

Polar Press



Helping Our Community

Recently, Margareta has participated in many charitable deeds including SADD helping with Project Share, as well as the recent canned food drive for Grace's Pantry of Grace Lutheran Church.

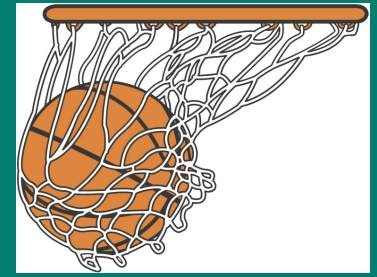
Helping the goodhearted people of Project Share was SADD's most recent activity where SADD was able to help pay for toys and clothes for a family of three, consisting of a mother and her two children. Another thing that happened at Margareta recently was the hugely successful canned food drive. When all was said and done, our very own student body came together to give between 15-18 boxes of canned goods to Grace's Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, all of which went to the less fortunate.

As for upcoming activities in February and March, SADD will be assisting with the preparation of food for transportation with the mobile food pantry OHgo to be given out to many families across Ohio. Hopefully we'll see plenty more kindhearted activity like this as we transition into the second semester of the year, where we will be back on a full five days per week schedule for, with any luck, the remainder of the year.





Girls Varsity Basketball



The Margarettta girls basketball team has been very successful the past few years. However, last season they lost some very talented seniors. There are also very talented returning letter winners and seniors this year as well. Head Coach Eric Kockendoerfer (Coach K) expects them to continue the successful tradition of Lady Bears Basketball, be leaders, and improve daily.

This season, the Lady Bears have a very tough schedule. This schedule may not come with lots of wins, however it will prepare them to win a conference championship and make it far in the tournament. Competition in the SBC is a must to get better and our team definitely has it. There are many players in the SBC that have committed to play college basketball and many players who have great coaching staffs that push them to be the best they can. There may be lots of competition, but Coach K believes that his team will be in the running for a conference championship.

This team has endured lots of difficulties and struggles regarding COVID and being quarantined. Being quarantined twice in one season makes it hard for players to build chemistry, and be properly prepared/conditioned for games. Even through these obstacles, the team continues to play like its their "Last Day" because they never know what to expect.

Coach K gave some insight on how he helps make the team so successful. Some things he does are make sure there is a strong biddy program so that players can start young and have the correct fundamentals when they come up to the high school level. He also makes sure that the players know that the coaches are there to coach them for a reason and the players need to let them coach. Lastly, the girls basketball team wouldn't be where they are today without the community, coaches, and talented players.

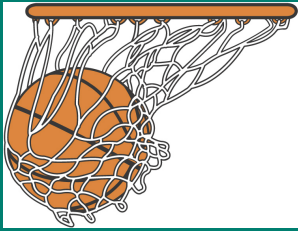


Congratulations to Elliana Schaefer for setting two school records against Port Clinton on January 29th.

Elliana broke the record of Most Points in a game with 42 and also Most 3-Pointers in a Game with 9!



Congratulations Elliana!!



Boys Basketball



In a year where the COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged through the country, it has been extremely difficult to prepare for the season. Boys Varsity basketball coach Steve Keller remarked about the 2020-21 basketball season.

While the program has not had a COVID outbreak up to this point, many other schools have had to suspend practices and quarantine for two weeks due to positive tests. Coach Keller explained how difficult it has been to prepare the team to play games. "This certainly has been a challenging year, but this pandemic is out of our control. We work hard and I certainly pray that everything works out for our players."

Usually after the season is over, teams lose a lot of talent and look to reload for the future. That is not the case for the Polar Bears, as they return plenty of talent from last year's Sectional Runner-Up team. This year's returning lettermen are: Senior-Spencer Michel; Juniors-Jake Leibacher, Nathan Schaefer, Ben Palomo; Sophomore-Cameron Sosa.

In order to prepare for the post-season tournament in March, the Polar Bears beefed up their non-conference schedule with tougher opponents. The most notable teams on the schedule are defending Firelands Conference champs Western Reserve and SBC River division contender, Tiffin Calvert. Beside the gauntlet of non-conference opponents, every conference team the Polar Bears face will be at worse a respectable team.



Congratulations Jake Leibacher!!

Single-game record-Most points scored

by an individual--45 points against

Edison on January 22, 2021

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Senior Bios



Name: Kylee Cheek

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and shopping

Siblings: Christopher Cheek, Matthew Cheek, and Cassidy Cheek

Favorite Food: Steak and loaded baked potato soup

Favorite Subject: Science

Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State Football

Favorite Teacher or Person: Mrs. Smith

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Color: Light Blue

Favorite Book: *Left Behind*

Favorite Band/Artist: Drake

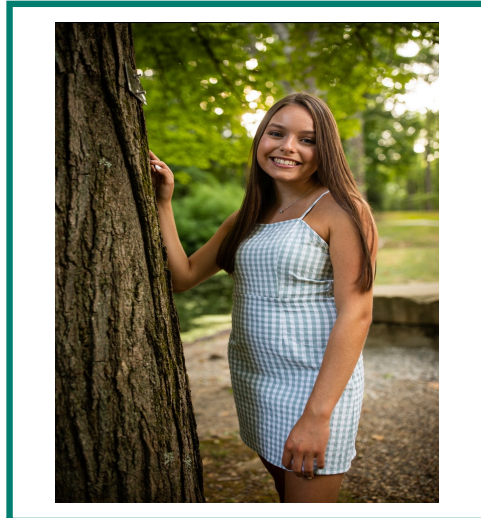
Favorite Quote: "If your dreams don't scare you, they are too small" -Richard Branson

Favorite Childhood Toy: Polly Pockets

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Going to state for track and getting 2nd place in the 4x1

Future Plans: Get Bachelor of Science in nursing and become a nurse anesthetist.



