



December 16, 2011

Athletic Department Newsletter:

Mid State League News:

The league has been going through many changes in the last couple years. It began with all of the school districts from Licking County electing to leave the conference and re-form the Licking County League. This move created issues with the current alignment within the league, the current Cardinal Division will lose Licking Heights. The Ohio Division would lose Granville, Heath, Lakewood, Licking Valley and Newark Catholic leaving only Bexley, Columbus Academy and Whitehall Yearling. In addition, there has been a move by some of the smaller schools in the conference for a small school division.

Over the last few months, realigning the conference as fairly as possible to meet everyone's needs has been a struggle. At one point there were five different proposals on the table. The athletic directors and the superintendents were able to narrow the options to one. This option was voted on and approved Wednesday.

Starting the 2013-2014 school year, the Mid State League will be divided into the following divisions. You will see there are new schools added to the league. These schools will be sent formal invitations to join the league. Conversations with all these schools has been on-going.

Buckeye: Amanda Clearcreek, Bloom Carroll, Circleville, Fairfield Union, Hamilton Township, Liberty Union, Logan Elm and Teays Valley

Cardinal: Berne Union, Fairfield Christian Academy, Fisher Catholic, Grove City Christian, Harvest Prep, and Millersport

Ohio: Bexley, Columbus Academy, *Grandview Heights*, London, Madison Plains, West Jefferson, Whitehall-Yearling and Worthington Christian

If you have any questions or comments, please email them to Jim Hall at jim.hall@ghcsd.org.

The Touchdown Club is selling **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** T-shirts in the High School office. They are \$20 each. The front of the T-shirt reads:

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MID-STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS

Complete record, scores and dates are on the back. All sizes from Youth to 3XL are available. They make a perfect gift for the Holidays.

The JV Girls Basketball Game for Saturday December 17 has been *cancelled*. The Varsity Girls game will start at normal time of 7:30. Come support the lady Bobcats.

This year's **Bobcat Holiday Classic** in on December 29th and 30th. The game schedule for the first round is:

3:00 JV Game 1: Lakota v. Bishop Hartley (H)
4:30 JV Game 2: Grandview Heights v. Wellington(H)

6:00 Varsity Game 1: Lakota v. Bishop Hartley (H)
8:00 Varsity Game 2: Grandview Heights v. Wellington(H)

The second round on December 30th will follow the same time schedule with the winners from Thursday playing each other at 4:30 for the JV and 8:00 for the Varsity.

Come support the boys basketball team.

The Yule at the Pool begins tonight at the Columbus Aquatic Center on Hunter Avenue and continues tomorrow. If you have never watched a swim meet- they are very exciting. Come support our swimmers!

The RoundBallers with the athletic department are selling T-shirts to high school and middle school students. The T-shirt is the student's season pass to all home basketball games. Contact Kristin Hawk to order a shirt: khawk@nbbj.com

The High School Wrestling team will be competing in the Bishop Ready Classic Tournament on December 28-29. The Middle School team will be traveling to Fairfield High School for the Fairfield Wrestling Tournament on Saturday December 17th.

Middle School Basketball plays Liberty Union on Monday the 19th and Bexley on Wednesday the 21st. The girls play home on Monday and the boys on Wednesday.

Full athletic schedules are available at: [High School Sports](#).

Reminders:

**The balcony is closed to spectators. Please sit in the bleachers.
Food and drink are not allowed in the gym.**

Spring Sports:

- Baseball and Softball practice can start February 20th.
High school conditioning has begun- contact Coach Amato at jamato7@att.net for softball or Coach Herring at OHFISH@yahoo.com for baseball.
- Track and Boys Tennis practice can start March 5th.
High School Track Coach is Coach Schoch. schoch624@hotmail.com
High School Boys Tennis Coach is Coach Corbet. ray.corbett@ghcsd.org.

Middle school information will be out ASAP.

Sportsmanship:

One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching it.
— *Knute Rockne, football coach*

Make sure we cheer for our teams not against our opponents or officials.
