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## BOYS BASKETBALL ADVANCES TO DISTRICT FINAL; BOYS SWIM PLACES THIRD AT SMISL MEET

### IRISH TOP MUSTANGS TO REACH DISTRICT FINAL

After receiving a bye in the opening round of the MHSAA District playoffs, the Notre Dame Boys Varsity Basketball team opened up its playoff run with a 83-60 win over Lutheran North. The Irish looked like the more fresh, rested team in the opening quarter and fed off of the home court advantage to take a 20-12 lead. Notre Dame scored another 20 points in the second quarter and held a 40-29 lead at halftime. The Irish came out in the third quarter and extended the lead to 20 points, never looking back on the way to the victory. The backcourt duo of Wade Robinson and Jon Risi combined for 50 points on the night. Robinson led all scorers in the game with a career-high 27 points while Risi had 23 for the Irish, 15 of those points coming from the three point line. Jack Olis had 11 points and Alex Scherle and Brian Lopez added eight and seven points, respectively. All 11 players for the Irish saw playing time in the win. Notre Dame advances to the MHSAA District Final where the Irish will take on Michigan Collegiate, who defeated Cranbrook in the other semifinal game.



Wade Robinson led Notre Dame with 27 points in the 83-60 district semifinal win over Lutheran North

### SWIMMERS TAKE THIRD AT SMISL LEAGUE MEET

The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team placed third at the SMISL league meet, the top finish for the boys program at the meet since joining the event. Pierce Marchese took second in both the 50 Free and 100 Fly while Anthony Dupuis earned a second place finish in the 200 IM. Paul Vigneau placed fifth in the 200 Free and John Louis took fifth in the 500 Free. Each of these results represented a new personal record for the Notre Dame swimmers. The 200 Medley Relay team of Marchese, Dupuis, Vigneau, and Edziu Lis took fourth while the 200 Free Relay made up of the same swimmers took second at the meet. Marchese and Dupuis will now represent Notre Dame at the MHSAA Division Three State Finals meet this upcoming weekend at Calvin College.



The Notre Dame Boys Varsity Swim team earned a third place finish at the SMISL league meet

### CHEER PLACES THIRD AT MHSAA STATE FINAL

The Notre Dame Competitive Cheer team earned a third place finish at the MHSAA State Finals competition held at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids. The Irish finished round one with a score of 233.70, a round two score of 225.92 and ended the competition with a round three score of 317.00 to close the competition with a total team score

of 776.62. Richmond took first with a 781.00 while Paw Paw was second with a 780.00 as less than five points separated the top three teams. Notre Dame graduates five seniors from this season's team in Grace Byrne, Amanda Kostiz, Bella Lulaj, Riley Lumm and Lexi Maloof.

### WRESTLERS COMPETE AT MHSAA STATE FINALS

The Notre Dame Varsity Wrestling team was represented by Nick Meli and Jeronimo Ballesty at the MHSAA Individual State Finals meet held at Ford Field. Meli placed sixth overall in the state in the 215 weight class while Ballesty finished top-12 in the heavyweight division. The appearances marked the first for a Notre Dame wrestler in the state final since the 2009 season.



Nick Meli (left) and Jeronimo Ballesty (right) represented Notre Dame at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals meet