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2008 – 2009 Activities Review – Olympia High School and Olympia Middle School

Every effort has been made to make this review as inclusive as possible. I apologize in advance for any omission to this list. Thank you.

FALL 2008

Olympia High School

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS): The boys finished an impressive third in the Corn Belt Conference and qualified for the IHSA Class A State. Senior Brian Petersen earned All-State distinction as a result of his top 20 finish at the meet.

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS): A very young Varsity squad finished fourth in the Corn Belt Conference and qualified for the IHSA Sectional meet.

DRAMA: The fall play *Our Town* played two well-received performances. Over 35 students were involved with the production.

FFA: The Olympia FFA Chapter increased membership to 74. The Horse Judging Team placed 1st place at the Section 9 Contest. 12 students with advisor Matt Nordstrom attended the National Convention in Indianapolis.

FOOTBALL: The Varsity football team finished the year with a 1 – 8 record. Senior Alex Freshour was named to the first team All Corn Belt Conference and was named a member of the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association's Academic First Team. The Sophomores were 2 – 7 while the Freshmen team finished the year at 3 – 6.

GOLF (BOYS): The young team finished with a 4 – 12 record and an eighth place finish in the Corn Belt Conference.

GOLF (GIRLS): The team finished with a dual record of 7 – 6. They finished sixth in the Corn Belt Conference. Sophomore Lindsey Schultz qualified for the IHSA Sectional Tournament.

MARCHING SPARTANS: The band marched in five competitions amassing numerous awards. The highlight of the year was the trip to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee where they won a total of seven various awards.

MUSIC: Illinois Music Educators Association held auditions for Honor Chorus, seventeen Olympia High School students participated and four were accepted into the Division Honors Chorus. Representing Olympia were Rudy Litwiller, Rachel Park, Megan Runyard and Tiffany Tackett.

SOCCER (BOYS): Boys Soccer finished their initial Varsity season with a record of 6 – 6 – 6. The team was eliminated in the first round of the IHSA Regional Tournament.

SWIMMING (GIRLS): The Girls Swim team finished the season with a 2 – 10 – 1 record in dual meets.

VOLLEYBALL: The team finished the season in 3rd place in the Corn Belt Conference sporting a 25 – 8 overall record. The team captured Olympia's first IHSA Regional title since 2000. Melissa Phillips and Kami Carpenter were named to the 1st team All-Conference team. The Sophomores finished the season with a 12 – 15 record, while the Freshmen were 15 – 11.

Olympia Middle School

BASEBALL: The 8th Grade team finished with a 14 – 6 record, losing in the championship game of the IESA Regional to eventual state champion Normal Parkside. The 6th/7th graders finished at 7 – 2.

CROSS COUNTRY: Both the boys and girls teams experienced very successful seasons. The boys were second place at the IESA Sectional and qualified for the state meet. Eighth grader Ryan Van Dyke won the Sectional and finished seventh in state, while Travis Melick was 39th and sixth grader Connor Stine was 48th.

SOFTBALL: The A Team finished the season with a 32 – 9 record losing in the championship of the IESA Regional. The B Team ended at 4 – 6.

WINTER 2008-2009

Olympia High School

BASKETBALL (BOYS): The Boys Varsity established a school record for victories, posting a 27 – 4 record. The boys won the Corn Belt Conference, Olympia Thanksgiving Classic, Regional and Sectionals and finished in the Elite Eight of the IHSA Class 2A Basketball Tournament. Senior Matt Frahm established a school record for points scored in a career and was named to the IBCA All State Second Team. Matt and teammate Brady Cremeens were All Corn Belt Conference 1st Team. Head Coach Gerry Thornton was named district high school Coach of the Year. The Sophomores finished the season at 13 – 13 while the Freshmen were 9 – 11.

BASKETBALL (GIRLS): The Varsity finished with an 11 – 15 record with a fifth place finish in the Corn Belt Conference at 5 – 9. The Junior Varsity team finished at 2 -

19. Senior Courtney Martin was first team All Corn Belt Conference and became the all-time leading scorer in Olympia Girls Basketball history.

CHESS: The Chess Team finished the season with a 7 – 20 record.

FFA: The Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team earned 2nd place at the Section Contest and advanced to the District. Greenhand Parliamentary earned 1st place at the Section contest. Wade Springer and Megan Ott each won 1st place in their area for Record Books at the Proficiency Awards Section Contest. Megan won 3rd place at State for her record book in Home and Community Development. Freshmen Kali Hartzold won the Section 9 Public Speaking Contest.

MADRIGALS: The annual Madrigal Dinner featured over 100 students in various roles to two well-attended performances.

MUSIC: The combined choruses of Olympia High School presented the Faure Requim accompanied by a string and brass ensemble at the Winter Concert. In March, the Chorus participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association Conference at Olympia High School. Rachel Park and Tiffany Tackett were named to the All-State Chorus. Band and Chorus students participated in the IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest and received 17 Division I Ratings and 8 Division II Ratings.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL: The team finished the season with a disappointing 2 – 17 record losing in the first round of the IHSA Regional.

SPEECH: The team had a very successful season highlighted by a third place finish in both Regionals and Sectionals. The team finished 33rd in the IHSA State Speech Tournament. The following students earned state places:

- Rian Wilson – 12th (Poetry)
- Jason Beach and Ryan Wilson – 16th (HDA)
- Lauren Parmenter and Mark Koester – 17th (DDA)
- Mark Koester – 17th (DEC)
- Lauren Parmenter – 17th (RS)

The Performance In the Round won the Regional and was second at Sectional. Senior Rian Wilson ended the year with the most points, setting a school record for most points earned by an individual in a season.

