

## Athletics Administrative Report

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### Athletics Updates

- Monthly varsity coaches meeting – Starting on 4/18 we will be holding a monthly varsity coaches meeting. I will be working with our coaches on updating our handbook, expectations, evaluation process, leadership book studies and creating a unified athletic department.
- Grit Leadership Coaches Evaluations – At the annual MIAAA convention I was introduced to the Grit Leadership program. This software is designed to help AD's and coaches become better leaders. I will be using a free trial to hold effective one-on-one meetings, get honest feedback from student athletes (and potentially parents), share progress and start building gritty, resilient student athletes. We will be piloting this program this spring.
- Enrollment numbers have been sent to the MHSAA and classifications have been set. We are going from an enrollment of 382 to 353 and remain at class C. The new enrollment numbers will affect two sports. Football will not be competing in division 7 and wrestling in division 4. All other sports will remain the same.

### Winter Recap

Another successful winter season has come to an end. The girl's basketball team won the Tri County Conference and made it to the district finals. Lizzie Liedel was selected 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference, and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State for division 3. Kaylie Bash was also selected 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference, and Monica DeGasto was honorable mention. The boy's basketball team also won the TCC and took home a district championship. They made it all the way to regional finals where they lost on a buzzer beater to Ecorse. Carson Brown was named 1<sup>st</sup> team all-conference. Alex Langenderfer and Mark Sweeney were named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team and Chris Worden was honorable mention. Two of our wrestlers Elliot and Ann Marie Gessner qualified for the girl's

state finals. Ann Marie finished in impressive 6<sup>th</sup> in the tournament. Finally, our boys swim team also sent representatives to the state meet at Calvin college. Tim Nadonly qualified for the 200m freestyle and 100m fly. He also joined his teammates from Ida in qualifying for a relay event at the state meet.

### Spring Sports

The spring season is off and running. At the time of this meeting each team will have started competitions. Our baseball and boys track team are looking to defend their Tri-County Conference championships from last season.

We will be hosting softball districts on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Our district includes Ida, Dundee and St. Mary's Catholic Central.