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FROM: Tom Bauman
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RE: Buffalo High School 2009 Spring Activities Report

Buffalo High School has completed its spring activities season for 2008-2009. This report includes a narrative summary for each spring activity. Coaches and advisors have submitted the summaries of their seasons for your review. The report also includes by a detailed statistical summary of participation including coaching/advisor ratios.

Spring Play:

Spring Musical: *Les Miserables, High School Edition*

Director: Tracy Hagstrom Durant (17 Years)

Music Director: Michael Walsh

Tech Director: Tim Kiernan

Lighting Design: Griffin Trevino (Former Student)

Student Director: Amanda Canny (Senior)

Stage Manager: Kristen Carlson (Senior)

The communities of Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose were treated to an outstanding production of, *Les Miserables, High School Edition*. The legendary Broadway musical is based on the 1862 novel *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo. Set in early 19th-century France, it follows the intertwining stories of a cast of characters as they struggle for redemption and revolution. It is a classic story that deals with honesty, love, family (both biologic and adoptive), and standing up for your beliefs. The high school edition is a slightly shorter version from the original three hour production. It is interesting to note that the original *Les Mis* can only be produced by professional theatre companies. High schools can get the rights for the high school version.

The spring musical was performed on April 23-26th. A large cast of 42 actors (39 from grades 9-12 and three elementary students) performed, supported by 15 in the pit

orchestra. The large, impressive set was designed by Hagstrom Durant and built by a dedicated group of 15 technical theatre students. 30 students were involved in the various aspects of technical theatre including costumes, props, set building and painting, publicity, makeup, etc. Minnetonka High School and Rockford High School generously loaned costumes and props. An army of supportive parents assisted in a myriad of ways, making possible a production of the highest quality, perhaps one of the best BHS has produced in years.

Girls Softball: Coach Brad Zrust (5 years)

The girls softball team had a great season. We had many returning players from last year and they grew together as a team. The softball team was Mississippi 8 conference champions with an overall record of 17-7. First conference championship in the program since 1996 was highlighted by a 12-game winning streak. We had six players named to the all-conference team: Danielle Goodfellow, Dani Iverson, Kristin Jeske, Hanna Rohl, April Schmitz and Miranda Speckel. The team also had four girls receive all-conference honorable mention awards: Emily Anderson, Jenny Gabrelcik, Taylor Johnson and Courtney Jude.

Baseball: Coach Mike Beilke (6 years)

The Buffalo Bison Baseball team had a great season. The Bison finished the year with an overall record of 13-11, season record of 11-9, and a conference record of 9-7. The Bison finished 4th in the Mississippi 8 Conference. The team had a record of 2-2 in the section tournament, including a 7-4 win over the number one seed. One of the highlights of the year was winning 9 of the last 12 regular season games. We had 6 players receive conference awards. Brooks Beilke, Aaron Duske, and John Eckstein were named to the All-Conference Team. Brady Matzke, Casey Druar, and Buzz Tryggeseth received Honorable Mention All-Conference. Senior Catcher Brooks Beilke was named the 2009 Mississippi 8 Defensive Player of The Year and select as a catcher for the North All Star Team. We are very excited about the players we have returning for next season. We will have five returning starters, two all-conference, one honorable mention all-conference player, and two returning starting pitchers. Go Bison!!!

Boys Golf: Coach Charley Keifenheim (10 years)

It was my pleasure to work with a great group of young people and help them to develop their golf games for the enjoyment of a life long sport. This spring we had 18 boys try out for the high school team. This season we had Chad Mead as an assistant boys/girls coach. The boy's varsity team took second place in the M8 conference. Alex Holtan and Lee Bystrom both received all-conference honors while senior Luke Wahlstrom and freshman Dan bollant received all-conference honorable mention. The boys competed well in several invitationals and won first place at the St. Cloud Apollo Invitational. Alex Holtan fired a round of 82 on the first day of section and advanced to the second day of the section tournament. Many of our players had personal best rounds during this season so we saw a lot of improvement.

Girls Golf: Coach Riti Sanderson (19 years)

The girls golf team battled Rogers all year long, but once again came out on top in the Mississippi 8 Conference. It is the program's 4 conference title in a row. The team also had a great showing at the Section 8AA meet in Long Prairie falling just 5 strokes behind section champ Alexandria. Megan Davis, however, advanced to state individually finishing 3rd overall. Megan was named to the all conference team this year along with Emma Theis, Lexi Bollant, and Abby Bollum. The entire team returns for the 2010 season. It should be another exciting year.

Adapted Softball: Coaches Dave Kaufman (2 years) and Ruth Clarke (5 years)

We had a great Adapted Softball season! Our record at the end of the regular season was 7-7. That is one more win than last year. We were proud to improve in the win column. We ended up tied for 4th in the North Conference, but lost a tie breaking coin toss to place us as the #5 seed in the playoffs. We eventually lost our only playoff game to the Shakopee/Chaska/Prior Lake team. This year we saw a lot of improvement out of the players and it showed on the field almost every game. We played the top teams in the state very competitively throughout the season. We will have two graduating seniors this year, but a good nucleus of player returning that have us excited about next season.

