

Activities Director Report- Frank Bartsch
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Our girls' and boys' basketball seasons just passed the middle of their seasons and success has been mixed. The girls have done very well at times, and sometimes their game has been off. We are looking for them to finish strong and do well in the Section playoffs. The girls should end up with a home playoff game.

Like I said previously, the boys' team is young and is going through some growing pains, but our new coach, Andrew Jones, has really focused his practices on fundamentals and teaching our boys to play the right way. I am encouraged by his practices and demeanor, as well as how he holds players accountable. Players on both the JH and Varsity teams have gotten better as the season has progressed.

The JH boys basketball team plays in the Polar League JH Tournament on January 31st. Their first game is at 830am versus Barnum.

The softball schedule is pretty much set for this spring and our JH baseball and golf schedules are starting to fill up. We will know more in the next few weeks as schools determine which levels they will be offering in the spring in each of those activities.

I was encouraged by the discussion that was had with Pete Kramer at our recent Teacher In-Service regarding school facilities. I have long held the belief that a few improvements in our gym and outdoor fields would instill in our student-athletes a sense of pride in the spaces they utilize for practices and games. Hopefully the school can capitalize on some funding opportunities in the near future that would help in that area.

Once again, thank you for supporting the Athletic Department mission and vision. That is it for now. If you see any issues that need to be brought to my attention or have topics you would like me to include in my monthly reports, please let me know via email at fbartsch@isd698.org or phone at 218.269.9207. The same goes for any questions you may have.
Go Bears!

Thank you.

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