

WINTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

BOYS HOCKEY: Coach Aaron Johnson (1st season)

Assistants Thomas Johnson, Rory Dynan,
JV Coaches: Scott Goodmanson, Dr. Tom Ahrens

The 2013-2014 Bison boys hockey team worked hard and was extremely dedicated throughout the entire season.

The Bison finished the regular season with a record of 15-9-2. They finished conference play in the Mississippi 8 with a record of 9-3. The 3 losses in conference were the second fewest among conference teams. Junior Gunnar Goodmanson led the conference in scoring with 52 points.

Some on ice highlights of our season were two wins against St. Michael-Albertville and St. Francis. Over the holiday break, the team competed in the Duluth Heritage Classic. Some team activities that were held throughout the season that allowed for players on the team to form bonds with one another that will last a lifetime include the trip to Duluth, team breakfasts at player's houses and many long bus trips together.

The Bison junior varsity had a successful season, posting an all-time high wins with 18, and finishing with a record of 18-6-1.

The Bison said goodbye to eleven Seniors this season. Those Seniors include Mikey Otten, Justin Laven, Loren Lindvall, Hunter Thompson, Jordan Carlson, Dylan Kumlin, Jake Michalko, Kody O'Neill, Wilson Anderle, Jesse Sullivan, and Casey Anderson. Thanks to these boys and best of luck with your future plans!

Thanks to the players, parents, and fans for making this season successful!

GIRLS HOCKEY: Coach Ray Dahlof (8th year)

Assistants- Ed Roethke, Josh Rogers, Johanna Ellison, Amanda Reed and Mark Nordvall

The Bison Girls' Hockey team had a very successful season. They won the Mississippi 8 Conference Championship this season with a perfect 9-0 record. The Bison finished the season with a 14-13-1 overall record. The Bison played a very strong schedule with 8 of the losses coming at the hands of teams ranked in the top ten in the state. For the first time in Bison Girls' Hockey history, the team advanced to the Section 8AA Championship game losing to Roseau 3-0. Ashley Effertz, Abby Halluska, Madi Jewell, Allison Roethke and Lindsay Roethke made the all-conference team. Ashley Effertz, Abby Halluska, Allison Roethke and Lindsay Roethke also made the Section 8AA all-tournament team; Lindsay Roethke was also named all state honorable mention. The Bison had two seniors on the team, Paige Blizil and Lindsay Roethke. Paige will continue her education at Bemidji State University while Lindsay accepted a full athletic scholarship for hockey next year at the University of Connecticut.

This team worked hard to accomplish their goals, winning the conference championship and coming one game away from making it to the state tournament.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Coach Nick Guida (11th year as head coach, 17 in program)

Varsity Assistant: Ross Mjelde (11th year)

B Squad: Josh Ortmann (3rd year)

9th Grade: Mike Curry (3rd year)

9th Grade: Ron Spier (1st year)

The Bison Boys Basketball team headed into the 2013-14 season with high expectations for success once again. As a team, we don't measure success by wins and losses, we measure success by improvement on the floor and relationships built over the course of a season. If we take care of those, the wins and losses take care of themselves! Leading the way, we had a strong core of veteran leaders at the nucleus and a talented group of newcomers to join. Our roster included 7 seniors, 7 juniors, and 6 sophomores.

After a slow start to our season (2-4 record), we came together as a team and had a number of highlights to recognize. Our team finished with a 23-7 record including a 13-0 conference mark and a Mississippi 8 Conference Championship. Included in that winning record was a 16-game winning streak, one of the longest in school history. The regular season success on the floor prepared us for a post-season tournament run. This is the time of year you'd like to be playing your best basketball and it rang true for this group of young men. Our road through the sectional tournament would have us beating Rogers, Elk River, and a 5 OT win vs St Cloud Tech to get to the state tournament.

On the big stage of the state tournament, we were matched against the 2nd seeded Lakeville North Panthers. We came into the game confident we could play at the level with the "big boys" in Minnesota. Reflecting on the game, we did just that! Although we'd eventually lose (to the eventual AAAA State Champions), we gave ourselves a chance to win and I hope the community is proud of the effort this team put forth!

As we close another chapter of Bison Basketball, we say goodbye to 7 seniors who'll have left a significant impact on Bison basketball, BHS, and the community of Buffalo. They are: Josh Braxton, Sam Ortmann, Austin Johnson, Collin Olmscheid, Levi Bean, Andrew Iverson and Cameron Sonju. Thanks to our seniors and we are looking forward to the 2014-15 version of Bison Basketball!

