

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

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Subject:

BHS Activities Updates and
2019-20 Winter Activities Report

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report Only

DESCRIPTION:

Updates/Program News will be provided at Workshop

- Conference Membership
- COVID-19 Outlook

Buffalo High School has completed its winter activities for the 2019-20 school year. Coaches have shared a short narrative summary of their seasons for you to review. The report also includes a detailed summary of participation numbers including coaching ratios.

WINTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

GIRLS HOCKEY: Head Coach Dave Carothers (2nd Year)

This year our high school program was made up of 28 players as we moved our entire U15 team up to the high school program to be able to have enough players for a varsity and JV program. We had 7 seniors, 6 juniors, 7 sophomores, 6 freshman, 1 8th grader and 1 7th grader. Once again, we were able to practice all together every day and run an efficient practice. The JV girls enjoy being able to practice with the Varsity girls. This year's staff had one less coach as Cody Effertz decided to take some time off of coaching so each of the remaining coaches took on more responsibility and we made it work.

The year started at a scrimmage fest where we played the pre-season #1 ranked team in the State and future State Champion Andover and lost 5-1 which we were all happy with. This was just the beginning of a tough schedule.

Our JV team ended the season with a record of 8-17. Considering most of these girls were still able to play at the U15 level, I thought they played well and stayed positive.

Our Varsity team had some experience coming back but we lost 8 players off of last year's team, so depth was going to be our challenge. The varsity record finished at 11-14-2 (2-10

in the Lake Conference). The conference schedule was very tough but our team was in all 10 games that we lost going into the 3rd period which was all a coach could ask for. In our team's total of 14 losses- 13 of them were to teams that finished in the top 15 State ranking and the other loss was to a team that finished 21st in the state.

Highlights for the year:

Played a tough conference schedule and played all of the teams right to the very end.

Great goaltending from both our JV and Varsity goal tenders this year.

Both our Varsity and JV teams won the Herb Brooks Classic over the holidays.

Beat Roseau 4-3 in Buffalo after being down 3-1.

Won our first section game (seeded 5th) on the road versus Sartell 2-1 with a great Buffalo crowd in attendance and a speech before the game from the late Gary Wagner.

Played Roseau very tough in the section semifinal game at Roseau.

Jada Habisch and Allisen Carothers make the All Section team.

Jada Habisch and Raegan Wurm make the All-Conference team.

Jada Habisch finishes her high school career as the 2nd all-time leader in points with 168.

With the graduation of 7 seniors this year and the player/parent group that is moving up to the U15 level next year wanting to play U15 and not move up to high school, it is looking like we will only have a Varsity team next year. With the COVID-19 still present, it has been tough to have any meetings to talk more about it.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Grant Stewart (3rd Year)

We once again had great participation this winter season. We had over 40 girls participate in the high school program, and we were once again able to field four (4) teams: Freshman, JV II (B Squad), JV and Varsity. Since we had over 40 participants tryout this season, it was also the first year that girls' basketball had to have "cuts" since we could not feasibly include everyone.

We were very light on the senior side this year (continuation from years before) with only two. We had a large class of juniors (8), sophomores (14) and freshmen (15). Varsity consisted of 2 seniors, 3 juniors, 5 sophomores and 1 freshman, initially. A few other "swing" players were added as the season went on but they primarily received play time on the JV side. We were a very "young" team this season with very few of our players having much, if any, varsity experience.

We continued where we left off from last season by promoting the core values that student-athletes need to succeed in life. "**ACT**" accordingly was the primary focus of our values: **A**ccountability, **C**ommitment and **T**oughness. Our season theme was "We Over Me".

We knew that the 19-20 season was going to be a difficult one for us in regards to competition. Last year we graduated a very good senior group and also our 5 starters. This included Jordan Zrust who had been a prolific scorer and player for us in years past. We also had the major change of going into the Lake Conference, which for girls' basketball is definitely the hardest conference in the state. *According to PrepGirlsHoops we had the 7th toughest schedule in the state for class 4A (64 teams). The only other teams with harder schedules were other Lake conference teams.*

Our win/loss record was 8-19 this season. 7 of our wins came from our non-conference schedule, which still included some top teams in the state. We did have a very good conference win vs. Edina towards the end of the season which gave us a much-needed confidence boost and realization that with the proper work and commitment, we can learn to compete in this new conference.

