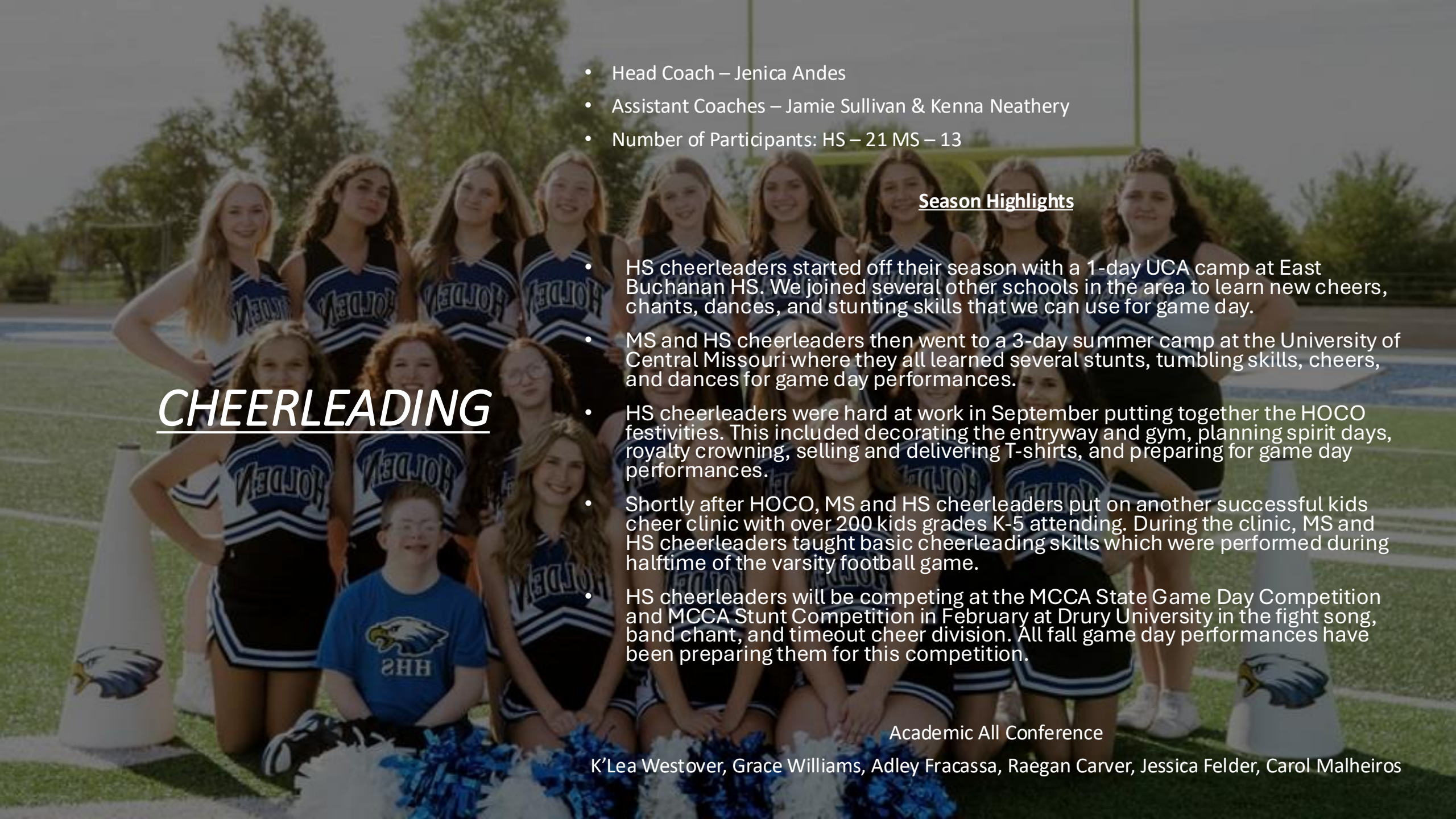
ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

The Holden R-III School District activities programs are a significant part of the total educational experience available to students. These programs enhance learning in the school and contribute to a positive school climate. Participation in extracurricular activities is strongly encouraged because students learn teamwork, develop physically and emotionally, develop a sense of belonging and enhance their self-image.

