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Board Report

Student Participation in Winter Activities

We currently have 21 student-athletes out for Wrestling, 27 student-athletes out for Boys Basketball, and 16 student-athletes out for Girls Basketball. We also have 13 cheerleaders and 10 dance team members. The middle school boys' basketball team has 27 student-athletes out.

Sportsmanship Leadership Summit

On November 17th we took nineteen students to the 2016 Sportsmanship and Leadership Summit sponsored by the Nebraska Coaches Association. This was a great opportunity for our students to hear national speakers on what quality leadership looks like on and off the playing field and in the classroom. The speakers included Rob Miller, Rich Bechard, Lori Thomas. Rich Bechard talked about How Great Leaders Impact Schools, Rob Miller talked about Great Teams and Great Schools, and Lori Thomas talked about Seven Way to Lead Your Team/School. This was a great learning opportunity for our student-athletes. You may have also seen some of their short clips on sportsmanship on our Arlo Twitter page.

Fall Sports Financial for 2016

This fall we hosted 37 home sporting events. At each event the costs for the athletic department is the officials and security when necessary. Security is only paid for home varsity football games. We also sold this fall seventy (34 in 2015) season family passes. Fifteen student passes for the season, five (2 in 2015) adult season passes. This fall we netted \$13,323.09 (\$13,042.35 in 2015) to athletics.

Eagles Soaring to Excellence through Activities

Gubbels, Fuller Win Behrens Coaching Awards in C-1, C-2

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Class C-1 Behrens Award Winner Steven Gubbels, Arlington

Leading his team to 10 straight wins to open the season, reaching the state playoff semifinals for the first time in school history, Arlington's **Steven Gubbels** has been named Huskerland's Class C-1 Behrens Coaching Award winner. Gubbels has been at Arlington for 19 years, compiling a 93-83 coaching record. Prior to his arrival at Arlington he taught and served as an assistant to Pius X legend **Tim Aylward** and also taught and coached for three years at Ritenour High School in St. Louis, Missouri. "I knew I wanted to pursue a career in coaching at an early age. In high school I had a number of teachers and coaches that both inspired and encouraged me to become a teacher and a coach," says Coach Gubbels. "Along with coaching the fundamentals of the game, I have always enjoyed analyzing and organizing all the variables that go into a successful athletic season." Arlington football under Gubbels has been consistently good, but the Eagles took a giant leap forward in 2016, bagging a crazy first-round playoff win over Omaha Concordia, the losing in the quarterfinals to Boys Town, which the Eagles had beaten in the regular season. Any way you slice it, 10-1 ain't bad.

"The keys to our success this season were really three-fold," says Coach Gubbels. "First, we were able to stay relatively healthy all season long. To be able to go into every game with all of your starters is always a tremendous blessing and asset. Secondly, we were able to capitalize on

the experience of our senior class, which as a group accumulated many varsity starts going back to their sophomore year. "And finally, I believe just the tremendous drive and commitment of our players and coaches to make the season a success is always an important factor."

Consistency was a hallmark of 2016 Arlington Eagles football. Every week you basically got what you expected from what turned out to be one of Class C-1's best teams. "I felt we could rely on our team to execute a balanced offensive game plan, while playing disciplined defense versus every opponent we faced this season," says Coach Gubbels. "There were times in games that we knew we were not being as physical as we were capable of being, and this team was able to not only identify that but to also rectify it during the course of the game." While Arlington's win total was at an all-time high in 2016, that consistency of effort and commitment by the players on the squad was also in line with what Coach Gubbels has come to expect. "I have always been very pleased with how our players here at Arlington prepare throughout the week both in practice and in daily film sessions, and this team was certainly no different, and that consistent preparation was definitely something I could rely on from week to week."