

**VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS  
2016-2017**



*"Athletics Is The Best Value in Education"*

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## ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

The student-athletes of the 2016-17 school year have continued to build on the traditions of the past, all the while raising the bar for future generations. As with previous years, student-athletes have continued to reap the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics including, but not limited to, character, discipline, leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The Vicksburg Community Schools' coaches continue to expect our student-athletes to be quality citizens, model students and hard-working athletes; and our athletes have answered that call.

The Vicksburg Community Schools' athletic program has many people to thank for its continued success this year. The first and most obvious goes to the coaches for their countless hours of dedicated service both on and off the field.

The next note of thanks goes to Angelica Nunez who has been with Vicksburg High School, via WMU/Bronson Health Care Group, this past year and continues to go above and beyond the call of duty for our student-athletes in order to best ensure their safety and speedy recovery from injuries.

In addition, Rhonda VanderKamp coordinates the many tasks of the athletic department. Here are just a few of the many jobs that Rhonda does to help the athletic department run smoothly: on a daily basis she provides the coaches and me with the comfort of knowing that paperwork will be on time and completed accurately, that schedule conflicts will be minimal or avoided due to the double checks she makes, cash boxes, rosters, and eligibility documents are ready and accurate. Moreover, Rhonda assures officials will be here for scheduled contests by following-up with those officials prior to the contest.

Special recognition should be given to the transportation, maintenance, grounds, and custodial department for their efforts. Without them athletics would not be possible.

Finally, I would like to thank the administration, including you, the Board of Education; High School Principal, Mr. Keevin O'Neill; High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Adam Brush; VMS Middle School administrators Mr. Matt VanDussen and Mr. Dennis Kirby, and VCS' Superintendent, Charlie Glaes, for their continued support, confidence and leadership that enables me to do the best job I can for the student-athletes of Vicksburg Community Schools.

As you will see in the attached pages, Vicksburg Community Schools has had another very successful year in athletics.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Michael Roy, CMAA  
Athletic Administrator

**VISION STATEMENT**

We are committed to the **HABITS OF A CHAMPION**

**MHSAA Committees Served**

Tennis  
Basketball Site Selection  
Baseball Umpires

Softball Umpires  
Volleyball Site Selection

**WHAT CAN CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS?**

Fundamental Motor Skills – Skills for Recreation and Leisure  
Social Competence – Moral Integrity  
Loyalty to a Common Cause – Respect for Others  
Respect for the Letter and Spirit of Rules  
Emotional Stability Under Stress  
Enjoyment of Competition  
Accepting of Constructive Criticism  
Respect for Authority – Positive Self-Concept  
Excerpt taken from Fair Play...“Let’s Get Back to the Game”

**VICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HAS DEMONSTRATED A LEADERSHIP ROLE AS A HOST IN THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENTS:**

**MHSAA Tournaments**

Boys District Basketball  
Girls Regional Basketball  
Lacrosse Districts  
Lacrosse Regionals  
Boys Regional Bowling  
Girls Regional Bowling

**Greater Kalamazoo Tournaments**

Girls Golf  
Boys Golf

**Wolverine Conference Tournament**

Track and Field (Boys and Girls)

**Special Honors and Accomplishments**

**ALL WOLVERINE ACADEMIC TEAM**

*The Wolverine Conference has instituted the "All-Academic Team" to promote the concept of the student/athlete. Vicksburg High School had an outstanding group of student/athletes recognized for this honor. Honorees must have earned two varsity letters during their final three years of high school in MHSAA sponsored sports and attained at least a 3.3 G.P.A. or above, at the conclusion of their seventh high school semester. With the reality of only 1 in 12,000 receiving an athletic scholarship, emphasis on the student/athlete is critical.*

**Carlie Kudary**

**Raquel Rice**

**SUSAN LITTLE AWARD**

Each year, Vicksburg High School presents this award to the *most outstanding female athlete in her graduating class*. This award is given as a memorial to the late Susan Little.

**Layna Steele**

**C.F. LINTON AWARD**

This award is presented each year as a memorial to the late C.F. Linton, former teacher, principal and coach. It is presented to the *most outstanding senior male athlete*.

