

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

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Subject:

BHS Activities Updates and
2019-20 Winter Activities Report

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report Only

DESCRIPTION:

Updates/Program News will be provided at Workshop

- Conference Membership
- Budget Challenges

Buffalo High School has completed its winter activities for the 2018-19 school year. Coaches have shared a short narrative summary of their seasons for you to review. The report also includes a detailed summary of participation #s including coaching ratios.

WINTER ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

GIRLS HOCKEY: Head Coach Dave Carothers (1st Year)

The Bison girl's hockey program had 22 skaters and 2 goalies for the 2018-19 season. This included a foreign exchange student from Sweden (Ella Bergstrom) who was a great addition to the team. The team was made up of 8 seniors, 7 juniors, 6 sophomores, 1 freshman and two 8th graders. This allowed our program to run just one practice a day and keep all players involved and part of the team. The small numbers also has its downfalls. We had all but 3 varsity players play at least 1 period of JV games, since we had only 8 skaters on the JV team. All of the varsity players did so without complaint, and the JV welcomed the varsity players as they were getting plenty of ice time.

The year started with the Red Wing scrimmage fest on a Saturday in November. Not only did the team need to get to know each other, but also a new coaching staff as well. Although I had coached many of the girls at the youth level over the years, we had two new female assistant coaches and one returning assistant coach. The team and coaching staff got off to a great start that weekend, getting to know one another better, and define each of our roles as coaches and players.

Our first 13 games were a combination of non-conference, conference, and section games where we were 7-5-1. All five of our losses were by 1 goal, so we were in every game.

December 26-28 we participated in the Schwan's Cup in Blaine, beating Spring Lake Park in game 1 by a score of 3-2. With the goalie pulled and down 1-0, Buffalo tied the score versus Delano in game 2 and went on to win 2-1 in OT to advance to the Championship game played at Ridder Arena versus Bloomington Jefferson. Buffalo went on to win the Championship game 3-0 to avenge a loss to the same team earlier in the year. This was a great tournament for our team's belief in themselves as well as a great way to end the 2018 year with a 10-5-1 record. The team also set a record for least amount of goals given up in a season with 50 goals against.

After the new year, we continued the remainder of our conference schedule as well as some remaining section games. We had a record of 5-3-1, and again had two one goal losses. One of these wins (2-0) late in the season was against Brainerd who was ranked 6th in the State and ended up getting beat in the State Championship game in OT by Edina. This was the high point in the season. We then had all of the cold and snow days over the next few weeks, and we were never able to regain our momentum.

Buffalo was seeded 5th in the section and lost to Sartell at their rink 5-3. Buffalo was down 3-0 in the third period and made it a 1 goal game with 7 minutes to play. That's the way this team played all year-- they never gave up and played hard to the final buzzer. We ended the season with a 15-9-2 record.

We will lose 8 graduating seniors this year and will start next season with 7 returning juniors, 5 of our top 6 scorers from this season, 3 of our top 4 defensemen and a strong goaltender. I hope to compete well in the Lake Conference and have a stronger showing in our section in 2019-20.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Grant Stewart (2nd Year)

We had great participation this winter season. We had 40 girls participate in the high school program and we were able to field four (4) teams: Freshman, JV II (B Squad), JV and Varsity. We continued where we left off from last season by promoting those core values that student-athletes need to succeed in life. "**ACT**" accordingly was the primary focus of our values: **A**ccountability, **C**ommitment and **T**oughness. Our season theme was "All In".

All teams experienced good success this season. Due to the fact that our junior class was a bit light on participants (not a change), we did move up some talented freshman to the other levels. We had freshmen participate in each level of play, including varsity.

We finished our 18-19 season with a very good record of 20-8. We took second in our M8 conference behind STMA. We were state ranked #20 in class 4A based on QRF. That is the best record for girls' basketball since the 2011-12 season. We did rely *heavily* on our seniors this season with five (5) of them being starters all season long. Overall, we were very happy with our accomplishments this season.