Participation in activities is a privilege and differs from a student's right to a general high school education. Rules and regulations governing each of the various athletic programs have been established to ensure fairness to all students and to guarantee that the school image resulting from the students who represent their school is a positive one.

The ultimate purpose of extra-curricular activities is to provide a maximum number of students an opportunity to grow as young adults within the structure and framework of organized and disciplined programs. Extra-curricular activities offer a positive and meaningful experience that will enhance the growth and development of all young men and women who participate. The Holden R-III School District is committed to the belief that participation in interscholastic activities is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.

It is our philosophy to take the best student participants and represent Holden Schools to the highest degree. Successful programs are a by-product of commitment, fundamental skills, preparation, training and strength of character. We will strive for success and to win by developing these traits.



CHEERLEADING

- Head Coach – Jenica Andes
- Assistant Coaches – Jamie Sullivan & Kenna Neathery
- Number of Participants: HS – 21 MS – 13

Season Highlights

- HS cheerleaders started off their season with a 1-day UCA camp at East Buchanan HS. We joined several other schools in the area to learn new cheers, chants, dances, and stunting skills that we can use for game day.
- MS and HS cheerleaders then went to a 3-day summer camp at the University of Central Missouri where they all learned several stunts, tumbling skills, cheers, and dances for game day performances.
- HS cheerleaders were hard at work in September putting together the HOCO festivities. This included decorating the entryway and gym, planning spirit days, royalty crowning, selling and delivering T-shirts, and preparing for game day performances.
- Shortly after HOCO, MS and HS cheerleaders put on another successful kids cheer clinic with over 200 kids grades K-5 attending. During the clinic, MS and HS cheerleaders taught basic cheerleading skills which were performed during halftime of the varsity football game.
- HS cheerleaders will be competing at the MCCA State Game Day Competition and MCCA Stunt Competition in February at Drury University in the fight song, band chant, and timeout cheer division. All fall game day performances have been preparing them for this competition.

Academic All Conference

K’Lea Westover, Grace Williams, Adley Fracassa, Raegan Carver, Jessica Felder, Carol Malheiros

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

- Band Director: Emilie Lewis
- Student Teacher: Josh Martley
- Color Guard: Abby Weber

Number of Participants

HS Full Band – 50

HS Drumline – 22

HS Color Guard – 5

6th Grade Band – 28

7th Grade Band – 19

8th Grade Band – 22

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

This year's field show was "Inferno" and included the songs *We Didn't Start the Fire, Hearts on Fire, Great Balls of Fire, Hot Hot Hot, Fireball,* and *Firebird Suite*. There was a featured mellophone duet by Isabella McQueary and Benjamin Ferguson followed by a trumpet solo by Cooper Redhair.

- Competition Results:
- Higginsville Country Fair Parade: 1st place in parade
- Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 7th place in Field, 3rd place in drumline
- Odessa Marching Invitational: 1st place in Parade, 5th place in Field, 3rd place in drumline, 3rd place in color guard
- UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st place in Parade
- The band was unable to perform in the Holden Street Parade due to the heat, but they did lead the State Softball Send-off Parade and Veterans Day Parade around campus.

The band is playing at all girls' and boys' varsity home games this year. We plan to coordinate some songs with the cheer team so that they can do a routine as the band plays. The band also regularly does send-offs for groups going to state contests and other high-level events.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Highlights

- Winter Concert, December 10th. They will be performing:
  - *Grandma Got Over by a Reindeer*
  - *Selections from Nightmare Before Christmas*
  - *Christmas Rock*

7 students auditioned for the WCMMEA District Honor Bands.

- Sean Anstine was selected as 8th chair trombone with the Honor Band and is eligible to audition for the all-state band on December 5th.
- Elizabeth Claxton was selected as 14th chair clarinet in the Honorable Mention Band.
- Samuel Baldwin was selected as the drum set player for the Jazz Band and will be auditioning for the State Jazz Band on December 5th.

Approximately 20 band students will be performing as a jazz ensemble in State Fair Community College's Jingle on the Green event on December 4th.