We have a tough section and were seeded #6, facing Elk River (23-6), for our first section game. We lost vs. Elk River and thus ended our season.

Our team did win the 8AAAA highest team GPA award this season. We also had three honorable mention selections in the Lake Conference.

We worked hard all season to remain positive with the team and continue to compete despite the challenges. I am most proud of how all the players stayed positive and never let our win/loss record get us down. We had our ups and downs but overall, they did a great job of staying positive. Our second time through the conference opponents was, by in large, much better than the first round. The win/loss record for the lower levels was roughly similar.

The stark reality is that girls' basketball has a lot of work cut out for it to be competitive in this new conference. There is definitely a need for a new frame of mind in regards to commitment (on and off season), focus, skills, and toughness. It is not something that will change overnight but I firmly believe that we can and will get there with the proper outlook and approach.

We will continue with our holistic and systematic approach to developing basketball players of all ages that seamlessly fits in with the goals and needs of the high school program. We need to be teaching the skills in a similar and consistent manner and making sure that each grade level is working under similar guidelines. We definitely made improvements in this area this season but still have a long way to go. I have spent considerable time developing resources for all the coaches (youth and up) in an effort to improve this situation.

With COVID-19 and the unknown outcome of what that will mean for basketball both this summer and next winter, we put into place a program called the "Bison Buckets Club" which gives the players that choose to participate a wide variety of structured workouts (along with video demonstrations) that they can perform via their mobile devices at home.

It is a journey, not a destination and we look forward to the future. Go Bison!

BOYS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Josh Ortmann (4rd Year head coach and 8th year in the program)

What a year it was. Like every other sport, we had the opportunity to take on the task of competing in the toughest conference in MN/Midwest. With a lot of unknown and uncertainties, we took the mindset of "No Excuses". We pride our program on being more physically and mentally tough than others. We preach it every day and hold our basketball players to an extremely high standard. We ask each and every one of our players if they can "do what is best for our team, even when it is not what is best for you". I could not be prouder of our program as I truly believe we embraced that mentality and did our best to represent BHS in a positive way.

It was a crazy winter, we had many ups and many downs. From the thrilling Double Overtime win against arch rival STMA, to the thrilling Double Overtime loss to #2 rated Hopkins. Our kids battled every night and continued to build on the tradition/standard that has been set for boys' basketball here in Buffalo. We were fortunate to have an opportunity to play for a 3rd straight section final game. Unfortunately, we came up one basket short on the scoreboard. Through it all, I believe anyone that followed our team, would be extremely proud of the way we represented our school, community and basketball program.

From a statistical stand point, we finished 16-13 overall and 5-7 in the Lake Conference (3rd overall). We were led by seniors Matthew Willert, Brandon Maatz, Tony Dahl, Trevor Johnson, Drake Gorres, and Logan Smitherman. We had some exciting records that were broken. Matthew became the first player ever at BHS to eclipse the 2,000-point mark. Matthew is now our all-time leading scorer. Secondly, Brandon Maatz eclipsed the 1,000-point mark and is now our 3rd all-time leading scorer.

This year we were given three All-Conference nominees. The players nominated were Matthew Willert (SR), Brandon Maatz (SR), and Antonio Bluiett (Soph). Trevor Johnson received an All-Conference Honorable Mention and our team as a whole received an Academic All State Silver recognition.

Our coaching staff is proud of our players, thankful for the supportive parents, and appreciate all the love and support we receive from our community. We have an incredible following and are so fortunate to get to be a Bison. Thank you to our administration, the BHM community, and all that followed our 2019-2020 season. Go Bison!