**Blake Rankin**

**Michigan High School Coaches Association  
Multi-Sport Athlete Award**

**MIAAA Academic Achievement Award**

Layna Steele

**United States Air Force National Scholar Athlete**

**Devon 'Devo' Smiley Scholarship**

Grace E. Stock  
Caleb A. Fort

Brenden Lovell

***Evelyn Brockway Booster Scholarships (Bingo Fundraiser)***

*Each year the Vicksburg Athletic Booster Club Awards six \$500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships. These awards are presented to four male and female athletes. Coaches along with the Athletic Director vote to determine the \$1,000 recipients basic on athletic achievements and character. To be eligible, the student must be a senior, a 4-letter winner and must have been accepted by an institution of higher education.*

**Female Recipients**

Layna Steele  
Shaidan Knapp\*  
Grace Welch  
Grace Stock

**Male Recipients**

Blake Rankin\*  
Brenden Lovell  
Deondre Lovell  
Adam Grabowski

\*Denotes \$1,000 Winner

**MHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD NOMINEES**

Sadie Martin  
Raquel Rice  
Josephine Hosner  
Carlie Kudary

Brenden Lovell  
Caleb Fort  
Adam Grabowski

## FALL SPORTS

### Wolverine Honors

<u>Sport</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Team Student-Athletes</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Team Student Athletes</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
<u>Boys Cross Country</u>	Kyle Strong, Jacob Klimp, Collin Eager	-	-
<u>Football</u>	Brenden Lovell, Blake Rankin, Deondre Lovell, Abeil Taylor-Silva, Caleb Kropp	DJ Bullock, Austin Povlock	Tanner Mendam
<u>Boys Soccer</u>	-	-	Jackson Holladay
<u>Boys Tennis</u>	Connor Seifert	Bryce O'Neil	Ayden Flickinger, Jonathan Perkins, Jeremey Henderson, Caleb Fort
<u>Girls Cross Country</u>	Angel Currie	-	-
<u>Cheerleading</u>	-	-	-
<u>Equestrian</u>	-	-	-
<u>Girls Golf</u>	-	-	-
<u>Volleyball</u>	Anna Schriemer, Morgan Preston	Grace Welch	-

### Team Summaries

#### Boys Cross Country

Coach: Lucas Wolthuis (1st Year)  
Dual Meet Results: 2nd (8-1)  
Conference Meet Results: 4th  
Conference Final Standings: 2nd  
MVP: **Kyle Strong**  
MIP: **Jacob Klimp**

#### Football

Coach: *Tom Marchese (9<sup>th</sup> Year)*  
Conference Record: 7-2  
Conference Finish: 3rd  
Overall Record: 7-3  
MVP: **Blake Rankin**  
MIP: **Matt Hollman and Austin Bresnahan**

#### Boys Soccer

Coach: *Mike Moldovan (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)*  
Wolverine Finish: 9th  
Wolverine Record: 2-7  
Overall Record: 3-17  
MVP: **Jackson Holladay**  
MIP: **Caleb Conklin**

#### Boys Tennis

Coach: Warner Offord (9th Year)  
Wolverine Finish: 3rd  
Divisional Finish: 2nd  
Divisional Record: 3-1  
Regional Finish: 4th  
MVP: **Connor Seifert/Bryce O'Neil**  
MIP: **Caleb Fort**  
**Academic All-State**

#### Girls Cross Country

Coach: *Lucas Wolthuis (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
Dual Meet Results: 6<sup>th</sup> (4-5)  
Conference Meet Results: 6th  
Conference Final Standings: 6<sup>th</sup>  
MVP: **Angle Currie**  
MIP: **Kasmyn VanMaanen**

#### Girls Golf

Coach: *Brodie Hock (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
Jamboree Finish: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wolverine Tournament Finish: DNC  
Wolverine Place: 9<sup>th</sup>  
MVP: **Joanna Bell**  
MIP: **Erin Perkins**

#### Volleyball

Coach: Katrina Miller (7th Year)  
Wolverine Finish: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wolverine Record: 7-2  
Conference Dual Match Standings: 2nd  
Wolverine Tournament Finish: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Overall Record: 29-17-6  
MVP: **Grace Welch**  
MIP: **Amy Kosiba**  
**Academic All-State**

#### Equestrian

Coach: *Dawne Steele (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
MVP: **Bailey Miracle**  
MIP: **Keagan Kelley**

#### Cheerleading

Coach: *Nicole Laster (4<sup>th</sup> Year)*  
MVP: **Faith Kirkendall**  
MIP: **Alyssa Kammerman**

