



## **“CEADR!”**

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### **ACTIVITIES – Winter Tournament Time!**

#### **Girls Basketball:**

The girls finished the season 15-11 overall and 10-6 in the Gopher Conference, The Section 2AA South Subsection tournament begins tonight (Monday 2/26/24) at 7:00 pm. WEM the #4 seed hosts LCWM the #5 seed. If we win the quarter final game we would play at Mankato East, Thursday February 29 at @6:00 pm. or 25 minutes after the first game depending on the seeds. The Sub Section Championship will be Monday March 4 at MSU and the Section Championship Friday March 8 at MSU. The All-Gopher Conference Selection meeting was held last night (Sunday 2/25/24). By Conference rule results are not released until all teams are finished competing in playoffs.

#### **Boys Basketball:**

The Boys regular season is coming to an end this week with games Thursday at home in the “Battle of the Buccaneers” as we host Blue Earth Area. We then travel to New Ulm to play Minnesota Valley Lutheran on Friday. Currently the boys are 10-12 overall with a 9-6 conference record! Subsection 2AA seeding is this Friday 3/1/24. The first game for playoffs will be Tuesday March 5 at 8:01 pm at the high seed! If we win the quarter final game we would play at Fairmont, Thursday March 7 at @6:00 pm. or 25 minutes after the first game depending on the seeds. The Sub Section Championship will be Monday March 11 at MSU and the Section Championship Friday March 14 at MSU. The All-Gopher Conference Selection meeting was held last night (Sunday 2/25/24). By Conference rule results are not released until all teams are finished competing in playoffs.

#### **Wrestling:**

The Grizzlies finished the dual meet 18-12 on the season. 4-2 in the Gopher Conference tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They battled to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Section 2A Team Tournament held in Lake Crystal on February 17. The Section 2A Individual Tournament was held in Blue Earth this past weekend Feb. 24. The Grizzlies qualified 3 wrestlers to the state Tournament. The #127 lb. Champion Carson Petry (WEM) and the Hwt. Champion Keegan Kuball (WEM) and #189 lb. runner-up Avery Fall (JWP). The All-Conference selections occurred last Wednesday Feb. 21, and again results not released until after the State Wr. Tournament this coming weekend in St. Paul. Our wrestlers will begin 9:00 am on Friday March 1.

#### **Competition Cheer:**

Completed their first season with some success bringing home 3 banners and a couple team trophies for events they participated in.

#### **Big Shouts Out!**

WEM One-Act Play Team qualified for the Section Event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in school history and first since 2001! The team consisted of the following students Emma Smith, Jaelyn Wilmes, Anna Nielsen, Myles Geyer, Ryley Henning, Natalie Elness, Abby Crosby, Megan Miller, Maddie Heuss, Nicole Allen and Claire Elness. Claire Elness, Jaelyn Wilmes and Abby Crosby were named Gopher Conference All-Conference performers.

**WEM Band and Choir** - On February 3, 2024 WEM Band and Choir students participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Gopher Conference Honors Band and Choir and Visual Arts event. WEM participants in Choir & Band this year included Anna Voegele, Kaedyn Judd, Lilly Henson, Clare Landrum, Redzel Priebe, Cody Culhane, Luke Michael, Bryce Gagnon, Aric Williams, Gage Bliss Angelina Dornquast, Lauren Lamp, Ian Krantz, Brendan Snestrud, Claire Elness, Dylan Holicky, Ainsley Schieffer and Maddieline Heuss. Students whose art work was displayed in Kenyon were Travis Flohaug, Angelina Dornquast, Maddison Wolker and Randi Selbrade.

**MSHSL State ExCEL Award** - Congratulations to Maddie Heuss (WEM Junior) for being named one of the State ExCEL Award Winners!

### **Spring Activities**

- The Choir perform in the Subsection 5A Large Group Contests next Monday March 4 at Loyola H.S. The Band will perform in their Large Group Competition on March 18 at Maple River HS. The Solo/Ensemble Contest is Saturday March 23 at MSU.
- The spring School Play” The Tale of Snow White” by Barbara Lennon, directed by Andrew Velishek are busy preparing for performances on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Over 20 students, grades 7-11 are participating in the spring play.
- The Knowledge Bowl teams are also busy competing this late winter/ spring.
- Speech has begun competitions.
- 7-12 Boys and Girls Track practice begins Monday March 11.
- Softball begins practice Monday March 11. JH (7&8) Sb TBD.
- Baseball begins practice Monday March 18. JH (7&8) Bb TBD. *Baseball pitchers and catchers can begin Monday March 11 for arm strengthening programs as per MSHSL rule.*
- WEM Trap (Clay Target) get started in March as well.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

- Spring/ Summer Activities are beginning and we are getting primed for a busy summer!
- Summer 2024 School Age Childcare registration is currently registering students with a limited availability based on our licensure..... The 2024-2025 school year registration will also begin soon.
- 2024-2025 “Little Bucs Preschool” registrations look to begin in March
- Driver Education will be having another Classroom session beginning March 6, with Summer Behind the Wheel sign up beginning in April for the 2024 summer.