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FALL ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES:

GIRLS TENNIS: Coach Charley Keifenheim (25 years)

The 2009 girls tennis was a huge success! We had a huge showing for our first week try outs. Unfortunately with the large number of girls trying out we had to make some cuts and were not able to continue our USTA No Cut program. Our JV team had one of it's more successful seasons with an 8-1 record and took 2nd place in the conference. Coach Joel Peterson continues to do an excellent, reliable, extremely professional job. Our varsity team three-peated as M8 conference champions with another shut-out season. The girls played with intensity and excellent sportsmanship and represented our school with great dignity. The varsity girls also achieved the section academic gold status again this year, which means that our average GPA was above the 3.75 mark! Seniors Emily Marston, Megan Davis, Ali Geelan, and Maren Jung showed great leadership and we will miss them dearly next season. We have a lot of talent in our returning group and are looking forward to another great season next year. We continue to look at trimming our budget. We have reduced our travel over the past 3 years and once again will reduce our travel next year by not returning to the Hibbing Invitational. Our booster program once again picked up the entire team uniform costs and payed for the coaches hotel room at Hibbing. We feel that we have a high quality program and plan to continue that tradition next season. Thank you for your support.

BOYS SOCCER: Coach Jeff Lindstrom (9th year)

Boys Soccer finished the 2009 season with a 6-8-5 overall record and a 3-3-1 record in the Mississippi 8. They finished in 4th place making it 5 straight years finishing in the top half of the conference. The squad was knocked out in the playoffs by Classic Lake Champion Armstrong 0-1 in overtime. The JV squad had an outstanding year finishing 14-0-3. The B-Squad also had a strong season finishing at 8-3-1. Jon Kramnic and Trent Hulett were named to the all-conference team. Tragedy struck the Bison Boys Soccer Program in November with the loss of Jon Kramnic to a terrible traffic accident. In commemoration of the Jon, the team will wear a #7 on the varsity uniforms for the 2010 season. Jon was a special soccer player and a great kid. He will be missed.

BOYS and GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Jill Hanson (23 years).

The Bison Cross Country program proudly had more runners this year than have ever taken part in the program before. Both the Girl's and Boy's teams made great strides throughout the season and ended with very respectable performances at both Mississippi 8 Conference Meet and the Section 2AA meet in Willmar. While we were extremely proud of our girls, who performed at a high level throughout the season and fell just short of qualifying for the state meet as a team with a close third place finish at the section meet, we also were excited to watch our boys learn to compete and eventually race their way to a strong fourth place finish in the section heading into what we hope to be a promising 2010 season. As a sport that relies on individual performance as much as team performance, we would be amiss to not mention our individual athletes who competed individually at the state meet in St. Olaf. Matthew Dietrich was our only male athlete to advance, while the girls team sent on both Jacque Thaemert and Megan Ackerman. Dietrich's appearance was his first, while both Thaemert and Ackerman capped outstanding careers as Bison harriers with their second and fourth appearances, respectively.

FOOTBALL: Coach Gerard Rohl (18 years, 32 in program)

The Bison Football program had a very successful 2009 campaign. Our Ninth grade squad finished with a 6-3 A team record and a 5-0 B team record. Our tenth grade team ended the year 3-5, which is a marked improvement over last years record of 1 win. Our Bison JV team had a great season and finished with a 5-2 record. Our Varsity team has made the section finals at St. John's University and our current record is 8-1.

In the area of goals our Varsity team wanted to win the conference and win the Section. We have achieved the first and are closing in on the second. Winning a conference championship in the M-8 is tough. At seasons end we had four teams from our conference rated at the top of their classes in the state. Buffalo, rated 6 in all of class AAAAA, Rogers, Stma, were both rated in the top ten in 4AAAA and Cambridge was rated in the top echelon of 5AAAAA at seasons end. The M-8 is becoming a very strong football conference.

We had excellent numbers this year with 38 seniors, 36 Juniors, 32 sophomores and 52 Ninth graders. Our current senior class has a has a combined win loss record over the past two years of 17 wins and 2 losses.

Thanks. Coach Rohl

VOLLEYBALL: Lauri Zumach (2nd Year)

The entire coaching staff returned in 2009 to the Buffalo VB program with Lauri Zumach as the head coach and Michelle Macalena as the Varsity Assistant, Katie Rhodes at JV, Jane Gile at B Squad, and Rebecca Karna and Brig Berquist at the 9th grade level. Varsity improved

their record from last year to 12-15 this year which was one of our goals. We returned one Sr. setter, Shelby Quady, and one Jr. middle, Sophie Stangl, with varsity court experience. Shelby was voted as a captain this year and provided the leadership needed to keep this team headed in the right direction. The rest of the team was filled in with young, inexperienced athletes all of which continued to work hard the entire season and return next year, most with more than one year of eligibility left. Most importantly, the team got along well and worked as a team the entire way! It took about half the season to get the girls where they needed to be, we ended up winning 10 of our last 13 matches and taking 2nd at the Delano Invitational. We focused on improvement and not our record at the beginning of the season, these girls were so young they just needed to play together more and really came together toward the end of the season. I feel this program is headed in the right direction and I'm thankful for being a part of it the past 7 years.!

