

# 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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## WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

- It was a rewarding season for the 296 student-athletes that participated in a winter sport at HHS! Highlights include:
- Average team GPA of 3.35 and multi-sport athlete rate of 57%.
  - Five sports finished in the top 3 in the MEC - gymnastics, boys hockey, boys nordic ski, boys swim/dive (2nd), wrestling (2nd)
  - Boys Alpine Ski was Section 4 team champions and qualified for the MSHSL state meet. Jackson Reents was the individual section champion, Aaron Herber 2nd place, and Cole Caturia 8th.
  - 3 skiers qualified as individual competitors for the MSHSL state meet; Josiah Trost in Nordic, Abby Pelava & Katie Nowak in alpine.
  - Wrestling was Section 3 team champions and qualified for the MSHSL state meet, marking their 3rd consecutive section title and fifth in the last six years. 11 different boys qualified for the individual state tournament (out of 14 weight classes). Six of the 11 were section champions, five were runner-up, and 3 were all-state.
  - HHS hosted the first-ever girls wrestling section championships, in which six Raiders wrestlers competed. Two qualified for the MSHSL state meet in two different weight classes; Skylar Little Soldier (1st Place) and Alisha Brown (2nd place). Both were also all-state.
  - Blake Beissel & Skylar Little Soldier were individual STATE CHAMPIONS in wrestling.
  - Kendal Jenkins and John Chorlton were named the 2022 Athena & Apollo winners, respectively, as the outstanding senior athletes.
  - Emma McLay, Eddie Peine (ExCEL) and Megan Brown and Ben Witt (Triple A) were recipients of MSHSL awards.
  - Tim Haneberg & Josh McLay were named Region 3AAA Head and Assistant Coach of the Year.
  - Trent Hanson was named Region 1AA Athletic Director of the Year.

## JOHN DEWALL



The 2021-22 school year is John Dewall's final year as a Raiders athletic coach. (pictured far left). John has been the nordic ski coach at HHS in particular for an incredible **40 YEARS!** He has been a three-sport coach here for over three decades, including the head cross country coach for 25 years, and assistant track and field for 35 years.

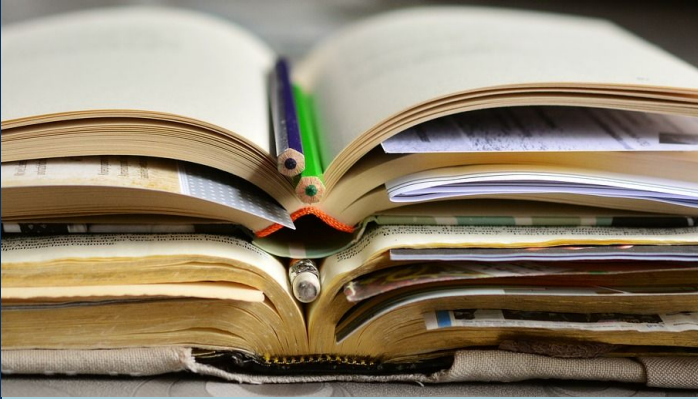
John is a legend in the cross country and nordic circuits in particular - and is an awesome mentor to athletes and coaches here at HHS and across the state. Kudos and thank you to John for his exemplary leadership! We will miss you Coach!

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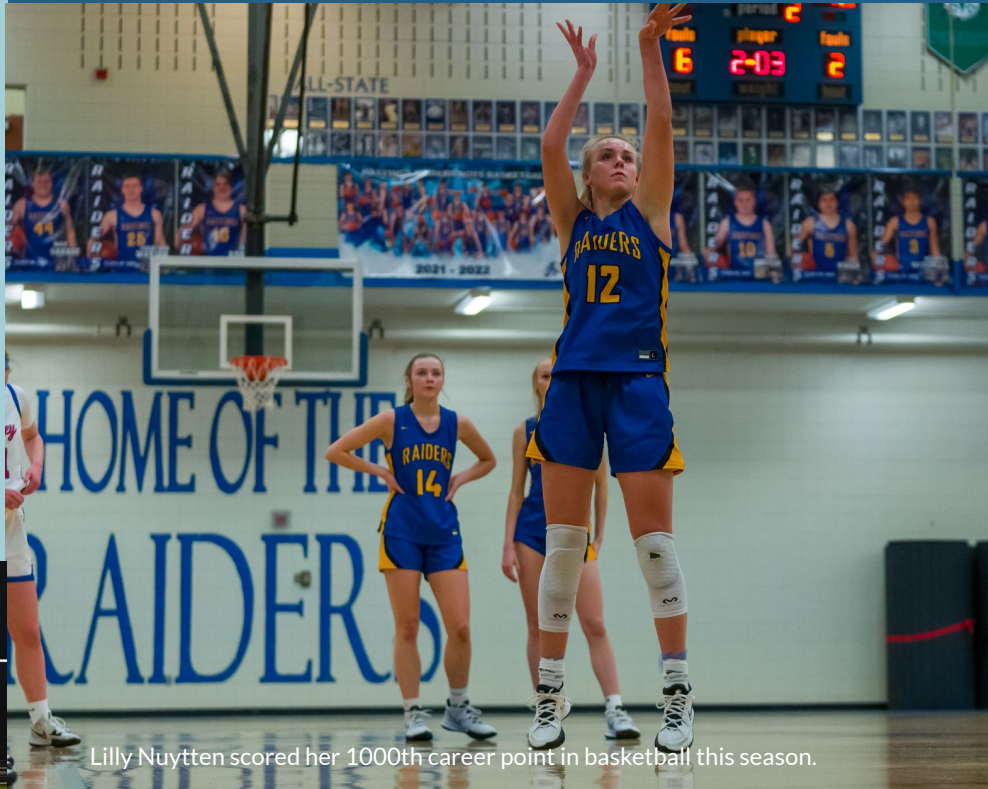
# CHARACTER COMMUNITY COMPETITION

## COACHES BOOK STUDY

Twice yearly, select athletic coaches participate in optional an optional book study. Since 2016, Raiders coaches have participated in 11 different book studies by a variety of authors and leaders.

In the late fall of 2021 this year, 17 different coaches read "The Twin Thieves" by Steve Jones and Lucas Jadin.

Coaches met in person on two separate occasions to discuss take-aways and ideas. Book study participation reinforces our commitment to professional development, collaboration, and a culture of high character.



Lilly Nuytten scored her 1000th career point in basketball this season.



## HUDL TECHNOLOGY

HHS athletics continues to leverage innovative technology for athlete and team development. 11 different sports programs across all three sport seasons currently use HUDL technology to record practices and games. Coaches can then edit and add voice or drawings to the all-digital video for instructional purposes. Video can be sorted and clipped by offense or defense, by play, by situation, or even by individual player.

We have permanently installed "HUDL Focus" cameras at both McNamara Stadium and the HHS field house. Other sports use portable cameras to record and then upload their video to be used as a teaching tool.

## HOME GAME EVENT RECOGNITION

The purpose of HHS athletics is to provide diverse sports opportunities that develop **CHARACTER** and **COMMUNITY**. In terms of community, we have an incredible local event staff that support our Raiders student-athletes. To date in the fall and winter seasons, HHS has hosted an incredible **277 different games on 88 different dates**. It certainly takes a village of event staff to make this happen. We honor and thank our custodians, officials, site managers, ticket takers, scoreboard operators, scorebook keepers, supervisors, athletic office staff, off-campus sites and other volunteers for all that they do to create an awesome home game environment. We look forward to an exciting spring season of games yet to come! **GO RAIDERS**