SWIMMING (BOYS): The boys established a school record mark of 14 wins, finishing the season with a 14 – 4 record.

WYSE (WORLDWIDE YOUTH in SCIENCE and ENGINEERING): Olympia High School placed three in Regionals; Aaron Springer 1st in Computer Science, Tim Westerfield 1st in Engineering Graphics, and Tanner Israel 2nd in Biology. Aaron Springer placed 1st at Sectionals and 4th in the State.

Olympia Middle School

BASKETBALL (BOYS): The 8th grade team finished the year with a 12 – 9 record while the 7th graders were. Both teams were eliminated early in their IESA Regionals.

DRAMA: OMS students had five showings, two public and three shows for Olympia elementary students, of Tim Kelley's *Robin Hood*. Twenty-eight OMS students participated in this activity.

LITERARY: Olympia Middle School hosted the District IESA Literary Contest. OMS students earned 18 first place medals and two second place awards.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL: The squad finished the season with a 4 – 5 dual meet record, losing in the first round of the IESA Regional Tournament.

VOLLEYBALL: The 7th graders finished the season at 13-12, while the 8th graders were 19-6, losing in the regional championship to state-finalist Bloomington Junior High School.

WRESTLING: The team finished the season with a 13 - 16 dual meet record. The highlight of the season was a 4th place finish at the difficult Orion Junior High School Invitational and our own Olympia Invitational. The team also captured the Tremont Team Tournament. 8th graders Ray Bukowski and Richard Jones advanced through Regionals and Sectionals to the IESA State Meet in DeKalb.

SPRING 2009

Olympia High School

BASEBALL: The Olympia High School Varsity Baseball Team repeated as the IHSA Class 2 A Baseball champion. The championship, the first back-to-back championship in 50 years, was Olympia's third in the decade. The team finished the season at 30 – 7. The Spartans won the Corn Belt Conference placing two players, Matt Frahm and Matt Flynn, on the all-conference 1st team. Logan Leesman, Jordan Gaither, and Chase Hailine were 2nd team selections. The Sophomore team finished the year at 20 – 7 while the Freshmen were 10 – 3.

Olympia Varsity Head Coach Ron Smith was inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of fame in February.

DRAMA: The Contest Play were Sectional Champions and finished 11th at the IHSA competition. The Group Interpretation production was second at Sectionals and did not advance beyond the preliminary round at state. Senior Jason Beach and Junior Sara Shifflet were IHSA All-State Cast Members.

The Drama Department's spring musical was *The Sound of Music*. The three performances of the play were well-received.

FFA: Superintendent Brad Hutchison received an Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. The Dairy Judging team earned 2nd place at the Section Contest. Senior Morgan Ott was elected as the 2009 – 2010 Section 9 President. A new sign will be placed at the Ag Plot in memory of former FFA member Tom Wellenreiter.

MUSIC: The Concert Band received Division I ranking from all judges at the IHSA Organizational Contest. Four seniors were nominated to participate in the Bradley University Honor Band. Elizabeth Alberts, Jaleesa Davis, Shelby Hawkins and Kelsey Holt were selected to participate.

SOCCER (GIRLS): The girls finished the initial Varsity season with a 1-17 record and were eliminated in the first round of the IHSA Regional.

SOFTBALL: The Olympia High School Girls Varsity Softball won the IHSA Class 2 A State Championship for the school's third championship of the decade, going along with two state runner-ups during the period. The final record of 37 – 2 included another Corn Belt Conference championship, their 7th title of this decade. At the time of this report, the all-conference team has not been released. The Sophomore team finished the season with a record of 21 – 6.

TRACK (BOYS): The Olympia Boys Track Team had an amazing season capturing 3rd place in the IHSA Class A Meet held in Charleston in late May. The team won the IHSA Class A Tremont Sectional Meet and qualified four relays and nine individuals for state. The team also placed third at the rugged Corn Belt Conference and won numerous titles throughout the season. Six school records were established this season:

- 100m Dash – Brett Watts
- Pole Vault – Alex Freshour
- Triple Jump – Alex Freshour
- 4 x 100m Relay – Aaron Frazier, Alex Freshour, Travis McDannald, and Brett Watts
- 4 x 200m Relay – Aaron Frazier, Colton Grieder, Travis McDannald, and Brett Watts
- 4 x 400m Relay – Jason Beach, Alex Freshour, Travis McDannald, and Aaron Springer

TRACK (GIRLS): The girls team experienced a successful season highlighted by a championship performance at the Olympia Co-Ed Relays. The team also had second place finishes at Tolono-Unity, Mahomet, and the Class A Tri-Valley Sectional. The 4 x 100m Relay team of Jordan Brown, Lyndsay Morr, Marissa Rader, and Elizabeth Wigginton set a new school record and placed 7th in the IHSA State Meet.

Olympia Middle School

TRACK: The track team had record numbers this season and experienced a great deal of successes. 8th grader Ricky McKown was named the Outstanding Athlete at the 22nd Annual Canton Invitational and placed 6th in the IESA State Meet establishing a school record in the 110m. hurdles. 8th grader Tyler Ginger was 5th at State in the pole vault. Also, two of our 6th graders recorded high finishes at the 7th Grade IESA State; Grant Ross 10th in the pole vault and Connor Stine 11th in the 800m.