

THE FULL CURL



Monroe Catholic Rams' Athletics

Announcements

- The varsity basketball game scheduled for Sat. with North Pole has been moved to Feb. 28th, allowing all varsity basketball players to attend the state hockey championship game.
- We are still looking for someone interested in running the score clock for home basketball games. We really need to find an assistant for Coach Ribar, who is more than willing to train anyone interested.

Kudos

- Congrats to Marian Nelson and Maya Pelayo who were named to the girls' all tournament team at the Tri-Valley Basketball Tournament.
- Congrats to Yodiel Ortiz and Gabe Silas for being named to the boys' all tournament team at the Tri-Valley Basketball Tournament.



Dear Parents:

Welcome to week twenty one of The Full Curl.

The list of extraordinary events the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks Community has pulled off in my time is long and distinguished. Nobody does a better job of running an event and doing so in a manner that makes the student athletes involved feel special. Whether it is a regional basketball or regional volleyball tournament or putting together everything to run the Mt. McKinley Bank Classic or Cosmo Fantazzi Memorial basketball tournaments, everyone who participates can feel the warmth of our community.

This week we will take our first crack at running a state hockey tournament starting Thursday night at the Big Dipper. This will not only provide the opportunity to see our amazing community up close, but also witness our hockey team, which has been nothing short of amazing over the past two years.

What does an athletics director do when he has to put on a state championship event? He calls Michelle Michel and Martina Coiley and enlists their help. Then, these two young ladies enlist the help of the Community and we get it done. What will our Community be doing to ensure this event is the best it can be? Well, running the hospitality room, putting on a luncheon for all players, coaches and administrators, creating the program (kudos

Last Week's Recap

- The Monroe Catholic Girls' Varsity Basketball Team had an extraordinary last three weeks, winning eight straight games, including the championship of the Dean Cummings Tournament. The girls saw their streak snapped on Saturday in Galena.
- The Monroe Catholic Boys' Varsity Basketball Team also won the Dean Cummings Basketball Tournament and improved to 14-0 with road wins over Galena this past weekend.
- The Monroe Catholic Boys' and Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Teams represent the school well in Tri Valley.
- The Rams' Hockey Team lost a close battle with Dimond two weeks ago, 4-3, and then traveled down to the Valley where they lost to Colony, defeated Palmer and tied Houston.

to you, Erika Swanson), making sure the event is announced and forming committees to select the players of the game and the all tournament team.

I also want to acknowledge Head Coach Shawn Lundgren, who approached me months ago, making sure I was prepared to treat this tournament with the same respect all state tournaments should be - with great reverence for the student athletes who get to play. Most coaches would be concerned with simply coaching their team - not Coach Lundgren, who has gone above and beyond working for his players and parents. I feel as if we have accomplished this, which is a credit to all of you who are involved.

The product on the ice should be as exceptional as the event itself. Small school hockey has a rich tradition and our conference is the centerpiece for this tradition. Though the number of teams in our conference has dwindled, the quality of hockey remains as high as ever. If you have taken the time to watch our Rams play, you surely know what I mean. It's hard to believe, nine years ago, when I arrived at Monroe, we were the worst team in the state. However, due to the efforts of Coach Haman and now Coach Lundgren, along with the efforts of our players and parents, here we are clearly the best team in town and competing statewide.

Not only is this an excellent team from a skill standpoint, these young men do not get enough credit for their behavior off the ice. Consider a recent phone call from Evangelo's Restaurant in Wasilla. It seems the server wanted to compliment Coach Lundgren and the team for their outstanding behavior. Coach Lundgren was the most professional and polite hockey coach she has ever had the pleasure to serve in 20 years and you would never know there were 16 teenagers in the restaurant, they were so well behaved. She wanted to make sure we knew what a great compliment they all are to our school. As an athletics director, phone calls like this are a pleasure and lend validity to the job we are doing with the student athletes we work with. I could not have been more proud.

Please consider taking the time to come out and support this team and all of the teams who will be participating in the Greatland Hockey State Championships this weekend. I am confident you will not be disappointed.

You can follow all Monroe sports events by following me on Twitter. My handle is @thefullcurl. We are currently up to 225 followers!

MCHS Sports Trivia

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Please tell me who is the last state champion track athlete to compete at Monroe.

RULES

To win the trivia contest, you must give me the answer IN PERSON. Emails, texts and phone calls will not suffice! Remember, only one guess per household. The first person to correctly answer the trivia question will win an MCHS T-shirt.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Kyle Coiley was the only person to correctly identify Jalon McCullough as the last boys' player to reach 1,000 points and Tyler Wells as the player prior to him. Kudos to Mrs. Eidenmiller for a great effort.

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The spouse of the Director of Athletics, parents and STAFF who work directly inside CSF are not eligible for participation in The Full Curl trivia competition for 24 hours after the emailing of The Full Curl.

This Week in Monroe Catholic Sports

Hockey

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| Fri. Feb. 3rd | 7:30 | State Tourney | Big Dipper |
| *Sat. Feb. 4th | 7:45 | State Tourney | Big Dipper |

***This is the game time should we win on Friday, which expect us to**

High School Girls' Basketball

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| *Thu. Feb. 2nd | 3pm | Wasilla | N. Pole |
| *Fri. Feb. 3rd | 3pm | Delta | N. Pole |
| *Sat. Feb. 4th | 2pm | N. Pole | N. Pole |

High School Boys' Basketball

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| *Thu. Feb. 2nd | 4:30pm | Wasilla | N. Pole |
| *Fri. Feb. 3rd | 4:30pm | Delta | N. Pole |
| *Sat. Feb. 4th | 3:30pm | N. Pole | N. Pole |

*JV Tournament