As a coaching staff we were very proud of how they dealt with adversity this season. Due to weather, we had a stretch of game cancellations and reschedules that resulted in 7 games across just two weeks with only three days of practice in that time frame. Those were some tough and very close games, and the girls rallied by winning 6 out of 7 games. Some of those games they came from behind or won in overtime.

We have a tough section and were seeded #5, facing Moorhead (at Moorhead). We had lost to them early in the season in OT so we were happy to avenge that loss. It was a great game and we ended up winning by two with a last second layup. We played STMA (#1 seed) in the section semi-final and did not play well with that loss ending our season.

We had many players receive accolades this season: Jordan Zrust (Senior) scored her 1,000 point in the second game of the season. Jordan received All Conference and All State Honorable Mention. She ended her career just shy of 1,500 points and is ranked as the top 3rd player in school history in points, steals and rebounds! Reese Wishart (Senior) and Claire Boser (Senior) received All Conference. Seniors Lauren O'Connell and Kiera Johnson received All Conference Honorable Mention. Jordan, Reese and Claire will also be continuing to play basketball in college as well. This was a solid senior group of basketball players that will definitely be missed moving forward.

Seniors Reese Wishart, Haley Braun, Lauren O'Connell and Kiera Johnson were awarded Academic All State. We also had 8 varsity players and all of our varsity managers (4) receive M8 academic awards with GPAs 3.70+.

Next season, we will definitely be moving into a rebuilding phase from a basketball talent perspective. With the departure of the seniors and move into the Lake Conference we will likely have our struggles. Although we feel that moving conferences will be challenging, we look forward to the opportunity. The Lake Conference for girls'

basketball is very tough and many of those teams are frequently in the top ten state rankings. I believe that it will definitely prepare us better for section play. This will be good for our athletes to see where they need to be in order to compete at the higher levels. The bar needs to be raised.

During my first year as head coach I identified that we have a lot of work to do in developing a *complete* basketball program at Buffalo. This process begins with the youth levels (4th-8th). We currently have offerings available to each grade level, but much of it operates independently. We need a holistic and systematic approach to developing basketball players of all ages that seamlessly fit in with the goals and needs of the high school program. We have a lot of great people that are involved, but they are often working independently and not in unison on how to best prepare and develop the players. Ideally, we need to be teaching the skills in a similar and consistent manner and making sure that each grade level is working under similar guidelines. It's a task much easier said than done, but this off-season I developed a *Youth Coaching Guidelines* document for the coaches of each grade to follow. This, at least, gives the youth coaches a framework to follow, as sometimes we have beginning coaches filling those roles. During the fall, I also hosted some coaching clinics with the youth coaches to address some of these needs. A long way to go, but the process has been started and we are moving forward in a positive direction. We will be implementing more strength training into girls' basketball this summer and moving forward. Programming building will be the key to our success and I look forward to leading that process here at Buffalo. Go Bison!

BOYS BASKETBALL: Head Coach Josh Ortmann (3rd Year head coach and 7th year in the program)

It was a fun winter for the Boys' Basketball program. As usual, we provided two 9th grade teams, a sophomore team, and our JV/Varsity team. All five teams experienced great success on and off the court. As a whole program, we were able to really learn what "TEAM" basketball is all about. All levels made great strides in this area and really bought into the fact that they are a part of something bigger than themselves.

The Bison Boys Basketball team made great strides in the 2018-2019 season. Thanks to great senior leadership, we were led to a Section Final game in St. Michael against Maple Grove. Although we ended up losing this game, our young men demonstrated great growth, resiliency and pride. Our coaching staff was extremely proud of the way our young men represented our school on and off the court throughout the year. After starting the season 1-4, we went on a 21-4 run where we ended the season 22-7. The

Bison finished as the Mississippi 8 Conference champions with an 11-2 conference record, the Section 8AAAAA Runner Up, and had a team GPA of 3.41 which qualifies us for the Academic Silver Standard. We were fortunate to have four players nominated as All Conference. Those players were Aidan Bouman, Tony Dahl, Brandon Maatz and Matthew Willert.

