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District News

Books for the World

This fall, Thom Weiss of the Madison Breakfast Rotary Club contacted Mrs. Kathy Retzke, District Library Media Specialist, to inquire if we had books to donate to their project. With that catalyst, the cleaning began! The cleaning out of old textbooks and library materials happened in classrooms, libraries and storage areas in all three buildings. Help was provided throughout the project by our district maintenance department along with library secretaries, teachers, students, and administration.

All materials were organized in several staging areas and were packed in the boxes we had left over from the restoration project at Eagle Elementary. With coordinated efforts, everything was loaded on October 11th to head to Madison. In total there were over 225 boxes of books plus a pallet full of empty boxes that the Rotary Club will use to repack other schools' books.

WINTER BAND & CHOIR CONCERTS

- Palmyra Elementary K-3 Music Concert:**
Monday, December 4, 2017 6:30 pm
- Eagle Elementary K-3 Music Concert:**
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 6:30 pm
- Palmyra Elementary 4-6 Music/Band Concert:**
Monday, December 11, 2017 6:30 pm
- Eagle Elementary 4-6 Music/Band Concert:**
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:30 pm
- High School/Middle School Band Concert:**
Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:00 pm
- High School Choir Concert:**
Tuesday, December 19, 2017 6:30 pm
(@Palmyra Methodist Church)
- Middle School Choir Concert:**
Monday, January 15, 2018 6:30 pm

Books for the World began about 17 years ago. It is an international Rotary literacy program designed to keep discarded books out of landfills and instead put them in the hands of teachers and children in other countries that lack educational resources. Books are collected and brought to the warehouse in Madison where they are sorted, boxed, palletized, and shrink-wrapped before being loaded onto a semi-trailer bound for an international shipping center in Houston. They are loaded into sea containers and are bound for countries in southern Africa, Central and South America, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

- (Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm in the PEHS/MS Community Center)
- DECEMBER 12, 2017
 - JANUARY 9, 2018
 - FEBRUARY 13, 2018
 - MARCH 13, 2018
 - APRIL 10, 2018
 - MAY 8, 2018
 - JUNE 12, 2018
- Access to meeting agendas, minutes, information and recordings:
<http://www.peasd.org/district/board-of-education.cm>



Technology Enhancements

Technology is a critical tool for learning and working. Access to these curricular resources is integral to the learning process in Palmyra-Eagle. The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District continues to make improvements toward providing increased access to technology and equitable learning environments that provide opportunities for all students to become proficient and interactive users of technology. We are working with a new Technology Committee, focusing on staff professional development and our 1:1 program. The district has made significant investments into strengthening our infrastructure to ensure reliability of our systems. This past summer, we have doubled the size of our wireless network and built in several redundancies into our servers and network. Another project of interest is a cost study to determine the cost of ownership of a fiber optic connection between Eagle Elementary and the High School / Middle School building. Doing so has the potential to save the district in leasing fees for our current connection. We look forward to reporting the results of our study in the upcoming months.



FFA National Convention

Three Palmyra-Eagle FFA members, Katherine and Kirstin Novak and Dana Meyers, attended the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this fall. The group began the week by attending Opening Session where they listened to the National FFA Band and Chorus, and several speakers including, Keynote Speaker, Laila Ali. They later had opportunities to visit the Expo where college recruiters, agricultural businesses, and workshops were available for students to explore and partake in. One workshop was hosted by two past state officers from Oregon and they discussed the different types of leaders, and the best way to get along with the different personalities to make a chapter succeed. The ladies also participated in the Day of Service which involved cleaning up garbage and planting tulips on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.



PANTHER NATION NEWS

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Dear Parents, Community Members and Taxpayers,
Welcome to the first installment of the 2017-2018 school year **Panther Nation News**. It is my hope that you find the information contained

in the pages of this publication of interest to you and that you read it with great pride in the many positive examples of accomplishments and work being done in the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District.