GIRLS SOCCER: Coach Steve Doimer (1st Year)

Girls' Soccer at BHS went through quite a transition. There were four new coaching positions this year. Steve Doimer (Varsity Head Coach), Emily Greeley (Varsity Assistant Coach), Sara Rodenwald (Junior Varsity Head Coach), Katie Kunz (B9 coach). The Varsity team returned many players and will again for the 2010 season. The future appears exciting. Varsity finished with a record of 10-8-2 with one section victory. The players made the transition to a different style of play with great success and enthusiasm and are looking forward to next next year with high expectations. Junior Varsity, lead by Coach Rodenwald, had an excellent season losing only one game. Katie Kunz lead the B9 team to a good season as well. Coach Kunz was a first year coach who brought an outstanding attitude to the team and the players were a reflection of her leadership. For the first time Girls' Soccer had more players tryout than there were roster spots. A good problem to have. Girls' Soccer in Buffalo is growing. The Players' Handbook states; The Bison Girls' Soccer Program should "Develop a culture of excellence in all aspects of sport" and "Represent Buffalo High School and the entire community of Buffalo in a respectful manner both on and off the field". I am proud to say we have been successful on all counts.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE: Coach Ryan Rehnstrand (10th year)

The 2009 girls swim season was one to remember. It was another close race for the conference title between the Bison and the Monticello Magic. The Magic prevailed in a very close meet at the Monticello pool in October. That Bison loss was the only conference loss of the season for the two strong programs. After a two year drought, multiple swimmers returned to the state meet in 2009. Freshman Emily DeVore qualified in the 50 and 100 freestyle. The 200m and 400m freestyle relay teams also qualified. Those swimming at state were Jordan Skelly, Jenna Muntifering, Angelee Hale, Linnea Pallesen, DeVore. Annika Bordak was also the alternate for both relay teams. Congratulations on a great season. The program will be under new head coaching leadership next fall for the 2010 season.

FALL CHEERLEADING: Barb Christensen (5th year)

The cheerleading program was expanded this year to include BCMS 7th & 8th graders. The squad has seen the highest number of returning cheerleaders as well bringing the total number of participants up to 22. The season began with the Buffalo Days parade and practices in the summer along with volunteering at the Hanover Harvest Festival and Chamber of Commerce golf tournament. The district community continues to request our assistance in promoting spirit and building relationships which is a direct reflection of the program's success. The girls wore specially made pink hair ribbons during the month of October in order to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. This was another first for the program, but due to the numerous compliments received, it will most likely become a tradition. The girls had a great time supporting football team and crowd that followed as they once again went deep into the post season.

FALL MUSICAL: Director Tracy Hagstrom Durant (18 years)

Music Director: Michael Walsh
Choreographer: Deb Bestland
Technical Director Tim Kiernan
Lighting Designer: Griffin Trevino

Seussical, based on the stories of Dr. Seuss, opened on Broadway in 2000 and quickly became a popular piece of family friendly musical theatre. The musical weaves several familiar Seuss characters into one story. It is a fun, touching, timeless and educational show. The music is challenging and delightful. The story is timeless with several major themes. Some of our favorites are...

- "A person's a person no matter how small!"
- Anything is possible if you believe in yourself.
- A friend is someone who believes in you.
- "I meant what I said, and I said what I meant!"
- Families are created in a variety of ways.
- Wars are fought over the most ridiculous thing.

Performances - November 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 PM and November 22 at 2:00 PM. Tickets available in the high school office and at Gartner's Hallmark downtown at a cost of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00. Tickets also available at the door.

This year we are featuring 36 high school actors along with three District 877 elementary school students (Mattie Lubben, Jack Soden and Jonathan Miller) in our production. There are over 50 additional students involved in various crews and the pit orchestra.

Our nation is struggling with some fairly difficult and dark times. Financial difficulties have had an impact on almost everyone; the BHM school district is not immune. I felt a call to find a show that would give all of us an opportunity to laugh and smile while being unbelievably educational on many levels. Dr. Seuss wrote books for children that are (in my opinion) truly directed at adults. Read them again...you will find wonderful ideas and lessons imbedded in those childhood treasures. Dr. Seuss was a genius!