Boys Tennis: Jeff Linstrom (5years)

The tennis team finished the season with a 5-8 record. The team finished in 2nd place in the Mississippi 8 standings with a 5-2 conference record. Erik Starr and Tony Thein were named all-conference. Zach Danielson, Reid Trousdale, and Aaron Swandal were named all-conference honorable mention

Girls Track and Field: Coach Scott Palmer (14 years)

The 2009 Buffalo girls track and field team had another promising campaign. 95 girls showed up on day one and improved in all areas from 2008 campaign. The Buffalo girls' team finished in a strong fourth place in the section True Team standings. The Bison girls team finished in second place by twelve points behind Monticello. The Bison won 5 All Mississippi 8 conference awards, they include ; Olivia Haggerty, Jacque Thaemert, Kailey Johnson, Rebekah Bjork, and Brooke Gagnon and 8 Honorable Mention awards; Jordan Skelly, Angela Eastlund, Katie Oden, Hannah Brecht, Lexi Sandberg, Prentice Basten, Brianna Piechowski and Molly Muntifering. To this point of the season the Bison girls also own a new school record, Olivia Haggerty broke the eleven year old one hundred meter record held by 1998 graduate Holly LaFave, Olivia's new record is 12.51 FAT.

Boys Track and Field: Coach Scott Palmer (14 years)

The Buffalo Boys track and field team had a season that will be remembered for many years to come; a season that eventually lead to the program's first ever AA state championship. On day one, 100 boys showed up for practice. During mid-season , the Buffalo boys recaptured the section 8AAA true team title and then finished in seventh place in the state true team meet held in Stillwater. The same week the Bison were able to will their sixth conference title in a row and its seventh overall. The Bison were able to

garner 19 all conference athletes and 5 honorable mention athletes. The 2009 campaign saw many tremendous successes. A 33 year old sprint medley record fell at BHS. Runners Zach Mellon, Kaleb Stevens, Taylor Vick and Tim Ernster turned in a 3:33.98 FAT, that helped the team to a 2AA section team title. In all, the Bison had 16 participating in events at the state meet in St. Pual at Hamline University. The same group of sprint medley record breakers eventually took home a state title in the 4X400. Also taking home an individual state title was Keenan Stangl in the 110 hurdles. Second place finishes at state went to Zach Mellon in the 800M, Jerome Begin in the 300 hurdles, and the 4x800 relay team. Finally, a 4th place finish by the 4x200 relay gave the Bison a total team score of 60, more than enough to overcome Wayzata for the AA state team championship.

SPRING ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION REPORT 2009 Buffalo High School

ACTIVITY	LEVELS	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	# of Coaches/Athlete Ratio
Baseball	Varsity/JV	24	23	1	2/1:12
	/JV	12	12	0	1/1:12
	C-Squad	21	21	0	2/1:10
	2008-09 TOALS	57	56	1	5/1:11
	2007-08 TOTALS	65	63	2	4/1:16
	2006-07 TOTALS	49	49	0	4/1:12
	2005-06 TOTALS	51	51	0	4/1:12
Softball	Varsity	12	0	12	2
	JV	11	0	11	1
	C-Squad	15	0	15	1
	2008-09 TOALS	38	0	38	4/1:9
	2007-08 TOTALS	39	0	39	4/1:10
	2006-07 TOTALS	40	0	40	4/1:10
	2005-06 TOTALS	45	0	45	4/1:11
Boys Golf		18	18	0	1.5
	2008-09 TOALS	18	18	0	1.5/1:12
	2007-08 TOTALS	17	17	0	1.5/1:11
	2006-07 TOTALS	16	16	0	1.5/1:11
	2005-06 TOTALS	16	16	0	1.5/1:11
Girls Golf		15	0	15	1:5
	BCMS STUDENT	1		1	
	2008-09 TOALS	16	0	16	1:5/1:10
	2007-08 TOTALS	10	0	10	1.5/1:6
	2006-07 TOTALS	10	0	10	1.5/1:6
	2005-06 TOTALS	11	0	11	1:5/1:5
Adapted Softball		10	6	4	2/1:5
	BCMS STUDENT	1	1		
	2008-09 TOALS	11	7	4	2/1:5
	2007-08 TOTALS	12	8	4	2/1:6
	2006-07 TOTALS	14	9	5	2/1:7
	2005-06 TOTALS	12	9	3	2/1:6
Boys Tennis		17	15	2	2
	BCMS STUDENT	4	4		
	2008-09 TOALS	21	19	2	2/1:10
	2007-08 TOTALS	27	25	2	2/1:13
	2006-07 TOTALS	26	26	0	2/1:13
	2005-06 TOTALS	25	25	0	2/1:12
Track & Field		187	97	90	6
	BCMS STUDENT	1		1	
	2008-09 TOALS	188	97	91	6/1:31
	2007-08 TOTALS	179	99	80	6/1:30
	2006-07 TOTALS	146	69	77	6/1:24
	2005-06 TOTALS	157	79	78	6/1:26
SPRING PLAY		42	20	22	2
	2008-09 TOALS	42	20	22	2/1:21
	2007-08 TOTALS	30	13	17	2/1:15
	2008-09 SPRING PARTICIPANTS	391	217	174	24/1:16
	2007-08 SPRING PARTICIPANTS	379	225	154	23/1:16
	2006-07 SPRING PARTICIPANTS	301	169	132	21/1:14
	2005-06 SPRING PARTICIPANTS	317	180	137	21/1:15
BCMS STUDENTS		7	5	2	