DANCE TEAM: Head Coach Mary Sansevere (2nd year).
Assistant Coach Sarah Nowezki (1st year). Assistant Coach Payton Salonek (2nd year)

The 2019-20 season was filled with challenges for the BHS dance program. Summer and fall last year was filled with uncertainty about the future of the program since dance team was among programs slated to be cut from the budget if the school referendum failed. It also was the first year we competed in the Lake Conference, which for many years has been a dance powerhouse and, as such, was very intimidating to our dancers. For decades, the top three finishing teams at the state dance meet often have come out of the Lake Conference and all the schools within that conference have large, well-established dance programs. Many of the teams primarily have juniors and seniors on their varsity squad. Our team was smaller in size than the other Lake Conference teams and this past year consisted of 8th, 9th and 10th grade students, just one junior and no seniors.

That said, I couldn't be prouder of how our 2019-20 dance team came together and rose to the challenges they faced. We knew coaching a young and mostly inexperienced team that would be going up against the larger, older and more experienced teams in the Lake Conference would be a challenge. We made sure to focus on setting both personal and team goals while focusing and celebrating steady progress and improvement. We set goals of continually seeing judges' scores going up at each competition. As they became better dancers, we were able to increase the level of difficulty of skills included in their choreography.

Throughout the season, we focused on improving and perfecting individual dancers' skills so that we could modify and increase the difficulty of the choreography used in their competition routines which, in turn, helped raise their scores. To balance out the level of intensity and competitiveness they faced at the Lake Conference meets we chose dance team invitationals where our team could go up against smaller dance teams with similar levels of ability. This took more time, effort and planning and more traveling around the state to accomplish but it was a beneficial decision because it helped boost the team's confidence and also helped the dancers maintain a positive attitude and keep their spirits up. We also wanted to make sure that, win or lose, dance team would be a fun and memorable experience so we planned several team bonding events and get-togethers away from the pressures of practices and competitions. We had pasta feeds the night before competitions, a bonfire, team t-shirt tie-dying, a laser tag night, a game night and a holiday party -- just to name a few. We also did one overnight stay prior to a competition on a long weekend and the team stayed together at a hotel and swam, played games and had a pizza party.

Captain Elisabeth Grack was named All-Conference Dancer and Captain Vanessa Wong was named Honorable Mention All-Conference. For the second year in a row, the Buffalo Dance Team won a state academic gold award with a team GPA of 3.82.

We felt 2019-20 was a challenging year for us and then COVID-19 came along. We were presented a whole new set of challenges to work around for our dance team and we learned to have a Plan A and Plan B for everything and to continue to be flexible as information changes almost daily and many decisions for the upcoming school year have yet to be made due to the uncertain nature of the pandemic we are in the midst of.

We were unable to hold spring tryouts, which traditionally is done so coaches have the chance to evaluate the individual dance skills and get a general idea of the number of dancers we are likely to have for the next school year. Tryouts are important so coaches can begin planning costumes, music, choreography, the season schedule, optional summer conditioning, team bonding events and many other details. We followed the lead of other high school dance programs and suspended tryouts for the 2020-2021 season. Instead, we have had an open casting call for dancers heading into 7th-12th grade. In doing so, we now have a list of close to 20 dancers, many of whom are returning dancers.

For the last couple of years, we have had a fall performance season. We hope to have a fall performance season again this year as well but will have to make tentative plans due to the uncertainty of how the fall sports season will be handled. While a fall performance season has long been a tradition at many other high schools, it had not been previously offered at Buffalo. Our first year was my first year of coaching in 2018-19. For the 2019-20 season we continued this new tradition. Fall performance season focuses on bringing the dance team together to build unity and provide team bonding opportunities without the pressures of competition and to work on physical conditioning and dance skills. Most of all, the fall season is meant to promote Bison Pride and school spirit and by giving our dancers opportunities to perform for their friends and family by performing at community events, pep fests, and at football games. The non-competitive fall season has been well received by the community, and by other students and fans at football games and it has helped promote our program by performing in front of people that rarely if ever have seen them perform.