Name: Elise Kleinador

Hobbies: Golfing, listening to music, spending time with friends and family

Siblings: Grace Kleinoeder and Krista Schill

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State

Favorite Teacher or Person: Miss Comparette

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: N/A

Favorite Band/Artist: Drake

Favorite Quote: "From the concrete who knew that a flower would grow" -Aubrey Graham

Favorite Childhood Toy: Barbie

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite High School Memory: Freshman year FFA National Convention

Future Plans: Go to college and major in Marketing.



Name: Paige Dillery

Hobbies: Volleyball, Softball, and Babysitting

Siblings: Austin Dillery

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State

Favorite Teacher or Person: Miss. Comparette

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Color: Aqua

Favorite Book: *The Giver Series*

Favorite Band/Artist: Luke Combs

Favorite Quote: "Plans Change, People Change"-High School Musical 2

Favorite Childhood Toy: Polly Pockets

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite High School Memory: Junior Year Homecoming

Future Plans: Go to college for Early Childhood Education and become a kindergarten teacher.

Senior Bios



Name: Carson Kennedy

Hobbies: Golf and Baseball.

Siblings: Tallen, Kiresen, and Max

Favorite Food: Sushi

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Sports Team: Browns, Indians, Cavs

Favorite Teacher or Person: Miss. Comperette

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Book: Number the Stars

Favorite Band/Artist: Lil Baby

Favorite Quote: N/A

Favorite Childhood Toy: Legos

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: N/A

Future Plans: Go to Lake Erie College, Bowling Green, Walsh, Findlay, or Tiffin.



Name: Grant Lustig

Hobbies: Hanging with friends and watching movies

Siblings: Sarah and Logan Lustig

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Subject: Study Hall

Favorite Sports Team: Ohio State and Cleveland Browns

Favorite Teacher or Person: Uncle Brod

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: N/A

Favorite Band/Artist: Rio Da Yung OG

Favorite Quote: "You'll have that"

Favorite Childhood Toy: Hotwheels

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite High School Memory: N/A

Future Plans: Going to a trade school to become an electrician.



Name: Chase Mayle

Hobbies: Golfing, hanging out with friends

Siblings: Cole

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Browns and Cavaliers

Favorite Teacher or Person: Mr. Miller

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Book: The Giver

Favorite Band/Artist: The Kid LAROI

Favorite Quote: "Would I rather be feared or loved? Easy...I want people to be afraid of how much they love me." -Michael Scott

Favorite Childhood Toy: The Wii

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite High School Memory: Winning the SBC in golf

Future Plans: Attending the University of Toledo and major in business.



Swimming and Dive

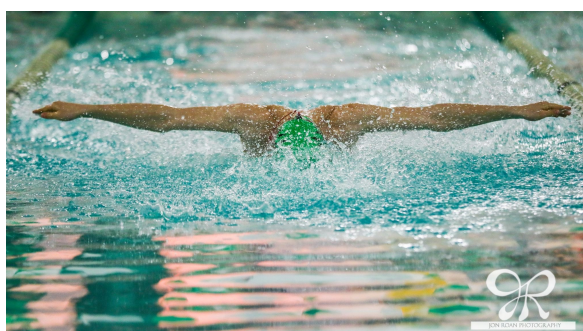


Like many other Margaretha sports, there are many differences this year compared to past years due to COVID. So far this season, many swimmers have had to quarantine. However, they still find a way to fight through all the downfalls of the year and still have effective, successful, and even fun meets, practices, and workouts with the remaining swimmers.

Varsity Coaches, Marnie Hallett-Szymanski and Christy Miller are handling the challenge of this year very well. Their team stays focused on swimming and works outside of their comfort zones to help them improve on certain things. According to the coaches, there is lots of competition in the SBC and their biggest rivals are Oak Harbor and Huron.

Seniors and returning letter winners are expected to lead the team/underclassmen, and try to stay positive while either being quarantined or watching their teammates get quarantined. Some of the seniors and returning letter winners are Josie Stark, Liz Patrick, Dalton Draper, Devyn Aceto, Kamry Gravenhorst, and last year's state participant, Lily Green.

Also, everyone on the team has to step up when needed and sometimes play roles and swim events that they may not be used to. In fact, the divers swam an event at one of the swim meets this year. Overall, through tough times and a very mentally tough season, the Margaretha varsity swimmers have to be sure to work hard and stay focused in order to be successful while competing in the SBC meet and tournaments.



