in transportation as Dattco was able to provide us with the majority of our charters.

Our top scholar athletes for the Winter season were Sophomore Dance student athlete, Mackenzie Greenbers and Boys Swim/Dive student-athlete, Devin Morris.

Additionally, we had 9 Winter varsity student-athletes selected to the All-CCC South Conference team, along with 6 All-State selections.

We are most proud to announce that 60% of our Winter Varsity student-athletes were named to the CCC All Academic team for receiving a 87.5 GPA for the second marking period.

Thank you!

High School Sports Narratives

The following narratives are an overview provided for you from the coach's perspective, as to how their season went, starting with the high school programs.

Boys Basketball, Eric Holley:

The 2024-2025 season was a season to which we learned a lot of lessons. We finished with a record of 6-14. As a fairly young team with only 2 players returning that had varsity experience I was proud of the growth that we had as a team. Learning what it takes to be successful as a collective unit on the varsity level. I was proud to see guys developing and understanding the sacrifice and commitment that is needed to become a cohesive unit. I am looking forward to building upon the momentum that we built as a team heading into next year with this exciting young group.

Girls Basketball, Robert Smernoff:

Even though the MHS girls basketball program did not reach the state tournament for the first time in 19 years (program had successfully qualified the past 18 consecutive years), the student-athletes improved on their individual basketball skills throughout the season with structured practices and game preparations. The team won a key conference game at Platt by a score of 34-32 and also won a vital semifinal game in the Middletown Holiday Tournament 36-33 over Kennedy before falling in an incredible championship game to Brookfield 57-56 in overtime. Overall, the student-athletes in the program saw an improvement in the team cumulative grade point average during the season as this group really focused on excelling in the classroom while also representing Middletown on-the-court.

Wrestling, David Baldyga:

This wrestling season was another season of improvement and new accomplishment. This is my 4th year coaching MHS Wrestling and 3rd year as head coach. First winning season since taking over as Head Coach. Derek McMahon 2nd Class L over 100 wins in his career, Isaiah McDaniel 2nd Class L, Joshua Ramos 3rd at Class L, and Sean McCall 6th at Class L. Team finished 7th in the state. Joshua Ramos and Isaiah McDaniel both placed 4th at state opens and Isaiah McDaniel placed 6th at New Englands

Boys Swim/Dive, Trevor Charles:

The boys, swimming and diving program had a successful season this year in a number of ways. We had a record number of recruits come out for the program, increasing the size of our roster to 31 students! This translated into a lot of new learning, progress, and expansion of our parent network. The team also shared success in the water winning the CCC South title and finishing with a final record of nine and four. All-Conference in Allstate honors will be awarded at the end of the season, but we had 11 kids qualify for class M states.

Winter Cheerleading, Lindsay Hansen:

This winter season we cheered at designated boys and girls basketball games for JV and Varsity. This season we were selected to have a JV team in an effort to build our foundation for varsity. We worked on various skills and made goals for the coming year to improve on. We attended three cheerleading competitions for varsity. We were able to work on more intermediate level stunts and will continue to work on them for the following season. We will continue to work on tumbling skills and stunt technique.

Dance Team Marisa Bishop/Caitilin Nelson:

This season the dance team competed in 2 local competitions, attended the National Dance Team Championship for the first time, and States. We placed 1st in Hip Hop at both local competitions, made it to Semi-Finals at Nationals, and placed 3rd and 4th at States. We had four All State recipients.

Girls Indoor Track: Rob Weston:

The Girls Indoor Track Team continued to impress with another great season of competing. We had a ton of talented student-athletes spread across a variety of events and from a variety of grade levels. Not only did we have major contributions from upperclassmen, but the sophomores and freshman made sure to let themselves be known as well. Each meet from the first developmental event all the way to the postseason, saw us compete to the best of our ability and achieve some awesome accomplishments. A standout from the season would definitely be Brookelyn Grant. She was one of the top freshmen in the state in the 55m/300m, nearly breaking the school record in the latter, and qualified for the national championships in both events. As a team, we ended the season with a 4-5 record and placed 6th in the CCC south. With many returning varsity athletes, we'll look to improve even more in the coming seasons and make it a goal to be one of the top teams in our conference.

Boys Indoor Track: James White:

The 2024-2025 Boys' Indoor Track season was fantastic. We are fortunate to have a large and talented freshman class. Rodney Crockett finished seventh in the 55-meter dash at the CCC meet and ninth at the Class L state meet, establishing himself as the fastest freshman in Connecticut. He will be competing in the Nike Nationals. Andrew Lazich finished third in the 55-meter dash at the CCC meet, earning All-Conference, and placed fifth in Class L. He too will be competing in Nationals. Kyle Chuang had a strong season, breaking the school's 16-year-old record in the 600 meters, 5th in Class L in the 55m and SMR finished 4th in Class L. The team is quite large, with many promising athletes. Overall, the team finished third in the CCC South division.