Nearly all of our 2019 dancers have chosen to return for 2020. With those returning dancers and the addition of some talented newcomers to the team, we are very excited about continuing to build the BHS dance program.

During the off-season, coaches have been talking frequently and adjusting to meeting virtually while working on planning a summer conditioning program, and we've prepared plans to move forward whether that program is conducted virtually or in-person, as well as discussing themes, competition costumes and different music options, planning choreography, and discussing other ideas to make the 2020-21 season as fun and memorable for the dancers as possible. To help facilitate focusing their time and energy more on coaching and working with the dancers, Beth Davis Salonek volunteered a considerable amount of her personal time and energy providing extra administrative support to the coaches above and beyond the duties she already had as dance team booster club

president and apparel coordinator. Her hard work has been much appreciated by the coaches and parents.

Above all else, our role as coaches is complicated and multi-layered and goes beyond just practices and competitions. We want to do what we can to build a strong, cohesive and competitive team while helping enhance and bolster the character, maturity and confidence of the dancers. We want to offer them an opportunity to have memorable and fun experiences, make lifelong friends and learn many skills that will serve them well in the future, long after they are done dancing and out of high school. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of the student/athletes we coach.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE: Head Coach Dan Schirmers (2nd Year)

A very exciting 2019-2020 boys swim and dive season is over. The team is very grateful that we had the opportunity to compete this season. Once again, Quincy Kabe led the way at the state swim and dive meet this year with a 5th place finish on the board and Troy Giddings, Sam Backus and Will Bofenkamp along with Max MacCallum lowered the 200 free relay varsity record for the second year in a row and a 12th place finish at the meet.

The new core to the team next year are a very talented group of boys, with only three juniors returning these younger boys are ready to step up and help those juniors out with leadership in and on the pool deck. These boys know the importance of training together and competing as a team. The friendships and camaraderie that has developed between the young boys and the older boys is strong I feel that is because of the mutual respect that they all share for each other and the dedication they know each one is going through.

It was a very tough dual meet season, joining the Lake Conference is an eye opener with 4 of the top 5 teams at state in our conference. We did finish 21, which we are very happy with. We finished 5th in our sections and 2nd in the Panther invite and our own Boarder Battle invite and also won the Jr. Elks invite with our 7th, 8th and 9th graders. There were 7 Academic Excellence award winners too.

It was a fun year with many surprises and we are looking forward to the next season with all this young talent that is growing up, and getting faster.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Head Coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson (36th Year),
Asst. Coaches -Tracy Laumann (16th Year), Willie Pecarina (7th year in the program)

2019-2020 again brought changes to the Bison Gymnastics program. For Bison gymnasts Emma Hill, Cate Lotthammer, Madi Peters, Abby Steinmetz, Katelyn Anderson, Audrey Strike, Mackenzie Wahl, Kate Wakefield, and Lydia Field, the challenge of competition in the Lake Conference was definitely something to get used to. Although the team scores in ½ of the meets this season were separated by 2 points or less, the Bison usually came out just short of the win. So, although the Bison gymnasts are competitive in the conference, that

little extra bit of perfection that puts a gymnastics team over the top was just slightly lacking at times. The overall record was 1W-6L. A highlight for the Bison came near the end of the season at the home meet against Wayzata. Wayzata, a team ranked in the top ten in the state, came to Buffalo near the end of January thinking to beat a winless Buffalo team. The home gymnasts however pulled everything together and executed almost flawless routines, gaining a big win against one of the top teams in MN High School gymnastics this season.

More gratifying moments came near the end of the season, preparing for and competing at the 8AA section meet. After the somewhat rocky start in November and December, team members really showed increased motivation and team cohesiveness. They worked together to accomplish and polish skills that had been just out of reach all season. Their performance at the section meet was truly impressive, especially on Vaulting and Floor Exercise. The result of this hard work and focus was visible in the meet team scores, too. They peaked at the section, finishing 5th behind Sartell-St. Stephens, St. Cloud Tech, Brainerd and Bemidji, all of whom had been ranked in the top 10 teams in AA during some point in early 2020. Team members also were the Academic 8AA section champions with a GPA of 3.898. Madi Peters qualified for the State Tournament for the 5th year in a row, this year on the Floor Exercise.