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Coach Scot Sorenson (Head Coach 10th year, 14 in program)

Assistants: Amanda Peterson, Jeff Kylonen, and Nate Doimer

The 2013 – 2014 Buffalo Bison Girls Basketball team met their season with a strong purpose to find their way back to the top of the M-8 conference. Three seniors provided leadership and performance in the early season games. Chelsey Henson and Nicole Duske started every game for the Bison. Lauren Schultz was often the first one off the bench bringing her versatile play to

the court. The girls started the season with a comeback victory at home vs. section opponent, Moorhead. Another early season highlight was a MN state record setting victory at Waconia. The Bison gave up 104 points this night and won the game by eight. Yes, the 112-104 victory set the state record for combined points from two girls teams. They went up to the Alexandria holiday tournament for the first time and played well in both games to win the tourney, beating Moorhead again in the first round and Robbinsdale Armstrong in the championship game. Starting the new year in the NEW M-8 conference (now with 10 teams). The Bison looked to chase some high goals and began to find contributions from all levels. The above mentioned seniors, four juniors, a sophomore, and two freshmen made up most of the rotation. A strong push was made with some close wins and tough losses. The Bison finished third in 2014 in a conference that had three teams make it to the state tournament. For the section 8AAAA tournament they received a four seed and had to face #5 Rogers, a team they had beaten twice in close games. On this night, Rogers was the better team and a fun season came to a close. By most accounts, the Bison achieved higher than expected at 16-11, again attributed to the strong play of their three senior "captains" that made tough/strong team play the expectation. Nicole Duske '14 and Anika Fredrick '15, made the M-8 all-conference team, while Chelsey Henson '14, Carolyn Feddema '15, and Chloe Boster '15 made honorable mention. Ten of the fifteen varsity players made the All-Conference Academic team. Coach Peterson lead the JV team to a great season with 19 wins providing an opportunity for all to look ahead to a bright future in 14/15

WRESTLING: Head Coach Jason Maurer (2nd Year)
Assistant Coaches: Andrew Neumann (2nd Year), Chris Lian (2nd Year) Senior Consultant:
Gerry Bakke

The 2013-2014 season saw something new in the wrestling room: the same coaching staff. Coaches Maurer, Neumann, Lian, and Bakke all returned to the coaching ranks. This year, conditioning was the main focus of the team and it was evident throughout the season that our wrestlers were in great shape. The Bison were able to improve from a 2-16 record the year before to an 11-13 record this year. Highlights this season were winning the Consolation Championship at the 1st Annual Bison Duals in January. The Bison hosted Teacher Appreciation Night, Senior Night, Parent's Night, and Alumni Night. The Bison had a very young team this year, having one seventh grader, three eighth graders, and three ninth graders as main contributors to the team. The Bison still struggled to fill a full line up, but did fill all fourteen weights for several matches throughout the season. Buffalo Wrestling finished in 9th place as a team in the Mississippi 8. Individually, Adam Treptau was All-Conference at 220 lbs., and Charlie DesMarais (106), Josh Anderson (113), Jacob Scherber (160), and Hunter Durand (182) were named All-Conference Honorable Mention. The team did fill a full line up at team sections and won a pig tail match over Minneapolis South 62-12. Career Milestones were set by three wrestlers this year. 50 wins were earned by Ian Scherber and Hunter Durand. Adam Treptau earned his 100th win and finished the season with a 35-8 record. He currently holds a career record of 108-43, which places him 8th in all-time wins for Buffalo Wrestling. The Bison placed ten wrestlers at Individual Sections this year: Charlie DesMarais-6th (106 lbs.), Josh Anderson-6th (113 lbs.) Caleb Drews-6th (120 lbs.), Wyatt Jacobson Hanson-5th (126 lbs.), Fletcher Durand-6th (138 lbs.), Ian Scherber-6th (152 lbs.), Jacob Scherber- 3rd (160 lbs.), Hunter Durand-3rd (195

lbs.), Adam Treptau-1st (220 lbs.), and Robert Sahli-5th (HWT). Adam Treptau won his second consecutive Section 6AAA Championship at 220 lbs. Jacob Scherber and Hunter Durand both had “True Second” matches, falling one match short of the state tournament. As a sophomore, Adam Treptau wrestled six seniors at the State Wrestling Tournament, finishing with a 3-3 record on the weekend at the Excel Energy Center in State Paul. Adam made his third trip to the state tournament and not only won his first match, earned his first medal finishing in 6th place and All-State. Academically, the Bison also had a great showing with Auston Anderson Alvarez, Caleb Drews, Riley Habisch, Wesley Sanderson, Cole Scherber, Jacob Scherber, Ian Scherber, Manager Alisa Fadden, Manager Hunter Zwack all earning Academic All Conference. The coaching staff will be hosting Open Wrestling throughout the summer as well as a camp featuring U of M Wrestling David Thorn, July 21-24th. The coaching staff looks to remain intact for next year and looks forward to the continued improvement of the program. For a more in-depth look at the season please visit www.buffalobisonwrestling.com.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson (30th year)
Tracy Laumann (11 years), Shannon Doyle (1st year)

