

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

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Subject:

BHS Fall Activities Report

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

Buffalo High School has completed its fall activities season for 2010. Coaches and Advisors have shared a short narrative summary of their seasons for your review. The report also includes a detailed statistical summary of participation #'s including coaching ratios.

PARTICIPATION ANALYSIS / UPDATES / PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

In comparing fall participation numbers from recent years past, total participation is up. Male participation continues to climb while female participation is slightly down. In reviewing female programs however, I noticed nothing alarming in any particular activity. In a few female activities participation is actually up from prior years. The largest spike for male participation in any individual sport is Boys Cross Country. That number is up 22 male participants from last year.

Our year long "80 for 800" study continues at Buffalo High School. Coaches and participants continue to be interviewed and surveyed. Our goal remains to unite our entire activity staff in the mission of creating quality experiences for kids in all activities. At the close of our school year, our task will be to use our findings in creating a practical evaluation for staff to use that serves kids and holds staff accountable to an important and agreed upon set of principles.

On Monday, February 14, I will also update the board on some ongoing challenges faced by our district regarding activities. (Eg. self-funded programs, activity fee payments/scholarships, and conference realignment) Jeff Mattson recently submitted an article on the status of the Mississippi 8 Conference for the district "Insider". It lays out where we have been, and what the future might look like for Buffalo in terms of conference membership.

FALL ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES:

GIRLS TENNIS: Head Coach Charley Keifenheim (26 years)

The 2010 girls' tennis season was a huge success! Our team repeated as conference champions with another undefeated conference season. Both the varsity girls and the JV girls showed big improvements in their game due to hard work in the off-season and during the season. Tom Kuzma volunteered again and was a huge help with our varsity doubles teams. Krista Stevens volunteered again and in spite of the fact that she has a young family, was able to give our team many hours of instruction. We owe a lot to these volunteer coaches and our program would not be the same without them. We were also able to enlist the help of Andy and Adam Hartung as managers. These two young men feed drills, and help out with the score book and scouting duties. They are truly invaluable and we owe them much gratitude.

We had a large group of seniors and we are sad to see them go. Our captains were Anna Botzet and Madalyn Nones. Both of them were excellent team leaders. Other senior leaders were Haley Morningstar, Jessica Eckard, Ana Melgaard, and Holly Hanson. We feel that we have a high quality program and plan to continue that tradition next season. Thank you for your support.

BOYS SOCCER: Head Coach Jeff Lindstrom (10th year)

Boys Soccer finished the 2010 season with an 11-6-1 overall record and a 6-2-0 record in the Mississippi 8. A majority of the team was playing varsity for the first time. The team rallied from a 4-4-0 start to the season which showed how much they improved as the season went on. They finished in 3rd place making it 6 straight years finishing in the top half of the conference. The team also captured the Mississippi 8 Academic Conference Championship for the 3rd time in 6 years. The squad was knocked out in the playoffs by Minneapolis South.

The JV squad had an outstanding year finishing 16-0-1 marking the 2nd year in a row the team has been undefeated. JV Coach Josh Soukup was recognized as the Section 6AA Assistant Coach of the Year for his efforts. The B-Squad also had a strong season finishing at 5-4-0. Blake Esnough, Adam Doboszenski, Blake Schmidt, and Andrew Mussell were named to the all-conference team.

BOYS and GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: Head Coach Jill Hanson (24 years).

The season started out again with big numbers- boys that is. It was our biggest team to date. Our girls team was hurt by graduation and we did not get those numbers back but we did get some skilled girls. Our girls' team finished 3rd in the conference and 5th in the section meets. We were represented by Hayley Downing at the State Meet with a 7th place finish at the section meet and a 66 place finish at the State Meet.

