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May 2024 - Activities Director Board Report

Tomahawk High School:

Spring Activities are in full swing down the stretch of the 2023-2024 school year. We have dealt with no snow this year, but multiple make up dates due to rain or cold/windy weather. We are doing our best to give students opportunities to compete without losing games, but we are in the stretch now where the next two weeks are filling up fast with make-up dates and we may have to start canceling some non-conference games due to the length of the season.

Track and Field participants are having one of their better springs in recent memory. Multiple student-athletes are setting PRs along the way and improving tremendously as the season progresses. The girls' program has truly solidified themselves as contenders for the GNC Conference and potentially the regional competition. They are anchored by a great group of sprinters, along with the members of the GNC Conference Cross Country team in the distance races. Elise Gibeault has continued her outstanding freshman athletic season, as last Friday in the Otto Bacher Invitational in Merrill, she broke the school record in both the 200m and 400m events. There are a couple other individuals who are on the doorstep of breaking other school records, such as Ayla McCormick in the discus is a PR away from setting a new record in that event.

Softball has been up and down for most of the spring. The GNC has been very formidable this year, as we currently have the #1 ranked team in the state, a D1 commit, and the traditionally strong programs in the conference. Outside of GNC competition are girls have been very competitive, beating the #5 ranked team in the state at the Monroe Tournament at the end of April and look to be seeded for the WIAA tournament series in the top half. There is a good possibility that they will be competing for a Regional Title and advancing into the sectional round as long as they stay healthy down the stretch when they drop down into the Division 3 playoff field.

Baseball has improved tremendously throughout the season with the new coaching staff. They have been adjusting well, and are getting into the competitive part of their schedule. The students' attitudes have been great and they really come to the ballpark every day ready to compete and give their best efforts for their school and teammates. We are hoping that the weather continues to improve and they can enjoy some typical summer weather while representing the Hatchets.

Golf has played in some tough conditions throughout the spring season so far. They have had meets with 38 degrees and 20 MPH winds, they have competed in rain, and even a snow flurry or two so far. The Varsity team has a great group of students who really work on improving their individual games, and they will have a good opportunity of advancing out of the regional to the team sectional this season for the first time since 2007 I believe. It truly is a group of golfers that any one of the competing members shoots the low score for the day. Really hoping again, they get some better weather for golf soon and as a group put out a low score to advance in the WIAA tournament series coming up.

Forensics has finished up their state competition in the past month with all 23 team members qualifying for the state competition at DeForest High School. Coming away with Gold Medals and perfect scores were Alena Cerkas (prose),

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Cedar Hoffman (Poetry), and AJ Schertz (farrago). Silver Medalists were Galen Schmidt, Maddie Long, Sarah Kallerud, Delilah Sutton, Tamar Stenberg, Landon Plantenberg, Sadie Ruder, Payton Loka, Jayden Dellinger, Kambyle Mattke, Mariah Sparbel, and Aubrey Graeber. Bronze Medalists were Phoebe Hrdina, Julia MCGovern, Maggie Lashua, Arawen Alberg, Trey Morrison, Murphy Koth, Izzy Lee, Xan Sutton. Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work and dedication to the art of speaking. In addition, I would like to thank Michele Balda for all of her years involved in the program as an official, advisor, coach and supporter of the program. Also, huge thank you to Shirley Derleth for stepping up at both the middle school level and high school level, as she will also be moving on from the program. Thank you both for giving our students an opportunity to participate in Forensics for so many years.

FBLA finished up their state competition at Green Bay. Ryan Larson and Elizabeth Lee represented Tomahawk High School at this competition underneath advisor Connor Ahrens. They were able to participate in workshops, networking, and other unique opportunities with multiple businesses across the state of Wisconsin at this event gaining valuable real life experiences.

FCCLA competed at their state competition in the Wisconsin Dells. We have qualified two individuals and one two person team to Nationals out in Seattle, WA this summer! Moving on to the national competition are Riah Petta, Caylie Swan, Morgan Kretschmar, and Emma Hoff. Planning is underway with advisor Allison Ewart on finalizing the details to get these students out to represent Tomahawk High School on the National level. Congratulations to all of them and hope they continue to represent our community at the highest of levels!

