










Berlin High School

April 2024 News

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Important Dates

- April 11 - 12**
Spring Play - "Almost, Maine"
- April 13**
BHS Prom
- April 15**
NO SCHOOL
Staff Development Day
- April 17**
PreACT (Gr 9,10) Virtual (11,12)
- April 24**
Board of Education Meeting
- May 6**
Choir Concert
- May 13**
Band Concert
- May 22**
Show Choir Finale
- May 24**
BHS Graduation Ceremony

A Message from the Principal

Greetings BHS Families!

It is hard to believe, but there are only two months of school left! The spring months are so packed with activities that they will absolutely fly by. Check out the other parts of the newsletter to see more about our play, prom, spring sports and other activities.

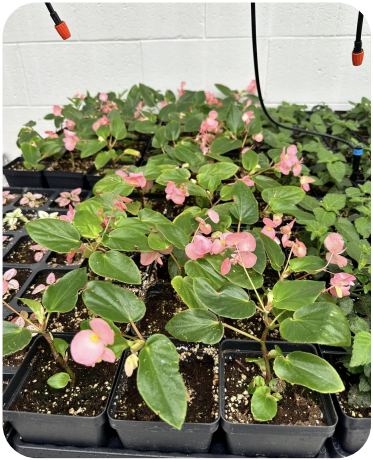
Last month, I touched on integrity and character, especially as it related to the ACT. I want to build on that and talk about instant vs. delayed gratification.

We live in a world that has evolved to give us instant gratification in all aspects in our life. Need to know something? Ask Siri. Want to see what someone is doing? Check their social media. Want to be entertained by cat videos? Scroll the reel. Want food and don't want to get up? Order Door Dash. All of these things in our lives have added convenience, but research shows that it also has re-wired our brains. We crave instant gratification, and when given a choice, we are becoming more likely to choose things that give us a quick reward, even if the prize at the end of the longer road is sweeter. Our students are the most susceptible to this as their brains are still developing. They can have a thousand 'friends' online, but studies show today's teens lack social skills and have shallower relationships with their peers.

As educators and parents, we need to make sure we are providing guidance and opportunities in delayed gratification. Things like volunteerism and service, investing, saving, and working hard for hard work's sake can all lead to delayed pots of 'gold.' A student's educational journey can be a great example of this: 13 or more years before you get the diploma. When the prize is so far out, It can make the day to day work hard, especially when the world teases us with fast-fixes. Let's work together to show today's youth that some things are worth waiting and working for.

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Plant Sale at BHS

Join us on Saturday, May 11th for a fabulous shopping day at the Berlin FFA Plant Sale!

Get ready to shop 'till you drop with a fantastic selection of plants including petunias, begonias, fuchsia, celosia, tomatoes, peppers, and much more!

The Berlin FFA offers 4" pots, hanging baskets, patio pots, and 2 packs - there's something for everyone! The BHS greenhouse is blooming and we cannot wait to see you.



Annual Pie Day Celebration

Every year, students in the BHS calculus class commemorate Pie Day on March 14 (3.14). What could be a more fitting way to honor Pie Day than through a lively pie-eating competition?

Each student in the calculus class must bake a delectable pie of their creation to be assessed.

These students establish specific criteria and select which staff members they believe would be ideal for the judging panel. The students gather applications and appoint eight staff members to evaluate these scrumptious pies based on their presentation, aroma, flavor, and more!



Future Fair at Moraine Park Technical College

Shoutout to the 90+ bright juniors from Berlin High School who rocked the Future Fair at Moraine Park Technical College!

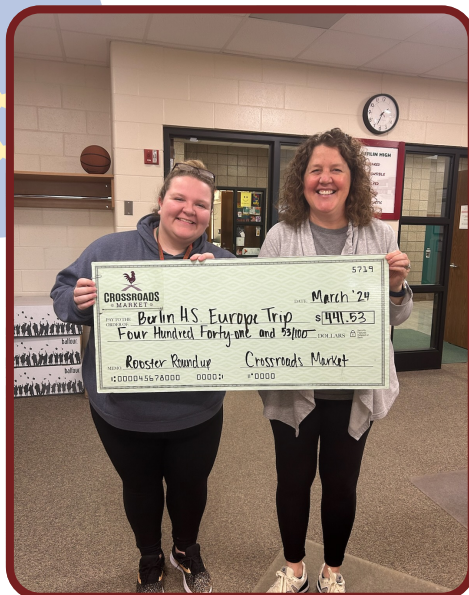
It's amazing to see our future leaders exploring opportunities and expanding their horizons. Way to go, Juniors! The feedback from Moraine Park vendors about our students was outstanding. Keep dreaming big and chasing those goals!



