

2011 Fall Activities Summaries

GIRLS TENNIS: Head Coach Charley Keifenheim (27 years)

The girls' tennis team had a very interesting season. For the first half of the season several of our top players were plagued by injuries and for the second half of the season, coach Keifenheim was away much of the time dealing with family illness. During the short time when we were all together, the team did very well. We nearly won the team conference but ended up losing a 3rd set tie-breaker at Rogers. We took 1st place in 4 of the 8 divisions at the conference tournament and saw all of our seniors end on a winning note. We had a senior on our team who narrowly survived a brain tumor in her sophomore year come back and see plenty of playing time with the team. We had a pair of 8th graders join the varsity team and compete very nicely. With our nice mix of experience and youth, and one of our more athletic groups ever, this year's tennis team was a joy to coach.

BOYS SOCCER: Head Coach Jeff Lindstrom (11th year)

Boys Soccer finished the 2011 season with an 11-5-1 overall record and a 4-1-1 record in the Mississippi 8. The 2011 schedule was difficult including 3 eventual section champions and many other highly regarded teams. The team demonstrated a very high level of play, setting a new level that future teams will need to live up to. They finished in 3rd place making it 7 straight years finishing in the top half of the conference. The team also captured the Mississippi 8 Academic Conference Championship for the 7th time in 11 years. The squad was knocked out in the playoffs by Moorhead in a devastating shoot out. The JV squad had an outstanding year finishing 8-4-3 marking the 2nd year in a row the team has been undefeated. The B-Squad also had a strong season finishing at 7-3-2. Blake Esnough, Adam Doboszenski, Joe O'Flanagan, and Andrew Mussell were named to the all-conference team.

BOYS and GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Head Coach Jill Hanson (25 years).

Cross Country started the season with the biggest number of runners we have had in my coaching tenure. We had over 24 freshman boys involved in our program. Including our middle school program we had over 85 kids running Cross Country. WOW! This created new problems but they were fun problems to have. Coach Knutsen and I did struggle with the lack of personal attention that we were able to give the athletes and needed to communicate with coaches from other schools as to how they deal with those issues. We struggled with growing pains but I know from a coaching perspective, we had a good year and I hope that the runners felt the same. Our boys were supposed to be the better team of the Bison runners- they had the most coming back from last season, experience was on their side and numbers also were there. The boys won several meets: Big Lake Meet, Rogers Invitational, and the Mississippi 8 Conference Championship. We had hopes of qualifying for the State Meet but we had a disappointing race and finished 8th. We hope that this disappointment will motivate these guys to put in the summer miles. Our JV team was awesome. They won the Big Lake, Rogers, Hutchinson and JV Conference meets. We have many good runners pushing the varsity and next year could be a great year for boys Cross Country

I was scared to see what would happen to our girls program since we had lost a few to graduation and did not have many girls coming back. I worried about numbers and dedication. The girls were great kids but running was more social than competitive for a few of them. Two senior girls came out for CC this fall for the first time and added some competitiveness to our program. We started out slow, but as the season progressed, this group of girls ran better every week. After the home meet, we moved up 2 girls from the middle school and then our team really took off. The girls won the Rogers Invite and the Centennial meet. They finished 2nd at the Big Lake Meet. We had hopes of taking second at the Conference Championships (Monticello was ranked #1 in the state) but got clipped by St. Michael (who eventually went to the state meet) and took 3rd. Going into sections, it was a tough field and we thought if we ran well we could take 4th. We finished 5th with every girl setting a personal record. You can't ask for any more from them. Our captains, Emily Bedker, Elise Walters, Alex Rooney and Avery Schottler will be missed next year as they did a tremendous job leading some many runners. We will miss them, but there are always new kids ready to step up. Thanks for your support!

