The Tigers team had a very successful weekend, again, at the St. Patrick’s basketball tournament. Coming home with the first place trophy.

On Wednesday night the team traveled to the Highland Park area to take on their toughest rival, Highland Catholic. The team was without Nolan “the rock” Conners (sick), but we have several other players that can handle the ball. We came away with a win, avenging the first game of the season loss.

The boys game got shifted to Thursday night (too late for this newsletter) at Faithful Shepherd. Then on the weekend they will be playing in the ICS basketball tournament. We wish them success as they will have many opportunities to display their talents! Go Tigers!

The Tigers traveled back to ICS to face off against the upstart Aurora basketball team. Needless to say, Aurora was not quite ready for primetime, let alone a matchup against a seasoned Tigers team. The game ended with a 34-2 victory for the Tigers.

On Monday night, the Tigers traveled across the border to the land of cheese, brats and a NFL football team that is not in the NFC Championship game to square off against the feared Shamrocks of St Patrick’s of Hudson. This was another game where the boys had off of school but still had a game so it was anyone’s guess as to how it would go. Right from the tipoff, the Tigers were on and all over the place. The game stayed close for a while but the Tigers just kept squeezing the Shamrocks more and more on the defensive end and sliced and diced them on the offensive end to go into halftime with a 17-12 lead.

Andy “Can You Believe the Touchdown by Diggs” Schoenecker pulled the team together “It’s time to put the pedal to the metal and put this game out of reach. Never stop until the last buzzer sounds.” The Tigers came out of fire. Zach “Skol” Frey kept pushing the ball up the floor to keep the Shamrock’s on their heels. Even at the end of the game with all of the chaos that comes with 6th graders pressing each other and bodies and balls flying all over the place, the Tigers maintained enough composure to come away with a 35-28 victory. At this point in the season, the Tigers have a 10-3 record.

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Swim Team

The swim team is taking registrations for the Winter season. Practices are starting now, but registrations can still be submitted now. Mr. Kirchberg is our School Coordinator for the Swim Team. It is a great way to get exercise and learn some swimming strokes plus working as a team. The end of the season concludes with qualified swimmers going to the CAA meet, the finals are held at the U of M Aquatic Center. Swim team is the only sport we offer that includes the entire range of class levels, from K through 8th grade. Mr. Kirchberg can always fill anyone in on how the team functions if you missed the meeting.

The Swiminator season has started and with three practices now under our belt the team is heading to its' first Meet of the season on Saturday. The Tri-Meet is hosted by All Saints at the Kenwood Trail Middle School in Lakeville and will be a battle of three teams that have been strong in recent years with Highland Catholic and the Swiminators participating.

There's still time to join the team, learn about competitive swimming and be ready for our 3rd meet of the season at St. Thomas Academy. If you have any questions, contact Jim Weingartz or Bob Kirchberg.

Wish your Swiminator classmates good luck.

Other meets are as follows;

Feb 10th, 2018, All Saints Invitational
Kenwood Trail Middle School
Start Time: 12:30 pm

Feb 24th, 2018,
Hosted by: Visitation
St. Thomas Academy
Start Time: TBD

March 4th, 2018,
Hosted by: St. Odilia
St. Kate’s University
Start Time: TBD
Tigers Athletic News

Tigers Boys Basketball News

5th Grade

The 5th grade boys basketball team played a home game vs St. Odilia Monday night! We had a great fan support and great sportsmanship.

Though the team did not leave with a "W" they were competitive and did a great job passing and sharing the ball. Baskets were hard to come by but they continued to compete on the boards against a much taller team.

The boys always have a great attitude at the end of the game and find the positives in the camaraderie and the team sport itself.

Looking forward to practice this week to work on passing, spacing, shooting and driving open lanes. We hope to continue to add to the basic skills and giving the kids and opportunity to handle the ball and contribute.

Thanks to the parents for all their support and cheers!