I would like to take special note of the role that **service** plays in our school district. One definition of service is **"the action of helping or doing work for someone."** As this is the month in which we celebrate Veterans Day let me begin by extending a sincere thank you to the men and women, both employees of the school district and members of the school district community, who have served our country – the finest nation on Earth. Please accept thanks and appreciation for the service that you

have provided to defend our country and the many freedoms which we enjoy in America.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents, friends, relatives and community members who take an active role in the schools. Our schools are fortunate to have parents and other family members actively provide voluntary **service** through the supervision of various classroom projects, activities and serving as field trip chaperones.

Local businesses offer financial support of school programs and such **service** eases the struggle of limited financial resources. In many instances, this support is provided with no expectation of public recognition. I urge you to support the organizations that provide such support in our community – many of them are highlighted in this publication and have provided financial support to defray costs of publication and mailing of our newsletter to you. On behalf of our students and staff members, please accept my deepest gratitude and appreciation!

It is with great appreciation that I thank all PEASD employees for their daily **service**. Many such individuals have dedicated their professional lives to working with children, young adults and extended families as they daily fulfill their assigned duties and obligations in the district. At all levels of such responsibility examples of **Panther Pride** are exhibited.

Finally, I would like to thank our seven elected school board members who faithfully execute the duties of their role in the district by enacting and supporting local policies and procedures that promote our district mission statement "To ensure students excel with intellect and virtue, inspired by innovative educators who engage and challenge each individual." Board **service** often goes unnoticed, but is critically important to everyone in the school district.

Please enjoy this publication of the **Panther Nation News** and thank you to everyone for your service during the 2017-2018 school year!
Dr. Steven M. Bloom, District Administrator
Palmyra-Eagle Area School District

Spectrum Awards

The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District was recently honored by the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) with three Spectrum Awards of Excellence and Merit for its work in school communications.

WSPRA presented the Spectrum Awards at its recent annual conference in Elkhart Lake, Wis. The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District earned an Award of Excellence for its District Calendar and District Newsletter. The district also earned an Award of Merit for its District Promotional Video.

Spectrum Awards recognize high-quality public relations efforts produced by or on behalf of Wisconsin school districts. This year, this statewide competition honored 40 school districts with awards.

"Spectrum Award winners exemplify the very best communications work in school districts across the state," said WSPRA President Sarah Heck. "The winners demonstrate the value of engaging stakeholders in order to build community support for Wisconsin's public schools."

WSPRA's Spectrum Awards are judged by members of the Illinois School Public Relations Association (INSPPRA) on a 30-point scale in six areas: goals and objectives, research and planning, execution and evaluation, results, language, and design.



Nature Trail Dedication

The nature trail behind the high/middle school finally has a name! After some discussion and research, the trail has been aptly and deservedly named the "Jim Demler Nature Trail".

Mr. Demler, a retired Palmyra-Eagle High School biology/science teacher, was instrumental in preserving the land surrounding the trail. He, along with Mr. Doug Zick, retired PEASD Buildings and Grounds Director, discovered and identified a rare flower, the fringed gentian, on the trail's acreage. The find of this flower was even more special because this gentian only grows in a rare wetland known as a fen. There are only about 300 fens known to exist in the United States, and one is located on the Palmyra-Eagle property.

Former students of Mr. Demler affectionately remember going out to the fen and removing invasive species in order to protect the habitat. Even after retiring in 2005, he returned to the site to work and run workshops related to the specific environment.

Mr. Mike Hoff, a former student of Mr. Demler and current Palmyra-Eagle HS Tech Ed Teacher, had his Advanced Woods Class create the trail sign which was presented to Mr. Demler today. Tyler Nokes and Michael Schaab were especially involved in the project and are pictured. Stay tuned for further information posted on the sign including: a trail map, timeline, environmental features and facts and geocaching locations along the trail.