15 band students will be performing in Tuba Christmas sponsored by the KC Symphony at the Kauffman Center on December 5th.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

HS Drumline Highlights

Their songs for this year were *Fire in the Groove* and student Rachael Earnheart designed the movements for their show.

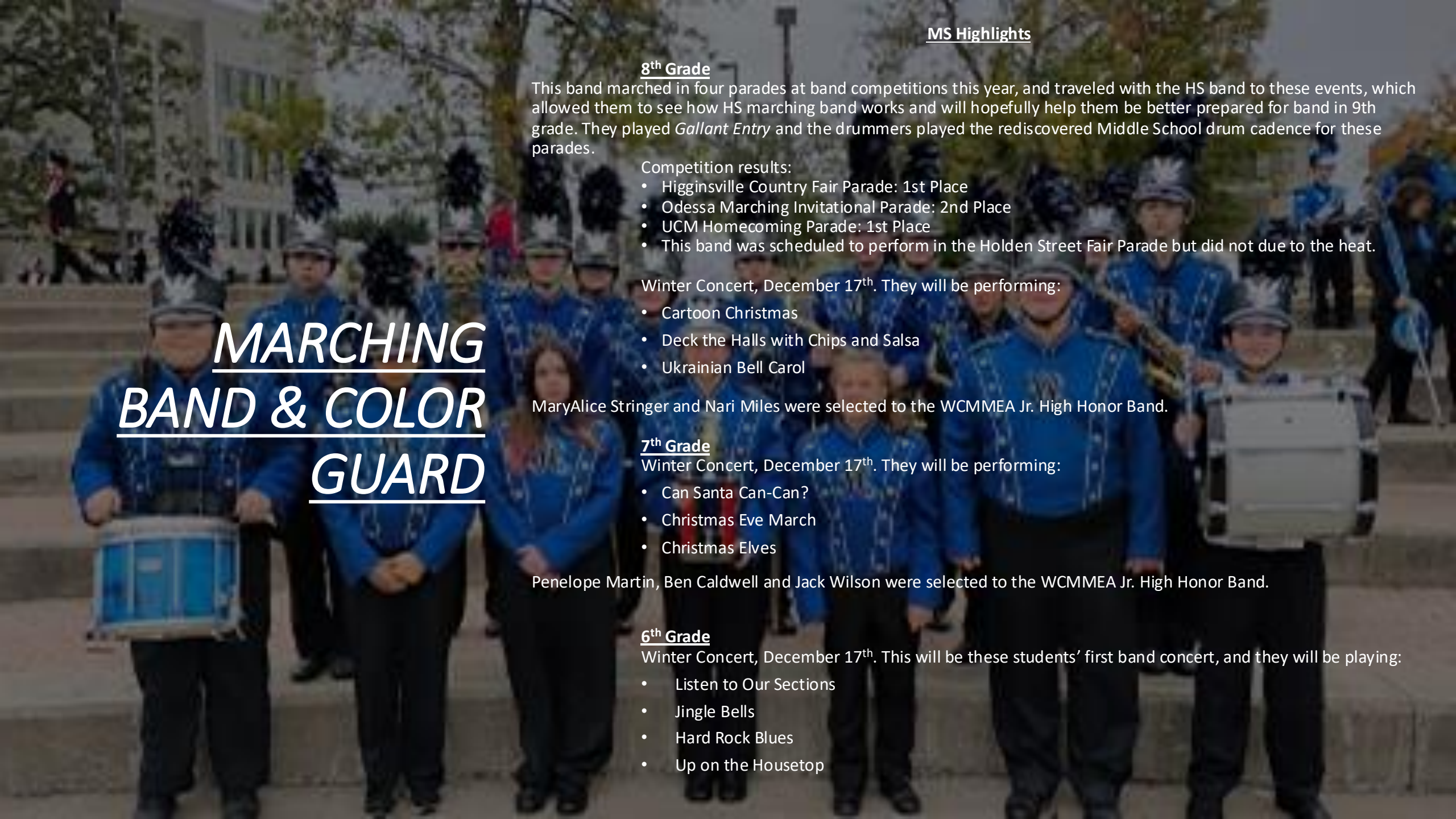
Competition results:

- Smith-Cotton Marching Invitational: 3rd place
- Odessa Marching Invitational: 3rd place

- They will be performing the drumline show at halftime of some of the basketball games.

