**Athletic Director Report to School Board**

**Monday, November 25, 2019**

*This fall has been pretty exciting for the Gorillas for 2019. The football team made it to the first round of state by beating Liberty decisively at home in a league cross-over game. They then traveled to Adna to play a very physical Adna team. Even though they lost, the team received some great experience and represented the school and community very well. I was notified by the hotel in Chehalis that our team along with cheer squad were some of the best school kids they’ve ever had stay with them.*

*The Gorilla boy’s XC team finished 9th at state this year. Every athlete on the 7 man team set personal bests at state. The boys are excited for next year and are already planning their summer workouts.*

*As you know, the girls’ soccer team won the state championships in Sumner, Washington. This is the 4th year of its existence and the girls had a great season finishing with a 17-5 overall record. The game ended in a tie in regulation and overtime. It came down to 4 kicks by each team. It was tied until the last attempt by goalie Lainey Jacobsen who won the match with her successful kick. This year’s team graduates seniors Macy Hopkins, Lainey Jacobsen, and Bev Kiefer.*

 **HS Girl’s Basketball** the girls will have their first practice with all the girls today. We anticipate about 16 girls turning out. I anticipate fielding 2 teams and hope we don’t run into grade issues or injuries. The first game for the boys and girls team is on December 3rd, Tuesday, in Medical Lake. Deer Park will be visiting Davenport on Thursday, December 5th.

 **HS Boy’s Basketball**  there are a total of 21 boys turning out for high school practice. We will be fielding a varsity and junior varsity team this year. The boys are excited and working hard in practice. The attitude is upbeat and promising for this year’s team.

 **HS Wrestling** there are between 18-21 wrestlers this season. The most we’ve had in a long time. The boys and coaches are extremely excited for the season. The team went to NIC to watch a college match and also had a team dinner already. Good chemistry being built.

 **JH Girl’s Basketball**  will be playing their sixth game of the season today in Lind. There are 0 - eighth graders playing junior high ball. We have 3 - 7th graders and 10 - 6th graders playing. They are like the mighty midgets out there but have huge hearts. They will definitely make some noise when they get to high school.

 **Winter Cheer** there are a total of 7 winter cheerleaders this season. They will cheer for wrestling and basketball. Lacy is doing a remarkable job this year.

 **JH Wrestling** there are 11 boys turning out for the team this year. There first match of the season is tomorrow, Tuesday, in Liberty.

**JH Boy’s Basketball** the boys have not started this year yet. The girls will finish December 10th and the wrestling team will finish December 16th. The coaches told me they are thinking of holding some optional practices over winter vacation to prepare them for their first game of the season on Tuesday, January 21st.

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