Our boys were a team with expectations. They had a 4th place finish a year ago at the section meet and graduated the fewest. Our goal all along was to go to State. Along

the way the Boys won the Battle of Liberty Invite (Big Lake) took 2nd at our home meet, won the Centennial Meet, and took 2nd at the Conference Meet against a very good Monticello team. The highlight to the season was at the section where the boys took 1st place for only the second time in Boys Bison CC history. Both Jon Wedemeier and Matt Dietrich qualified as individuals as well. At the State Meet the boys took 12th- best finish ever.

It was a fun season not just because of the success but the total commitment from the kids and their families.

FOOTBALL: Head Coach Gerard Rohl (19 years, 33 in program)

The 2010 Bison Football season fell short of it's pre-season goals of a third consecutive Mississippi 8 conference championship and a third consecutive trip to the Section 85A finals. The inexperienced bison had an up and down season. With one returning starting lineman on either side of the ball, the Bison faced a steep learning curve that remained formidable right up until the playoffs at season's end.

With some great senior leadership from Cody Pederson, Louis Clifton, and Tyler Peterson, the Bison were able to earn a fourth place seed out of eight teams in the 85A section tournament and face Section nemesis St. Cloud Tech. The Bison were able to put together a great game and come away with a 38-6 win! In the next round, the Bison lost to Brainerd who went on to beat state power Eden Prairie in the next round of the state tournament.

The Bison graduated thirty-seven seniors this season and are looking forward to some well seasoned, experienced players returning for next fall's run. Juniors Colton Haight and Dan Butler were elected captains for the 2011 campaign. Some other returning players that started as Juniors for the Bison are: Ethan Freer, Josh Orr, Matt Filipi, Jason Senger, Sam Mayhew, Evan Kincaid, Tyler Burg, and Luke Lefebvre.

VOLLEYBALL: Head Coach Michelle Macalena (1st Year)

The Bison Volleyball program had a great 2010 season. We had several returning players from 2009 who provided leadership for not only the varsity team, but the entire 9-12 volleyball program. The varsity girls were great role models; they were extremely hard-working, worked together as a team, and persevered and responded when faced with adversity.

The varsity team had an overall record of 23-5. Highlights from the season include finishing 2nd in the M8 conference and winning the Delano Invitational. The team was also proud of their first-round home section win.

The varsity team was coached by Michelle Macalena and Rebecca Karna. The JV team, B-Squad and 9th grade teams were coached by Katie Rhodes, Rachel Kunde, Brig Bergquist and Heather Kwoka. There was much improvement at all levels.

The JV and Varsity players also participated in a book read for 20 minutes twice a week. As a team, we read The Team Captain's Leadership Manual by Jeff Janssen. The book sparked great conversations that revolved around qualities of leadership, controlling attitudes, being aware of how actions impact others, and general leadership roles (on and off the court). We will continue to read and discuss leadership and leadership qualities through the remainder of the school year.

Nine members of our squad earned a GPA of 3.7 or higher and were members of the M8 all-conference academic team. We were also fortunate enough to earn four All Conference Awards. Those awards went to Senior Captain Brooke Gagnon, Senior Captain Sophie Stangl, Junior Alexa Thielman, and Freshman Kylee Zumach. All-Conference Honorable mention awards went to Junior Shanlee Braun and Junior Jill Wackler.

The volleyball program made strides in building a cohesive high school program. We will continue to work with the middle school to build a unified program that includes all participants grade 7-12.

GIRLS SOCCER: Head Coach Steve Doimer (2nd Year)

Buffalo High School Girl's Varsity Soccer is making good progress in both the quality of play and enriching our reputation in high school soccer in general. We finished the year with a winning record for the second consecutive year with a record of 10-7-3. We have endeavored to accomplish this while dramatically increasing the difficulty of our schedule. We were fortunate to play three state tournament qualifiers from 2009. Each of those teams qualified again in 2010. We will be playing each of them again next year, as well as other high quality opponents. While our record can take a hit, our players are developing and gaining valuable experience.

As a team, our discipline and work ethic was evident in the number of fouls and Yellow Cards against us. In both areas we were down substantially. We have instituted a style of play that enables us to handle more adversity and allows players to be more creative. At all levels soccer is a fun game to play, that aspect should never be lost.

