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Well sports fans, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I hope everyone has enjoyed some time off, some time with family (ok ... that's probably a 50/50) and A LOT of good food over the last few days. :)

Despite the 2-day school week, the sports schedule was full (... like our bellies on Thursday) with boys & girls hoops *and* boys & girls swimming & diving in action!

A Fox Sports TRADITION is to share turkey legs with the winners on THANKSGIVING ... so once again, let's do the same here in BricksCenter by serving them up for special/unique accomplishments by our student-athletes!

(John Madden voice) BOOM - you see right here ... it's time for BricksCenter!

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Basketball

Girls

The Lady Brickies made the most of a "short week" by playing two games ... one at home against undefeated LaCrosse and the other a road contest against Calumet after Thanksgiving.

On Tuesday night, Hobart hosted the LaCrosse Lady Tigers from the Porter County Conference. LaCrosse entered the contest undefeated at 5-0 and boasted double-digit victories over 4 of their 5 opponents. Coming out of the gate, it was ALL BRICKIES as our girls pounced on the Tigers and claimed an early lead!! LaCrosse would battle back and in a very competitive 1st half of play, the Lady Tigers clung to a 1-point lead at 23-22. Unfortunately, it was all LaCrosse in the 3rd as they outscored Hobart 20-5 and took a 16-point advantage into the final period. The Lady Brickies never backed down and had a chance to get the lead under 10 with roughly 5 minutes remaining ... but LaCrosse was able to make their FTs down the stretch and left town with a 58-37 win. Junior Asia Donald led all scorers with a game-high 21 points.

Saturday, the Lady Brickies hit the road over to Calumet High School for an afternoon tilt against the Lady Warriors. Hobart jumped out to a 12-2 lead and increased it to 33-10 at the half. In the 3rd, Hobart's D-D-D-DEFENSE was incredible as our girls completely shut out Calumet 17-0 and cruised the rest of the way to an easy 56-16 VICTORY! The Lady Brickies got contributions from all over the place with **Donald** leading the way with 18 points ... junior **Niko Latinovic** also reached double-figures with 10 points ... sophomore **Jesse Neace** added 7 and seniors **Melanie Leonard** and **Amarea Donald** each tacked on 6 in the win!

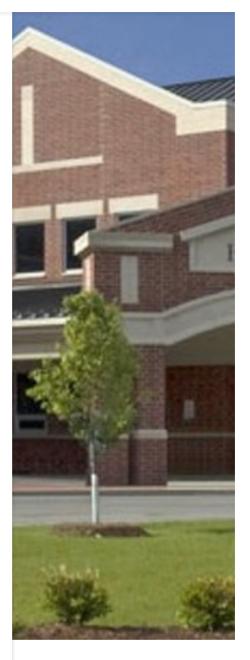
The Lady Brickies are currently 4-3 on the season and will open up NCC play this upcoming week against Munster. LET'S GO LADIES!!

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Boys

The boys cagers also WORK WORK WORKed to get the most out of a short week as they opened the 2021-2022 season with contests on both Wednesday & Saturday!

Wednesday night, everyone was back in town for Thanksgiving and to celebrate - our boys basketball team welcomed defending Class 3A Sectional Champion Boone Grove to The Friendly City. The Wolves returned everyone from last year's squad that went 18-7 and lost in the Regional semis. For the Brickies, some faces looked familiar and some were new as the 2021-2022 season kicked off. The play was INTENSE in a fast-paced 1st half of action as both teams looked to "find their footing" on the new season. Midway through the 2nd quarter, Boone held a slim 17-16 advantage and was able to extend it to 6 points by the half's end. Early in the 3rd, the lead grew to double-figures, but Hobart's full court pressure never relented as our boys FOUGHT HARD to stay within striking distance. Ultimately, in a game that was evenly played, the visiting Wolves made a few more shots and the Brickies lost a tough one 64-51. Hobart was led by senior **Miki Djankovich**, who registered a double-



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On Saturday night, Hobart once again played the role of host in their 2nd contest of the 2021-2022 season ... this time the opponent was neighborhood rival River Forest. Tied at 9 after 8 minutes of play, the Brickies scored the 1st 5 points of the 2nd quarter and were able to extend the cushion to 25-15 at the break. Hence singled handedly outscored the Ingots in the 1st half as his 17 points helped Hobart build the early advantage. The 2nd half was ALL BRICKIES as our boys put the clamps on the River Forest offense! In fact, your could hear chants of "LOCK-UP CI-TY" clap clap .. clap clap clap throughout the final 16 minutes of play as Hobart DOMINATED on both ends of the floor! Tenacious defense led to long rebounds, turnovers and easy transition baskets for our boys as the Brickies picked up ther 1st VICTORY in 2 tries this winter with an impressive 62-27 WIN!! Hence finished with 17 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals - all team-highs ... Djankovich added 10 points ... sophomore Jevan Andrews scored 9 and freshman Jayme Hairston notched 7 in the victory!

The Brickie cagers are an even 1-1 on the year and will be back in action at home on Wednesday against the South Central Satellites. DON'T STOP NOW BOYS!!

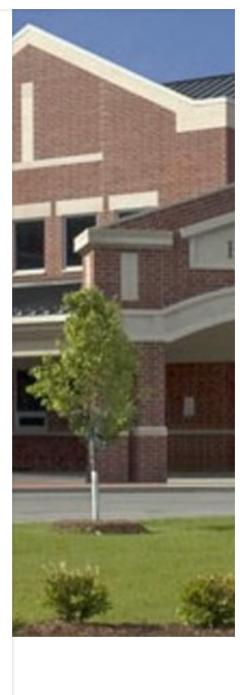
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BOOM - Turkey Leg for junior Asia Donald! She was recently recognized as the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week!