Donation to BHS Europe Trip

We are extremely grateful for the kind contribution from Crossroads Market in Green Lake towards funding the upcoming 2025 BHS Europe Trip.

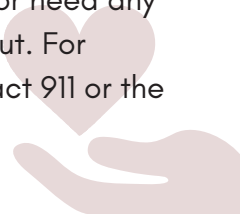
The Rooster Roundup program's support is greatly valued, and we appreciate this fantastic community initiative!



Mental Health Resources

School Counseling Services: Our school counselors are available to provide individual and group counseling sessions to students who may be experiencing emotional distress or struggling with mental health issues. Students can schedule appointments through the counseling office. [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please reach out. For emergencies, please contact 911 or the 988 suicide crisis lifeline.



Celebrating Amazing Talent at BHS

BHS Show Choir's performance at Solo & Ensemble was absolutely fantastic! They secured the 1st place spot and are now headed to the state competition.



Congratulations to all!



BHS PROM

Saturday, April 13

Prom Tickets \$10
Post Prom Tickets \$2

Tickets sold week of prom

Grand March 8 pm
Doors Open 7:15 pm
\$2 Admission at the Door





Senior Attendance

Per school board policy, seniors are required to attend school at least 90% of the time from April 1st to May 22nd in order to participate in the graduation ceremony (early graduates are exempt from this). This equates to no more than 3 unexcused absences during this time.

Go strong to the end, seniors!



Important Senior Dates!

- **May 1 - Cap and Gown Distribution** in the gym during ELT
- **May 15 - Scholarship and Senior Awards Program** 6:00pm (*required attendance for those who completed a Berlin High School Senior Scholarship Application*)
- **May 22 - Seniors' Last Day** of classes
- **May 23 - Senior Breakfast, Senior Stroll, and Graduation Practice** 8:00am (*attendance required to participate in graduation ceremony*)
- **May 24 - Graduation Ceremony!** 6:00pm on the football field. Seniors Arrive by 5:15 in gym.

BHS Spring Play

ALMOST, MAINE

A PLAY BY JOHN CARIANI



APRIL 11-12 2024 AT 7PM

TICKETS \$8 FOR STUDENTS AND \$10 FOR ADULTS

GENERAL ADMISSION

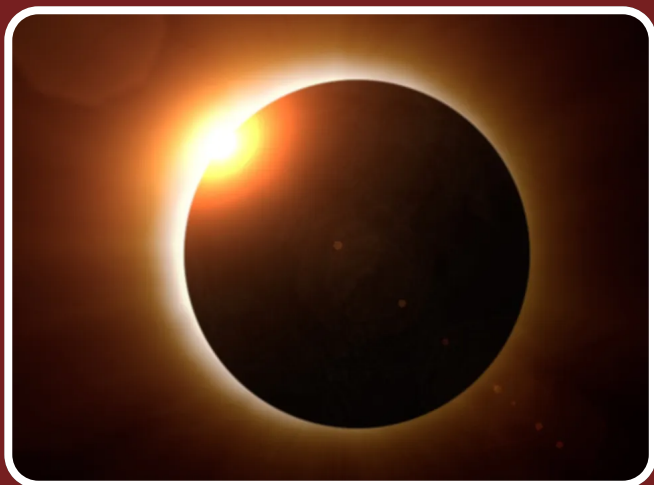
DIRECTED BY ABBE LANE

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL MADE BY MS. ROST'S MARKETING CLASS

Almost, Maine tells nine stories of love and loss that humans experience in their romantic relationships. Propelled by the emergence of the Northern Lights, each scene takes place over the same 10-15 minutes on a Friday night in January. We are met with varying levels of uncertainty at the conclusion of each scene--we don't know what's going to happen to these couples after the lights fade.

The actors and I have an idea of what happens next, but we want the audience to use their imagination to come up with their own conclusions. *Almost, Maine* is for romantics, not sentimentalists.