Winter Concert, December 10th. They will be performing as a percussion ensemble at the Winter Concert with music they selected themselves:

- All Jingled Up
- My Sharona
- Meltdown
- Mission Impossible



MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

MS Highlights

8th Grade

This band marched in four parades at band competitions this year, and traveled with the HS band to these events, which allowed them to see how HS marching band works and will hopefully help them be better prepared for band in 9th grade. They played *Gallant Entry* and the drummers played the rediscovered Middle School drum cadence for these parades.

Competition results:

- Higginsville Country Fair Parade: 1st Place
- Odessa Marching Invitational Parade: 2nd Place
- UCM Homecoming Parade: 1st Place
- This band was scheduled to perform in the Holden Street Fair Parade but did not due to the heat.

Winter Concert, December 17th. They will be performing:

- Cartoon Christmas
- Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa
- Ukrainian Bell Carol

MaryAlice Stringer and Nari Miles were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band.

7th Grade

Winter Concert, December 17th. They will be performing:

- Can Santa Can-Can?
- Christmas Eve March
- Christmas Elves

Penelope Martin, Ben Caldwell and Jack Wilson were selected to the WCMMEA Jr. High Honor Band.

6th Grade

Winter Concert, December 17th. This will be these students' first band concert, and they will be playing:

- Listen to Our Sections
- Jingle Bells
- Hard Rock Blues
- Up on the Housetop

FOOTBALL

- Head Coach: David Diener
- Assistant Coaches: Marvin Diener, Griffin Keller, Aaron Andes, Tylor Coulson, Zach Kroah, Andrew Bernier, Preston Cole
- Number of Participants: HS – 64, MS – 29
- Overall Record: HS: 9-3 JV: 4-4 C-Team: 0-3 MS : 3-3
- 2nd Place Class 2 District 4
- MRVC East Champions
- 34 of 64 Athletes earned a Varsity Letter
  - 53% of the Team Contributed on Friday Nights

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Antonio Alperi, Justin Brown, Wes Brown, Owen Doogs, Cohen Drake, Trent Eissler
Brody Graves, Mathew Hull, Phil Schuler, Brayden Taylor, Shad Weiss, Seth Wright
Brody Bockover, Lane Kendrick, Carson Kephart, Evan Killion, Dwight Meads, Cole Thomas
Tylar Minor, Nathan Odle, Truman Wamsley, Tucker Wamsley

All Conference

1st Team Honors: Brody Bockover – Running Back, Jase Kinnaman – Offensive Line, Cohen Drake – Wide Receiver
Wes Brown – Offensive Athlete, Carson Kephart – Tight End, Justin Brown – Defensive Back
Tucker Kauffman – Linebacker, Jack Thomas – Defensive Line, Phil Schuler – Kicker

2nd Team Honors: Truman Wamsley – Quarterback, Dylan Taylor – Offensive Line, Owen Doogs – Defensive Back
Seth Wright – Linebacker, Tucker Kauffman – Punter

Honorable Mention: Jacob Roberts – Offensive Line, Tucker Wamsley – Linebacker

FOOTBALL

Individual Honors

All District

1st Team Honors: Jase Kinnaman – Offensive Line, Cohen Drake – Wide Receiver
Justin Brown – Defensive Back, Tucker Kauffman – Linebacker

2nd Team Honors: Truman Wamsley – Quarterback, Brody Bockover - Running Back
Jack Thomas - Defensive End, Owen Doogs – Defensive Back

Academic All State

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All State

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VOLLEYBALL

- Head Coach – Emily Purnell
- Assistant Coaches – Reagan Berlin, Cindy Keller, Chris Hertzog, Rosalie Rizzo
- Number of Participants: HS – 34 MS – 19
- Overall Record HS: Varsity 8-21-1 JV 7-8 C Team 2-8
- Overall Record MS: A Team 18-14 B Team 9-15 C Team 5-3
- MRVC Record HS 4-6
- 4th MRVC

VOLLEYBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All – Conference

Lilly Carver, Hailee Lloyd, Arionna Johnson, Brionna Johnson, Callie Irr, Karsyn Barwick
Macie McDaniel, Malia Johnson

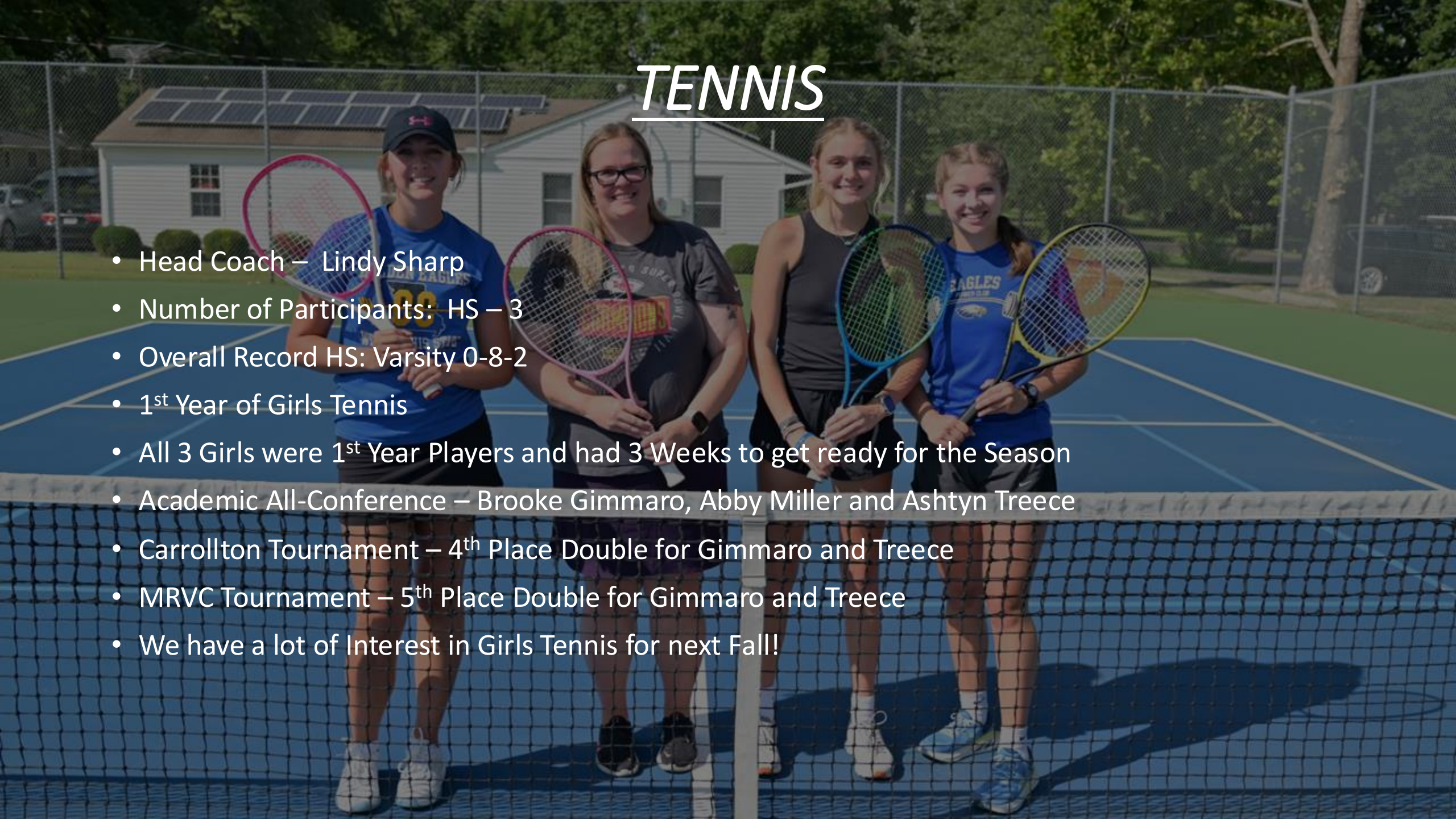
All – Conference

- SECOND TEAM: Brionna Johnson
- HONORABLE MENTION: Lilly Carver, Arionna Johnson