**Special Honors Student-Athlete**

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Special Honor</u>
Morgan Preston	Volleyball	Athlete of The Month (October), Awarded Hemi Muscle Athlete of the Week Award, All Region and All-State 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team
Anna Schriemer	Volleyball	Athlete of the Month (November), All Region and All State, Honorable Mention
Grace Welch	Volleyball	Awarded Hemi Muscle Athlete of the Week Award, Academic All-State
Kellie Goole	Volleyball	Academic All-State
Carlie Kudary	Volleyball	Academic All-State
Kendal Hall	Volleyball	Academic All-State, Athlete of the Month (December)
Shaiden Knapp	Volleyball	Academic All-State
Ashoton Bjork	Volleyball	Academic All-State
Amy Kosiba	Volleyball	Academic All-State
Bryce O'Neill	Tennis	Athlete of the Month (October)
Brenden Lovell	Football	Athlete of the Month (November), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Quarterback MLive Dream Team
Abeil Talyor-Silva	Football	1 <sup>st</sup> Team O-Line MLive Dream Team
Blake Rankin	Football	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Purpose MLive Dream Team
Caleb Kropp	Football	1 <sup>st</sup> Team Linebacker MLive Dream Team
Hannah Flickinger	Equestrian	All District Team, swept Jumping event to win champion, Reserve Champion for Western Sportsmanship, 3 <sup>rd</sup> in overall District Points.
Taylor Dent	Equestrian	All District Team, Reserve Champion for Flag Race, and 10 <sup>th</sup> overall in District Points.
Anna Freund	Equestrian	All District Team, Reserve Champion for Relay Race
NaMe' Greymountain	Equestrian	All District Team, Reserve Champion for Relay Race
Madi Lowes	Equestrian	All District Team, Reserve Champion for Jumping Event
Kyle Strong	Cross Country	Finished 12 <sup>th</sup> at the Regional, Qualified for State Meet. Finished 93/242 at the State Meet, 33 <sup>rd</sup> fastest Junior, Athlete of the Month (December)
Bailey Miracle	Equestrian	District Champion Western Showmanship, Hunt Seat Showmanship, Western Bareback, Reserve Champion Western Equitation, All District Team, and Reserve Champion for overall District points.
Ally Barga	Equestrian	All District Team, District Champion in Barrel Race, District Champion in Stakes Race, Reserve Champion for Saddle Seat Pattern, 4 <sup>th</sup> in overall District Points

**Wolverine Division and Conference Champions**

Boys Cross Country

Otsego

Football

Edwardsburg

Boys Soccer

Paw Paw/Plainwell

Boys Tennis

Allegan

Girls Cross Country

Otsego

Girls Golf

Plainwell/Sturgis

Volleyball

Plainwell

Equestrian

MIHA District Champions, Regional Champions, 4<sup>th</sup> in State Championship(Vicksburg)

## WINTER SPORTS

### Wolverine Honors

<u>Sport</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Team Student-Athlete</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Team Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
<b><u>Boys Basketball</u></b>	Deondre Lovell	Blake Rankin	Adam Grabowski
<b><u>Boys Bowling</u></b>	-	-	Bryce Reenders, Hunter Myers
<b><u>Wrestling</u></b>	-	-	Jeremy Henderson, DJ Bullock, Josh Holmes
<b><u>Girls Basketball</u></b>	Layna Steele	-	Kennedy Nabozny
<b><u>Girls Bowling</u></b>	-	-	-
<b><u>Competitive Cheer</u></b>	-	-	Rachael Brewer

### Team Summaries

#### **Boys Basketball**

Coach: *Rob Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Finish: 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Division: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Wolverine Overall Record: 7-8  
 Overall Record: 9-11  
 MVP: **Deondre Lovell**  
 MIP: **CJ Laske**

#### **Boys Bowling**

Coach: *James Myers (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Conference Dual: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Tournament: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Final Standings: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 MVP: **Bryce Reenders**  
 MIP: **Cameron Haase**

#### **Wrestling**

Coach: *Ed Knapp (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Finish: 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Record: 2-7  
 Wolverine Tournament Finish: 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Overall Record: 9-16  
 MVP: **Jeremy Henderson and Luke Finney**  
 MIP: **DJ Bullock**

