

Mt. Blue High School Athletics Update - Nov. 9

Fall 2021 Recap

- The fall season went very well and could be called a tremendous success.
- Our student-athletes returned to fall sports participation in great numbers and enthusiasm.
- Weather, field conditions, transportation, and COVID issues caused a number of postponements and cancellations, but we overcame these concerns.
- We met or exceeded expectations for participating in an athletic season during a global pandemic.
- We had many successes on the field, course, and trail.

Fall Participation

- Approximately 200 student-athletes participated in fall athletics at MBHS in 2021.
- This total number is about average for fall participation compared to other non-COVID years.

Field Hockey

- 8-8 record
- Advanced to Class A - North Quarter-final
- 2 All-KVAC Team selections & 2 KVAC All-Academic Team selections (seniors w/ 90+ cum. GPA)



Cheering

- Traveled to 3 away games
- Newly incorporated tumbling skills were implemented.
- Worked w/ youth teams for the homecoming halftime performance.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

- Hosted 2 great races. Mt. Blue Relay's on 10/8 had 15 teams and is a fun race just prior to the postseason.
- Girls Team won the Class A - Northern Regional Championship! (first time since 2002)
- Five All-KVAC Team selections (3 girls, 2 boys) & Five KVAC All-Academic selections (3 girls, 2 boys)
- **BOTH of our teams won the MPA Good Sportsmanship Award for the Northern Region!!!**



Boys Soccer

- 2-12 record
- No JV team due to roster size.
- 1 All-KVAC Team & KVAC All-Academic Team selection



Girls Soccer

- 10-5-1 record
- Class A - North Quarterfinals
- Individual season scoring record set.
- 4 KVAC All-Academic Team Selections



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Golf

- Wilson Lake Country Club
- Playoff Match victory
- KVAC All-Academic Selection



Football

- 1-5 record (2 games not played due to COVID quarantine)
- Class B- North Prelim Game
- Great Homecoming Game (Senior Night + Youth Night)

Athletic Field Conditions

The condition of our athletic practice and game fields was again a big issue this fall. The inability of the fields to drain water properly led to a few postponements and a tremendous amount of effort to maintain. Director of Maintenance Greenlaw will be investigating and working on this issue.

Winter 2021 Athletics is Shaping Up

The student sign-up list for our winter sports (cheering, wrestling, boys and girls basketball, alpine ski, nordic ski) are out and preliminary numbers are relatively high. The winter sports meeting will be a Zoom on Monday, November 15th at 6:00 PM. Practices and tryouts will begin on Monday, Nov. 22

Coaches

Our fantastic winter coaching staff returns with one new addition. New MBMS PE Teacher **JT Nutting** joins Coach Troy Norton's boy's basketball staff replacing Brian Kelly who retired as JV coach last year. We do have openings for varsity baseball and a co-head coach for girls lacrosse in the spring.

Equipment and Uniforms

The boy's basketball program will have new uniforms this year. The Mt. Blue All-Sports Boosters Club paid for half of the cost of the varsity uniforms and team fundraising covered the other half. The program was also able to fundraise for new JV uniforms. Way to go Cougars!!!

Mt. Blue TV

Mt. Blue TV, once again, did a phenomenal job live streaming many of our fall season games. They were able to secure sponsorship to expand coverage from football to some soccer and field hockey games this fall. They also produced "senior spotlight" interviews for the fall teams that are posted on their Facebook page. MBTV plans to cover all home JV and varsity basketball games and would also like to cover some skiing and wrestling, depending on funding.

Senior Recognition

Senior recognition ceremonies were held for all 43 senior student-athletes at home contests this fall. The players, along with their chosen family members, were announced onto the field and their future plans and chosen acknowledgments were shared.

Transportation

Transportation continues to be a major concern for the Athletics program. We have struggled to bus our teams in recent years due to a lack of trip drivers. Although Richard Joseph has navigated this issue with flying colors in recent seasons, it continues to make scheduling, rescheduling, and coordination with middle school activities very difficult.

GO COUGARS!

Chad Brackett, Athletic Director