Thank you and congratulations Mr. Demler!



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Commemorating 9/11

Students at Eagle Elementary commemorated September 11, 2001 by attending an assembly describing the history of the event and then visiting the Eagle Nature Trail. The nature trail holds special meaning for the school, because the seeds from seven swamp white oak trees, planted by Eagle Elementary students 4 years ago, were gathered from the area surrounding the World Trade Center Memorial by former Eagle resident, Phil Hall. Mr. Hall planted and nursed the trees before donating them to the organization. Each tree has recently been designated with a plaque and fencing. Eagle Nature Trail volunteer, Jean Weedman, helped students identify the trees and explained the variance of growth due to location within the environment. Eagle Elementary Principal, Matt Stich, further explained, "To help pay tribute to those who were impacted by the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, students and staff paid a visit to the seven Memorial Trees planted four years ago by Eagle Elementary students and staff. These trees, which were planted by acorns from New York City, represent new growth and help us remember a day that will never be forgotten. The students and staff at Eagle Elementary are truly lucky to have the Eagle Nature Trail, which connects Alice Baker Memorial Public Library and Eagle Elementary School. I would like to thank Jean Weedman and the entire Eagle Nature Trail Committee for giving us a great place to learn about and enjoy nature."

EAGLE ELEMENTARY CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
Lego Robotics • Battle of the Books • Fantasy Football
Math 24 • Spelling Bee Club • STARS

Monster Mash

The Eagle Elementary PTO hosted a fun-filled, family event in October. The Monster Mash included a hayride, haunted woods, bounce houses, cake walk, photo booth, face painting, good food and more. It was a great night for all who attended. Thank you PTO!!!



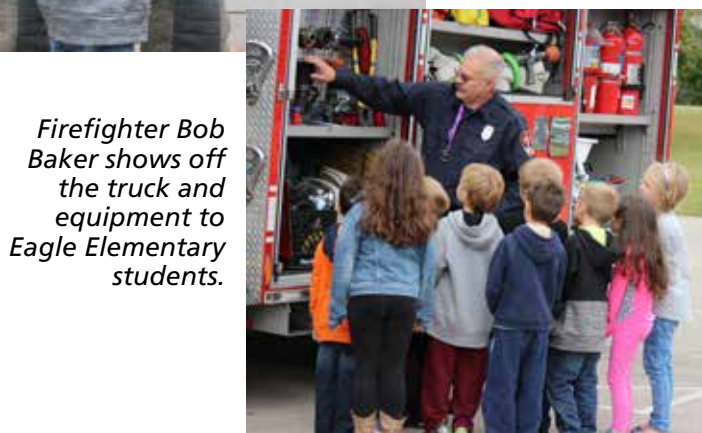
Eagle Fire Department Visit

The local heroes from the July 13th fire incident which caused significant damage at Eagle Elementary, returned to the building for a much happier event on Tuesday, October 10th. Several members of the Eagle Fire Department spent time at the school during National Fire Prevention Week. All grade levels learned or reviewed proper fire protocols and prevention techniques. The firefighters also showed off their gear, equipment, vehicles and educational videos. The highlight for most students was extinguishing the pretend fire with the actual fire hose. The students presented the rescue crew with a thank-you banner signed by all school students and staff and a large gift basket in appreciation for the department's help in saving the school from the fire this summer. Chief



Bruce Hein commented, "I encourage all of my staff to volunteer for these school events. It is absolutely one of the best parts of the job. Seeing the kids smile is fantastic."

Firefighter Dave Rockteacher helps Mason Bogie use the fire hose.



Firefighter Bob Baker shows off the truck and equipment to Eagle Elementary students.

Eagle ROCKS!

Eagle Elementary students got creative in art class recently. All students painted rocks with words and/or pictures of kindness and then placed them along the Eagle Nature Trail. The hope is that when people walk on the path, the pictures and words may brighten their day. What a fun and uplifting project!




