

Activities Director Report

January 15, 2017

News/Notes:

- Aitkin has officially joined the Mid-State Conference as voted on by conference ADs. They will begin conference competition Winter 2017-2018 season. Their membership does exclude tennis and track.
- Thank you to Amy Turk, Therese Norwood, and all the dance parent volunteers who helped out at the Mid-State Jazz Competition hosted at C-I on Jan. 12th. Over 100 dancers from 6 different schools competed in the meet.
- Congratulations to Juniors Mattie Kovatovich and Beau Sanford for being selected as this year's ExCEL Award nominees from C-I. The ExCEL award is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League and recognizes junior students who show excellence in leadership, education, and volunteer in their community.
- Congratulations to Seniors Noah Gindorff and Sage Stangel for being selected as this year's Triple "A" nominees from C-I. The Triple "A" award is also sponsored by the High School League and recognizes seniors who have been successful in arts, academics, and athletics.
 - o Students nominated for both awards had their applications passed on to Region and State panels for a chance to be honored at the state level. Announcements should come in the next month.

Athletics/Activities Update:

- **Wrestling:** In team matches, the wrestlers are currently 3-5 on the season. However, they have had multiple Top 5 finishers at their individual tournaments. Most recently, Kaven Blazek (1st), Nate Williams (2nd), Taylor Eigenheer (3rd) and Gabe Ryappy (5th) all placed at the Parker's Prairie tournament on Jan. 13th. They have one more home triangular on Jan. 24th vs. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley/Nevis and Mille Lacs.
- **Dance Team:** The Rangerettes are having another great season, with multiple top 3 finishes in both Jazz and Kick. Last week, the Varsity Jazz team took 3rd at the Mid-State Jazz Competition and 3rd at the Hawley competition. Also, the Kick team took 2nd for their performance in Hawley. The dancers have the overall Mid-State Conference Meet on Friday, Jan. 20th at Pequot Lakes and will compete in Pelican Rapids on Jan. 21st. The team is gearing up for their section competition on February 4th in Wadena.
- **Boys Basketball:** The boys' basketball team is currently 13-0 on the season and ranked in the top 10 in Class AA in multiple polls. Their most recent wins were a 78-68 victory last Friday over Detroit Lakes at home and a 78-33 win on the road at Park Rapids last Tuesday. Coming up, the boys host Pine River-Backus on Thursday, Jan. 19th and travel to Pillager on Jan. 20th.
- **Girls Basketball:** The girls' basketball team has won 6 of their last 7 games to even their record at 6-6 on the season. Last Friday they had a big conference road victory over Detroit Lakes 58-51. Upcoming, the girls will travel to Pine River-Backus on Jan. 19th and host Park Rapids on Jan. 20th.
- **Hockey:** Our boys' and girls' hockey athletes have also both been experiencing success this winter. The boys' Northern Lakes Lightning cooperative team is currently 10-1-1 on the season and the girls' team is 13-5. C-I senior skaters Sam Gutzman and Josh Maucieri were both recently recognized by the Brainerd Dispatch as Area Athletes of the Week for their success on the ice this winter. We will host a boys' hockey game on Saturday, Jan. 21st vs. Dodge County at the Hallett Community Center. The girls' have two more games to host at the Hallett; Jan. 21st vs. Moose Lake-Willow River and Jan. 26th vs. Eveleth-Gilbert.

Respectfully submitted,

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