

Student Activities Board Report April 10, 2018

Track

We have 84 plus athletes out for track. Our track athletes have yet to compete in a track meet. The late winter we are currently having is causing track meets to be rescheduled or cancelled thus far. Coach Miller and staff are very excited with the athletes that are out for the season. We are scheduled for our next track meet in Frenchtown on April 7, 2018.

Softball

We have 38 girls out for softball. The softball team has played 1 game thus far in their season. Coach Vaile and staff are working very hard coaching the fundamentals. They played their first game at Ronan. The softball field that our team plays on in Browning is still under snow and with the current weather patterns we are having, we are and will still be practicing indoors.

BHS Coaches

Congratulations to Ray Augare as he was selected as Co-Coach of the Year for the Northwestern A for Girls Basketball. Also congratulations to Daniel Connelly as he was selected as Coach of the Year for the Northwestern A for Boys Basketball.

Fall and Winter Sports

It has been a great year in Browning High School's athletic department. Our athletes and coaches have made great strides in achievements in our new conference, and with their personal and team goals and efforts.

It has been fun seeing the results that these coaching staffs work, working together with their athletes in the off-season and sport season. When I first arrived at Browning High School, we didn't have coaches working very hard in the off-season to make needed improvements to the athletic programs and teaching the fundamentals to the athletes. It was a goal of mine from my first day on the job to bring back the values of coaching kids the right way, and the coaches on staff have done an exceptional job of doing these things.

We now have coaches doing things with kids all school year, we have coaches encouraging their athletes to be involved in as many sports and activities as possible. We have coaches that want to really make a difference, we have coaches that are a part of their athlete's daily school life, we have coaches helping to get athletes an opportunity to the next level of play.

We still have many strides to make in our Athletic Department and we will make those strides as we walk this positive path with our athletes. We start late in the spring with a head coaches meeting and in the early fall with a follow up head coaches meeting. In these meetings we discuss, what our off season is going to be, and the head coaches and their assistants plan that out. They bring kids into the gym, or out on the field, they bring kids into the weight room, they travel during the summer to tournaments or camps, they put on camps, they plan out different activities that fit their program. We discuss the season practice and game schedules, we discuss policies and procedures, we talk about needed equipment and medical supplies for each of the upcoming sport programs. We discuss what the lower level coaches need to be teach those athletes, we implement the head coaches program to some degree into the lower level programs.

I also, each year have looked at our elementary and middle school program's needs. The need that is most prevalent to me is adding programs to the elementary and middle school programs. Some of the changes have been adding tackle football to the elementary, adding softball to the middle school, getting our elementary and middle school competing against other surrounding communities in these new programs that we have added. Bring up the 6th grade students to the middle school program to compete, because the other schools that we play against, don't have 6th grade students competing in their 4th and 5th grade programs. Some of the future programs that I would like to add to our lower programs are Golf at the middle school, Speech and Debate at our middle school. Soccer at Napi Elementary. Also, to have our high school athletes and coaches put on sports camps during the school year for our K-3 grade students.

Adding these programs to the elementary and middle school, only helps our students learn at an earlier age. It helps to have our kids be given the fundamentals and techniques to competitive sports. It helps build up the numbers in each of our sports that we can and do offer to students of Browning Public Schools.

Thanks
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