Witness a Spectacular Solar Eclipse in Berlin



On April 8th, 2024, beginning at 12:52 pm, a stunning solar eclipse will grace the skies of Berlin, peaking at 87% coverage by 2:07 pm. Ensure safe viewing by using eclipse glasses meeting ISO 12312-2 standards. Remember, never look directly at the sun during an eclipse as it can harm your eyes.



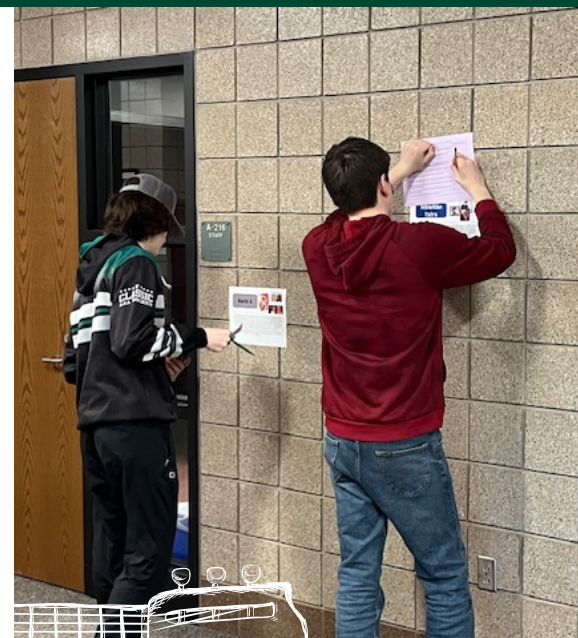
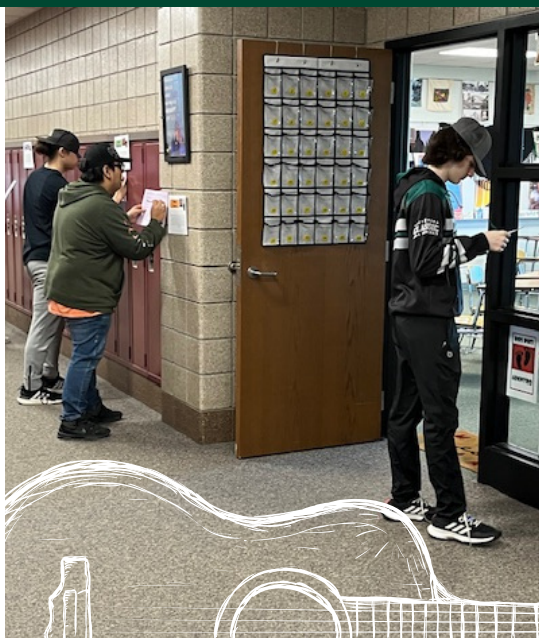
The eclipse ends around 3:21 pm. Avoid viewing the Sun through optical devices even with glasses. If you lack eclipse gear, consider indirect viewing methods like a pinhole projector. For more safety tips, visit: [NASA Eclipse Safety Guide](#).

Let's marvel at the universe's wonders together!

Locura de Marzo!

Spanish 2 students took part in the annual "Locura de Marzo" (March Madness of music) event.

During this activity, students learned about the artists and groups featured in an interpretive activity matching biographical information with the musicians.



April 17 - PreACT (Gr 9,10) (Virtual Gr 11, 12)

All freshmen and sophomores will be taking the required state assessment(s) on Wednesday, April 17th. To create the optimal testing environment, we are transitioning our Juniors and Seniors to virtual learning for this day. The attached virtual learning plan lays out further details for those grades.

Freshmen and sophomores should report to school at their normal time. Both grades will take the PreACT, which is a condensed version of the ACT that juniors are required to take. The PreACT is a timed test done on the computer testing students in English, Reading, Math, and Science. Students will complete the PreACT at approximately 11:30 a.m.

At that time, school lunch will be provided for any student and freshmen are free to leave for the day if they wish. Sophomores must return at noon to take the required Forward exam for social studies. This test is taken in two parts on the computer, and should take about an hour to complete. When sophomores finish their Forward exam, they are then free to go for the day.

Any student that needs to ride a bus or stay at school for an after-school activity will be allowed to relax in the library until that time.

