

**School Board Workshop:**

**September 8, 2025**

**Subject:**

**BCMS Spring Activities Report**

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

None

**DESCRIPTION:**

The spring season at BCMS once again brought unique challenges with the weather. After experiencing a very warm winter, it looked as though spring would arrive on time and provide a smooth start for our activities. However, just as everything was set to begin, the weather shifted and created difficulties for scheduling. Cancellations and rescheduling were frequent, making it another tough spring to navigate. Despite these obstacles, our athletes and coaches adapted well and made the most of the season.

Baseball at BCMS had a solid spring season, even with a slight dip in overall numbers compared to last year. Coaches noted that while fewer players registered, the level of talent across the teams was higher, thanks to more students participating from travel programs. One challenge continues to be the split between the Hanover and Buffalo travel baseball systems, which impacts participation at the middle school level. Despite this, the players worked hard, showed strong fundamentals, and enjoyed a positive season of growth. A highlight of the program continues to be our facilities, which are among the best in the conference. Visiting schools frequently comment on how much they enjoy coming to BCMS to play, which is a point of pride for our program and community.

Softball saw lower participation numbers this spring, similar to baseball, but the program experienced exciting growth in other ways. A major highlight was the addition of Jason and Mindy Swanson to the coaching staff. Jason, a popular teacher at BHS and a former high school coach, brought both expertise and energy to the program. Mindy, a teacher at STMA, has quickly become a favorite with our players because of her caring approach and strong belief in our philosophy of "Doing What's Best for Kids." Together, they created a positive and supportive environment that our student-athletes thrived in. Another milestone was the completion of the new softball field behind the building, giving the program its own dedicated space to practice, play, and build team culture.

Track and Field had a record-setting season at BCMS, with 106 student-athletes — the largest group we've ever had. The program was led by Samantha Revenig, a former Wayzata High School coach, who brought incredible organization, professionalism, and passion for both track and kids. She was supported by a strong staff of Dustine Jerede, Mindy Day, Jan Fournier, and Lindsey Wurm, with five coaches needed to handle the large roster. While scheduling continues to be a challenge since the Mississippi 8

schools do not offer middle school track and the Lake Conference does not sponsor it at this level, important progress was made. At the conclusion of the season, a partnership was formed with Orono, Eastern Carver County, STMA, Waseca, and Buffalo to collaborate on future scheduling. This new cooperation will benefit all involved by providing consistent competition with programs that have similar numbers and talent, ensuring our athletes are both challenged and supported.

Boys Tennis had a strong and enjoyable spring season under the leadership of Coach Caleb Quernemoen. Caleb's passion for tennis, combined with his positive personality and strong knowledge of the game, makes him a coach that kids truly enjoy playing for. His leadership has been a big factor in the growth of participation in the program this year. With only a limited number of schools available to compete against, scheduling can sometimes be a challenge. To help provide more opportunities, BCMS partnered with STMA to create a local tournament that included nearby schools. This event was a huge success, giving our players valuable match experience and building enthusiasm for the program.

Golf once again proved to be one of our most popular programs, consistently drawing close to 50 participants. This cap ensures that students get plenty of opportunities to learn, practice, and compete in a supportive environment. Our longtime partnership with Buffalo Heights continues to be an incredible asset to the program. They not only provide a top-notch facility for our athletes to practice and develop their skills, but they also allow us to host matches when we need to. This support has been key to maintaining a strong golf program and offering our student-athletes meaningful experiences each season.

Although we do not offer as many intramural options in the spring as we do in the fall or winter, the activities we provide continue to be very popular. Students enjoy opportunities to participate in fun, low-stakes programs that allow them to be active, socialize, and explore interests outside of traditional sports. These intramurals provide important balance for our overall activities program by reaching students who may not participate in interscholastic competition. The enthusiasm we see in spring intramurals shows how valuable these offerings are to our school community.

Even with construction beginning this spring, BCMS was able to provide a successful and fulfilling season of activities. Our coaches, staff, and community worked together to ensure that students had opportunities to participate, grow, and proudly represent their school. From new facilities to record-breaking participation, the spring was filled with highlights and achievements. Most importantly, our student-athletes experienced the benefits of teamwork, competition and school spirit. The season is a great reminder of how resilient and dedicated our programs are in continuing to serve kids first.

#### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- BCMS Spring Sports Participation Report 2024-25