2013-2014 saw a great season with 8 new gymnasts, leadership from 6 seniors, and a year of experience with rule changes that occurred in 2012. First season assistant coach Shannon Doyle also brought valuable knowledge and coaching experience to the squad. The Varsity finished with a 4/4 dual meet season record, exactly in the middle of the conference. The JV did even better with a 6W/2L dual meet record. The team improved steadily over the course of the season beginning with varsity scores of 124 and finishing the season with 134. The JV team improvements were even more impressive, beginning scores at 114 and peaking at Cambridge at the end of January with 127. Many JV team scores were added this season to the record book, especially notable the 127 the JV Bison achieved at Cambridge. Hayley Downing, Natalie Heuton and Ingrid Nelson added their names to the JV Individual Record book also. The balance beam and floor exercise were especially strong events for the Bison on varsity and JV. The team took a trip to the Section Meet in Moorhead and had a great time together as well as performing their best routines and achieving their best scores of the season. It was very rewarding as the hard work and positive attitudes the athletes brought every day paid off with visible results. It was also evident that girls enjoyed each other’s company.

This season some girls received individual Mississippi 8 Conference Awards. 8th grader Alex Zeiss was All Conference on the balance beam. Amber Doebler (uneven bars) received Honorable Mention.

ONE-ACT PLAY: Director Tracy Hagstrom Durant (22 years)

The Triangle Factory Fire Project

By: Christopher Piehler and Scott Alan Evans

20 students participated in the One-Act Play program during the 2013-2014 season. Play selection is key to success in the competitive One-Act play arena. This year, director Tracy Hagstrom Durant, selected another moving, interesting and educational historic piece of challenging theater, *The Triangle Factory Fire Project*. This particular play stretched the students as producers of theater and further prepared them to be educated, open minded consumers of theater. *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* is a painful look into an event in American history that significantly impacted the world we live in today. The students learned so much through 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 –

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire of 1911 took the lives of 146 workers, most of whom were young women immigrants between the ages of 13 and 23. This tragedy was among the worst industrial fires in New York City history, but its aftermath was even more shocking. The Triangle Factory Fire Project uses eyewitness accounts, court transcripts and other archival material to create a dramatic moment-by-moment account of this historic fire and the social upheaval that followed. It culminates in the manslaughter trial of the owners, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, whose shocking acquittal inspires new outrage across New York and the entire country, the repercussions of which shaped social, political and economic policies for decades to come. By using real words spoken by real people, The Triangle Factory Fire Project paints a heartbreakingly clear picture of a disastrous day in American history, and explores the human toll such a tragedy takes on us all.

2013-2014 Season Performance Record

Mississippi 8 Conference Starred Performance

All-Conference Cast – Alec Waters, Emma Hage, Noah Gilbertson

All Conference Tech Crew – Grace Walker

All-Conference Cast Honorable Mention - Erica Hoops, Katie Swartzter, Bryce Bishop, Sydney Segelstrom

All-Conference Tech Crew Honorable Mention – Ian Hannay

Sub-Section 5AA – 2nd place

Section 5AA Finals – 1st place

State One-Act Play Festival STARRED PERFORMANCE!

BOYS SWIMMING: Coach Pam Brophy (5th year head coach 8th year in program)

The 2013-2014 Boys' Swim & Dive season was successful both in terms of participants and personal performances. We had a record 47 athletes this season, which was important because we graduate 7 seniors. Our dual meet record was 5-3, which is only the 3rd time in program history we have finished above 500. This placed us 3rd in the M-8 conference. We had a first time victory over Chisago Lakes, and nearly had an upset victory over Conference rival, Monticello. Over the course of the season, three school records were broken, and we had 31 changes on our Top 15 Lists.

Our JV athletes had an outstanding season with 90% of them dropping time at JV Championships where they finished just behind STMA to take second place in the Conference. During Sections, three new school records were set, 90% of our athletes improved times/scores, and we had 19 medal winners. Hunter Brings placed 3rd in Diving to advance to the State meet for the second time. Josh Muntiferer also qualified for State for the second time with record-breaking performances in IM and Backstroke. This is only the second time in program history we've had a swimmer qualify for State in two individual events. Josh was also on the medal podium in the Medley Relay and 400 Free Relay. Hunter placed 18th at State in Diving, which makes him the second highest diving finisher in program history. Josh finished 22nd in IM and 23rd in Backstroke.