Our team continued to stress the importance of academics by reading to students at local elementary schools for "I Love to Read" month. When doing this, they had the opportunity to read to the elementary school that they attended back when they were in K-5th grade. As coaches, we heard nothing but positive feedback on this, and our high school players really enjoyed the opportunity to give back.

Lastly, I want to take a second to thank all of you and the communities of Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose. Our basketball program is blessed to have such faithful/knowledgeable fans that have followed us through the good and the bad times. I truly believe that coaching at Buffalo High School is the best coaching job in the state of MN. Thank you all for all you do for our kids.

DANCE TEAM: Head Coach Mary Sansevere (1st year). Assistant Coach Dana Klohs (1st year).

It was a fun year with lots of changes for the Bison Dance Team. Head Coach Mary Sansevere was a Vikings Cheerleader for eight years, coached the Timberwolves Dance Team for three years and after that, spent several years coaching cheerleading and dance team at Orono High School prior to moving to Buffalo. Assistant Coach Dana Klohs was also a Vikings cheerleader for several years and coached at Totino Grace as well as having been a member of an award-winning high school program in Wisconsin.

Dana and I are enjoying coaching together at Buffalo, having the opportunity to coach an up-and-coming young team, and to play a part in developing and growing the BDT program. Our first year coaching the dance team doubled in size and had 21 girls. We divided them into JV jazz, varsity jazz and varsity kick based on dance ability.

We've already held our spring tryouts in preparation for next year, and the team doubled in size again with 38 girls on the team. For next year, we are planning to have JV and varsity jazz and kick teams as well as a B squad, (a training program for those with no dance experience). We also plan to hold a smaller fall dance team tryout at the end of our fall performance season and prior to the start of the competition season.

Something else that is new this spring was a recent U.S. Court of Appeals ruling allowing boys to now be a part of Minnesota high school dance teams. That decision

was not widely known at the time that we held spring tryouts, so we will offer an individual evaluation to any boys that may approach us about joining the dance team at a later date.

Our first year of coaching was a year of many "firsts" for the dance team. For the first time we had a fall performance season. This is a tradition at many other schools but had not been previously offered at Buffalo. The fall 2018 season focused on bringing the dance team together to building team unity and team bonding without the pressure of competition and to work on physical conditioning and dance skill. Most of all, the fall season was to promote Bison Pride and school spirit by performing at community events, pep fests and football games. The non-competitive fall season was well received by the community, other students and by fans at football games.

As coaches we want to encourage being a well-rounded student/athlete and we stress the importance of academics. Another first accomplished by the dance team this season was winning a state academic gold award with a team GPA of 3.85.

Interest in dance team has been growing at BHS compared to past years so the majority of the team is young. We had no seniors on the team this past year and only one junior. The team was led by sophomore captains Julia Carter, Jade Wilson and Vanessa Wong. All three captains were excellent role models as dancers, in academics, and as role models for other students. Vanessa Wong was named All-Conference for dance team and Julia Carter, Maddie Hackett, and Jade Wilson were Honorable Mention All-Conference.

The theme and the team motto for the year was "Don't wish for it... Work for it." Sticking to that motto, the progress the BDT made from their first practice as a team to the end of their competition season was nothing short of amazing. Most of the dancers have chosen to return for next year. With the addition of new talent to the team, we are very excited about the upcoming potential and continuing to build the program.

We knew our first year of coaching a young and mostly inexperienced team would be a challenge. We made sure to focus on setting both personal and team goals while focusing and celebrating steady progress and improvement. We set goals of continually seeing judges' scores going up at each competition as they became better dancers, and we were able to increase the difficulty level of skills included in their choreography.

A highlight this past season was when our JV team won first place at the Foley Invitational. It was one of their proudest moments and was celebrated equally by both JV and Varsity as a moment they'd worked very hard for. The varsity team members had mentored the girls on JV and it was wonderful to see how proud they were of them.