We did not escape the season without injuries and some turmoil. We experienced one player problem and one problem in the coaching staff. Both have been resolved to my satisfaction and we will be able to move forward stronger for the experience.

I am pleased with the job my staff has done on the field. Carrie Walz completed her first year as the 9th grade coach; she did an excellent job and continued to grow throughout the season. Sara Rodenwald served her players well at the JV level. Many of those players will be prepared to make the jump to Varsity next year. Emily Greeley has completed her second year as Varsity Assistant Coach. Emily's responsibilities are increasing and I am confident she will continue to be an asset to the program. The support received from the Activities Director and staff has contributed to our efforts in

unifying the Girl's soccer program. The success of BHS Girl's Soccer is dependent on many factors, on and off the field. We are fortunate to have a staff that understands the needs of student athletes.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE: Head Coach Melissa Miller (1st year)

What a great season. We had 7 girls qualify for All-Conference. Bison took 2nd in the conference with a close meet against Monticello. Overall we had a record of 8-2 losing to Monticello and Wayzata. 5 girls qualified for State including: Annika Bordak (100 fly, 400 Free Relay, 200 Free Relay) Emily DeVore (50free, 100 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay) Jenna Muntifering (200 IM and 400 Free Relay) Linnea Pallesen (200 free relay and 400 Free Relay) Rebecca Skelly (200 free relay). Every swimmer had the opportunity to swim in the second day finals in at least one event. Emily DeVore was on the podium for both her 50 free and 100 free. Congratulations to all of the girls for a great season!

FALL CHEERLEADING: Head Coach Barb Christensen (6th year)

It just keeps getting better! The record setting 28 member squad kicked off the 2010 season once again assisting with the Buffalo Days parade. After attending UCA camp in late July and volunteering at the Hanover Harvest Festival, the group began developing a "Spirit Stop" booth where spirit items are sold to fans at the home football games. Funds raised through the Spirit Stop will be used to support the existing program along with a portion being used to further transform the stadium into "Bison Territory". Challenges this year were directly related to game conditions and the ugly side of Mother Nature. From being soaked to the bone and nearly blown across town to the uncharacteristic end of October, the girls were still smiling despite an early end to an all but predictable season. The team continued with wearing pink hair ribbons during the month of October to promote Breast Cancer Awareness and plans are in the works for providing support to the many area programs such as preventing domestic violence. In direct reflection of the program's success, two senior cheerleaders, Courtney Anderson and Valencia Ingram, were selected as members of the Minnesota All-State Cheerleading Squad.

FALL PLAY: Director Tracy Hagstrom Durant (19 years)

Flaming Idiots, by Tom Rooney

Tech Director: Tim Kiernan

Student Tech Director/Set Design: Bekah Herdklotz

Student Director/Stage Manager: Michael Deisting (Junior)

Costumer: Christine Cammarn (Parent Volunteer)

Play Synopsis: Carl and Phyllis decide that the ladder to success at the post office is missing a few rungs. They know that big money is waiting for people with entrepreneurial spirit and sound business judgment. They have lots of the spirit but

little of the judgment needed as new gourmet health food restaurant founders. Zippy's, a popular cross town spot, has been crowded ever since Cy Manamalanica, a notorious mobster, was shot there and that was over twenty years ago. What if someone could get murdered in their restaurant?

Flaming Idiots is a farce comedy. Farce is defined as: A light dramatic work in which highly improbable plot situations, exaggerated characters, and often slapstick elements are used for humorous effect. Physicality is at its very core. Timing is of the essence. *Flaming Idiots* was performed on November 18, 19 and 20, 2010. A cast of 12 actors performed supported by a backstage crew busy creating multiple sound effects, pratfalls and cleaning up the inevitable messes created by a farce comedy. The realistic set (a restaurant interior) was designed by Rebekah Herdklotz as part of an independent study in theatre production she is taking with Hagstrom Durant. It was built by a dedicated group of 30 technical theatre students and worked like a charm. 15 students were involved in the various aspects of technical theatre including costumes, props, publicity, makeup, etc. Many students took leadership roles in other important areas of technical theatre (props, front of house manager and publicity) and met with great success. The lobby display was FABULOUS! Several supportive parents assisted in a myriad of ways, making possible a production of the highest quality. Excellent sized crowds and unending laughter filled the PAC for three performances. Another rousing success!