Individual Lake Conference and Coaches Association awards went to the following gymnasts: All Conference: Madi Peters; Conference Honorable Mention: Emma Hill, Abby Steinmetz, Allie Schmit. Gymnastics Coaches Association: Madi Peters- All State on Balance Beam, Honorable Mention on Vault, Floor Exercise, and All Around, Emma Hill- Honorable Mention on Vault, and Abby Steinmetz-Honorable Mention on Floor Exercise.

As none of the Bison gymnasts were seniors in 2020, next year's team looks promising!

BOYS HOCKEY: Head Coach Aaron Johnson (7th Year)

The boy's hockey team finished the season with a 6-20 record. Although the team record wasn't what we were hoping for, the players and coaches on the team had a great experience. The players always worked hard and improved as the season went on. Playing in the Lake Conference for the 1st time was a great challenge that the players enjoyed. We beat Hopkins for our only conference win, but had 1 goal losses to Edina and Wayzata (x2). The team was led by senior captains Tyler Braccini and Jake Braccini and Joe Carothers. Seniors on the team also include Micheal Tweten, Alex Beckman, Devin Huebner, Dane Houtari, Ben Symanietz, Carter Jerde and Jared Kohnen. Tyler and Jake Braccini were named All-Conference. Joe Carothers, junior Jordan Zelenak and freshman Ryan Roethke were named All-Conference Honorable Mention. Jake Braccini broke the school record for career points finishing his high school career with 138 points breaking the previous record of 137. Ben Symanietz was awarded the Hobey Baker award for his outstanding character. We had a new award this year in honor of Gary Wagner. The award is to honor Gary and recognize one player who "Gives back to the Game" This year's winner was David Nunn.

WRESTLING: Ben Presler, Head Coach (5th year)
Blake Trullinger, Assistant Coach (5th year) and Jeff Granrud, Assistant Coach (5th year)

The 2019-20 Bison wrestling season is once again highlighted by continual growth. As coaches, we had high expectations for this team on the mat, but even higher for them as people. In both cases, our expectations were exceeded. We compile a difficult schedule, that allows our wrestlers to be tested by some of the top teams and individuals in the state and even the country. They are competitors. They hold nothing back, compete with pride for their team and their school, and never fail in their pursuit of continuous improvement.

The move to the Lake Conference took away opportunities for individuals to be recognized for academic accolades, but that doesn't take away from our wrestler's stellar classroom performance this season. The team earned a silver plaque from the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association (MWCA) for our cumulative team GPA. The MWCA also selected junior Ryan Scherber for an academic excellence award. He was one of only 28 recipients from around the state.

When it comes to competitive performance, the team was led by two wrestlers that have had experience on the big stage of the state tournament already. Ryan Scherber and sophomore Owen Herbst both made return trips to the Xcel Energy Center for the MSHSL State Wrestling Tournament, and both left with hardware. Scherber earned a 4th place finish while Herbst came away with a sixth-place medal. Both have lofty goals heading into next season.

This was such a great group of young men and women to coach. We ended the season with a 5-13 record. What was remarkable about this group, was the family atmosphere they created. Ending the 2018-19 season, we had 13 wrestlers returning. With 14 weight classes to cover, we as coaches were nervous heading into this season. Our wrestlers, specifically our captains, Scherber, Herbst and junior Sully Scherber, had a passion for this team and did everything they could to increase our numbers. We ended up having over 30 wrestlers on our roster all season long. This team has a passion for wrestling, specifically Buffalo Wrestling. They believe that our wrestling family is the best team one can be a part of and encouraged others to join their family.

This is a great group of young men and women to work with, and so much more can be said about every member of this team. I will greatly miss being a leader of this group. We truly are a "family."