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John Hall

Class of 1990

Journey after High School:

U.S. Military Academy at West Point from 1990-1994; Active duty military career 1994-

2009; University of North Carolina Graduate School; West Point History Department faculty; University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty; Army Reserve officer; Joint History Office in the Pentagon & Active Duty

Current profession/occupation: Ambrose-Hesseltine Associate Professor of U.S. Military History at the University of Wisconsin (on leave); Historian on the Joint Staff in the United States Pentagon

How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact your future? Palmyra-Eagle provided me with dozens of role models--teachers, coaches, administrators--who inspired me to pursue my dual career in the military and in higher education. It took a few years to soak in, but my classmates and teammates taught me that there is much more to life than individual achievement. If I am decent person today, as I strive to be, I have my family and PEHS to thank for it.



Scott Rubitsky

Class of 1982

Journey after High School:

UW Whitewater--Bachelor of Science in Political Science; ROTC; National Guard & US

Army Reserves; Multiple command and staff assignments in Active Duty in the United States

Army, additional schooling during active duty; Special Assistant and Lead Speech Writer; Master of Military Arts and Science Degree; Multiple Awards & Decorations; Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in January 2011

Current profession/occupation: Independent military consultant providing advice on operational and strategic planning, broad and complex multi-national, interagency and inter-service operations, collective training, strategic communications, liaison and negotiations

How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact your future? While I believe the future is always uncertain, I also believe one's foundations and convictions will ensure success. Palmyra-Eagle Area School District and its teachers imparted to me life's lessons and the desire and will to succeed that were and are applicable in any situation I have found myself in. The teachers, friends and family of Palmyra and Eagle are all vested in the future and success of each and every individual of the Palmyra-Eagle family. Fine teachers and coaches prepared me without me realizing they were doing it for the challenges of the future. They gave me the foundations and desire for learning and the will to persevere in any situation that continues with me to today. The learning environment and smaller classroom size of PEHS both challenged and intrigued me and

We are proud to recognize our alumni! Links for complete alumni stories and more information about this feature can be found on the "Alumni Spotlight" page of the district website: www.peasd.org. Please email candidate nominations to pr@peasd.org.

presented the opportunity to stretch my creativity and zest for learning without being just another number. I know that countless students and I would not be where we are today without the preparation for the future given to us by the entire PEHS community.



Stephanie Tutton

Class of 1987

Journey after High School:

United State Military Academy, West Point, New York- B.S. in Economics; West Point

Women's Basketball Team; USMA Preparatory School - Women's Athletic Director, Physical Education Instructor, Coach; Detachment Commander - World Class Athlete Program; Naval Postgraduate School - MS in Operations Research; Center for Army Analysis - Operations research analyst; DEPLOYMENT - Operation Iraqi Freedom (Camp Victory / 2004); Multiple Other Active Duty Assignments; Colonel: Joint Requirements Assessment Division Chief

Current profession/occupation: Active military duty serving at the Pentagon as a Colonel - Joint Requirements Assessment Division Chief responsible for the Department of Defense Joint Requirements System, policy and validation.

How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact your future? Palmyra-Eagle's positive impact came from the close, small, tight-knit community support during both my high school years and while at West Point. This same support has continued during my military career during deployments and while posted outside the United States.



Football Program Gains Momentum

After back to back 1-8 seasons, the Palmyra-Eagle Football Team improved to 4-5 under new coaches Joe Hauser and Kevin Wilde. Highlight victories included an overtime win against Poynette and a last second field goal to beat

Montello/Princeton/Green Lake. Additionally, Connor Sullivan (LB), Nate Sullivan (DL), as well as Cade Fleischmann (K) all earned 1st team all-conference honors with Lonnie Garlock (DE), Morgan Carpenter (WR), Jacoby Koutsky (OL)

and Cade Fleischmann (OLB/P) all earning 2nd team honors. With a change in culture and a talented young group of athletes the future is bright for Panther Football. Congratulations on a great season!