Flaming Idiots offered audience members an opportunity to laugh. Farce seems more congenial and appropriate than tragedy as a way of looking at our world today. At a time when we are confronted by the news media with crisis after crisis, downsizing, layoffs, home foreclosures, food shelf shortages, terrorist acts, war, etc, it becomes more bearable to laugh one's way toward seriousness rather than retreat into continual sorrow. The crowds seemed able to separate themselves from their own daily cares and enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed ourselves.

2010 Buffalo High School Participants

Activity	Total	Male	Female	# of Coaches	Coach To Athlete Ratio
Football					
Varsity/JV	70	70	0	5	
B-Squad	37	37	0	2	
C-Squad	49	49	0	2	
2010 Totals	156	156	0	9	1:17
2009 Totals	150	150	0	9	1:16
2008 Totals	141	141	0	9	1:15
2007 Totals	157	157	0	9	1:17
Volleyball					
Varsity/ JV	19	0	19	2	
B-Squad	17	0	17	1	
C-Squad	22	0	22	2	
2010 Totals	58	0	58	5	1:11
2009 Totals	53	0	53	5	1:10
2008 Totals	54	0	54	5	1:10
2007 Totals	52	0	52	5	1:10
Cross Country- Boys & Girls					
BCMS	41	28	13		
	28	23	5		
2010 Totals	69	51	18	3	1:23
2009 Totals	43	23	20	3	1:14
2008 Totals	39	26	13	3	1:13
2007 Totals	52	32	20	3	1:17
Girls Tennis					
BCMS	29	0	29		
	1	0	1		
2010 Totals	30	0	30	2	1:15
2009 Totals	30	0	30	2	1:15
2008 Totals	32	0	32	2	1:16
2007 Totals	22	0	22	2	1:11
Girls Swim/Dive					
Varsity/JV	44	0	44		
BCMS	22	0	22		
2010 Totals	66	0	66	3	1:22
2009 Totals	67	0	67	4	1:11
2008 Totals	63	0	63	4	1:16
2007 Totals	54	0	54	4	1:13
Soccer-Boys					
JV/Varsity/C	53	53	0		
BCMS	4	4	0		
2010 Totals	57	57	0	3	1:19
2009 Totals	58	58	0	3	1:19
2008 Totals	69	69	0	3	1:26
2007 Totals	79	79	0	3	1:26
Girls Soccer					
JV/Varsity/C	63	0	63		
2010 Totals	63	0	63	3	1:21
2009 Totals	62	0	62	3	1:21
2008 Totals	66	0	66	3	1:22
2007 Totals	53	0	53	3	1:18
Fall Cheerleading					
BCMS	18	1	17		
	7		7		
2010 Totals	25	1	24	1	1:24
2009 Totals	18	0	18	1	1:18
2008 Totals	16	0	16	1	1:16
2007 Totals	20	2	18	1	1:20
Fall Play					
	12	15	22		
2010 Totals	12	6	6	1	1:12
Musical 2009 Totals	37	15	22	1	1:37
2008 Totals	12	5	7	1	1:12
Musical 2007 Totals	96	29	67	6	1:16
Special Olympics - Bowling					
	7	3	4		
2010 Totals	7	3	4	2	1:3
2009 Totals	8	4	4	2	1:4
2008 Totals	11	7	4	2	1:5
2007 Totals	10	7	3	2	1:5
PARTICIPATION TOTALS					
2010	543	274	269		
2009	526	250	276		
2008	503	248	255		
2007	634	325	309		
BCMS STUDENTS TOTAL	62	27	35		