Unified Basketball: Cindy Culp

This season in Unified Basketball we had the smallest team we have had since I became head coach 5 years ago. However this team worked so hard and came out like champs! I could not have been any prouder of a team then I was this season. With 5 athletes, 2 partners, no assistant coach and a paraeducator as a one on one, we were able to make 2 tournaments. One being in New Britain and the other being in Glastonbury. In the New Britain

tournament we won 2 out of the 3 games we played, and Glastonbury 1 out of the 2 played. These students never stopped smiling and playing. All the credit goes to them for being the best Unified team I have ever coached. Thank you.

Beman Middle School Winter Sports Narratives

Middle School Wrestling: Steve McKeever:

We had another successful season for Beman Wrestling. The team went 5-4-1 and participated in three tournaments. Including the Beman Invitational. This year eleven teams participated with 225 athletes. This was the largest tournament we have hosted.

Middle School Boys Basketball: John Geary

The Beman Boys Basketball Team finished with an overall record of 14 wins, no losses . . .and finished #1 in the Conference. This year's team – worked hard from the opening day of tryouts to the Final game. Every Member of the TEAM passed ALL Classes for Term 2 Throughout the season, the Beman team was often complimented for its play and conduct by officials, coaches, opponents and parents. Our GOAL as Rams is to demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court. . . . And this team demonstrated that.

Middle School Girls Basketball: Mike Angeli

The Beman Girls Basketball team had a successful season focusing on personal and team growth. Increasing their wins from last year as well as placing second in the Beman Invitational. With a large underclassmen group returning, Beman looks to continue their growth into the future seasons.

Middle School Cheer: Beth Shapiro

Initially 62 girls signed up to participate and tried out for the squad. Ultimately 20 girls made the team which consisted of 12 8th graders, 6 7th graders and 2 6th graders. The girls learned about 45 chants to use at games. They also learned and performed a dance routine for half time and 5 sideline dances. We were unable to work on stunting skills this year as we did not have consistent access to mats. The girls took more ownership of the team this year as they offered suggestions and started new game day traditions.

WINTER TEAM RECORDS

MHS	Wins	Losses	Tie
Girls Basketball	2	18	
Boys Basketball	6	14	
Girls Indoor Track	4	5	
Boys Indoor Track	7	2	
Wrestling	12	11	
Boys Swim/Dive	9	4	
Co-Op Hockey	5	14	1
Cheerleading	-	-	
Dance	-	-	
Unified Basketball	-	-	
BEMAN			
Girls Basketball	2	12	
Boys Basketball	14	0	
Wrestling	5	1	
Cheerleading	-	-	

Academic Review---2024-25 Winter Sports Season

All student-athletes in grades 9-12 were reviewed for compliance to Middletown High School's eligibility policy. In accordance with district and CIAC policy, grades from the 2nd quarter served as the criteria in the review process. Student-athletes who had met CIAC eligibility standards, but had received one or more failing grades were subject to the review process. As is the case with all athletic seasons, all interscholastic teams were required to hold supervised study halls in some capacity for student-athletes throughout the season.

Team-by team results of the Academic Review process are summarized in the following table:

	Number Of Student Athletes Subject To Academic Review	Number Of Student Athletes Meeting MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation	Number Of Student Athletes Who Failed To Meet MHS Criteria For Continuing Participation
Boys Basketball	5	4	0
Girls Basketball	4	4	0
Wrestling	2	2	0
Boys Swimming	1	1	0
Boys Indoor Track	4	4	0
Girls Indoor Track	0	0	0
Cheerleading	4	4	0
Dance Team	1	1	0
Hockey	1	1	0
Unified	0	0	0
Total	22	21	0

The Academic Review process is designed to support students and encourage them to strive for academic success. Often, a student's desire to play a sport or engage in extracurricular activities will spark the effort and focus necessary for improvement in the classroom. Athletics are a valuable part of the high school experience, and Middletown High School is committed to using sports as partners in the educational process.