SkillsUSA also competed in the state competition over the last month with Rachel Reilly and Reese Molitor representing Tomahawk High School. This was the first time we have had representation at the state level for this group. In addition, Alli Palmer was able to attend as a delegate to learn what the state competition was about as a board member for future growth of the program.

Lastly, May is such a busy month for the school year and wrapping up testing, academics, awards, and competition season going into the summer. We will be presenting the school athletic awards on Wednesday May 22 in addition to the Senior Scholarship night. These were voted on by the Head Coaches in the district, and I personally feel they selected some great students for these. We have Fall Sports sign-ups going on to get us ready for summer programming and the start of Fall Sports in August. It has been a very busy time in the department.

Upcoming Dates - High School Activities (Home Events):

Thurs. 5/9 - JV/V Softball v. Antigo (Senior Night) - 5:00 PM
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Mon. 5/13 - V Softball v. Athens (Youth Night) - 5:00 PM
Mon. 5/13 - Chamber Choir Concert - 7:00 PM
Tues. 5/14 - V Track and Field @ GNC Conference @ Medford - 4:00 PM
Fri. 5/17 - JV/V Baseball v. Rhinelander (Senior Night) - 5:00 PM
Fri. 5/17 - Public Performance of the Children's Play - 7:00 PM
Mon. 5/20 - V Track and Field @ WIAA Regional @ Rice Lake - 4:00 PM
Tues. 5/21 - V Golf @ Regional @ Northwestern - 10:00 AM
Wed. 5/22 - HS Fall Sports Sign Up - 2:55 (Resource Hour)
Wed. 5/22 - Activities Awards Night - 6:00 PM
Wed. 5/22 - Senior Scholarship Awards - 7:00 PM
Thurs. 5/23 - V Track and Field @ WIAA Sectional @ Colby - 3:00 PM
Fri. 5/24 - High School Graduation - 7:00 PM

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Tomahawk Middle School:

The Tomahawk Middle School Track team has been doing very well this spring. The participation numbers have been great, and really gives a lot of optimism for the upcoming years at the high school level with the amount of students participating in middle school track. We will be hosting the GNC/WVC Middle School - Small Schools Meet on Thursday May 16 to end the year.

Upcoming Dates - Middle School Activities (Home Events):

Tues. 5/14 - Middle School Fall Sports Sign - Up

Thurs. 5/16 - MS Track and Field v. GNC/WVC Conference Meet - 4:00 PM

Mon. 5/20 - MS Choir Concert - 7:00 PM

Activities Director Notes:

- Summer Swim Lessons will be run by Kelly Tollefson underneath the Summer School Banner. We currently have our June / July Pool Schedule ready to be finalized with an increased amount of pool time due to our Lifeguards being available in the summer.
- I have been working directly with Taylor Remington to sure up the community events she is planning in our facilities and scheduling out what is needed for those. We are also working on combining the payment methods for community events including the swimming pool payments into her new programming so we have a community contact point for classes directly with her.
- Summer items are in place for weight room with Cooper Kelley, along with working around the gym floor work happening at the beginning of summer. Coaches are setting their contact days and we are well ahead of where we need to be to hit the ground running in the fall for Fall Sports right now.
- Boys' Basketball and Volleyball Coaching positions will be solidified at the end of the month prior to the summer. We have a candidate pool for both positions.
- Lastly, I just want to note and Thank Michelle Schiltz for all of her hard work in the office for me this spring. She greatly helps to keep me organized and goes above and beyond for me in the office. It has been a pleasure and extremely helpful having her and her work ethic in the day to day changes that occur during spring sports.

As always, thank you everyone for your time and efforts in representing our district and giving our students better opportunities of growth as they attend our schools. Remember, I have an open-door policy and you are always more than welcome to stop by or call in regards to anything Activities related in the school district.

Report Respectfully Submitted by:

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