

**Athletic Director Report**  
**April 21, 2026**

Spring seasons are in full swing! The varsity softball team is currently 5-9 with some big wins over Chester and Belleville West. They have been working hard to overcome the struggles of having a small roster, but they have shown true grit in beating some very talented teams and just coming up short against a couple of conference teams. They head into their final week of conference play with a road game at Valmeyer on April 28 and a home game against Valmeyer on April 30. We will celebrate Senior night on May 12 with a night game against Gibault (7:00 pm).

The JH track team has had some solid performances at their last few meets. The coaches pushed a bunch of kids into multiple events and put them out of their comfort zone but they responded very well at the Columbia meet back on March 31. We were invited to attend the first ever meet on Millstadt's brand new track where we fought the blustering wind. Then, at the Red Bud Royal Invite on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the girls' team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, missing 3<sup>rd</sup> by just three points and the boys' team placed 6<sup>th</sup> place. They will celebrate their 8<sup>th</sup> grade night tomorrow, April 23 at their final home meet.

The HS track team also has had some strong performances. Most recently they showed up to the Staunton Invite without most of our seniors (they were enjoying their senior trip) but still dominated in their events. A special shout out to Keith West for his 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Illinois Top Times Indoor State Finals in triple jump. Also, two new Dupo High School records have been broken by Braxton Barnett! He broke the 87 year old school record set by Roy LaRose in the shot put (he threw 52ft 10.5 inches) at the Pinckneyville Invite on April 10. He then broke Bryce Chadduck's discus record at the Staunton Invite just seven days later (he threw 52.7 meters). The HS Track senior night will be April 27 after field events (around 5:30 pm assuming the storms stay away). If weather becomes an issue, we will postpone the meet until Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.