

3/18/19 Board Of Education Report
Dan Bieberdorf- Activities Director Report
"Always Our Best"

WINTER ACTIVITIES

After a very successful season for all of our teams, the winter activities have rapidly come to an end. Special Congratulations to Gabel Speltz, Noah Herber, and Ross Herber from the LARP Screaming Eagle wrestling team for his qualifying and competing in the State Wrestling Meet. After a number of exciting matches, Ross finished in 4th place and Noah finished in 5th, and all three did a great job of representing the LARP wrestling program. Congratulations as well as to the R-P Boys Basketball Team competing well in the Section 1A Tournament. After beating Grand Meadow in the Section 1A Quarterfinal Game on March 4, they advanced to play Randolph in the Section Semifinal game on March 13th. Unfortunately, the Trojans lost to the strong Rocket team and ended their season with a record of 18-11.

SPRING ACTIVITIES

Despite all of the rain and snow piles, some of our Spring activities are already off to a great start to their seasons. Here is a quick update of each activity:

Speech: The R-P Speech Team has 25 students participating this year, and they are coached by Head Coach Shari Michel and Assistant Coach Forrest Musselman. They began their competition season with a trip to Rochester on Feb 9th, followed by competitions at Wabasha-Kellogg on February 16th and Spring Grove on February 23rd. After competing at Chatfield on March 2nd, we hosted a competition in Rushford on March 10th and R-P came away with a 1st place finish. The team will be traveling to Cotter for the Three Rivers Conference contest on March 16th, and Sub-Sections will be on March 30 in Cannon Falls.

Track and Field: As in the past, we partner with Houston to form the R-P-H Track Team. Led by Head Coaches Dale Moga and Alexa Karavos and Assistants Coaches Jen Hengel, Ricky Smith, Haley Moch, Danielle Lesser, and Jenny Helgemoe, the practices began for the boys and girls on March 11th. There are currently 99 students participating (74 from R-P) and the first competition is an indoor track meet at Luther College on March 26th.

Softball: Practice began on March 11th for the softball team, and they currently have 41 girls competing this year. Returning coaches this year are Head Coach Jeremy Tesch and Assistant Coach Holly Ekern, while the 7th/8th Grade girls will be coached by Alli Oian and Jodi Eggert. Their season is set to begin with a scrimmage at RCTC on March 23rd, and then we are schedule to host La Crescent on April 4th for their first game of the season.

Baseball: After a week of arm conditioning, the first practice for the boys' baseball team is scheduled for March 18th. The returning coaches are Head Coach Jordan Aug, Assistant Coach Blake Lea, and JH Coach Chris Drinkall. Currently students are still signing up to play this season, and their first game is scheduled for April 4th at La Crescent.

Golf: Led by Head Coaches Luke Rye, Head Coach Bret Eggert, and Assistant Coach Joe Hatch, the LARP boys and girls golf teams are hoping for some warm and dry weather to begin their season. Their practice season is scheduled to begin on March 18th, and their first meet is scheduled for April 8th at home vs. Caledonia.

Upcoming Events:

March 16: TRC Conference Speech Contest at Cotter

March 18: Baseball and Golf Practices Start

March 30: Sub-Section Speech Contest at Cannon Falls

April 6: Section Speech Competition in Byron

April 9: Small Group Music Contest at R-P

April 18: Parent-Teacher Conferences

April 27: R-P Softball Classic in Rushford