#### **Girls Basketball**

Coach: *Jesse Vanabel (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Finish: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Division: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Wolverine Overall Record: 7-8  
 Overall Record: 10-11  
 MVP: **Layna Steele**  
 MIP: **Kennedy Nabozny**

#### **Girls Bowling**

Coach: *James Myers (1<sup>st</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Conference Dual: 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Tournament: 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Wolverine Final Standings: 8<sup>th</sup>  
 MVP: **Kylie Kalleward**  
 MIP: **Maryssa Wright**

#### **Competitive Cheer**

Coach: *Stacy Childs (9<sup>th</sup> Year)*  
 Wolverine Place: 7<sup>th</sup>  
 MVP: **MacKenzie Davis**  
 MIP: **Michelle Smith**

**Team Academic All-State honors. (8th consecutive year)**

### Special Honor Student-Athlete

#### **Student-Athlete**

Luke Finney  
 Collin Hassenger  
 Aurelia Goodman  
 Dawnara Rollins  
 Rachael Brewer  
 Bryce Reenders  
  
 Raquel Rice  
 Carlie Kudary  
 Layna Steele  
  
 Kennedy Nabozny  
 Deondre Lovell

#### **Sport**

Wrestling  
 Wrestling  
 Competitive Cheer  
 Competitive Cheer  
 Competitive Cheer  
 Bowling  
  
 Basketball  
 Basketball  
 Basketball  
  
 Basketball  
 Basketball

#### **Special Honor**

Regional Wrestling Qualifier  
 Vicksburg Chrysler Athlete of the Month (March)  
 All-District Honorable Mention for Competitive Cheer, Academic All-State  
 Academic All-State  
 Academic All-State  
 State Bowling Finals Qualifier, Vicksburg Chrysler Athlete of the Month (January)  
 Wolverine Conference Scholar Athlete Winner  
 Wolverine Conference Scholar Athlete Winner  
 Rich Tompkins, Female Multi-Sport Athlete Award for Class B. Vicksburg Chrysler Athlete of the Month (February)  
 Vicksburg Chrysler Athlete of the Month (March)  
 Honorable Mention All-State

**Wolverine Division and Conference Champions**

<u>Boys Basketball</u>	South Haven
<u>Boys Bowling</u>	Sturgis
<u>Wrestling</u>	Edwardsburg
<u>Girls Basketball</u>	Edwardsburg
<u>Girls Bowling</u>	Sturgis
<u>Competitive Cheer</u>	Paw Paw

**SPRING SPORTS**

**Wolverine Honors**

<u>Sport</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Team Student-Athlete</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Team Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
<u>Baseball</u>	Brenden Lovell		
<u>Boys Golf</u>	Adam Grabowski	-	Bryce O'Neill
<u>Boy's Lacrosse</u>	Tim Gearig, Gavin Leach, Blake Rnakin, Caleb Kropp, Krew Conroy	Jacob Day, Kyle Kelly	Caleb Fort, Conor Seifert, Sam Gearig
<u>Boys Track</u>	Jackson Holladay, Noah Burton, Dario Bresciano, Tanner Mendham, Casey Hall, Jacob Klimp	Deondre Lovell, Andrew Smith	Jacob Wisser, Trae Sehy
<u>Girls Soccer</u>	-	Haley Burr	Kelsey Aldworth, Riley Sibley, Carrie Cornett
<u>Softball</u>	Carlie Kudary, Shaidan Knapp, Grace Stock,		
<u>Girls Tennis</u>	Josephine Hosner		
<u>Girls Track</u>	-	Mia Mulhearn	Layna Steele, Angie Loriso, Hannah Flickinger, Kasmyn VanMaanen, Kinsay Riddle, Alyssa Thompson, Kendal Hall, Grace Welch, Skylar Rogenski

**Team Summaries**

**Baseball**

Coach: *Brian Deal (19<sup>th</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Finish: 1<sup>st</sup>

**Wolverine Record:**

**Overall Record:**

**MVP:**

**MIP:**

**Boys Golf**

Coach: *Rob Johnson (23<sup>rd</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Finish: Tied 4<sup>th</sup>

MVP: Adam Grabowski

MIP: Cam Haase

**Boys Lacrosse**

Coach: *Erik Frank (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)*

**Softball**

Coach: *Paul Gephart (5<sup>th</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Finish: 1<sup>st</sup>