Parents will receive additional emails with further information specific to grade levels in the coming days.



BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN



April 17th, 2024 (Grades 11, 12)

Berlin High School

Introduction

All freshmen and sophomores will be attending school and taking the state-required PreACT (Gr. 9,10) and Forward Exam (Gr. 10 only). In order to effectively administer these assessments and to create an optimal testing environment, we have converted our 11th and 12th graders to an 'asynchronous' virtual format for this day.

The School Day

This will be an **asynchronous** learning day. This means that there will be no live meetings or scheduled login times. Instead, assignments and directions are posted on Canvas, with the expectation that students complete those at some point prior to returning to school. Some courses may not present new material, instead using this day for students to catch up or complete missing work.

Teacher and Student Expectations for Virtual Learning

Teacher Expectations	Student Expectations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be responsive to any student inquiries or requests for support (from 1:30-3:30). Grade student work and provide feedback. Any communications or activities should be posted in Canvas or done through school email. In classes with freshmen or sophomores, there should be no advancement of the course on this day as these students are involved in testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are expected to check each of their classes on Canvas and complete any activities in those classes. Students should recognize that there may be no new material for their classes on this day, but should check Canvas for each course. Students with questions should reach out to their teachers using school email. Teachers will not be available until after 1:30 p.m. due to testing

*Any students who have limited access to the internet should contact their teachers and will be given an extension so that work can be completed at school.

BHS Trap Shooters Start the Season off with a BANG!



Berlin Conservation Club Varsity Trap Team started the 2024 Season on a very windy & cold evening with a WIN as they traveled to Wescot Sportsmen's Club to take on CWC - 226 to 209.

BHS now has a varsity and JV shooting team. This is exciting for Berlin as Trap Shooting has become a fast-growing sport in the area. Great job to all!



WISCONSIN FFA Agriculture Educator Appreciation



"She has a huge impact on many students' lives. Whether that be by teaching in the classroom about the agriculture industry, hands on experiences, or helping students at the local county fair in any way she can. She strives to make sure each student is successful in everything no matter what they chose or plan to do...She is willing to learn and teach anyone about anything."

Berlin FFA Member

Mrs. Miller Receives Wisconsin's FFA Agriculture Education Appreciation Award!

This month, Mrs. Miller, the FFA Advisor and Agriculture Teacher at Berlin High School, has been honored as the recipient of Wisconsin's FFA Agriculture Education Appreciation award!

Mrs. Miller excels not only within the classroom but also in fostering remarkable bonds and relationships with BHS students that are sure to leave a lasting impact throughout their lives.

Mrs. Miller, we are incredibly proud of you, and we consider ourselves truly fortunate to have you as a part of the BHS community!



Wordsmiths of Berlin Busy in the Spring

Prior to spring break, the Wordsmiths of Berlin ran a homeroom poetry challenge. Eleven homerooms wrote original Easter or springtime poems for the contest. The top three poems earned the homerooms some sweet treats.

Along with the BHS music department, WoB is currently running a **songwriting contest** open to any Berlin High School students as individuals or songwriting pairs. There are cash prizes for the top songs. The deadline for the contest is Friday, April 5th.

WoB is also running a **comic-book-style graphic short story contest** with the BHS art department. The contest, also open to any BHS students, is open now through Monday, May 13th. The top graphic short stories receive cash prizes.

Six BHS students will be published in the East Central Conference literary magazine, Perspectives. Arianna McCormick, Emelia Beulen, Henry Wasmuth, Andrew Rozek, Taylor Van Ornum, and Violet Daubner submitted original poems or short stories that will appear in the magazine. The students will receive copies at a Perspectives banquet in Kewaskum on Wednesday, April 10th.

Finally, the Wordsmiths of Berlin will be celebrating April as National Poetry Month by hosting a **Coffee Shop Poetry** event on Tuesday, April 30th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at AJ's Riverside coffee shop in Berlin. This is a poetry performance event offering area poets a public venue to have a voice and showcase their poetic talents while enjoying a coffee, hot chocolate, or other favorite hot beverage.

This semi-structured open-mic-night event will feature student poets from the Wordsmiths of Berlin, but is open to any local poets with original poetry to share. All presenting poets will receive a "Coffee Shop Poet" medallion.