MOCK TRIAL: Head Coach Jason Swanson (6th year Varsity Coach, 10th year in the program) and Asst. Coach Lisa Nordmeyer (1st year)

This Mock Trial season proved to be a challenging one. We had a total of 20 participants. Typically, Mock Trial runs two teams with 20 to 22 members. The Varsity team consisted of 10 members this season and the JV team 10 as well. There was only one returning Varsity member this season, and a total of four seniors on the Varsity team.

Our case was a wrongful death case involving third degree murder due to a drug overdose. A prominent member of the community threw a Fourth of July party where drugs (opioids) and alcohol were present. A party goer was found dead the next morning by his/her spouse. This case was put together with the help of the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office and the MN State Bar Association. Typically, a real case is used, and names, dates, and details are changed. This year's case was created from scratch using common difficult elements from other all too common opioid cases.

Usually, a Mock Trial is divided into the Mississippi 8 Region play, as well as the Minnesota State Bar Association Region. This year, Buffalo was not a part of the Mississippi 8, and the Lake Conference does not currently have a Regional competition. I attempted to create one by first using a scrimmage style invite to BHS, but there was little interest by other schools. It was ultimately cancelled.

The State Region play brought much more strict competition this season compared to all previous seasons. In past years, there have been anywhere from six to eight teams in our region (Region 3). This season, teams were redrafted geographically, placing 11 teams in Region 3. This new region now consists of: Annandale (0 teams this season), Buffalo (2 teams), Cambridge-Isanti (1 team), Glencoe Silver Lake (1 team), Princeton (1 team), STMA (2 teams), and Watertown-Mayer (2 teams). Mock Trial is unique in that during state region play, all teams compete on the same playing field. This means that Varsity and Junior Varsity teams face each other. Even with this added challenge of more teams to face in the region, the Varsity team placed 2nd in regular region play, and the JV team finished 3rd. Watertown took first place, defeating the Varsity Buffalo team by 2 points. Regular Region Play consists of four rounds/trials. The top two teams in each region then face each other in one trial to determine the top team to compete at state against 15 other regions. Watertown advanced, and placed 6th in regions, which was held in St. Paul this year.

This year, the Varsity team graduates four senior members. We will miss their hard work and talent. These students were excellent mentors for all underclassmen both on the Varsity and JV team. With a large group graduating last year, and the drive of these four senior leaders this season, we anticipate another successful season next year.

ONE-ACT PLAY: Co- Directors Tracy Hagstrom Durant (27 years at BHS, 37 total), Nick Lostetter (2 year at BHS, 3 total)

Watermelon Hill

By: Lily Baber Coyle, based on ideas from "Shadow Mothers" by Linda Back McKay

20 students participated in the One-Act Play program during the 2019-2020 season. Play selection is key to success in the competitive One-Act play arena. This year, co-directors Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Nick Lostetter, selected another moving, interesting local and educational piece of challenging theater, *Watermelon Hill*. This particular play stretched the students as producers of theater and further prepared them to be educated, open minded consumers of theater. *Watermelon Hill* is a heartfelt look into personal moments of love and loss, and reunions. The play is based on the book "Shadow Mothers" by Linda Back McKay. Back McKay was born and raised in St. Paul and the book/play is based on the Catholic Infants Home in St. Paul. The students learned a great deal through personal connections, research, rehearsal and performance. Education is always taking place. District 877 facilitates all of this education through valuing the arts! Once again, our theatre students worked diligently and produced another winning show. Education beyond the blackboard took place.

About the Play –

It is 1965. Imagine yourself as a teenage girl - pregnant and unwed. After a painful confession to your mother, you are sent away to the Catholic Infant Home on Cathedral Hill to deliver your baby and give it up for adoption. You are given a new name and strict instructions: "Do not reveal your real name. Do not discuss this episode in your life with anyone. Have your baby, go back to school, and make a fresh start - as if nothing ever happened. Once you leave this place, you must never look back."