Reading Curriculum

Lucy Calkins is the founder of the Readers' and Writers' Workshop which was implemented in the district five years ago for writing, and four years ago for reading. The workshop model follows a simple concept-VOLUME! The curriculum's belief, which has been proven again and again through research, is that the more students read and write, the better readers and writers they will become. In our elementary schools, all grade levels follow the workshop model. We begin our teaching for the workshop with a ten minute "mini-lesson" - teaching new skills and strategies to our readers and writers in guiding them to become strong readers and writers. The remainder of the hour workshop revolves around the students partaking in reading and writing! Less teacher talk and more student reading and writing is the key to success. Students work at their level of reading and writing, and teachers work with small groups or individuals while the rest of the students work independently. The students read and write for longer periods of time, coupled with their at-home reading and writing leads to success in literacy.



Steve Greenquist (Principal), Tami Harpster (Reading Specialist), Kathy Retzke (Curriculum and Instruction) and Jennifer Quella (Title 1) had the wonderful opportunity of attending a Reading or Writing Institute in New York. This is the home base of Lucy Calkins, as well as the Teachers College, Columbia University. Mr. Greenquist's focus at the Institute was using STEAM activities in literacy; Mrs. Harpster had the opportunity to teach in a New York Public School in Brooklyn coaching teachers in Workshop; and Mrs. Retzke and Mrs. Quella's focus of their Institute was best practice within the Readers' Workshop model.

We look forward to the continued growth of our teachers and students in Workshop, as guided by Lucy Calkins. For more information about either Readers' or Writers' Workshop, please feel free to contact Mrs. Harpster at 262-495-7103 x3121.

Grant Winners

Palmyra Elementary was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Palmyra-Eagle Education Foundation. Staff members Kathy Retzke, Amy Muth and Jennifer Quella submitted the grant in an effort to create a Makerspace in the school library. The project will provide S.T.E.M. related materials for teachers to check out and utilize in their classrooms. Various kits, supplies, books, games and tools will be available for classrooms to enhance their curriculums.



Honoring Veterans

Palmyra Elementary gave thanks to veterans during their Veterans Day Program on November 10th. The event was open to all local veterans. Members of the Palmyra American Legion Post were among the honored guests. Local BSA Pack and Troop 14 members presented and retired the colors, students performed several patriotic songs, and the 4th grade classes presented the play, "War Stories". After the program, guests were invited to the library for a reception where the kindergarten class delivered handmade cards to the veterans. The annual tradition is a wonderful way for students to recognize and honor those who sacrificed for our country.

Science Immersion Day at MSOE

5th & 6th grade students at Palmyra Elementary were given the chance this fall to write a persuasive essay about why they should be chosen to participate in a workshop at Milwaukee School of Engineering (M.S.O.E.). Teachers selected the top 2 submissions from each class that were turned in on time. Those winners spent a day exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education at the college.



The group faced two challenges: to make their own zip line and to make a boat out of minimal materials. They also toured the campus and watched the Admirals Hockey team practice. Looks like a fun and educational experience!



Pumpkin Parade

Students had the opportunity to decorate, not carve, a pumpkin as one of their favorite book characters and enter them in a Character Pumpkin Parade contest. Three winners were selected and earned a gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair. The pumpkins were on display for parent teacher conferences.

The winners were: Brianna Covarrubias (Fly Guy), Sam Millis (Very Hungry Caterpillar), and Stephanie Walters (Charlotte's Web). It was a fun way to get creative and promote reading!

Bullying Prevention Program

Palmyra-Eagle Middle/High Schools adopted the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program as a means to promote positive culture within the building. The Olweus Program, developed by Dr. Dan Olweus, Ph.D., is a comprehensive approach which includes school wide, classroom, individual, and community components. It has been found to reduce bullying among students, improve the social climate of classrooms, and reduce antisocial behaviors.