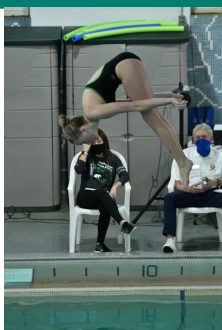
Sports for the new year are being treated differently than they were last year. Many of the coaches here at Margaretha are stepping up and taking actions to keep themselves and their athletes safe, while proceeding with their regular season.

The coach for diving is Lauren Drossman, and for the upcoming season, she has taken many precautions for all of her divers to keep them and herself safe. At the pool, each of the divers must socially distance themselves in and out of the pool to minimize the spread of germs. With being socially distanced, anyone who is in a pool area that is not on a board or in the water is required to wear a mask. Even though there are restrictions within the pool which have created a more difficult time for Lauren Drossman to coach, however, she looks optimistic for this year, and has goals for her divers.

For her returning letterwinners, she wants them to beat their personal records on their dives, and wants them to continuously work harder to improve them every time they are in practice. For the new, incoming divers, she wants them to practice to create a strong and successful list of dives, so they are able to compete in meets.

Even though Covid-19 has hit and with strict restrictions in the sport season, Drossman is still excited that it was possible for her athletes to be able to have a season in the first place.

Last year Drossman did not lose any of her divers, so all of her letter winners returned to compete this year. Many of her divers made it to the district level, and the other two made it to state. She is hoping that her athletes will be as successful as they were last year, and see if there were improvements in their previous dives.



Polar Bear Wrestling

Margaretta offers four winter sports-Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming and recently added Bowling. All of these sports have had struggles to adapt and accommodate the COVID virus this year.

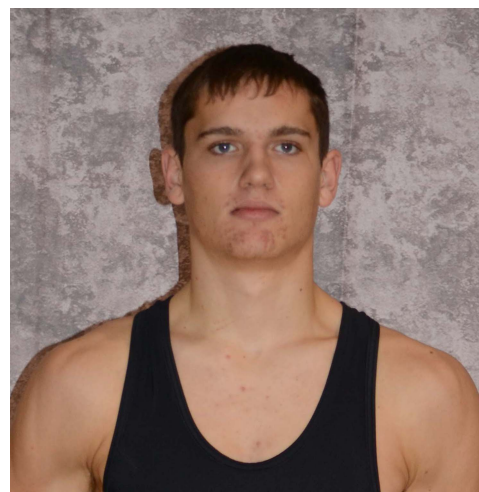
Wrestling, being the most highly contacted sport for any season, has most definitely struggled to accommodate the virus. Coach Ron Chapman said, "Numbers in wrestling are down across the state due to COVID. The biggest change is the lack of shaking hands before and after the match. This is a show of sportsmanship that has been a tradition in wrestling for decades. Another change is the constant sanitization that has been done to help prevent the spread."

Chapman talked about his team for this year. "As a team we will struggle to compete with bigger teams in the area who have put in a lot of time to improve their skills. Those wrestlers I feel have improved and continue to improve. By the end of the season, we hope that these wrestlers will peak at the right time and move on to post-season competition.

Coach Chapman's goals this year are "#1, I'd like to see us improve our team scores at the SBC tournament, #2, see at least four district qualifiers this year, #3, have at least two wrestlers to the state competition, and #4, looking to the future, more junior high who will be a great addition to the program.

This year is a special year for the program as they lost an alumni, Caleb Stockmaster, who was helping with coaching the team. "Coach Stockmaster was an inspiration to me and the other coaches. Not only did he bring so much knowledge, he was always looking at how to improve Margaretta Wrestling. It was just two months before he passed that he was sending me emails and workouts and suggestions. That proves that he never gave up and had every intention to return this season. Caleb will be missed by all."

Margaretta will rename the invitational that they host every year to the Caleb Stockmaster Invite in his memory. "Renaming our invite after him is a way to keep his spirit alive within the Margaretta Wrestling program in hopes that everyone who participates or watches the competition will see the passion Caleb had for the sport."



MARGARETTA BOWLING

WHAT'S GOING ON?



The 2021 season for the Bowling Club is shaping up to be quite interesting. After speaking to coach Audra Rooker, hopes for this season are certainly high. When discussing which key players she was excited to see return for this season, she stated that she is excited to see all of the players that are returning this year and stated that each of them bring their own uniqueness to the game. Signing up for bowling this year has its own incentives.

As Covid-19 still sweeps the nation, Audra Rooker states that if anything were to happen and another lockdown was enacted, the bowling team would have to abide by all protocols and restrictions that would be set by local businesses and the health department.

Lastly, when asked about any issues that were spotted last year that are being worked on to improve, Coach Rooker said that improving overall team morale during losing matches was one thing that needed improved. This bowling season is sure to be great here at Margarett!

This years Bowling team competed at the SBC match. Results from that are as follows:

Girls- 5th as a team

Boys-6th as a team

Individual Results:

Girls:

Mariah Fields-1st; Kaitlyn Miller-7th

Boys:

Bryan Rooker-3rd; Grant Brake-5th; Spencer Adkins-11th; Ross Patten-26th