All – District

- HONORABLE MENTION: Lilly Carver, Hailee Lloyd

TENNIS



- Head Coach – Lindy Sharp
- Number of Participants: HS – 3
- Overall Record HS: Varsity 0-8-2
- 1st Year of Girls Tennis
- All 3 Girls were 1st Year Players and had 3 Weeks to get ready for the Season
- Academic All-Conference – Brooke Gimmaro, Abby Miller and Ashtyn Treece
- Carrollton Tournament – 4th Place Double for Gimmaro and Treece
- MRVC Tournament – 5th Place Double for Gimmaro and Treece
- We have a lot of Interest in Girls Tennis for next Fall!

CROSS COUNTRY

- Head Coach: Scott Teufel
- Assistant Coach: Megan Gipfert
- Number of Participants: HS – 11 MS – 9
- Season Highlights
  - Liam Claxton – 1st Time State Qualifier, 25th Place at Gans Creek
  - Jessy Stringer – 1st Time State Qualifier
  - 21 Personal Records for Fastest Race

CROSS COUNTRY

Season Highlights

Academic All Conference

Abby Miller, Malea Brewington, Madisyn Talley, Jessy Stringer, Audrey Enneking

Evan Robinson, Liam Claxton, Luke Tebbenkamp, Porter Eissler

Conference

Liam Claxton 6th Place

District

Liam Claxton – 25th Place

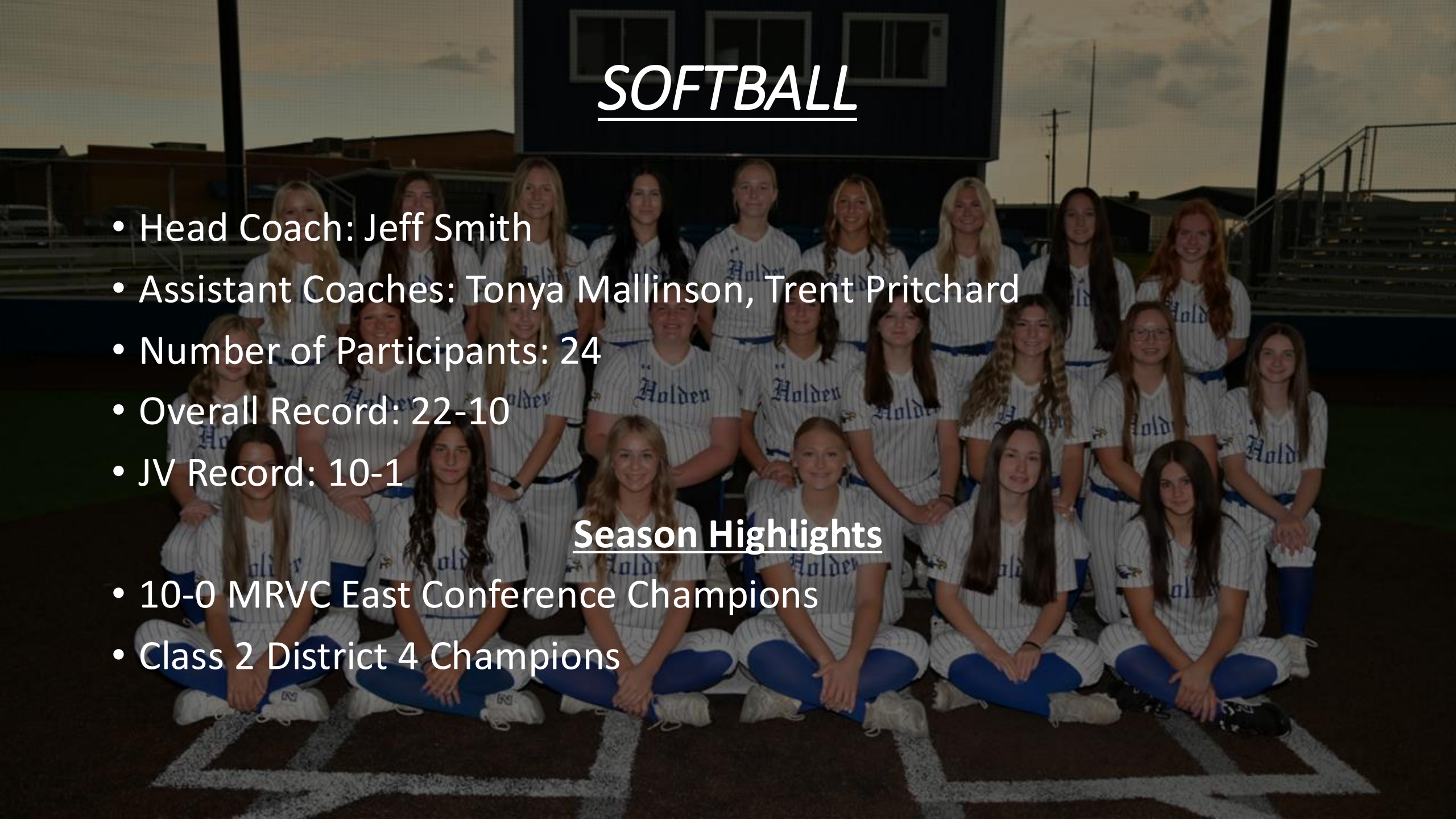
Jessy Stringer – 25th Place

Academic All State

Abby Miller, Malea Brewington, Madisyn Talley, Jessy Stringer, Audrey Enneking

Evan Robinson, Liam Claxton, Luke Tebbenkamp, Porter Eissler

SOFTBALL



- Head Coach: Jeff Smith
- Assistant Coaches: Tonya Mallinson, Trent Pritchard
- Number of Participants: 24
- Overall Record: 22-10
- JV Record: 10-1

Season Highlights

- 10-0 MRVC East Conference Champions
- Class 2 District 4 Champions

SOFTBALL

Individual Honors