2024-2025 WINTER ATHLETICS EXPENSES

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>*OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		<u>GENERATED INCOME</u>		<u>Number of Coaches</u>		<u>Total Salaries</u>	
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Boys Basketball	\$ 15,757	\$ 12,850	\$ 4,834	\$ 2,887	3	3	\$21,923	\$21,923
-Police	\$ 7,147	\$ 8,360						
Middle School	\$ 2,886	\$ 2,245	\$ 0	\$ 0	2	2	\$ 6,566	\$ 6,566
Girls Basketball	\$ 13,021	\$ 9,066	\$ 2,612	\$ 1,199	3	3	\$21,923	\$21,923
-Police	\$ 3,420	\$ 1,197						
Middle School	\$ 2,151	\$ 2,657	\$ 0	\$ 0	2	2	\$ 6,566	\$ 6,566
Boys Swim & Dive	\$ 3,146	\$ 13,134	\$ 0	\$ 0	3	3	\$21,923	\$21,923
Indoor Track (Boys/Girls)	\$ 2,958	\$ 10,721	\$ 0	\$ 0	3	4	\$18,029	\$21,788
Wrestling	\$ 10,803	\$ 7,349	\$ 839	\$ 673	2	2	\$15,684	\$15,684
Middle School	\$ 2,371	\$ 2,435	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 4,816	\$ 4,816
Cheerleading	\$ 1,106	\$ 3,037	\$ 0	\$ 0	2	2	\$11,951	\$11,951
MS Cheerleading	\$ 1,044	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 4,816	\$ 4,816
Unified Sports	\$ 0	\$ 497	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450
Dance	\$ 1,376	\$ 1,909	\$ 0	\$ 0	2	2	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,239
Ice Hockey	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Strength & Conditioning	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	1	1	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,239
Athletic Training	\$ 5,821	\$ 8,162	\$ 0	\$ 0				
Security: MHS	\$ 15,317	\$ 13,837						
: Beman	\$ 2,221	\$ 2,606						
***Miscellaneous	\$ 8,263	\$ 5,965	\$ 0	\$ 0				
Transportation	\$ 54,275	\$ 41,817	\$ 0	\$ 0				
TOTALS	\$154,954	\$149,344	\$ 8,285	\$ 4,759	26	27	\$148,125	\$151,844

*Operating Expenses- Includes officials, custodial overtime, event workers, uniforms, equipment, supplies and game personnel.

**Miscellaneous includes awards, administrative supplies, office supplies, dues & fees.

Winter 2024-25 Participation

<u>SPORT</u>	<i>MIDDLE SCHOOL</i>									<i>HIGH SCHOOL</i>											
	<u>SIXTH</u>		<u>SEVENTH</u>		<u>EIGHTH</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>			<u>NINTH</u>		<u>TENTH</u>		<u>ELEVENTH</u>		<u>TWELFTH</u>		<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>		<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>
Boys Indoor Track										6	16	14	9	8	14	5	4	33	43	33	43
Girls Indoor Track										1	5	10	3	9	7	3	8	23	23	23	23
Boys Swim										4	7	8	6	8	10	7	9	27	32	27	32
Boys Basketball	7	2	7	15	14	11	28	28		13	12	7	9	5	4	7	7	32	32	60	60
Girls Basketball	7	4	8	13	8	8	23	25		10	5	6	10	6	2	5	8	27	25	50	50
Wrestling	12	11	9	8	14	12	35	31		8	8	3	7	5	3	4	7	20	25	55	56
Cheerleading	3	2	7	6	9	12	19	20		11	7	9	10	1	5	5	1	26	23	45	43
Dance										4	2	4	8	1	5	2	2	11	17	11	17
Unified Sports										2	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	9	7	9	7
Co-Op Hockey										0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	29	19	31	42	45	43	105	104		59	63	64	64	46	51	40	49	209	227	314	331

Winter Coaches

MHS Boys Basketball	Head Coach	Eric Holley
	Assistant	Trey James
	Assistant	Corey Gordon
BMS Boys Basketball	Head Coach	John Geary
	Assistant	Anthony Williams
MHS Girls Basketball	Head Coach	Robert Smernoff
	Assistant	Kelvin Jones
	Assistant	Taylor Nkonoki
BMS Girls Basketball	Head Coach	Mike Angeli
	Assistant	Vivaldi Demas
MHS Wrestling	Head Coach	David Baldyga
	Assistant	Josh Veleas
BMS Wrestling	Head Coach	Steve McKeever
MHS Girls Indoor Track	Head Coach	Rob Weston
	Assistant	Jamarius Russell
MHS Boys Indoor Track	Head Coach	James White
	Assistant	Brennan Lazich
MHS Boys Swim/Dive	Head Coach	Trevor Charles
	Assistant Dive	Daniel Kinney
	Assistant	Taylor Garbowski
MHS Cheerleading	Head Coach	Lindsay Hansen
	Assistant	Aaliyah Wright
BMS Cheerleading	Head Coach	Beth Shapiro
MHS Dance	Co-Coach	Marisa Bishop
	Co-Coach	Caitilyn Nelson
MHS Unified Basketball	Head Coach	Cindy Culp
MHS Co-Op Hockey	Head Coach	David Dubos