



High School Daily Bulletin

Summer 2024



Congratulations to Dakota Moske and Sarah Toyli on advancing to the State Track Meet. Congratulations Dakota on placing 7th in shot put at the state meet!!

There are yearbooks left to purchase for \$50.00 each.

ATHLETES: If you need a new physical this summer, you received an envelope at school and email (parents too). If you have questions about your athletic physical date, please email Darcy at dpeppersack@pp.k12.mn.us Just a reminder to set up physical appointments **after June 21** (make the appointment now to get in with your doctor). The MSHSL rule states that physicals are good for 3 years “to the date”. You don’t want your physical to expire 3 years later if you are in a state tournament in June. Those 6th graders who had physicals this year to participate on MSHSL teams are good through 8th grade.

If you are 13-15 years old and enjoy the outdoors or hunting, this might be for you! All you need is your Firearm’s Safety Certificate to have a great experience at Woodie Camp, hosted by the Fergus Falls Fish and Game Club. This is an outdoor youth camp where you get to learn about duck hunting, ecology, habitats, duck and goose calling, dog training, shooting instructions, nighttime navigation and hunting/game care preparations. There is no cost to attend this week-long 7 day, 6 night youth camp. You will make memories that will last a lifetime! Held in the duck factory of the state, Fergus Falls. Click the link for any 13-15 year old boys and girls – spots are still open! Dates are August 4-10, 2024. Check it out: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064823073167>

Sports

State Baseball Quarterfinal Playoff Game with Heritage Christian Academy at Joe Faber Field in St. Cloud on Thursday (June 13) at 10:30 a.m. Go Panthers!! This game will be broadcast on Wadena’s KWAD 105.9FM Link to purchase tickets for this game: <https://mshsl.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/410>

Baseball Results: PP 11; BBE 10

The Panthers punched their ticket to the state tournament with a knockdown, drag out battle with Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa Thursday afternoon in Clarissa. This write up will pale in comparison to what you experienced if you were there in person or listening on the radio. The Jags secured their spot in the championship after defeating Long Prairie-Grey Eagle in the game prior, to set up a section rematch of last year. The game started with some controversy early as the Jags were able to reach on a couple Panther miscues, then were awarded a run after time was called due to a BBE runner colliding with first basemen Zach Mrnak on a tag play at first that dropped Mrnak to the ground with a bloody nose. We wasted no time in the bottom half of our inning as Dylan Debilzen hit an absolute tank of a homerun over the press box in right center field to tie the game at one. Unfortunately, the Panthers would leave the bases loaded to end the threat. The Panther offense continued to pound the ball in the second. Chavous Wendt started the inning with a sharp single, which was followed by a moonshot home run by Shane Hanson that hit halfway up the light pole in left to make the score 3-1. With one out, David Revering got in on the home run trot action when he sent a nuke to left center that gave someone a souvenir and a bill to repair their windshield! With a 4-1 lead Nolan Steidl continued to battle on the mound through the potent Jaguar lineup. Our defensive play of the game was when Chavous Wendt fielded a ground ball at second, and quickly stomped second base, and fired to Mrnak at first for the double play to end the third inning. On the mound, Steidl went six innings in this one, holding the Jags at bay until the top of the 5th when they were able to plate five runs and take a 6-4 lead and swing momentum back their way. It didn't take long to swing that momentum back as Zach Mrnak led off the bottom of the 5th inning with a solo moonshot over the left field fence off a parked vehicle to make the score 6-5 and bring the roller coaster of emotions back to the top. We didn't stay there long as the powerful Jaguar three batter hit a 3 run home run in the top of the 6th to make the score 9-5 BBE. We weren't able to do anything in our half of the 6th inning and it was looking like the Jags were going to force an, if necessary, game Friday. Down four going into the top of the 7th, Holden Truax came in for relief pitching duties. With limited action this season due to rehabbing from his knee injury this fall, Holden seized the moment and went right to work dealing strikes and picking up a pair of strikeouts in the inning to get our guys back in the dugout for the final half of the seventh. Holden came off and fist bumped everyone so hard and was not ready to be done playing ball for the day! The speedy Boesl noticed the third baseman playing back and tried to lay down a bunt for a hit, but with the high pitch, wasn't able to get it down where he wanted, but it was a good opportunity to try and get us a runner. Cohen Noska was HBP, and AJ Woodworth was

brought in to pinch run. Woodworth was able to advance to second, but at the expense of a groundout. With two down, and Woodworth at third after a passed ball, Holden Truax hit a sharp ground ball and was able to reach due to a BBE error, and score Woodworth to make the score 9-6. Leighton Gesell was brought in to courtesy run for Truax. Shane Hanson was also able to reach via a Jag error to give us runners at first and second and bring to the plate the tying run; leadoff hitter Dylan Debilzen. Dylan wasted no time as he launched a line drive home run down the right field line for the 3 run shot to tie the game and send everyone into a frenzy! For those of you counting, that was the 5th Panther home run of the day! With the game tied at nine each, Truax and the defense went back to work in the top of the 8th. After a quick line drive out, the Jags were able to scratch another run across to take a one run lead before Truax was able to get the third out of the inning via strikeout. The bottom of the 8th started well as Steidl got us going with a leadoff double, and Mrnak was able to draw a walk. We were not able to advance the runners with our bunt attempt, or next at bat so there we were with runners at first and second and two outs. Joe Johnson then was HBP in his at bat to extend the inning. Holden Truax then worked the count full, and with bases loaded, and two outs, drew a walk to tie the game. With the winning run 90 feet away, and the left fielder playing deep, Shane Hanson delivered a clutch single to left to score Mrnak and walk off the Jags 11-10 in eight innings of one of the most intense high school baseball games most of us have ever witnessed! The boys never gave up, and battled from the first pitch of the game, to the very last. With that, the Panthers earned a trip to the 2024 MSHSL State Baseball Tournament! It was a fun night celebrating the victory and advancing, but the boys know this is not the end goal. We look to get back to work and extend our season on the biggest stage of the year this week.

2024-2025 Dates

August 12 – Sports Practices May Begin-Cross Country (Gr 7-12), Football (Gr 9-12),
Tennis (Gr 7-12), Volleyball (Gr 8-12 - 8th graders that want to try out for a higher squad)
August 19 – Sports Practices May Begin-Football (Gr 7 & 8), Volleyball (Gr 7 & 8)
August 28 – Back-To-School Night 5:00-7:00 p.m. at High School
September 3 – First Day of School for Students
September 11 – Individual Student Picture Day for High School & Elementary
September 30-October 4–Homecoming Week–Coronation on the 30th at 7 p.m.