

# Spring Athletics Board Report

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## The J. Sterling Morton Athletic Philosophy

*Interscholastic sports at Morton High School form part of a diverse co-curricular program. The activities are regarded as vital parts of the total education offerings of our school. The sound development of the physical capacities of youth compliments and enhances the intellectual, emotional, and social development of every young man and woman. These opportunities are useful tools in the achievement of the goals of a comprehensive education.*

*We encourage student participation in the athletic program and would like to involve as many students as possible in an educationally sound and successful competitive, interscholastic experience. High School athletics is a competitive experience, therefore not all whom tryout makes the team, nor do all those who make the team receive the same participation opportunities in contests. Ultimately, the participation level of individuals is a staff decision.*

*Morton's dedication to excellence extends to our competitive athletic program. In this endeavor the Interscholastic Athletic Program serves as one of the extensions of the classroom, attempting to provide experiential learning opportunities and enhancing the learning, which occurs within the classroom. All team members, regardless of ability, will be afforded opportunities to develop their work ethic, sense of commitment and social and athletic skills.*

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## **Boys' Track**

Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in WSC Indoor, Christian Valadez (Jr) #1 ranked 400 in Sectionals/placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Indoor top times, Alex Rodriguez (Soph) #2 ranked 800 in Sectionals/placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Indoor top times, Miguel Flores (FR) qualified for Palatine Distance Night in the 1600.

## **E-Sports**

They competed in the IHSA Esports Sectionals at DePaul. We competed in 2 events, Super Smash Bros., Ultimate Singles (1v1) and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Crew Battle (5v5). Aaron Villegas (sophomore) from Morton West had an impressive 7-2 record and came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 31 participants. Only top 2 players receive invites to the IHSA State finals. Aaron's only two losses were to Leo Mendoza of Reavis who came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yovanny Robolledo (Sophomore East) finished tied for 13<sup>th</sup> with 2-2 record. Our crew team finished 2-2 to a top 7 finish out of 20 teams. Our team of Jesus Brito (Sophomore at East), Geovanni Landa (Sophomore East), Jonathan De La Cruz (Junior East), Francisco Luna (Senior West), Kevin Sanchez (Senior East) and led by team captain Julian Galvez (Senior East).

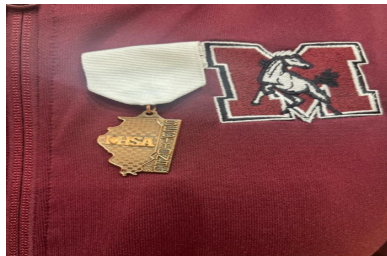
This past semester the Morton East E Sports club team competed in the PlayVs Central Region Overwatch League. Our spring season just ended with a regular season record of 6-1 and we made it to the second round of the playoffs. Overwatch is a 5v5 team

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based game where players compete in various game modes. Our team is Diego Moya, Carlos Paniagua, David Ortega, Nathaniel Bautista, Justin Servin Cortes, Justin Rodriguez Ramirez, Uriel Ariza, Oscar Buitimea (all Seniors), and Isaiah Lopez (Sophomore). Shout out to our amazing players and their dedication

This was a very successful season, and I am looking forward to continuing the growth this program.



### ***Baseball***

Baseball just finished a busy two weeks playing 11 games in 14 days. We are a very young team that is learning and progressing. The baseball program's fundraising allowed for a renovation to the existing batting cages at the West campus by adding brand new protective screening. This addition will provide a safe practice environment to continue to develop player's skills.

### ***Boys' Tennis***

Boys' tennis is getting better each game. Our record with conference teams is 1-3 with a significant doubles team vs Hinsdale South. Argo quad Mustangs came in second place. Still have a lot of tennis to play and more wins will follow.





### ***Softball***

Mustangs softball is off to a 4-7 start and 1-1 in conference play. Junior pitcher Alyssa Kunz is 4-6 with 26.2 innings pitched.

10ER

1BB

46 K's

Hitting

.500

6RBI's

Senior SS Jade Rodriguez is hitting 450.

### ***Boys' Water Polo***

The team concluded its regular season with a disappointing loss to Latin and will be playing in the Sectional Tournament on Saturday May 4th at 9:00am at Fenwick against top seed York.



## ***GIRLS' WATER POLO***

The team received a 20-year participation award at Hersey Water Polo tournament. Vivian Varela named to the team of the tournament at same tournament. We took second place in the Hinsdale South tournament.