February 13, 2023

ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

WRESTLING – The Boys traveled to Juanita High School this weekend for the WIAA 3A Region IV Wrestling Championships, qualified 14 wrestlers for this weekend’s Mat Classic XXXIV, and brought home the Regional Team Title defeating 2nd place Hermiston, 320.5 – 302. Josh Neiwert (132 lbs.) and Chris Grosse (220 lbs.) were Regional Champions!

Other State Qualifiers: 106 lbs. – Kaysic Lundquist (2nd) & Ben Jamie (5th)
113 lbs. – Billy Weisgerber (3rd), Andrew Agidius (Alt.) 120 lbs. – James Mason (2nd)
132 lbs. – Braxton Smith (4th) 138 lbs. – Sam Arai (3rd) 160 lbs. – Austin Justice (2nd)
170 lbs. – Mason Knigge (4th) 195 lbs. – Braeden Harvey (2nd) & Keemani Benavides (5th) 220 lbs. – Austin Frederick (3rd)

The Girls were in Hanford competing in the WIAA Girls 3A/4A Region IV Wrestling Tournament. Taylor Pascua placed 6th and Baylie Conner placed 2nd, earning her a trip to this weekend’s State Meet in Tacoma. Good Luck to all of our Panther Wrestlers in Tacoma!

BOYS BASKETBALL – Mead traveled to Walla Walla and saw their season come to an end with an overtime loss to the Blue Devils, 79-68. Liam Blanchat led all scorers with 31 points, including five 3’s. Colby Danielson added 13 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL – The Panthers won their playoff opener at home over Ridgeline, 68-36. Teryn Gardner led all scorers with 27 points, Natalie Braun added 12 and Gracie Wenkheimer hit three 3’s and scored 9 points. Mead hosts the Walla Walla Girls on Tuesday in the District 8 Tournament Semifinal.

DANCE TEAM – Our Panther Dance Team competed Saturday at Moses Lake. Mead’s Dance and Pom routines earned 3rd place finishes and we placed 4th in Hip Hop. All three routines qualified or Districts! Audrey Loft placed 2nd in Novice Drilldown and in Advanced Drilldown, Delaney Utigard was 2nd & Kenzie Ediger, 3rd. Congratulations Panthers – Good Luck next week at Lewis & Clark!

SIGNINGS – Three Mead seniors celebrated their opportunities to attend college and compete at the next level. Johnny Talarico committed to Montana Western to play Football and Cassie Moeller and Danikah Johnson will both be at Western Washington University to play Volleyball for the Vikings. Congratulations!

IN THE NEWS – In case you missed it: Last week Mead Senior Wrestler, Keemani Benavides and his coaches, Derek Hardin & Phil McLean were featured in the Spokesman Review, and this Sunday’s paper highlighted Coach Katherine Melka and the recent successes of our Panther Cheer Team. Click the Links to see those Stories.