But that's impossible. Decades later, three courageous women relive their shared experiences at the home, personal moments of love and loss, and reunions with the children they never forgot.

2019-2020 Season Performance Record

Lake Conference – The Lake Conference does not have a One-Act Play Festival. Since this was our first year in this conference, BHS decided to offer to host a Festival. Although few schools expressed interest and asked to be included again next year (if we host it again), only STMA was able to make it work. As luck would have it, we were unfortunately snowed out! We have high hopes of offering to host again during the 2020–2021 school year.

Sub-Section 5AA – 1st place

Section 5AA Finals – 1st place

State One-Act Play Festival STARRED PERFORMANCE!

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA: Lead Advisor Brenda Diekman (14th Year)

Business Professionals of America is an activity for any student in grades 9-12 wanting to advance their knowledge and skills in career fields of finance, business administration, management information systems, digital communication and design, management, marketing and communication. The season begins in September and concludes in May.

Membership of the 9th-12th grade students participated in a variety of events.

Team Events:	Individual Events:	
Video Production Team	Fundamental Accounting	ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding
	Personal Financial Management	Fundamental Desktop Publishing
	Intermediate Word Processing	Graphic Design Promotion
	Fundamental Spreadsheet	Digital Publishing
	Database Applications	Digital Media Production
	Legal Office Procedures	Interview Skills
	Medical Office Procedures	Extemporaneous Speech
	Business Law and Ethics	Prepared Speech

The officer team attended the Fall Conference where they were able to grow their leadership skills and work on plans for the year.

The Regional Competition was held at Wayzata High School in January during which 11 members received top awards and moved on to the State competition in Minneapolis in March. While attending the State Conference, four members earned the right to advance to the National Conference, but due to COVID-19, it was cancelled.

This year we are also proud to have Madelyn Hackett, Gretta Heinecke and Alayna Mills be re-elected to next year's Regional Officer Team.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL: Head coach- Emily Schoephoerster (1st year at BHS)

2020 has been a huge success for Knowledge Bowl. Our JV teams excelled and the JVA, JVB, and JVC teams placed in the top 6 teams for multiple meets. JVA placed in the top 3 teams in 5 meets and JVB placed in the top 3 teams in 4 meets.

Our teams built positive relationships, good teamwork skills and excellent communication strategies. I had several coaches over the season comment specifically to me about our teams' positive attitudes and good sportsmanship.

Both teams we brought to Sub Regionals qualified for Regions. Varsity 1 placed 6th and JVA placed 3rd, only missing 2nd place by one point. This demonstrates both teams' cooperation, dedication and effort. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were unable to have a final JV tournament, Regions or State competition this year.

Our JV teams are dedicated, fun and enthusiastic. We have a bright future in the Knowledge Bowl program. We look forward to a strong season next year and making it to State!

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY: Head Coach Tim Horan (1st Year)

The Buffalo-Monticello-St. Michael Albertville Coyotes had another exciting adapted floor hockey season. The Coyotes lost some fantastic senior leadership from their 3 win and 7 loss 2018-2019 season but four fantastic seniors stepped up and became the outstanding leaders we knew they could be. Although the Coyotes ended their season at 0-11, they played their hearts out every single game, had fun, and showed great sportsmanship. Highlights of the year included a hat trick by Mackenzie Davis against the 2019 Adapted Floor Hockey State Champions, St. Cloud Area. What made this even more special was the STMA Boys Hockey team was in attendance (over 35 hockey players!) and after Mackenzie scored her third goal, the boys hockey team threw out their caps onto the floor, stopping play momentarily. It was a sight to see! The STMA girl's hockey team surprised the Coyotes one week later at their next home game. The girl's hockey team helped to warm up the Coyotes before their game against Robbinsdale/Hopkins/Mound Westonka. Although the Coyotes came up short, this is a game the players, coaches, and fans will always remember. We had a total of 13 athletes - 4 from Buffalo, 6 from Monticello and 3 from STMA. We look forward to a tremendous 2020/2021 season. Go Coyotes!

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2019-20 Participation Report