Academic All Conference

Haley Brooks, Jazzy Brown, Adalyn Campbell, Bobbie Diibon, Macey Greene, Drew Turner
Addilyn Wooster, Olivia Wooster, Adasyn Yoder, Isabella Haggard, Haley Waight, Taylor Guinn, Addison Brooks, Lily Kephart

All Conference

1st Team: Adalyn Campbell, Jazzy Brown, Olivia Wooster, Haley Brooks, Isabella Haggard

2nd Team: Macey Greene, Lily Kephart

Honorable Mention: Bobbie Diibon, Addilyn Wooster, Adasyn Yoder

All District

1st Team: Adalyn Campbell, Olivia Wooster, Bobbie Diibon, Lily Kephart, Isabella Haggard, Haley Brooks

2nd Team: Addilyn Wooster, Macey Greene

All Region

1st Team: Adalyn Campbell, Lily Kephart, Haley Brooks, Olivia Wooster, Isabella Haggard

2nd Team: Bobbie Diibon

SOFTBALL

Class 2 State Champions

1st Final 4 Appearance for Holden Softball

1st State Championship for Holden Softball

All State

Adalyn Campbell (1st Team Infield), Lily Kephart, (1st Team Outfield), Isabella Haggard (1st Team Utility)

All State Tournament Team

Olivia Wooster, Adalyn Campbell, Haley Brooks, Macey Greene

Missouri State High School Activities Association

- HS & MS Marching Band
- HS & MS Choir
- HS Color Guard
- HS & MS Sideline Cheerleading
- HS & MS Science Olympiad
- HS Scholar Bowl
- HS & MS Student Council
- HS & MS National Honor Society
- HS FBLA
- HS FCCLA
- HS FTA
- HS Speech & Debate
- HS Book Club
- HS World Cultures Club
- HS & MS Math Relays
- HS & MS Art Club
- HS & MS Drama Club
- HS Theatre
- HS & MS Yearbook
- HS FFA
- HS & MS Special Olympics
- HS & MS Robotics
- HS & MS Football
- HS & MS Volleyball
- HS Softball
- HS & MS Cross Country