



Whisconier Middle School **Winter Athletics 2015**

We at Whisconier Middle School will respect ourselves and one another, appreciate individual differences, and encourage one another to reach our potential.

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***Winter
Newsletter***

Greetings from the Principal - Mr. Deane Renda

WMS - Winter Interscholastic Sports Recap

At Whisconier we look to provide our students with a well rounded educational experience. One aspect of that experience is participation in interscholastic sports. We want our student/athletes to: develop their skills, learn sportsmanship, have leadership opportunities, build a "team first" attitude, display modesty in winning and graciousness in defeat, and to have an overall positive experience that they will remember for a lifetime.

Thank you goes out to Mrs. Garthwait and Mr. Coloneri for all of the time and effort they put in to creating a positive atmosphere for our student/athletes. Below is the WMS Winter Sports Recap:

Girls Basketball—Mrs. Garthwait

The WMS Girls' Basketball team finished with a record of 6-8. We started the season with a huge win over Bethel, 32-22. It was the first time in several years that WMS has beaten Bethel. We also beat Schaghticoke twice by large margins, as well as Great Oak. The first time we beat Great Oak was in the Great Oak tournament, with a final score of 37-25. Jenna J. was selected to the Great Oak All-Tournament Team for her overall performance, averaging 11 points per game for the tournament. The next time we met Great Oak, we beat them 40-21 and did an outstanding job with our full-court press, coming up with numerous steals. For season totals, Jenna recorded 167 points and averaged 12 points per game. Mia A. recorded 84 points and averaged 6 points per game.

We will miss our 8th graders: Mia A., Elizabeth C., Olivia D., Jenna J., Claire L., and Carly W. Overall, the girls made great progress, worked incredibly hard, and had a lot of fun!



Jenna J. drives to the basket against Rochambeau MS



Claire L. gets ready to stop a Rochambeau player from scoring.



Carly W. gets ready to shoot against Schaghticoke MS

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Boys Basketball - Coach Coloneri

The WMS boy's finished up a very solid season with a record of 7 wins and 8 losses. The boy's got off to a 0 and 7 start filled with injuries and frustration. But, to the boy's credit they never stopped fighting and continued to work hard in practice despite the tough start to the season. The team entered the Woodbury Tournament in mid January not having won a single game. At the time the team didn't know it but their first round win over Woodbury was the start of an amazing string of victories. The team plowed through the Woodbury Tournament winning each of its games by an average of 18 points. In the finals WMS defeated Memorial Middle School by 19 points while David W., Kyle M. and Jake M. were named to the all-tournament team. The winning streak continued after the tournament as the Wildcats strung together four more consecutive wins culminating with a thrilling overtime win against rival Newtown avenging a 30 point loss from earlier in the season. The game was sent into overtime on a buzzer beating jump shot by Jai Chi L. WMS out scored Newtown in the overtime 10 to 5 earning the Wildcats their 7th consecutive victory. Although the boy's lost their final game of the season they have truly shown us all what it means to never give up. I have never been prouder of a group of boy's that I have coached! Congratulations to the entire team for a terrific season.



Gavin B. gets ready to take a shot against Schaghticoke MS



Back Row: Matt Z., Jai Chi L., Gavin B., Kyle M., Joe B., Matt C. (Mgr.)
Front Row: Seth Q., Eric R., Jake M., David W., Trevor S., Luke H., Billy O., Coach Coloneri
Not present: Sean V. (Mgr.)



David W. drives the lane against Rochambeau MS

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