

Student Activities  
Board Report  
April/May 2023

**Track**

We have 74 plus athletes out for track. Our track team was only able to compete in a few track meets, because of the winter weather conditions that we've had. The late winter we currently had caused track meets to be rescheduled or cancelled throughout the season. Eventually the weather cleared and we were able to finish our season. We had 8 kids qualify for the State Track meet in Laurel on May 26 and 27, 2023. Coach Miller and staff were very excited with the athletes that came out for the season.

**Softball**

We have 26 girls out for softball. The softball team opened up their season with a 17-0 win over Shelby. Our new scoreboard is up and running and looks great on the softball field. Our team recorded 2 wins this season. They competed in the Divisional Softball tournament at Frenchtown on May 19 and 20, 2023.

**Tennis**

We have 6 girls and 2 boys out for tennis. The girls' team have played in 10 tennis matches and did great at playing in singles matches and doubles matches. They worked on learning the game and fundamentals. It was a real treat watching them play, they represented our school very well, as did all the other athletes. We had 3 boys start tennis, but each of them decided not to finish the season. We will continue to try and find boys that would like to try tennis. It was a great season overall for our tennis program.

**Baseball**

We had 23 boys out for baseball. They have played in sixteen games and played well. What we lack in playing experience as players we make up in the will to learn and get better and have fun. The Coaching staff was very proud of our team, we had a great mixture of athletes out there giving it their best effort each night at practice. We will only get better.

**Unified Track**

Montana High School Association (MHSA) and Special Olympics Montana are proud to announce a partnership to include all students in this year's track season. Students with intellectual disabilities and their Unified Partners train with their track teams in preparation for competition.

Special Olympics Unified Sports® is a fully inclusive program that combines equal numbers of students with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams for training and competition. Unified Sports helps create a school community where differences are embraced, all students feel accepted and everyone gets the chance to achieve their personal best.

Unified Track is a MHSA hosted and sanctioned event

We were fortunate enough to start a Unified Track program at Browning High School this season. We had one athlete on our Unified Track team. Willie Potts competed in the 4 by 100m relay, 100m dash,

long jump and shot put. Willie was coached by our high school track coaches. We are planning on adding to our unified track team next season. Willie did an exceptional job this season.

### **Sports**

It has been a huge year for Browning High School's athletic department. Our athletes and coaches have made great progress in accomplishments in our conference and with our three new sports programs. Head Coaches and their staffs were able to put to work the skills they developed this past summer in the three-day training we had and made good steps with their personal and team goals and efforts.

The results that these programs have are abundant, just a few to mention record setting numbers of student athletes putting hard work in the off-season and continuing that hard work into their season, teams with winning records, teams with first wins in a few years, teams with no wins but the drive to practice and play as hard as they can to get better and become better members of our community, student athletes learning a new sport and having their own success with their team mates. When I first arrived back at Browning High School, coaches were ready to get back working very hard in the off-season to make needed improvements to the athletic programs and teaching the fundamentals to the athletes. The goal of the values of coaching kids the right way, has and is still being achieved at Browning Public Schools at all levels and the coaches on staff continue to do an exceptional job of doing these things.

We continue to have coaches doing things with kids all school year, we have coaches encouraging their athletes to be involved in as many sports and activities as possible. We have coaches that want to really make a difference, we have coaches that are a part of their athlete's daily school life, we have coaches helping to get athletes an opportunity to the next level of play.

We still have many strides to make in our Athletic Department and we will make those strides as we walk this positive path with our athletes. We start late in the spring with a head coaches' meetings and in the early fall with a follow up head coaches meeting. In these meetings we discuss, what our off season is going to be, and the head coaches and their assistants plan that out. They bring kids into the gym, or out on the field, they bring kids into the weight room, they travel during the summer to tournaments or camps, they put on camps, they plan out different activities that fit their program. We discuss the season practice and game schedules, we discuss policies and procedures, we talk about needed equipment and medical supplies for each of the upcoming sport programs. We discuss what the lower-level coaches need to teach those athletes, we implement the head coaches' program to some degree into the lower-level programs.

I also, each year have looked at our elementary and middle school program's needs. The need that is most prevalent to me is adding programs to the elementary and middle school programs. Changes that have been successful are tackle football to the elementary, adding golf and softball to the middle school, getting our elementary and middle school competing against other surrounding communities in these new programs that we have added. With the addition of those new programs, still insight is soccer at Napi and tennis at the Middle School. Also, to have our high school athletes and coaches put on sports camps during the school year for our K-3 grade students.

Adding these programs to the elementary and middle school, only helps our students learn at an earlier age. It helps to have our kids be given the fundamentals and techniques to competitive sports. It helps

build up the numbers in each of our sports that we can and do offer to students of Browning Public Schools.

**Rodeo**

A near future project, with the approval of the Board and Administration, we would like to start the ground work on meeting with our local Cowboy and Cowgirls in our communities about trying to get this forever mentioned Rodeo Arena completed. The plan would too have it in place by summer’s end and to build it on a complete volunteer basis asking our Rodeo families to help get this long-awaited dream completed.

**Summer Athletic Program and Camps**

Browning High School Athletic Department Summer Camp and Off Season

June 12 to July 25, 2023

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

Open Gym and weight room

**Camps for the following sports: 4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Football	Volleyball	Cross Country	Chee
Soccer	Golf	GBB	BBB
Boys and Girls Wrestling	Speech, Debate & Drama	Rodeo	
Track	Tennis	Softball	Baseball

Each camp will be 3 days with 3 age levels each day. Ideally, we would like to have the camps Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade 10:00am-12:00am

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00pm-3:00pm

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 3:00pn-5:00pm

**Camp dates are:**

June 20, 21 & 22 Football, Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball, Cheer,

June 27, 28 & 29 Soccer, Rodeo, Speech, Debate & Drama BBB & GBB Basketball

July 11, 12 & 13 Boys & Girls Wrestling

July 18, 19 & 20 Track, Tennis, Softball & Baseball

Open Gym times will be Monday 8:00am to 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

Open Weight room will be Monday 8:00am to 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

Head Coaches will schedule their open gyms and weight rooms after 5pm Monday thru Friday each week.

Camps will be run by the Head Coach of Each sport with the assistance of all level coaches.

Staff for the Summer will be 4 adults and 4 students. These positions will be advertised as CSA's just as we did last summer.

Our Athletic Summer Camp schedule will be complete shortly, what we have in this report is not complete, dates and activities might change.

Thanks

Tony Wagner

Director of Student Activities