FOOTBALL: Head Coach Gerard Rohl (20 years, 34 in program)

The 2011 **Varsity** Football Campaign fell drastically short of its pre-season goal of winning its third Mississippi 8 Conference Crown and making it back to the Section 8 AAAAA finals. The final regular season record saw the Bison at 2 wins and 6 losses. After starting out with 2 wins and one loss the Bison lost several very close games, which the Bison had a chance to win at the end of each, with the exception of Rogers at mid season. In our playoff game versus the St.Cloud Tech Tigers, the Central Lakes Conference Champion in 2011, the Bison had a chance to win as time ran out but the Bison fell short 34-28. The Varsity team of 2011 consisted of 31 seniors (including managers), 29 juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen. With the return of Mississippi 8 All-Conference Quarterback Jason Senger, and several talented returning Juniors and Sophomores, the 2012 Bison are looking to get the Mississippi 8 Crown back and make it to the finals of our new section! *A reminder, the 2012 season will mark the first year of the newly structured super 32 format where the largest schools go to a different class, this does not include the Bison.*

Our 2011 **Freshmen** team, lead by some excellent new coaches, Mike Hernandez, Ken Jugasek, Ron Spier, and Neil Schlagel had a great season. They ended with 5 wins and 4 losses and three of their defeats were very close games as well. This team had a total of 41 players, one manager and a filmer.

Our **Sophomore** team headed by veteran coaches Mike Beilke, Troy Holland and Ben Wandmacher were joined this year by a rookie coach, Mike Curry. This team ended their season with a 2-4 record. that was also marked by some extremely close games. All of their losses could have gone either way or what we call, "one play" games. This team really improved over their freshmen season in terms of execution of plays and being able to finish drives on offense and stopping the opponent on defense. This team had 34 players and one sophomore manager.

VOLLEYBALL: Head Coach Michelle Macalena (2nd Year)

The Bison Volleyball program ended the season with an overall record of 20-8. We had several returning players from 2010 who provided leadership for the program. Our girls were hard-working, competitive and team-oriented. Highlights from the season include a share of the

Mississippi 8 conference title and winning the HLWW Tournament and Benilde-St. Margaret's Tournament.

All teams in the program showed much improvement over the season. We had great athletes to work with and a good coaching staff. Rebecca Karna, Brig Berquist, Lauri Zumach, Josh Erickson, and Heather Kwoka all did a great job coaching athletes on their respective teams and worked toward building a unified program.

Seven members of our squad earned a GPA of 3.7 or higher and were members of the M8 all-conference academic team. We also had three players earn All Conference Awards. Those awards went to Senior Captain Shanlee Braun, Senior Captain Alexa Thielman, and Sophomore Kylee Zumach. All-Conference Honorable mention awards went to Senior Jill Wackler and Sophomore Natalia Velenchenko.

GIRLS SOCCER: Head Coach Steve Doimer (3rd Year)

The BHS Girl's Varsity Soccer team has completed their best regular season to date. The Bison Girls finished with a regular season record of 9-5-2, tied for second place in the M8 Conference, our best conference finish. After graduating 8 starting seniors in 2010, we were not sure where we would finish the 2011 season. This year we started 5 seniors; one of those was Michelle Lang, our Goalie. Michelle had an excellent season. With the help of a solid defense, the Bison ended the season with a goal against average of 1.06. The Bison registered 8 shut-outs.

Coach Walz was moved this season from the 9th grade position to the JV. She did a fine job preparing players to move up to the Varsity field. Three players were moved up from JV to fill needs on the Varsity team. They arrived fully prepared to fit in and contribute. I view this move as a complete success.

Coach Heebink joined the girl's program this year to coach our 9th graders. In 2010, Coach Heebink led the boys' 9th grade team. Her transition was seamless and I am excited to have her professionalism on the staff. She has proved to be an asset to the girls as well.

Coach Greely has completed her 3rd year as the Varsity Assistant coach. Her contributions are measured in our fitness and cohesion as a team. Coach Greeley continues to be a positive influence on our student athletes on and off the field.

The future of girls soccer at BHS is bright!

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE: Head Coach Melissa Miller (2nd year)

This season, we had over 60 girls participate! We had two new coaches on staff: Rachel Busch and Tanner Bauman (diving). These new additions really helped us have a phenomenal season. We tied for conference champs and took 4 girls to state. Our record was 9-2 falling short to Monticello and Wayzata... again. Our divers also had a fantastic season. Mariah Brings took 6th at Sections just missing the State Cut. Rebecca Haggerty broke the school diving record earlier in the season. We had 7 girls make All-Conference and most importantly, we had the highest GPA

in the Section with a 3.86 earning the Gold Standard. We had great senior leadership from Kirsten Olson and Annika Bordak. The 4 girls qualifying for state were: Annika Bordak, Emily DeVore, Jenna Muntifering and Becca Skelly. Emily DeVore took 4th in her 100 free and 6th in the 50 free, resetting her records from the previous years. Annika Bordak took 15th in the 100 Backstroke. Our 200 Free Relay took 11th. All the girls had the opportunity to swim in prelims and finals again this year!