This coming year we will be moving from the M8 Conference to the Lake Conference which is extremely competitive. We are looking forward to the challenge of competing

against the best dance teams in the state and we are planning accordingly. With the help of our booster club, we have organized an optional summer conditioning and skills program. We are also arranging an optional summer dance camp in July. Both opportunities will help dancers prepare for the upcoming competitive season.

During the off-season, Coach Dana and I have been working on choosing music, planning for choreography and working on costume choices for the different teams and routines. We've also been working with our Dance Team Booster Club on fund-raising opportunities to help financially support our growing program.

Due to the dance team doubling in size, we are working with the booster club to support an additional assistant coach to help with our JV and B squad teams. Beth Davis from our booster club, and her daughter Payton, a former BDT captain, have organized a junior Bison dancer program. Their goal is to provide an affordable opportunity for grades fourth through seventh where they can participate in dance and learn more about being on the dance team. This will help prepare dancers when they are old enough to try out for the team.

Something else new we've put together for the dance team is a "Leadership Team" rather than having just team captains. This was so that we could break down the different captain duties and to enable us to involve all girls interested in and qualified to be a team leader and role model.

Our leadership team for 2019-2020 is as follows....

SKILLS & CONDITIONING CAPTAINS: Maddie Hackett and Vanessa Wong

GLAMOUR CAPTAIN: Kimberly Fuchs

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS CAPTAINS: Julia Carter & Olivia Cepress

ADVOCACY CAPTAIN: Elisabeth Grack

LOGISTICS CAPTAIN: Jade Wilson

JV CAPTAINS: McKenna Thoe & Arianna Fuchs

BOYS SWIM/DIVE: Head Coach Dan Schirmers (1st Year)

The 2018-2019 boys swim season came to a close with some very high points and a lot of optimism for the upcoming season. With junior diver Quincy Kabe being the first medal winner in that event in the boy's program, it sets a high standard for the rest of the divers, which they are eager to strive for. Max Menzemer is a section champ and a state participant in the 200 freestyle and along with Will Bofenkamp, Troy Giddings and Sam Backes, our 200 free relay state entries placing 19th and 17th respectively.

This year was a fun and exciting year to be part of this team, with the young and new boys that came out and contributed to the varsity team. It pushed the older boys to not

take anything for granted. This motivated the younger boys to work harder which in turn continued to motivate the older boys. I feel this created a strong bond and mutual respect among the team. It also helped the JV to see what hard work and perseverance will do to accomplish their goals.

We finished the season with a 7-1 dual meet record, 2nd in the conference, 2nd place finishes in both the Spring Lake Park Invite and our own Boarder Battle Invite, and a 6th place finish in the Minnetonka Invite. They placed 5th in both the True Team and Section Championships and 31st in the State meet. We are also very proud on our JV swimmers who took 1st place at the M8 JV Championships.

We have 8 All Conference and 1 Honorable Mention swimmers. The team earned a Mississippi 8 Gold Standard Academic award and 10 boys received All Conference Academic Honors.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Head Coach Martha Driscoll-Nelson (35th Year)

2018-2019 brought many changes for Bison gymnastics. Four gymnasts who had been filling most of the varsity positions in previous seasons graduated in June of 2018, leaving a team with very little varsity gymnastics experience. The two varsity competitors with previous competition were Samantha Poeschl (12) and Madi Peters (10). Sam did a nice job at being a hard-working example for younger athletes. Madi brought her skills and determination all season and qualified for the state tournament for the 4th year in a row. She also was named All Conference in the Mississippi 8. Other varsity gymnasts this season were sophomores Abby Steinmetz, Emma Hill, Allie Schmidt, Cate Lotthammer, Kailey Bomstad and 8th grader Audrey Strike. For these young ladies, the majority of the season was spent developing skills and combinations and putting routines together in new ways. It was definitely a building year! The girls had some notable accomplishments. After struggling with vaulting all season, the team scored their highest total score 138.775 and even scored the third highest team vaulting score in Bison gymnastics history! The overall Won-Lost record was 5-3. In addition, Abby earned Honorable Mention recognition in the conference. The girls are smart as well as good athletes. Their conference varsity GPA was 3.87. While her teammates will certainly miss Sam, the future looks bright for Bison Gymnastics!