AJ'S RIVERSIDE, BERLIN, WI
Coffee Shop Poetry
EVENT OPEN TO BERLIN AREA POETS AND POETRY FANS
FEATURING:
• WORDSMITHS OF BERLIN (STUDENT POETS FROM BHS)
• THE "VOICE OF BERLIN FOOTBALL," ANDY REISE
• ANY LOCAL POETS WITH ORIGINAL POETRY TO SHARE
Tuesday, April 30
from 5 to 7 p.m.
This is a poetry performance event... a public venue for area poets to perform their original poems for an audience or to listen to poets while enjoying a coffee, hot chocolate, or other favorite hot beverage.



BHS ATHLETICS

BHS Track and Field Kicks Off The Season With a Victory

Congratulations to the BHS Track and Field teams for their outstanding performance at the season opening Indoor Track Invite held at Ripon College.

The girls emerged as champions in the 13-Team Invite, securing an impressive 178 points! Furthermore, the combined scores of the girls and boys led Berlin to clinch the overall championship title.

Fantastic work, BHS Track!



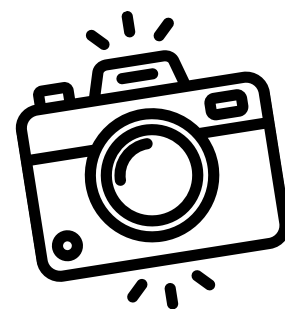
BHS SPORTS PICTURE DAYS

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2	TRACK	3:30 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 5	SOFTBALL	3:45 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 8	GIRLS SOCCER	3:30 PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 28	GOLF	3:45 PM

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BHS ATHLETICS

Wyatt Hamersma Spectrum News Scholar Athlete



The Scholar Athlete Program recognizes high school seniors who excel in sports, academics, and community involvement. Take a look at this week's highlighted student, Wyatt Hamersma, a student at Berlin High School!

Wyatt,
Your school, family, friends, and community are so proud of you! Wishing you continued success on your bright path ahead!

[CLICK HERE to watch video](#)

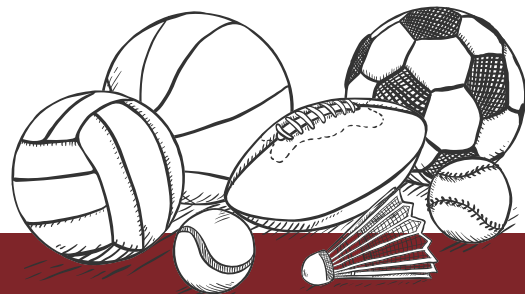
Berlin Moving to South Central Conference

WIAA Board of Control accepted proposals from the Conference Realignment Task Force and made official: Berlin moving to the South Central Conference for ALL SPORTS. The change in conference for ALL sports will happen for the 2025-26 school year.

Berlin will now be an 8-team conference with Ripon, Wautoma, Adams-Friendship, Westfield, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Dells, and Mauston.

This move is in conjunction with our move to the South Central Conference for football, as well. In football, Berlin will begin play in the SCC next year for the 2024-25 school year. The "football-only" SCC will be slightly different with Waupun taking the place of Westfield. (Berlin, Ripon, Adams-Friendship, Waupun, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Dells, and Mauston)

We look forward to joining the SCC and the schools who are more similar to Berlin in terms of enrollment!



Berlin Area School District | 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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1 - 2 No School - Winter Break
 12 End of First Semester
 15 No School - Teacher Work Day

AUGUST 2023						
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15-18 New Teacher Days
 22-24 No School - Staff Development
 28-29 No School - Staff Development
 31 First Day of School

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 23 No School

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 29 Homecoming

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 22 No School
 25-29 No School - Spring Break

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 26 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
 27 No School

APRIL 2024						
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NOVEMBER 2023						
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10 No School - Staff Development
 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

MAY 2024						
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10 No School - Staff Development
 24 Graduation
 27 No School - Memorial Day
 31 Last Day of School

DECEMBER 2023						
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11 No School - Staff Development
 25-29 No School - Winter Break

JUNE 2024						
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BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL - SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE – 2024

