



NEW BUFFALO ATHLETICS

- A Year in review : 2025-2026

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Participation

2016-2017 -139/209 student athletes (67%)

- 71 G, 68 B -1 sport – 75(54%) -2 sport – 42 (30%) -3 sport – 22 (16%)

2017-2018 - 129/193 student athletes (67%)

-62 G, 67 B -1 sport -63 (49%) -2 sport – 39 (28%) -3 sport – 27 (21%)

2018-2019 – 122/178 student athletes (69 %)

- 60 G, 62 B -1 sport – 53 (43%) -2 sport – 40 (33%) -3 sport – 29 (24%)

2020-2021 – 121/182 student athletes (66%)

-60 G, 61 B -1 sport – 52(43%) -2 sport - 51 (42%) -3 sport – 18 (15%)

Participation ctd

2021-2022 – 122/**181** 67%

-62 G, 60 B

- 53% 1 sport
- 36% 2 sport
- 11% 3 sport

2024-2025 119/173 69%

54 G, 65 B

- 44.5% 1 sport
- 34% 2 sport
- 21% 3 sport

(25 students)

2022-2023 – 114/**178** – 64%

58 G, 56 B

- 44% 1 sport
- 44% 2 sport
- 12% 3 sport

2025-2026 109/168 65%

48 G, 61 B

- 47% 1 sport
- 36% 2 sport
- 17% 3 sport

2023-2024 – 112/**166** – 67%

49 G, 63 B

- 41% - 1 sport
- 43% - 2 sport
- 16% - 3 sport

Sports

Sport Offerings:

Fall:

B/G Cross Country

JV/V Football(co-op)

Boys Soccer

Girls Swim and Dive (co-op)

Boys Tennis (co-op)

JV/V Volleyball (co-op)

MS B/G Cross Country

MS Football (co-op)

MS co-ed Soccer

6/7/8 Volleyball

Sports, continued

Winter:

Boys Fresh/JV/Basketball

Boys 7/8 Basketball

Girls JV/V Basketball(co-op)

Girls 7/8 Basketball

HS Cheer (no participants)

MS Cheer, (no participants)

Var Boys Swim/Dive (co-op)
(no participants)

Var wrestling (co-op)

MS wrestling (co-op)

Sports, continued

Spring:

Softball(Co-op)

Golf(co-op)

Girls Soccer (co-op)

Baseball (co-op) HS Track (co-op)

JV Baseball(co-op) MS Track

Girls Tennis

Coaches - onboarding

- Once approved by School Board AD meets individually to go over start up responsibilities (CAP training, CPR, sign-ups, basic MHSAA responsibilities, practices, parent/player meetings, etc..
- Pre-season sports meetings
- continual dialogue during season –in person, text, email

Highlights

- Boys Soccer – Conference and District Champions
- Football – 8-1 record. Second Best All-time. Best record since 1990
- Girls Basketball – conference champions
- Boys Basketball – district champions
- Girls Track Conference Champions (back-to-back)
 - * 4 state qualifiers in 4 events – D3 (mult school records)

-All State:

Nick Haskins – HM in soccer (coaches assn)

Colten Lijewski – HM in football (AP)

Phoebe Zalewski – Swim

New Buffalo/River Valley Sports Merger

2023-2024 – Girls Softball

2024-2025 – Girls Basketball, Golf,
G Soccer

2025-2026 – Volleyball, Track, Baseball

2026-2027 – Boys Basketball/Cheer,
B Soccer, B/G Cross Country, B/G Tennis

Notes

- Baseball/Softball field renovation
- New Pole Vault pit

Upcoming.....

- Multiplex/Track renovation
- complete baseball/softball field renovations

Athletic Department

2025-2026 Goals

1 – Increase student-athlete participation to 70%
(2025-2026 was 65%)

For 2026-2027

- Implement HS-MS mentor program
- Work with BASE/youth programs to better promote sports through MS/HS

Athletic Department

2025-2026 Goals

2 - Increase local community/business participation in our athletic/school programs.

Show Me The Stamp Initiative

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For 2026-2027

Business spotlights during contests

More exposure through social media/WNBI radio

2025-2026 New Coaches

Carly Barton – Varsity Volleyball

Peyton Oman – JV Volleyball

John Dwyer – MS Girls Basketball

Kurt Raducha – Girls Tennis

Special Thanks

-maintenance

-transportation

-School Board/Administration