BOYS HOCKEY: Head Coach Aaron Johnson (6th Year)

Boys Hockey had a very strong 2018-2019 season. The team finished with an overall record of 17-7-3. The team went 10-0 in Mississippi 8 play and were the conference champions. Within those 10 conference games, the Bison outscored their opponents 58-6. Included in their conference season was a streak of 5 consecutive games shutting out their opponent. Goalies River Goodmanson and Nathan Mueller combined for 10 shutouts on the season. The team was led by Senior Captains Ryan Nelson and Joe McNamara along with Senior alternate captains Ben Klein, Treyton Welch and Nathan Mueller as well as Juniors Jake Braccini and Tyler Braccini.

Special individual recognition went out to our All-Conference players Nathan Mueller, Joe McNamara, Ben Klein, Ryan Nelson, Jake Braccini and Tyler Braccini. Junior Joe Carothers was named All-Conference Honorable Mention. Jake Braccini and Nathan Mueller both were named 3rd Team All-Metro by the Star Tribune. Mueller set a school record with 8 shutouts this season and 18 for his 3-year career. Jake Braccini finished the season with 64 points - the second most in school history for a single season.

WRESTLING:

Ben Presler, Head Coach (4th year)

Blake Trullinger, Assistant Coach (4th year)

Jeff Granrud, Assistant Coach (4th year)

The 2018-2019 Bison wrestling season is once again highlighted by continual growth. As coaches, we had high expectations for this team on the mat, but even higher for them as people. In both cases, our expectations were exceeded. We compile a difficult schedule that allows our wrestlers to be tested by some of the top teams and individuals in the state and even the country. They are competitors. They hold nothing back, compete with pride for their team and their school, and never fail in their pursuit of continuous improvement.

Academically, the Bison wrestling team was outstanding. We were the only conference wrestling team to earn a team academic award. They also earned a gold plaque from the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association (MWCA) for our team GPA of 3.56. Riley Habisch was selected as a recipient of the MWCA Scholarship, MWCA Academic All-State, and The Guillotine Academic All-State Team. The team had a total of 8 wrestlers earn the Academic All-Conference award.

With our difficult schedule, our team finished the season with a record of 6-13 overall but that did not define our team. The Bison closed out the season in outstanding fashion. Riley Habisch (12) and Owen Herbst (9) finished as conference champions. Ryan Scherber and Nathan DesMarais also collected All-Conference accolades. The team entered the Section tournament as the 6th seed, as we took a few losses to section opponents during the regular season. When the day came, we put together a great team effort, knocked off the #3 seed, and came with-in two close matches of upsetting the 2nd seed, Wayzata, to fall just short of the section finals match. After that, it was time for our individuals to shine. Habisch, Scherber and Herbst all advanced to the state meet. Herbst didn't pick up a win at his first trip to the state tournament, but was the only freshman in his weight class. Ryan Scherber finished his sophomore year as the highest placing sophomore in Buffalo wrestling history. He followed his brother's footsteps and wrestled in the state finals match, overcoming injuries along the way. It was an incredible sophomore season for Ryan, and I look forward to his leadership as we move forward.

Riley Habisch joined Ryan in the finals. They were the first to represent Buffalo in the finals since 1990, which was also the last state champion for Buffalo (Jason Birr)... until now Riley made his 5th straight trip to the state wrestling tournament, finished his season undefeated, and finally came away a state champion! Riley has worked so hard (voted "hardest worker" 4 consecutive years), to get to where he is, and what's best, this state championship doesn't define Riley. He has been an outstanding captain and leader for his teammates, and is a true ambassador for our program. We are better people because of the work he has done, and he truly deserves his picture on the "Wall of Champions."

This is a great group of young men and women to work with and so much more can be said about every member of this team. We truly are a "family."

