

**Athletic Director Report**  
**March 17, 2026**

It's been a chilly start to our spring seasons. Luckily our high school track team started off with indoor season. Last week our boys and girls went to the SIUC Indoor meet. Our girls started the season off strong and are working to improve and prepare for their outdoor season. The boys had a solid day at the SIUC Indoor meet breaking three separate indoor records: Keith West in Triple Jump with 44'2", Keith West in Long Jump with 21' 3.5", and Braxton Barnett in Shot Put with 46' 6". Congratulations to everyone for a great start to the season. The high school track team will open their outdoor season with a home meet on Thursday, March 19. The JH track team has started practice and will open up their season with a home meet on Thursday, March 26.

Our high school baseball and softball teams had a few days of nice weather to get some practices outside and for the softball team to get their season opener in at Freeburg on March 12. They stayed strong for most of the game but were unable to get runs on the board to secure a win. Cold weather canceled our home openers but both teams are scheduled for road games on Thursday. The baseball team will play at Bunker Hill and the softball team at East St. Louis.

The JH volleyball team is wrapping up their season, but not until they play in the SIJHSAA postseason tonight. They are ranked number 1 and will play against number 4 seed Pontiac. If they win they will play in the championship game tonight as well. A Regional win will send them to the SIJHSAA state tournament which will be held on March 28.

I would like to give a shout out to the girls wrestling program for their stellar performance at the IWOCA (IL Wrestling Officials and Coaches Association) State Wrestling Tournament. Peyton Rutledge, Breanna Hosna, Ella Black, and Hayden Yelm advanced to the second round. Breanna Hosna medaled by placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the final rounds (out of 34 opponents in her weight class). What an excellent accomplishment!

Winter season All Conference meetings were held and I am happy to announce that Brayden Esterlein, Addison Mitchell, and Keara Prater were all named to the Cahokia Conference Kaskaskia Division All Conference Team for basketball.

Additionally, the Dupo Dance Team had some high honors to note as well: Sami Duke, Aidan Finley, and Lynnette Rivas were named to the 8CA All State Dance Team.

Congratulations to all of our athletes!