

Welcoming Winter Sports

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New coaches, new varsity players, and young skilled teams describe winter sports.

The boys basketball season kicked off going 3-3 and beating Center Grove (73-70) and Greenwood Christian Academy (52-42) in the first two games of the season. Junior Parker Doolin was picked by his team to be a captain alongside seniors Ethan King and Isaac O'Neal. O'Neal has led the team in scoring so far this season.

"I feel amazing knowing that the coaches and my teammates have trust in me. I can lead the team by just always getting on people if they don't do something right and guide them the right way," Doolin said.

The Lady Woodmen's basketball season is not going as expected, starting off 0-9. Senior Emma Gardner leads most of the stats and is also a team leader.

"Right now, we're working on playing more as a unit and less as individual players and building up our connections and chemistry, and we're also focusing on defense," Gardner said.

There have been changes to the wrestling coaching staff. Former boys wrestling coach, Mr. Jay Yates, is now coaching the girls wrestling team. Coach Ross Powell stepped in to coach the boys team.

"In my eyes and what has been seen from the two recent tournaments we have had, Coach Powell has done a great job with the incoming freshmen along with making sure the newcomers to the sport are ready to compete when season starts to kick off," sophomore Keagan Murry said.

The girls and boys swim team are expected to have great seasons. Sophomore Emmanuel Jackson holds several GMS records and is on pace to set records at GHS, too.

"The upcoming season is looking great, and it is going to be awesome. We haven't lost a medley relay yet, and we are looking to place Top 3 in Sectionals," Jackson said.

Senior Eleanor Guipe is heading into her last year with the girls swim team and wants to go out with a bang.

"My personal goal is to beat my freshman time in the 100 yard breaststroke. Another one of my goals is to place in the Top 5 at Sectionals," she said.



Senior Jordan Jewell takes down his opponent. Jewell plans to wrestle at Manchester University. Olivia Ford photo



Sophomore Maria Mears swims the 100 yard butterfly. GHS competed against Indian Creek and Whiteland. Ellie Hockersmith photo



Junior Zaire Gillis drives in for a layup. The Lady Woodmen played Indian Creek. Paige Glynn photo



Senior Ethan King dribbles the ball up the court. King is a captain of the boys basketball team. Aubrey Costelow photo



Junior Lilly Roell pins her Center Grove opponent. Roell is a two sport athlete, wrestling in the winter and running track in the spring. Keyara Johnson photo



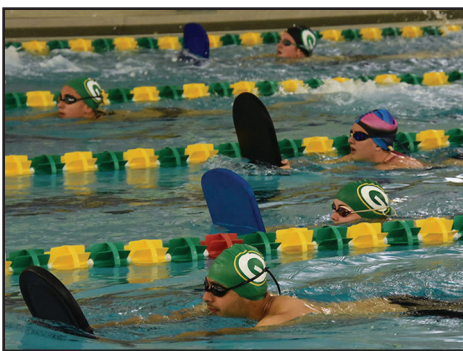
Freshman Brayden Mink engages with his opponent to open the match. GHS faced George Washington High School on Dec. 12. Olivia Ford photo



Senior Isaac O'Neal drives against New Palestine's defense. O'Neal scored 18 points during the Saturday night game. Keyara Johnson photo



Junior Parker Doolin dunks the ball at Center Grove. The Woodmen beat the Trojans in a physical game, 73-70. Aubrey Costelow photo



The swim team works on kicking at practice. They practice before and after school. Olivia Ford photo



Senior Keyara Johnson directs the offense. Johnson has played basketball since 4th grade. Max Flowers photo



Freshman Addisen Stephenson wrestles against Center Grove wrestler. Stephenson went 2-0 for the night. Keyara Johnson photo



Senior Emma Gardner plays defense against Martinsville. Gardner had 8 points during the game. Paige Glynn photo



Junior Jackson Frahm wins his match. Frahm has been wrestling for 12 years. Olivia Ford photo



Freshman Griffin Kroll competes in the breaststroke. Kroll's top events are the 50 and 100 yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Audree Ferguson photo