Swim & Dive had a record number of 7 athletes selected for All Conference and 3 for Honorable Mention, in addition to having 11 members of our program earn All Academic Awards. Our team was also awarded a Silver Standard Section Academic Award. We held our 5th annual Alumni Meet over Winter Break and had 20 former athletes join us for swimming, diving, and a poolside pizza party. Our team made a \$200 cash donation to the Buffalo Food Shelf in addition to conducting a food drive as part of our Alumni Meet. Boys Swim & Dive also hosted our 4th annual Border Battle Invitational Swim & Dive Meet and had a mid-winter "Hawaiian" dual meet with Watertown. Swim & Dive also held their first Staff Recognition Night with each senior selecting a favorite teacher to honor at a home meet. All of these events were great fun for the athletes, the fans, and our school community.

Even though we are graduating 7 talented athletes, our strong core of young swimmers and divers give us much reason to be excited about the 2014-15 season!

KNOWLEDGE BOWL: Head Coach Lacy Schramm (2nd year)
Assistant Coach Tracy Johnson

The 2013-14 Knowledge Bowl season was the most successful to date. Not only did we win the State Championship on April 11th, we were able to send two teams to the state meet for the first time in our history. Varsity Team #1 won the State Championship Title and Varsity Team #2 placed 13th. This win was incredible for the students and BHM school district. It speaks to the strength of our academic programs and support from the community. Personally, it was a wonderful experience to watch the team win and the fact that it came right down to the wire was exciting. The final round of competition was so intense, that former coach Pasche and I could barely watch the last question. We ended up winning by 1.5 points over St. Thomas Academy. Go Bison!

The 2013-2014 team consisted of 26 students in grades 9-12. These students were divided into six teams; three Varsity and three JV, for practice and competition. Buffalo Knowledge Bowl was dominant throughout the season in both the varsity and junior varsity levels. Our future is looking strong, as we will only graduate three seniors this year.

Our annual Buffalo Knowledge Bowl meet was held at BHS in January, with 74 teams competing. We participated in 8 regular season meets throughout the season, plus several post-season meets. Buffalo hosted the Mississippi 8 Conference Knowledge Bowl meet this year and won for the 9th year in a row. The team earned The Academic All-Conference Gold.

All-Conference Team:

Senior Aaron Hamann, Juniors Ryan Bowers and Jon Thielen and Sophomore Jacob Nosbush.

State Teams:

Varsity 1: Jon Thielen, Ryan Bowers, Aaron Hamann, Jacob Nosbush, and Abbie Kunze.

Varsity 2: Robbie DuBois, Logan Thomas, Tommy Dirks, Sophie Lefebvre, and Evan Burandt.

DANCE TEAM: Coach: Kaitlin White (2nd year)

Assistant: Olivia Hernandez

The Buffalo High School Dance Team finished its second season with 15 dancers ranging from 8th-12th grade. The girls competed against veteran teams and held their own as a second year squad. The Dance Team finished their season in February with their strongest performance and their highest score of the year at Sectionals in Elk River. Although the score wasn't high enough to qualify for state, the girls achieved their own personal goal of their best performance. This year the Dance Team took on both the Jazz and the High Kick category for the first time. Results were positive and the team will continue to compete in both categories next year.

Tryouts were held in April 2014 for the 14-15 season and after a successful three days, the new team was announced. With the loss of 5 Seniors, the team now consists of 12 dancers; 1 eighth grader, 2 freshmen, 6 sophomores, 2 juniors and 1 senior. Head Coach Kaitlin White and Assistant Coach Olivia Hernandez will return to work with dancers on training this summer and then also start the season in October. Veterans Sarah Nowezki and Mia Woodwick will return next year as senior and junior captains.

MOCK TRIAL: Coach Evan Ronken (4th year)

Assistant Coach: Jason Swanson

Tournaments and Scrimmages

Buffalo began the season with more returning senior members than ever before, which meant both teams had a wealth of experience to draw upon. For the first two months of the season, both teams that competed in tournaments were a mixture of veterans and first year members. The teaching and examples set by the returning members paid off, as **Buffalo had the most successful season when you combine the win/loss records for our teams for both teams.** Not counting Buffalo vs. Buffalo competitions, **Buffalo teams went 29-3 for the season.**

The teams had their first competitions of the year in scrimmages against Edina High School in December, winning all matches. Top performances were put forth by Senior Matt Boeckers in his role as expert witness "Dr. Tracy Peterson," Gabriel Brovege-Trossen as witness "Giffy

O'Brien," Mattie Lubben for her opening statement as a defense attorney, and Madeline Schwappach for her closing statement as a defense attorney.