International youth motivational speaker, Scott Backovich, was signed to kick-off the new program and start dialogue within the building about how student actions and/or inactions towards others truly do make a difference. He gave an engaging, humorous, yet very inspiring address by connecting with students on their level. Backovich had them laughing while still asking them to reflect on their own behaviors. After the large group assemblies, smaller groups



of students attended interactive workshops to further develop leadership skills.

Associate Principal, Nick Jones, is part of the Olweus leadership team at the building and secured Backovich as a speaker. He said, "It was by chance that I found Scott after doing a

google search for high school speakers. His name came up in the top 10 high school speakers in the country. I think the students were pretty surprised that we brought in a legit professional to speak to culture building and how to be a catalyst for change."

Freshman Draws Winning Design

Village of Eagle Police Chief Gregg Duran and Officer Frank Emanuele recently visited Palmyra-Eagle High School to reveal their department's new logo which was designed by freshman Jenna Johnson. Her design

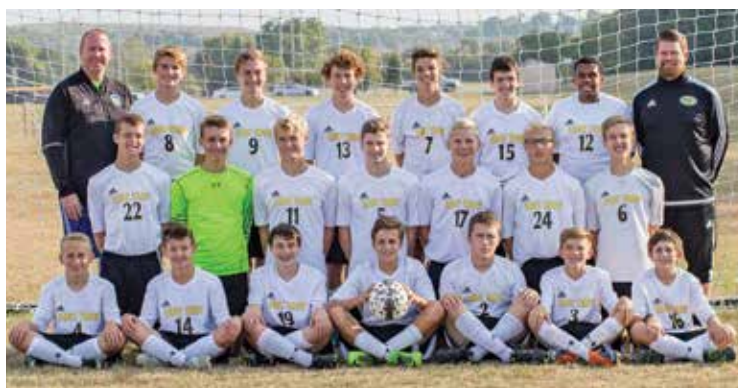
was one of nearly 30 submissions by students from Palmyra-Eagle Middle/High Schools as well as Mukwonago High School. Jenna was given a certificate of appreciation from the department and a \$50 gift card for craft supplies. Chief Duran explained that when he took the position in Eagle, he wanted to come up with a fresh new logo for the department. Jenna's incorporation of the United States flag on the eagle's wings made her hand drawn design really stand out. He stated, "We at the Village of Eagle Police Department are so proud of all of the students who participated in this design contest. I am excited to move forward with our new look." The logo will be used on letterhead, uniform patches and even on the department's newest marked vehicle.



Congratulations, Jenna!

District Adopts New Grading System

Palmyra-Eagle High School graduates of the year of 2021 and beyond will be graded and ranked with a new system. The district adopted a different platform which aims to motivate students to take more challenging courses without fear of impacting their class rank. The plan had been discussed at length for several years with the administrative team and the school board. This system will differentiate between + and - grades, eliminate class rank, and incorporate the Laude System. The Laude System recognizes students for the rigor of their classes as well as their letter grades. A laude score is calculated by multiplying a student's cumulative GPA by the number of honor points they have earned from laude courses. Designated laude courses will include honor level classes, advanced placement classes, upper level elective courses and 4th year music classes. Three levels of recognition are achieved by the laude process: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honor), Magna Cum Laude (Great Honor), Cum Laude (Honor). Principal Kari Timm hopes that, "the new policy will decrease comparison and competition among classmates solely for student rank while also giving students control."



Soccer Co-op

This was the first year that Palmyra-Eagle joined a co-op with East Troy for Boys' Soccer. The team finished 4th in the Rock Valley Conference. Panther freshman, Jacob Stroh, played for the team and had a great experience. He stated, "All the boys were very accepting of each other no matter which school you attended. Coach was rigorous but focused on player development and not always winning so I felt comfortable and improved my skills." To get more information on how to become part of the soccer co-op, please contact Coach Aaron Judd at judd.aaron12@gmail.com.

