

# RAIDERS REPORT

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The local newsletter featuring Hastings High School athletics.  
Connecting, informing, & celebrating HHS student-athletes & programs.

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## FALL SPORTS REVIEW

It was a rewarding season for the 361 student-athletes that participated in a fall sport at HHS! Highlights include:

- HHS hosted 122 different home games on 40 different dates.
- Average team GPA of 3.55 and multi-sport athlete rate of 53%.
- Girls swim & dive was undefeated, MEC champions; their 7th consecutive MEC title & fourth consecutive undefeated. They advanced swimmers to the finals in all 12 events in Section 3AA: four individuals & 3 relays made it to state. Ava McNamara broke 2 school records & was 2nd at state in the 100 fly.
- Girls' tennis earned the #2 seed out of 16 teams in the section playoffs and hosted a quarterfinal round at home.
- Football earned the #2 seed in Section 3AAAAA, winning a home semifinal playoff game and finishing section runner-up.
- Dana Strain was voted Suburban Maroon District Football Coach of the Year.
- Bella Meier finished her HHS career as the girls soccer all-time leading scorer in school history.
- Ty Bushinski was named Academic All State in Cross Country.
- Five student-athletes earned a collegiate athletic scholarship and signed a National Letter of Intent on November 10; Kendal Jenkins (softb), Bella Meier (socc), Lilly Nuytten (bkbll), Jackson Schaffer (baseb), Maggie Schlottman (bkblll)
- Each HHS fall sport had a "partner" program they supported directly. In a cool, new tradition players and coaches from one sport attended the other sport as a large group. Football/soccer, cross country/girls swim, volleyball/girls tennis each showed up for each other to cheer, rally, and support their cross-sport peers.

## OFFICIALS & EVENT STAFF SHORTAGE



High school athletics are struggling with the lowest rate of officials and event staff in years. Games are being moved to non-traditional nights and different start times. Facilities are operating with limited entry or a change in protocols. Without referees and event staff, our kids and teams simply can't have games and competitions.

Traditionally we've been blessed with an incredibly supportive local community. Raiders fans respect referees & are cordial to ticket takers. Local supporters also step forward to serve in areas that interest them like running a scoreboard or being a PA announcer.

It's more important than ever to act with class at Raiders events. Please show respect and be patient with officials and event staff. Even better, consider taking on a role yourselves in your favorite sport. Thank you!

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# CHARACTER COMMUNITY COMPETITION

## FACILITIES PROJECTS

ISD 200 continues to make strategic investments to repair and refurbish athletic facilities. Recently these have included major renovations to McNamara Stadium/Todd Field (synthetic turf, paved parking lot, new sound system, restrooms), HHS tennis courts (first complete rebuild of the sublayer and install of new surface in over 20 years), the addition of a paved parking lot at the northwest corner of the outdoor athletic fields, install of a new track surface, and drain tile projects at the both HHS softball and baseball fields.



## "RAIDERS ON THE RECORD" PODCAST - NEW EPISODES

Fall 2021 marks "Season 2" of the Raiders on the Record podcast. This podcast tells the stories of Raiders sports, featuring the athletes, coaches, alumni, and community experts in the Raider Nation network. Hosted by Head Coach Tim Haneberg and AD Trent Hanson, new episodes launch weekly. 11 new interviews have posted just this fall. Since winter 2020, Raiders on the Record has gone live with over 30 different episodes from guests representing every sport and season. Find the podcast on your favorite platforms, including Spotify, Apple, and YouTube. Click [HERE](#) to access the Spotify channel. Click [HERE](#) to access the YouTube channel.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITMENT

The purpose of HHS athletics is to provide diverse sports opportunities that develop **CHARACTER** and **COMMUNITY**.

We plan, practice, and play to win. That is our **goal**. As education-based activities however, our **purpose** is much larger and goes far beyond the scoreboard. We aim to develop the whole person and create a place of belonging for student-athletes. A huge action step in that direction is coordinating community service activities for student-athletes and sports teams.

This fall, all eight HHS sports programs participated in some form of collaborative community service. Raiders athletes and coaches contributed a total of **275 hours of service to four different events**. Partnering with the Rotary Club, City of Hastings, Community Education and United Way, HHS teams stepped up at the Rivertown Live concert, Halloween events, and more.

Keep an eye out for Raiders sports out supporting the Hastings community. Let the athletic office know if you, your organization, or business can use their help. GO RAIDERS!