**Wolverine Record:**

**Overall Record:**

MVP: Grace Stock and Shaidan Knapp

MIP: Callie Yant

**Academic All-State**

**Girls Lacrosse**

Coach: *Charlie Glascock (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)*

**Overall Record:**

**MVP:**

**MIP:**

**Girls Tennis**

Coach: *Warner Offord (10<sup>th</sup> Year)*



Conference Record: 8-0  
 Conference Finish: 1st  
 Overall Record: 14-4

MVP:

MIP:

**Coach of the Year**

Wolverine Finish: 4th  
 Divisional Finish: 3rd  
 Divisional Record: 2-2  
 Regional Finish: 4<sup>th</sup>  
 MVP: Josephine Hosner  
 MIP: Amanda Walther  
 Allyson Hassenger

**Academic All-State**

**Boys Track**

Coach: *Dave Smith (21<sup>st</sup> Year) & Jon Kachmiewicz (42<sup>nd</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Place: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Regional Finish: 5<sup>th</sup>

MVP:

MIP:

**Girls Track**

Coach: *Lucas Wolhuis (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Place: 5<sup>th</sup>

Regional Finish: 11<sup>th</sup>

MVP:

MIP:

**Girls Soccer**

Coach: *Mike Moldovan (5<sup>th</sup> Year)*

Wolverine Finish: Tied 6<sup>th</sup>

Wolverine Record: 3-6

Overall Record:

MVP:

MIP:

**Special Honor Student-Athlete**

<b><u>Student-Athlete</u></b>	<b><u>Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Special Honor</u></b>
Layna Steele	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Hannah Flickinger	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Kendal Hall	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Olivia Lewis	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Angie Loriso	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Mia Mulhearn	Track and Field	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All-Region, State Qualifier 400 M
Kinsay Riddle	Track and Field	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region, State Qualifier 300 M Hurdles
Skylar Rogenski	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Alyssa Thompson	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Grace Welch	Track and Field	All-Region Honorable Mention
Grace Stock	Softball	Individual Academic All-State
Carlie Kudary	Softball	Individual Academic All-State
Shaidan Knapp	Softball	Individual Academic All-State
Sadie Martin	Softball	Individual Academic All-State
Raquel Rice	Softball	Individual Academic All-State
Carrie Cornett	Soccer	Individual Academic All-State
Michelle Bowers	Soccer	Individual Academic All-State
Blake Rankin	Lacrosse	SW Michigan Boys Lacrosse Conference Player of the Year
Jordan Haines	Lacrosse	Individual Academic All-State
Carly Debault	Lacrosse	Individual Academic All-State
Anna Costanzo	Lacrosse	Individual Academic All-State
Josephine Hosner	Tennis	Individual State Qualifier

**Wolverine Division and Conference Champions**

<u>Baseball</u>	Vicksburg
<u>Boys Golf</u>	Otsego
<u>SW Michigan Boys Lacrosse Conference</u>	Vicksburg
<u>Boys Track</u>	Otsego
<u>Girls Soccer</u>	Allegan
<u>Softball</u>	Vicksburg
<u>Girls Tennis</u>	Allegan
<u>Girls Track</u>	Otsego

**2017 BULLDOGS PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL**

<u>Student-Athlete</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>University/College</u>
Grace Welch	Volleyball	Adrian College
Tanner Mendam	Football/Track	Adrian College
Caleb Kropp	Football/Lacrosse	Albion College
Kasmyn Vanmaanen	Cross Country/Track	Albion College
Grace Stock	Softball	Calvin College
Shaidan Knapp	Softball	Central Michigan University
Josh Povlock	Baseball	Glenn Oaks Community College
Matt Homan	Baseball	Glenn Oaks Community College
Blake Rankin	Lacrosse	Grand Valley State University
Skylar Rogenski	Track	Heidelberg University
Anna Costanzo	Lacrosse	Kalamazoo College
Erin Perkins	Golf	Kalamazoo College
Josephine Hosner	Tennis	Kalamazoo College
Layna Steele	Basketball	Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Andrew Hamilton	Baseball	Kellogg Community College
Carrie Cornett	Soccer	Lake Michigan College
Deondre Lovell	Basketball	Madonna University
Olivia Lewis	Track	Olivet Nazarene University
Carlie Kudary	Softball	University of Missouri – St. Louis
Brenden Lovell	Baseball	Western Michigan University