Revised Feb 27, 2024

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

BASEBALL – VARSITY (4:45)			SOFTBALL -- VARSITY (4:45)		
April 1	Wautoma	H	March 19	Manawa	H
April 2	Ripon	A	March 21	Weyauwega- Fremont 4:30pm	A
April 4	Ripon	H	April 1	Wautoma	H
April 9	Waupun	H	April 2	Ripon	H
April 11	Waupun	A	April 4	Waupun	A
April 12	Manawa	H	April 9	Winneconne	H
April 15	Omro	A	April 11	KML	A
April 16	Winneconne	A	April 12	Omro 5:00pm	A
April 18	Winneconne 4:00pm	H	April 16	Plymouth (DH) 4:00pm	A
April 23	KML	H	April 18	Kewaskum	A
April 25	KML	A	April 22	Green Lake/Princeton	A
April 30	Plymouth	A	April 25	Ripon	A
May 2	Plymouth	H	April 26	Cambria-Friesland 5:00pm	A
May 3	Green Lake/ Princeton	A	April 29	Markesan	H
May 7	Kewaskum	H	April 30	Waupun	H
May 9	Kewaskum	A	May 2	Winneconne	A
May 11	Berlin Tri (W-F & WLA) 10:00am	H	May 7	KML	H
May 14	Tri-County	H	May 10	Randolph	H
May 17	Randolph	H	May 14	Kewaskum	H
May 20	Laconia	H			
GIRLS' SOCCER – VARSITY (4:45)			TRACK (4:00)		
April 1	Wautoma 4:30pm	A	March 14	Berlin Indoor Meet (@Ripon College)	
April 2	Lourdes Academy	H	March 19	UWO Invite (Girls Only) 4:45pm	
April 4	Little Chute	H	April 4	ECC Conference Indoor (@ Ripon College)	
April 9	Ripon	H	April 9	Berlin Quad	
April 11	N. Fond du Lac 5:00pm	A	April 11	Westfield Invite	
April 16	Waupun	A	April 16	Berlin Triangular	
April 18	Amherst 5:00pm	A	April 18	Oostburg Invite 3:30pm	
April 23	Winneconne	H	April 23	Winneconne Quad	
April 26	Portage	H	April 25	Tom Callen Invite (Ripon)	
April 30	KML	A	April 30	Waupun Quad	
May 3	Adams-Friendship 5:00pm	A	May 2	Berlin Invite (County vs. County)	
May 7	Plymouth	H	May 7	Campbellsport Invite	
May 9	Wautoma	H	May 14	ECC Conference Meet (Plymouth)	
May 14	Kewaskum	A	May 16	Kewaskum Frosh/Soph/JV Meet	
May 17	Waupaca 6:30pm	A	May 20	Regional @ Winneconne 3:30pm	
May 20	Clintonville	H	May 23	Sectional @ Freedom 3:00pm	
May 23	Campbellsport	H	May 31/June 1	State @ UW-LaCrosse	
			GOLF		
			April 9	Winneconne Conf Mini @Lake Breeze 3:00pm	
			April 11	Monona Grove Invite @ The Oaks	
			April 12	Hartford Invite @Washington County 1:30pm	
			April 13	Hartford Invite @Washington County 9:00am	
			April 16	Berlin/Ripon Conf Mini @Lawsonia 11:00am @Mascoutin 2:30pm	
			April 19	Wautoma Invite @Waushara CC 9:00am	
			April 23	Waupun Conf Mini @The Rock 2:30pm	
			April 24	Springs Invite (South Hills) 10:00 am	
			April 29	Kewaskum JV Invite @Hon-E-Kor 10:00am	
			May 1	Princeton Invite @Lawsonia 9:30am	
			May 2	KML Conf Mini @Washington County 2:30pm	
			May 3	Elkhart Lake Invite @Quit Qui OC 10:00am	
			May 6	Berlin Invite @Mascoutin 9:00am	
			May 8	Kewaskum Conf Mini @Hon-E-Kor 3:00pm	
			May 10	Plymouth Conf Mini @Quit Qui OC 3:00pm	
			May 15	ECC Tourney @Hon-E-Kor	
			May 21 or 22	Regional - Wisconsin Dells (Wild Rock)	
			May 28 or 29	Sectional - Lux-Casco (Northbrook)	
			June 3 / 4	State - Kohler - (Blackwolf Run)	