MOCK TRIAL:

Head Coach Jason Swanson (5th year Varsity Coach, 9th year in the program)

Asst. Coach Heather Eld (5th year)

Asst. Coach Laurie Raymond (1st year officially back as coach, 18th year overall)

This Mock Trial season proved to be a challenging one. This year was a record year as far as number of participants. Typically, Mock Trial runs two teams with 20 to 22 members total. This season, however, Mock Trial had 34 members. The Varsity team

consisted of 10 members and the JV teams were split into a Varsity 2 (reserve) team consisting of 12 members, and a JV team of 12, thanks to the addition of a third coach, Laurie Raymond, funded through extra fundraising this season.

Our case was a defamation of character case involving a county commissioner suspected and being accused of taking a bribe to sway his/her vote on a controversial placement of an oil pipeline in the Duluth area. There were many difficult facts and a lot of unknown details that made this case particularly challenging. Personally, this case had more details than any other case I can recall. There were large changes also made to our case details mid-season that proved to be especially challenging.

A Mock Trial is divided into the Mississippi 8 Region play, as well as the Minnesota State Bar Association Region. The Mississippi 8 Region play remained unchanged from last year, consisting of teams from: Buffalo, STMA, Princeton and Cambridge High Schools. In the Mississippi 8 competition, Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are separated for competition. All Buffalo teams were successful, taking Grand Champion for both Varsity and JV divisions. All teams also qualified for Academic Honors again this season.

The State Region play brought much more strict competition this season compared to all previous seasons. In past years, there have been anywhere from six to eight teams in our region (Region 3). This season, teams were redrafted geographically, placing 12 teams in Region 3. This new region now consists of: Annandale (0 teams this season), Buffalo (3 teams), Cambridge-Isanti (2 teams), Glencoe Silver Lake, Princeton, STMA (3 teams), and Watertown-Mayer. Mock Trial is unique in that during state region play, all teams compete on the same playing field. This means that Varsity and Junior Varsity teams face each other. Even with this added challenge of more teams to face in the region, the Varsity team placed 1st in regular region play, and the V2 team finished 3rd (behind Watertown who placed 2nd after losing to the Buffalo Varsity team in the championship round), and Buffalo JV 4th. Regular Region Play consists of four rounds/trials. The top two teams in each region then face each other in one trial to determine the top team to compete at state against 15 other regions. Buffalo defeated Watertown this season for this honor.

Buffalo had a strong showing at the state competition, which was held in Duluth this year. The Varsity team went 2 and 0 in the first two rounds, and missed the championship round in the third trial by two points to Breck School. Apple Valley took state champion, defeating Breck School who placed 2nd, and Buffalo HS placed 3rd out of 16.

This year, the Varsity team graduates eight senior members. We will miss their hard work and talent. These students were excellent mentors for all underclassmen both on the Varsity and JV teams. With a large group in Mock Trial this year, and a strong performance from both teams as well, we anticipate another successful season next year.

ONE ACT PLAY:

Co-Directors Tracy Durant (27th year at BHS, 38th total) Nick Lostetter (2nd year at BHS)
Assistant Director: Brandon Aldrich (3rd year)

The Diviners

by: Jim Leonard.

Twenty students participated in the One-Act Play program during the 2018-2019 season. Play selection is essential to success in the competitive One-Act play arena. This year, Directors Durant and Nick Lostetter selected another moving and educationally significant piece of challenging theater. This particular play stretched the students as producers of theater and further prepared them to be educated, thoughtful human beings. ***The Diviners*** helped kids consider challenging issues of family, religion and mental health, all issues significantly impacting us today.

The students learned so much through research, rehearsal and performance. Education is always taking place. District 877 facilitates all of this education through valuing the arts! Once again, our theatre students worked diligently and produced another powerfully educational show. **The students were able to dream, believe and achieve!**

About The Play –

The story is set in the early days of the Depression in a small southern Indiana town named Zion. Buddy Layman is a mentally-challenged boy whose sweet nature touches most people he meets. The body of the play is the memory of the time leading to this final climactic event. One day a stranger and retired preacher, C.C. Showers, passes through Zion looking for work and food. The two become close friends and C.C. soon finds himself as Buddy's mentor and teacher. Jennie Mae, Buddy's sister, is attracted to C.C., and though he likes her, their large age difference stops the relationship. C.C.

tries to help cure Buddy of his aquaphobia and the ringworm that has gotten into his feet. However, while bathing in the river, Buddy slips away from C.C. and drowns.