FALL CHEERLEADING: Head Coach Erin Miller (1st year)

The 2011 fall sideline cheerleading season was full of changes! There was a JV and a Varsity football squad this year, a new head coach, and hopefully everyone noticed the brand new uniforms at the Varsity Football games!

The season started in the summer with a first: The cheerleaders were invited to participate in Gym Nation's Buffalo Days performance. Also during the summer, the cheerleaders participated in the Buffalo Days, Hanover Harvest Festival, and Montrose parades. Both of the squads attended UCA camp in late July, where one of our captains, Cece Kulzer, was named an "All American." This honor is given to only the top 12% of cheerleaders who attend camp across the country. Over winter break, Cece will represent the USA, cheering at the London New Year's Day Parade along with other All-American cheerleaders from around the nation.

This fall, many updates were made to our "Spirit Stop" booth, which provided lots of fun and additional ways for fans to show their Bison Pride at the home football games! Funds from the booth helped make the new uniforms possible. The highlight for the girls this fall was their halftime performance during the homecoming football game. We got a lot of really great feedback on how "cool" it was from the fans! You will continue to see an increased display of athleticism and skills from the team moving into the winter season!

FALL MUSICAL: Director Tracy Hagstrom Durant (20 years)

Once Upon a Mattress

Music by [Mary Rodgers](#), lyrics by [Marshall Barer](#) and book by [Jay Thompson](#), [Dean Fuller](#), and Marshall Barer. The play was written as an adaptation of the [Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*](#).

Music Director: Michael Walsh

Choreographer: Debb Bestland

Tech Director: Tim Kiernan

Asst. Tech Director and Lighting Designer: Greg Bestland

Student Tech Director: Cali Kvistad (Senior)

Costumer: Patricia Manuel and Christine Cammarn (Parent Volunteers)

Musical Synopsis:

A timeless musical comedy, *Once Upon a Mattress* has multiple themes and sub-plots. The

main story features Queen Aggravain who can't bear to see her son, Prince Dauntless, marry anyone less than perfect. She compiles impossible tests for each princess interested in her son. After having gone through all of the known princesses in the kingdom, a brave knight (Sir Harry) goes off to bring home a princess. You see, no one in the kingdom is allowed to marry until Prince Dauntless is wed so the pressure is on!

Sir Harry brings back Princess Winnifred the Woebegone, lovingly known as "Fred." Crude, uncultured and a breath of fresh air, Prince Dauntless falls immediately in love with her, much to the Queen's horror. She agrees to let Fred undergo a "perfectly fair test" in sensitivity: putting a pea under her twenty-mattress-high bed to see if she sleeps. Fred defies the stereotype that she isn't sensitive and greets the court the next day, utterly exhausted and ecstatic to have passed the test.

Once Upon a Mattress was first written as a shorter play and was later expanded for the Broadway stage. Initial reviews of the play were mixed, but critics and actors alike were surprised by the show's enduring popularity. *Once Upon a Mattress* is a popular choice for high school drama programs and community Theater groups.

A fun fact: *Once Upon A Mattress* marked the Broadway debut of later stage and TV legend Carol Burnett, who originated the role of Princess Winnifred. In the revival, Carol Burnett played the Queen with Sarah Jessica Parker playing the role of Winnifred.

BHS Performances

Performances were December 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 PM and December 4 at 2:00 PM. Tickets were available in the high school office and at Gartner's Hallmark downtown at a cost of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00; they were also available at the door. This year we featured a cast of 30 high schoolers in our production, along with another 60+ students involved in various crews, lighting/sound booth, and pit orchestra positions. It was a bright, fun musical filled with fast, dazzling dance, quirky love songs, and the overall theme that one shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

A special matinee performance was enjoyed by 550 District 877 Elementary students and 35 students from the Anoka Middle School for the Arts (Arts Magnet feeder program).

The show was a huge hit, both heartfelt and entertaining. Crowd size was excellent; enjoying both the musical and some additional intermission activities.