Equestrian Team Returned to State

After becoming the Division B Grand Champions in regional competition, the Palmyra-Eagle Equestrian team earned another trip to the State Competition. The team finished 5th out of 12 teams and had many outstanding performances. Way to go girls!



Record Breaking Cross Country Team

2017 quickly became the most historic and special Palmyra-Eagle Cross Country season. Every time the teams toed the line, personal, team, and school records were broken.

Far before the season began, the girls' team set the ambitious goal of taking the entire team to state, something that has not been accomplished by any cross country team in school history. The girls' team was led by senior Antonia Bartolotta. Following closely behind and supporting her each race were senior Jackie Rosa and freshman Ally Czesinski. The strong squad was rounded out by Morgan Landess, Hailey Lucht, Michaela Jones and Erin Dunn. This team ran to many strong finishes at competitions throughout the season, including winning the Lake Country Lutheran Lightning Invitational, and placing 2nd at the Jefferson Invite and the Trailways Conference Championships. Bartolotta, Rosa, Czesinski, Landess, Lucht, and Jones ran their way to All-Conference honors at the Trailways Conference Championships. The girls program was ranked by the coach's association within the top six Division 3 teams throughout the entire season. This team made their mark as they earned a coveted spot at the WIAA State Championships by being the runner-up at the Sectional Championships hosted by Lake Country Lutheran. The ultimate goal was achieved when the ladies traveled to Wisconsin Rapids to run against the

very best, placing 5th in the State to cap off this incredible season.

With the girls' team having unprecedented success, the boys' team was forced to follow suit. As a team the boys were led throughout the season by senior Tommy Schueller. Strong races at the Trailways Conference Championships earned the team a 4th place finish out of 15 teams with senior Gavin Calderon and Schueller earning All-Conference Honors. The program demonstrated its depth with the JV team placing first. The season was concluded at Sectionals as the team placed 5th ahead of Trailways Conference Champ Dodgeland.

The student-athletes cannot wait to lace up their spikes again next fall!



Panthers All-Conference

During the first full season of being part of the Trailways Conference, 18 Panthers earned All-Conference Selections. (Absent from photo Ally Czesinski and Connor Sullivan)

VOLLEYBALL

First Team: Rachel Mason
Second Team: Blair Webber, Jenna Duffy
Honorable Mention: Gina Jroff

FOOTBALL

First Team: Connor Sullivan (Def), Nate Sullivan (Def), Cade Fleishmann (Kicker)
Second Team: Morgan Carpenter (Off), Jacobey Koutsky (Off), Cade Fleischmann (Def), Lonnie Garlock (Def), Cade Fleischmann (Punter)

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)

First Team: Jackie Rosa, Antonia Bartolotta
Second Team: Ally Czesinski, Morgan Landess, Hailey Lucht
Honorable Mention: Michaela Jones

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)

Second Team: Tommy Schueller, Gavin Calderon



2017 Panther Volleyball

The 2017 Varsity Volleyball season achieved success that it had not accomplished in years and it started with the team motto: "Loud & Proud". The team was blessed with 7 seniors, 5 juniors and 2 sophomores. The Panther ladies started their season making a statement on August 23rd by winning first place medals at the Saint Francis tournament. The season continued with the team winning 5 out of 6 conference games and earning a respectable 2nd place finish in the Trailways South conference. Leading up to the conference tournament, the team put together an 11 win-7 loss record with 5 of the losses happening in tournament play. The season ended on Oct. 17th as the ladies lost a close and intense match vs Dodgeland in the first round of regional play. The conference coaches recognized and awarded 4 of our 7 nominated ladies. Rachel Mason-1st team, Blair Webber and Jenna Duffy-2nd team and Gina Jroff- Honorable Mention. The planning for 2018 has begun and the coaches are excited for our growing and pride filled program.