2018-2019 Season Performance Record

- Mississippi 8 Conference Starred Performance
- All-Conference Ensemble Academic Gold Award
- All-Conference Cast –Emily Kern, Patrick Stonecipher and Victoria Herda
- All Conference Tech Crew – Jackson Upham
- All-Conference Cast Honorable Mention – Aiden Whittaker and Jillian Elton
- All-Conference Tech Crew Honorable Mention – Teagan Woods and Tye Van Pelt

Subsection 5AA – 1st place

Section 5AA Finals – DQ-ed (This was due to an innocent mistake, and a director from another town used this small mistake to get Buffalo disqualified)

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA:

Lead Advisor Brenda Diekman (13th Year)

Business Professionals of America is an activity for any student in grades 9-12 wanting to advance their knowledge and skills in career fields of finance, business administration, management information systems, digital communication & design, management, marketing and communication. The season begins in September and concludes in May.

Membership nearly doubled and included 20 9th-12th grade students who participated in 20 of the 68 events.

Team Events:	Individual Events:	
Administrative Support Team	Fundamental Accounting	ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding
Global Marketing Team	Personal Financial Management	Fundamental Desktop Publishing
Video Production Team	Intermediate Word Processing	Graphic Design Promotion
	Fundamental Spreadsheet	Digital Publishing
	Database Applications	Digital Media Production
	Legal Office Procedures	Interview Skills
	Medical Office Procedures	Extemporaneous Speech
	Business Law and Ethics	Prepared Speech
		Presentation Management

The officer team made up of Chloe Paul, Brynn Waldschmidt, Gretta Heinecke, Alayna Mills and Madelyn Hackett all attended the Fall Conference where they were able to grow their leadership skills and work on plans for the year.

The Regional Competition was held at Wayzata High School in January during which nine members received top awards and moved on to the State competition in Minneapolis in March. While attending the State Conference, six members earned the right to advance to the National Conference: Luke Thielman, Carter Barton, Madelyn Hackett, Gretta Heinecke, Alayna Mills and Zoe Carik.

This year we are also proud to have Madelyn Hackett, Gretta Heinecke and Alayna Mills be elected to next year's Regional Officer Team.

KNOWLEDGE BOWL: Head Coach Megan Stiel (1st Year)

2019 has been a huge success for Knowledge Bowl. Our teams acquired not only knowledge but have learned to build positive relationships, handle conflict and stress, and had excellent sportsmanship along the way.

Our teams also had a strong, competitive finish. Our Varsity 2 team missed qualifying for Regions by just a half a point, and our Varsity 1 team finished fourth at Regions; showing that their strong work ethic this year really paid off. Our JV teams are full of energy, wit and enthusiasm. We have much to look forward to as this group of kids continues to grow in their Knowledge Bowl careers.

ADAPTED FLOOR HOCKEY: Head Coach Ruth Clarke (2nd Year)

We had an exciting second season as the Buffalo-Monticello-St. Michael Albertville Coyotes! We started our season against the 2018 Adapted Floor Hockey State Champion, St. Cloud Area. It was a great first game but we came up short against a tough team. As the season progressed, the athletes became more comfortable on the floor and began to gel as a team. We received our first win against Robbinsdale with a score of 6-1. We went on to win two more games by the end of the season. We finished our regular season with a record of 3-7. We traveled to South Washington County for our play-off game. This was one of the toughest games of the season and it ended our season. Throughout the season, the players worked hard and were TIRED but they had a blast! We had a total of 14 athletes- 7 were from Buffalo, 4 from Monticello, and 3 from STMA. It was great to get more athletes from STMA and Monticello. We are looking forward to building and strengthening our co-op!!