On January 4th, Buffalo competed at the "Minneapolis Mock Trial Invitational" at Apple Valley High School. Both Buffalo teams went 3-0, defeating teams from Lakeville North, Lakeville South, Prior Lake, Holy Family Catholic, and Park Center. **Buffalo was the only school at the tournament to have all of their teams win every round.** Overall, the two Buffalo teams took **2nd and 4th place out of 22 teams.** (The top four teams in the tournament were all undefeated, and were ranked 1-4 based on how much they had beat other teams by). Earning awards for outstanding individual performances were Eli Larson, Presley Rumsey, Rachel Koch, Madeline Schwappach and Mattie Lubben.

Buffalo closed out the tournament portion of the season by competing against the top teams in the state at the Macalaster Invitational Tournament. **The Buffalo Varsity team went 3-0 defeating teams from Breck, Eden Prairie, and Glencoe Silver Lake. Overall, the varsity team took 5th place out of 26 teams.** Greta Tesdahl and Emily Twardy won outstanding witness awards. The JV team went 2-1, losing their only match to last year's state champion, Nova Classical Academy. However, they beat Edina High School and Hmong Academy and Mattie Lubben earned an outstanding witness award.

Both teams also competed in the Mississippi 8 Conference Tournament in January. The varsity team advanced to the final round by defeating Cambridge-Isanti and (unfortunately) the other Buffalo team. Buffalo lost to St. Michael-Albertville in the final round, and finished in 2nd place in the Mississippi 8 Tournament. Buffalo earned the Mississippi 8 Academic Award based on the combined GPA of both teams. **All-Conference Award winners were Brianna Porter, Presley Rumsey, Rachel Koch, and Mattie Lubben. Eli Larson and Madeline Schwappach were named All-Conference Honorable Mention.**

Regional Competition

Both Buffalo teams again proved to be the strongest teams in Region 3. **For the first time ever, both Buffalo teams went undefeated in Rounds 1-4 of regional competition,** setting the stage for another Buffalo vs. Buffalo Region Final on February 20th. With special permission from the superintendent to compete in the midst of a snowstorm, both teams put forth their best effort in a closely contested final round. In the end, the Varsity team won 232-220. **For the sixth year in a row, a team from Buffalo captured the Region 3 title and was competing in the state tournament!**

State Tournament

The state tournament was held in Duluth, Minnesota. The MSBA sponsored a field trip to the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor's Center in which a presentation was given on the facts of the actual sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Following lunch at Grandma's, the team held objection and cross exam battles to prepare for their first round. In Round 1, Buffalo competed as the plaintiff against Stillwater High School. In their toughest competition to that point, the team performed very well, though Stillwater earned the victory.

In Round 2, Buffalo faced a team from St. Peter High School. Though Buffalo won all three ballots in the match, it was a difficult trial because both the presiding judge and opposing council didn't seem to fully understand the rules of Mock Trial. With crowd and team favorite Judge Dehn presiding, the team again swept all three ballots against Brainerd High School in Round 3. **Buffalo ended the state tournament with a 4th place finish, and was only one ballot away from competing in the state final. Greta Tesdahl won an all-state witness award and Madeline Schwappach won her second all-state attorney award.**

SPEECH: Coach Mike Worcester- (10th Year-5th year in Co-op with STMA)

The Speech Team completed its fifth season as part of a co-op with St. Michael-Albertville. Despite our smaller numbers, the students once again worked very hard and competed well throughout the long season. Once again at the 5AA section tournament this year, Buffalo High School advanced yet another senior to the state tournament. Annie Moore advanced her category Original Oratory. Congratulations to Annie on this outstanding achievement.

We continue to be grateful for the willingness of St. Michael-Albertville to be the host school of this cooperative, affectionately known as The St. Buffaville Speech Team.

ALPINE SKI: (5th year in co-op with St. Cloud)

Buffalo High School senior Kelly Zelko once again participated in the St. Cloud Breakaways program. The co-op is made up of a number of skiers from central Minnesota. Kelly, a captain on the squad, participated and did well enough at sections to advance to the state tournament. We are unsure at this time if we will continue to co-op in the future. We do have one 7th grader inquiring about the program and co-op at our school.