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November 2023 - Activities Director Board Report

Tomahawk High School:

Fall sports will be officially finished on Friday November 10. It has been a fairly successful season for fall athletics. The football team finished the year 4-6 in games played. They beat Clintonville in the last game of the regular season to qualify for the playoffs. They would ultimately lose that 1st Round Matchup to Southern Door, but the way the team finished the year battling injuries to qualify for the playoffs was exciting. The Girls' Cross Country team won the Great Northern Conference Championship, snapping Medford's run of 6 straight championships. Coach Connor Ahrens was named the GNC Coach of the Year for his efforts. The Boys' Cross Country team would finish 3rd in conference. At Sectionals, the Girls' missed going to state as a team by 5 points and unfortunately no individual qualifiers for either squad. Girls' Swimming will be represented at the WIAA State Swim Meet on Friday November 10. Paige DeKiep qualified as a Sectional Champion in the 50 Freestyle, and also in the 100 Butterfly where she is the defending WIAA D2 Runner-Up from last year. Paige also captured two individual conference championships in the same two events earlier in the fall. Lastly, Volleyball finished Runner-Up to Mosinee in the Great Northern Conference standings at 9-3, they would also lose in second round playoff action to Mosinee after a first round win v. Rhinelander in the Fieldhouse.

Winter sports began this week on Monday November 6 with Boys' Hockey and Girls' Basketball. Monday November 13, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Swimming and Wrestling will begin. Bob Garrou will continue as our Head Wrestling Coach. On Friday November 3, he was inducted into the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association - George Martin Wrestling Hall of Fame at the state banquet in Green Bay. He was also recognized at the banquet for 30 years of coaching wrestling and another milestone of collecting his 300th career dual win as a head coach the previous season. We will be hosting WIAA Wrestling Sectionals for the first time in school history in February which will help bring a lot of business to the town. Theresa L'Esperance will continue as the Boys' Head Swimming Coach, Jon Long as the Girls' Basketball Coach, Dewey Reilly will be our new Boys' Hockey Coach, and John Larson will be filling in as our Boys' Basketball Head Coach for the 2023 - 2024 season.

One-Act Play is heading back to state for the 8th year in a row under the direction of Michele Balda. That competition is coming up on November 16-18 at UW-Green Bay to finish out our Fall Theatre Production. Esports Club has qualified three individuals for state at Lakeland College on December 2. Those individuals are Sam Kurth, John Feltes, and Tanner Cruz. The team also won their first round state playoff matchup and are preparing for the second round as they try to qualify for state as a team. SkillsUSA has a competition coming up this month in Antigo for students to showcase their skills. The band and choir will be heading to the GNC Music Fest on Saturday November 11 at Lakeland Union High School.

Upcoming Dates - High School Activities (Home Events):

- Sat. 11/11 - THS Band and Choir at GNC Music Fest @ Lakeland Union - 6:00 PM
- Tues. 11/14 - One-Act Play - Public Performance (Auditorium) - 7:00 PM
- Thurs. 11/16 - Varsity Hockey v. Scrimmage (Sara Park) - 7:00 PM
- Thurs. 11/16 - Sat. 11/18 - One-Act Play @ State at UW-Green Bay - TBD

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Tues. 11/28 - Varsity Hockey v. Merrill/East (Sara Park) - 7:00 PM
Thurs. 11/30 - Varsity Hockey v. Rhinelander (Sara Park) - 7:00 PM
Fri. 12/1 - JV/V Girls' Basketball v. Northland Pines (Fieldhouse) - 5:45 PM / 7:15 PM
Tues. 12/5 - JV/V Boys' Basketball v. Prentice (Fieldhouse) - 5:45 PM / 7:15 PM
Sat. 12/9 - Varsity Hockey v. Somerset (Sara Park) - 2:00 PM

Tomahawk Middle School:

The TMS 8th Grade football team finished the year undefeated. That class has yet to lose an organized football game as they enter into the high school ranks next year. The only activity currently going on at the middle school level is Boys' Basketball. Raleigh Jahn and Jacob Seelig are coaching the 7th and 8th Grade boys. There are low numbers of boys participating in basketball. The coaches are doing a good job of handling the low numbers and getting all of the students plenty of playing time. Wrestling and Girls' Basketball will start when we return from winter break.

Upcoming Dates - Middle School Activities (Home Events):

Tues. 11/14 - 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball v. Merrill - 4:00 PM / 5:00 PM
Thurs. 11/30 - 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball v. Mosinee - 4:00 PM / 5:00 PM
Thurs. 12/7 - 7th/8th Grade Boys' Basketball v. Antigo - 4:00 PM / 5:00 PM

Activities Director Notes:

- Updating Banners for Fieldhouse
 - Hatchet Booster Club has earmarked up to \$10,000 to update our banners in our gym. Bob Skubal and myself are working on this, and potentially doing it in three phases. The first phase will recognize team conference championships, state champions, and state runner-ups. Second Phase will be regional, sectional, and team state qualifications. Third phase will be individual state qualifiers and places.
 - Goal is capture and honor all past team successes by adding color into the Fieldhouse and having students see past success for future growth.
- Swimming Pool
 - Judy Koshak and Angie Houston have stepped up to cover Elementary Phy. Ed Swimming lessons! I cannot thank these two community members enough as we were able to get the swimming criteria back in the elementary school this year. Both have been amazing to work with and covering these classes as Lifeguards so Amanda Duncan and John Roberts can concentrate on teaching in the pool.
- Community Facility Usage
 - With winter months coming, the school will be busier at night with youth and community organizations using the facilities. Working with Arland Wingate daily on what doors are open for the community to increase the usage of our facilities.

As always, thank you everyone for your time and efforts in representing our district and giving our students better opportunities of growth as they attend our schools. Remember, I have an open-door policy and you are always more than welcome to stop by or call in regards to anything Activities related in the school district.

Report Respectfully Submitted by:

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Activities, Recreation, and Pool Director

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