Tigers Girls Basketball News

6th Grade

Dateline: White Castle Coliseum on the campus of Immaculate Conception. The 6th Grade Lady Tigers took to the court a little shorthanded at tip off starting the game with 4 girls as Jordyn Preiner and Sami McMenomy we across town trying out for the USA 6th Grade Olympic team. That did not discourage the “Iron 4” of Ella “Greenlight” Geelhoed, Daniella “DJ” Johnson, “Reboundin” Rhiannon O’Neill, and Addie “Cool Water” Teeters to say lets tip it off and start this thing. The Lady Tigers held strong in the first half keeping the score at 15-10 at the end of the first half. After Jill Preiner was clocked at 91mps on 694 in a minivan, she delivered Jordyn “Jo Jo” Preiner and “Slammin” Sami McMenomy to start the 2nd half. The girls battled foul trouble and a short bench but stayed in the game all the way until the end, coming up just short at 25-21. "It was our best effort of the year" said Emotional Coach Scott Johnson via postgame Skype videoconference at St Pats of Hudson boys tournament “from what I’m told”

Many times when a team is struggling it just takes a spark and the ICS game seemed to inspire this team as they headed to a sold out Mt Tabor Hall on Monday to face an intense St Anne’s of Somerset squad. “No blood, No foul” was the rule in this tough and rumble game as the Lady Tigers got down early and the game was stopped several times to clean up some blood on the court. But the team’s defense and passing was at an all-time high and in the end, down 19-18 with less than 20 seconds left, Slammin’ Sami McMenomy headed to the line for crucial free throws. She delivered 1 of 2 in a clutch situation and sent the game to overtime.

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Tigers Girls Basketball News

6th Grade
There the girls battled again and it again was McMenomy from the line to put the Tigers up 20-19 in the end. “After last night’s Vikings finish and today’s OT, I’m going to need to have my blood pressure checked” said superfan Touchdown Tommy O’Neill postgame. The Tigers took the win and will head to Meatpackers Stadium on the campus of Holy Trinity in South St Paul for their next battle on Thursday, Jan 18th at 5:30pm.

5th Grade
The winter sickness is still hitting the team hard this last week and the game with St. Ambrose will need to be rescheduled. Watch for updates for those games (second game to be delayed).

Tigers Hockey
On Martin Luther King day the team had their first game. It was at Augsburg rink against an always tough team, Hill Murray. The game was at 8am, and some of the players may have been still half asleep. We played without a goalie. After two periods it was 9-1. In the third period the coach at Hill Murray said we could use their goalie and they would go without a goalie. The final score was 10-6.

Then on Wednesday the team played at Groveland rink at 4pm against Holy Spirit. It was a closely contested game. In the end the teams tied 4 –4.

The next game is on Wednesday the 24th the team plays again at 4pm at Groveland rink against Nativity.
Athletic Director

Watch for volunteering opportunities. During the Winter sports season we will need help with the scoreboard. There are many open slots to help out during games and tournaments. Go in early to make the picks that best fit your schedule. During the tournaments we need people at the doors for Admissions as well as scoreboard/scorebook help. Plus the Booster Club normally opens the Concessions stand and they will need help also. The next tournament (on 01/26 & 27) has many slots open right now.

Here is the link for the basketball scorekeeping sign-up which is now available: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4ca8a72ba5fc1-basketball4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4ca8a72ba5fc1-basketball4).

Be aware that coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers need to be current with the VIRTUS training.

The Girls Basketball Finals are set for 02/25/18 at Hill Murray. The Boys Basketball Finals are set for 03/04/18 at St. Agnes.

Any questions can be directed to me. GO TIGERS!!!!!!

Soon the registration for Spring sports will begin. Watch for the form to be an attachment to this newsletter. However, I need to know the interest level in Middle school related to fielding a Lacrosse team this spring. All the school we would play against are looking at scheduling games. They are all in the Minneapolis area, except for STA (they are the closest). Please respond by the end of January so I can determine if Lacrosse is possible in 2018.