

THE Pink Game

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As the reality of Breast Cancer is becoming more and more prominent, many schools participate in "Pink" games. The concept behind the games are that the players on the team wear pink uniforms, pink hair ties, etc., in order to raise awareness for breast cancer. Beecher High School is one of the schools participating, having two sports raise awareness through "Pink Games". One of the sports that participates is volleyball, which has both their varsity and junior varsity play games in honor

of breast cancer awareness. This year, the game will be held on October 4, 2018 and the Beecher Ladycats will face off against the Donovan Wildcats. However, this date is currently also scheduled on the night of parent teacher conferences, so it may change. Talk to Ms. Doersam, Ms. Giddings, or one of the players for the final date. The Junior Varsity team is coached by the new physical education teacher, Ms. Giddings. This game is important to her because "it is bringing light to a great cause along with awareness of why the girl's volleyball program does pink games. It celebrates lives of

those past and present and all the work from outside foundations looking for a cure." Outside of school, Ms. Giddings also participates in the Great Strides Walk whenever she can due to the fact that her "best friend from high school has cystic fibrosis." Both the varsity and the junior varsity volleyball teams order special pink shirts with players' names and numbers to wear during the game. The players also decorate the gym with streamers and decorations. Varsity player Margaret Landis (Jr) recounts last year's game by saying that "last year's game was fun, but not very hyped up due

to our opponent. This year will be different and very exciting..." Giddings continued to say that they "do a 50/50 raffle where the proceeds go to a breast cancer foundation." She finished by saying that she will "continue to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation" and encourages both students and teachers to "participate in walk for the cure and support those in your life!" The Varsity team is coached by Ms. Doersam. The varsity team invites people they know who are currently battling or survived cancer, where they are recognized and given flowers. Also, the team has donated to the Susan G. Ko-

men foundation in the past, but are currently "looking into a foundation where all the proceeds go to the people battling." This game is important to Ms. Doersam because "it honors and remembers those who have battled with this disease. It shows the impact that it has or is having on families. It brings the community around to support them." The volleyball pink game is very important to many players, coaches, and spectators. It helps support those who have fallen victim to the disease and everyone is encouraged to come out and support!

Girls Cross-Country

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Sports Brief

The girl's cross country team has competed in three meets, so far. The girls have had 5th, 3rd, and 13th place finishes against many teams. New and old members of the team have contributed to the success the team has experienced this far. Coach Swanson says that the goal of the season is to beat rival team, Herscher. However, she said, "I'm confident we will race in Peoria in November for state, regardless if we beat Herscher."

Athlete of the month

The girl's cross country athlete of the month is Senior, Carla Snyder. Snyder's great attitude and efforts have proven to be a positive contribution to the team. Coach Swanson stated that, "She is always giving 110% and looking for ways to keep improving," and, "there is still a lot of racing left this season and I am excited to see what Carla can accomplish!"

Boys Cross-Country



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Sports Brief

The boy's cross country team has had four meets so far. With six different runners achieving their best times, Coach Smulson believes that they "will continue to improve, and will most definitely set a second personal best of the season." Coach Smulson would also like to congratulate Shawn Giggey for breaking his goal of 18 minutes for three miles.

Athlete of the month

The boy's cross country athlete of the month is Senior, Justin Janssen. Janssen who missed making it to state last year by eight seconds, has had a great start to his Senior season. With an 8th place finish at Seneca's Twilight in the Woods Invitational and a 37th place finish at the New Prairie Invitational, Coach Smulson said that "if Justin continues to train hard, his chances of making it to state this year are high."

Volleyball



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Sports Brief

The volleyball team has a current record of 9-3. With previous big wins over Wilmington, Peotone, Illiana Christian, and Grant Park, Coach Doersam and the Lady Cats are hoping to get more wins and make it out of regionals. Coach Doersam said that a major strength for the Ladycats is "coming back when we dig holes." Another strong point for the team is the serving, defense, and the front row.

Athlete of the month

The athletes of the month for volleyball are Kaylie Sippel and Margaret Landis. Junior, Margaret Landis, leads the Ladycats back row, getting balls many would deem unreachable. Coach Doersam notes how Landis' energy and communication are great assets to the Ladycats. Kaylie Sippel, also a Junior, was selected for being a key force from the serving line, setting line, and net. Sippel's excellent job of placing her serves helps lead the Ladycats to many victories.

Girls Golf



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Sports Brief

With many matches cancelled due to weather, the girl's golf team is currently 3-0. Coach Martewicz says that "the strength of the team is unity." To prepare for regionals, the team needs to be more consistent. Martewicz stated that "while a couple of players are steady, some can play well or poor depending on the day." He emphasizes the importance of the team's upcoming practices in preparation for regionals.

Athlete of the month

The athlete of the month for girl's golf is Junior, Emily Hayhurst. Hayhurst has shot the lowest score in each of the team's matches, thus far. A notable achievement for Hayhurst was shooting fifth out of seventy golfers in a weekend tournament. Coach Martewicz told of how Hayhurst is "making better contact this year" and followed by saying, "If she keeps going, another state series is very possible."

Boys Golf



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Sports Brief

The boy's golf team is currently 10-0. The team has had many successful tournaments, one being a third place finish. Coach Serafin said that the team is "showing signs of improvement, but we're still looking for much more consistency from all of our players." With regionals right around the corner, the team is looking to make improvements and improve scoring. That being said, Coach Serafin believes "we have a chance at a run in the state series."

Athlete of the month

The boy's golf athlete of the month is Junior, Eric Statsko. Coach Serafin says that Statsko's low scoring has "turned our team into a three-headed monster." Statsko, who averages around 42.9 strokes, has been a consistent scorer for the Bobcats this year. Statsko has been the team's medalist three times this season and scoring wise, has broken 40 for the first time.

Boys Soccer



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Sports Brief

The boy's soccer team has a current record of 3-9. Coach Compton says that "the team is showing improvements everyday." One of these improvements is the chemistry within the team. With these improvements, the Bobcats are looking to seal more wins and make it out of regionals. Coach Compton finishes by saying, "The team is beginning to show promise and is moving in the right direction."

Athlete of the month

The boy's soccer athlete of the month is Tyler Brody. As a Senior, Brody is currently second on the team in goals and assists. Brody shows up everyday and works hard. Coach Compton says that she is "proud of how far Brody has come these past four years."