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BOYS' BASKETBALL VARSITY

**VARSITY RECORD- 18-3
FRESHMEN RECORD- 11-8**

It's official that the varsity season is going to be one to remember. Hard work is definitely recognized with the record and execution in the games played this season. Recently, the boys have completed a team victory against L'anse Creuse in the state tournament with a final score of 77-58. District semi-finals were a success for the boys with a final score of 53-42 against Lakeshore. Junior Isiah Collier, Aaron Hunter, and senior Lazell Judge were outstanding on defense in this game.

"I think we're doing good so far. We are 9-1 because our coach keeps pushing us," Okomadu said.

JV & FRESHMEN

Focusing on defense has been JV's next goal in their season. According to sophomore Steven Reynolds, playing as a team and achieving goals to win more games is key. On the freshmen team, lay-ups are the initial focus during the season currently. Freshman Ethan Poulsen says that the team is really close and works together very well.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL VARSITY

VARSITY RECORD- 9-1

The girls are on the court again and showing what they've got. Every shot taken, and every rebound takes the Lady Panthers closer to success. Senior Debraya Edwards has also been nominated on the Detroit Free Press as a potential player of the week. Recently, the Lady Panthers had become the MAC Silver Champs with a final score of 37-26 against Warren Mott high school. This game had strengthened the record to 9-0 due to press time.

"We have been focusing on the next game instead of five games ahead. We are taking it one game at a time," Senior Maia Newberry said.

JV

JV girls have been conquering their goals each game and practice at a time. Sophomore Dakoda Inscho's goal is to improve on dribbling and shooting to potentially move up to varsity. The girls' game against SouthLakeland High School stood out the most because the team had kept their heads up and fought to win with a score of 38-34.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

In competitive cheer, making sure to go over rounds and getting really tight is the new goal for the team. To push themselves, cheerleaders are now working on taking their practices to their home. In and out of school, many girls are working towards their next initial goal to be the best that they can be. Competitive cheer recently have taken a second place title, giving the girls more drive to take a first place title.



Varsity Cheer Team Twitter Varsity cheer at a previous competition.



Multiple panthers trying to get the rebound.



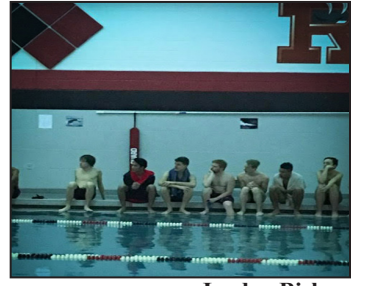
Madison White Senior Deshaun Wright competing against L'anse Creuse North.

BOYS' SWIM

RECORD- 2-2

Boys' swim has been working hard to complete their season with tremendous amounts of success. Improving and achieving their goals has been the ultimate goal throughout the season. A highlighted meet was against Sterling Heights High School with a score of 88-86. The stakes were high due to the meet being the first MAC Silver meet for the Panthers. The boys have also recently placed third in divisions.

"We've been working so hard so far this season and I'm proud of every single person on the team," senior Jayden Bishop said.



Jayden Bishop The boys at a previous meet, preparing for the meet to begin.

WRESTLING

Wrestling has been pushing themselves to be a better team this season. The county meet for wrestling has been the best meet for the team yet. The boys had come together as a team on and off the mat. Also, against Lakeview on Dec. 28, 2018, senior Logan Behnke and juniors Robert Brandon and Samuel Kupiec had taken first place in their weight class.

"Off the mat, teammates were helping each other and making sure everyone ate," senior Logan Behnke said.



Logan Behnke at a meet against Lakeview Highschool.

BOYS' BOWLING VARSITY

**VARSITY RECORD- 5-5
JV RECORD- 4-6**

With a close knit team this year, bowling has been doing their part to have a good season. A highlight for the season was the meet against Romeo High School. The team had started off with a rough patch, and came back to beat the team. Junior Julihanni Alcini had also achieved an individual accomplishment in bowling. Recently, Alcini had scored a 300, which is a rare sight to see, soon after making states.

"So far the season started off decent and has just gotten better," Alcini said.

JV

With every meet, accomplishments are happening with the boys. Although the record has room for improvement, hard work never stops for the boys. Senior Brandon Walls would like to have a record of 200 and break his old one for his personal goal.



Noah Heigel The boys varsity bowling team at a previous meet.

GIRLS' BOWLING

Achieving personal records for the season is what the team has been focusing on extremely. With a great meet against Shelby Township, two of the team members had bowled their highest games that day. Sophomore Kirsten Campbell had bowled a 198, working tremendously to conquer every new goal she receives. Her last high game was a score of 183, so this is a great accomplishment for this young bowler.

"I was excited since it was my new high game," Campbell said.



Madison Radcliff The girls bowling team at a previous meet.

Student athletes show love for their sports

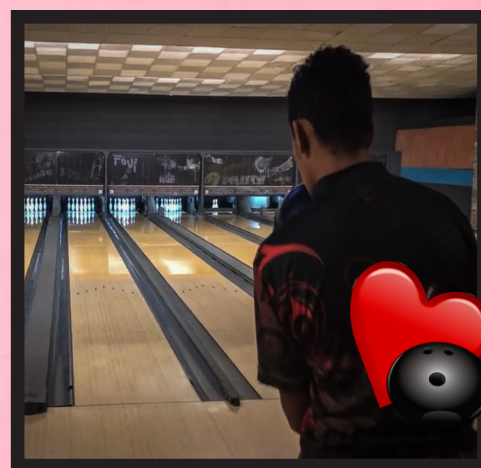
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Ashlyn McCullum
Ashlyn McCullum- Cheer

When you think of cheer, you probably always think of senior Ashlyn McCullum. Cheer has been McCullum's love for nine years, with her favorite part being how she is able to express herself without judgement. She realized that she loved cheer when she was in elementary school and her passion only grew stronger throughout the years. McCullum would love to cheer in college with the right program for her.

"I knew I loved cheer when I was able to form a bond with a group of girls and the excitement you get before games and competitions," McCullum said.



Noah Wells
Noah Wells- Bowling

When it comes to bowling, senior Noah Wells loves the sport with every ball he throws. His favorite part about bowling is the community and the uniqueness because no other sport is like it. Wells has been bowling for 12 years, with his most memorable moment of bowling being the first time he scored a 300 at only 12 years old. He hopes to bowl in college, and even afterwards bowl in leagues and tournaments as an adult.

"Bowling just 'strikes' the heart and soul for me," Wells said.



Josh Crawford
Josh Crawford- Wrestling

Wrestling is the sport that junior Josh Crawford has fallen in love with. With his first time stepping on the mat three years ago, hard work and dedication is the best part of wrestling for him. According to Crawford, the day he stepped on the mat was the moment he knew that wrestling was going to be the sport he loved. To further his wrestling career, he has been talking to a few schools and recruits to see what his future can hold.

"The family aspect of wrestling, especially once you wrestle with someone, you're brothers for life," Crawford said.



Sydney Iannucci-Thompson
Sydney Iannucci-Thompson- Softball

Discovering a new love for an activity is something almost everyone experiences. Senior Sydney Iannucci-Thompson has found that love with softball. She has been playing for three years, working with her teammates no matter what team she is on. The moment that stood out to Iannucci-Thompson the most was in her sophomore year when she was in the dug-out cheering for her team.

Iannucci-Thompson has a quote she lives by. "The strongest people aren't always the people who win, but the people who don't give up when they lose," (Unknown).