

Athletics Administrative Report

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We have successfully made it halfway through March with a few bumps in the road along the way, but for the most part, we have all achieved so much in a very short time. Although we have had to quarantine some of our teams, we are happy we can still compete.

A huge “thank you” goes out to so many valuable individuals and groups that have worked hard behind the scenes to pull off, what some felt was impossible. I am forever grateful for those around our program for stepping up on so many levels.

****Dundee Schools and Athletic Director, Ross Crow, for allowing our Middle School Swim team to use their pool for practices while our pool was not available. With so many Covid concerns about allowing others into their school and pool, I can not thank them enough.**

****Monroe Public Schools and Athletic Director, Dr. John Ray, for allowing our Mason/Ida Varsity Swim and Dive team to use their pool facilities for practices Monday through Friday and a few Saturdays. Their graciousness to work around our schedule was incredible. I am forever thankful for their kindness and hospitality.**

****Jennifer Mominee, Athletic and Transportation Secretary, for her endless help to organize a level of chaos that has never been experienced in our office before. Her job duties change daily and at times with very little warning. She has had to handle difficult situations like a rock star!**

****Our Mason Bus Drivers who have been very flexible and understanding with all of the last-minute changes, cancelations, and additions to our crazy winter sports schedule. You can tell how devoted and supportive they are of our athletes when their reply is “whatever it takes to get the kids where they need to be.”**

****Our Maintenance and Custodial staff who are always ready to step in and help with anything needed to have our facilities looking great and functional for our home events.**

****Mason’s administrative team and staff members who are willing to support our student-athletes with what they need to have a successful season. The Board of Education for allowing the purchase of the Pixellot system which has brought the**

games to the living rooms of many unable to attend games and events. Thank you!

****Our coaches who have gone above and beyond to stay the course and achieve the ultimate goal of making great memories for our student-athletes humble me daily. Their commitment to our kids, our programs and our school is simply amazing. I could not ask for a better group of individuals to surround myself with. They have provided great support, advice and sometimes the reassurance I need to get through a situation. Our Eagles are truly blessed to have so many people supporting them.**

****Our student-athletes who have to practice and compete while wearing a mask. We have had some heart-breaking circumstances that have caused our teams to lose out on competition dates. They have handled themselves with grace and integrity through it all. I know there are going to be great lessons learned from the Covid pandemic, but I can tell you with certainty, our kids will come out of this stronger and braver than they every could have imagined.**

***Our Athletic Trainer, Lauren Roe, who has worked diligently to keep all of our athletes and coaches safe with enforcing the many Covid guidelines and the testing we must do to make it possible to compete.**

I am so proud of the work that has been accomplished and the incredible support and understanding shown by many. It is a great day to be an Eagle!

Finishing up winter season:

***Girls Basketball Districts: Erie Mason has been selected to host 2021 Girls Basketball Districts March 22, 24, 26.**

***Boys Basketball Districts: Our boys will be hosted by Adrian Madison on March 23, 25, 27.**

***Boys Regional Basketball: We are hosting boys Regional Basketball on March 29th and April 1st.**

***Boys Swim SMSIL: At Dundee March 19th**

***Co-Ed Varsity Wrestling: Team Districts at Flat Rock on Thursday March 18th and Individual Districts on Saturday, March 20th at Dundee.**

Spring Sports:

All spring sports can start on March 22nd. This will overlap with our current winter teams but those not in a winter sport are able to begin on the 22nd. The MHSAA did not push back the State Tournaments they only delayed the start of the season for one week.

Our athletes are very excited to finish up winter and get outside for spring sports!