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outscoring River Forest in the 1st half on Saturday night 17-15!



Swimming & Diving

The Brickies officially began the 2021-2022 competition season on Saturday with a home contest against the Valparaiso Vikings. With no restrictions on attendance this winter, it was nice to see a crowd inside the Aquatics Center and feel the excitement of the meet!

Girls

The Lady Brickies have a lot of returning letter-winners this winter, but graduated an outstanding senior class - including 4-time state medalist (& 2019 State Champion) Emma Wright. Our girls will be navigating some unchartered waters early in the year to figure out how the new pieces will all fit into place. In addition to the "new beginning", Hobart was up against one of the top teams in all of NWI in the Lady Vikes.

Overall, the Lady Brickies swam well! Sophomore **Zoe Johnston** brought home 2nd place in the 200 IM and 3rd in the 100 Breast ... freshman Evangeline Clay was 3rd in the 50 Free ... and senior Sydney Arias also earned a top 3 finish in 1m Diving! Unfortunately, Valparaiso's *depth* was too much to overcome and Hobart lost on the scoreboard 147-39. Despite the score, the Lady Brickies showed a lot of promise both individually and collectively ... *hold onto your swim caps* because this could be a really fun winter in the water!!

Here are some results from Saturday's meet:

200 Medley Relay - 3rd = senior **Meghan Horn**, freshman **Brogan McDonald** and sophomores **Zoe Johnston** & **Marie White**

200 Free - 4th = McDonald, 5th = junior Hailey Blood, 6th = senior Brooke Blanchard

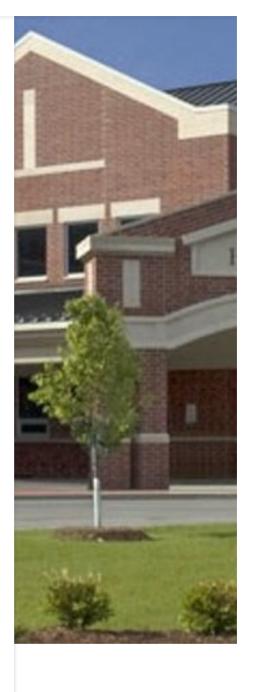
200 IM - 2nd = **Johnston**, 5th = sophomore **Sydney Johnston**, 6th = senior **Bridget Chavez**

50 Free - 3rd = freshman Evangeline Clay, 4th = senior Aisha Arias, 5th = freshman Peyton Leonard

Diving - 3rd = senior Sydney Arias, 5th = junior Daeges Morgan, 6th = senior Morgan Sanchez

100 Fly - 5th = White, 6th = Blood, 8th = sophomore Madison Allison

100 Free - 4th = **White**, 5th = sophomore **Addison Swims**, 6th = **Leonard**



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100 Breast - 3rd = **Z.Johnston**, 7th = **Chavez**, 8th = **Swims** 400 Free Relay - 3rd = **Horn**, **White**, **Clay** & **Blanchard**

Boys

The Hobart boys were also competing in their 1st meet of the year and facing one of the area's best. Still, the Brickies boast a slew of underclassmen to go along with some seasoned veterans and these guys looked GOOD *out of the blocks!*

The top highlight of the day on the boys side was senior, 2-time state qualifier **Ethan Ferba** in diving as he showed why he is the chairman of the board with a 1st place finish! Classmate **Nathaniel Mamushe** gave those in attendance perhaps the most exciting race of the day in the 200 IM - falling by less than a second to his Valparaiso counterpart to earn 2nd place ... a finish he also earned in the 100 Fly. Junior **Owen Finch** was 2nd in the 500 Free and all 3 relays placed 2nd as well, but it wasn't enough as the Vikings *sunk* the Brickies 121-52.

Here are some results from Saturday's meet:

200 Medley Relay - 2nd = junior **Owen Finch**, sophomore **Brett Herrin** and seniors **Nathaniel Mamushe** & **Jeydan Fifer**

200 Free - 4th = Herrin, 5th = sophomore Connor Crofton, 6th = sophomore Travis Balding

200 IM - 2nd = Mamushe

50 Free - 3rd = Fifer, 4th = freshman Christian Kertz, 6th = senior Ethan Sy

Diving - 1st = senior Ethan Ferba, 3rd = sophomore Ethan Robles

100 Fly - 2nd = Mamushe, 5th = junior Noah Bailey

100 Free - 3rd = Kertz, 4th = Fifer, 6th = Crofton

500 Free - 2nd = Finch

200 Free Relay - 2nd = Mamushe, Finch, Kertz & Fifer

100 Back - 4th = Sy, 5th = Finch

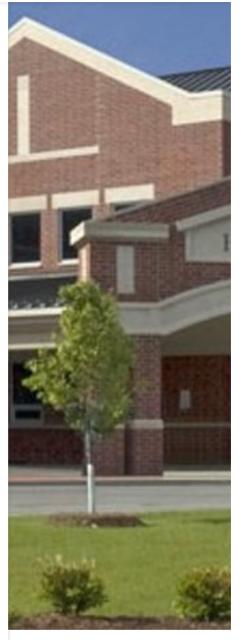
100 Breast - 4th = Herrin

400 Free Relay - 2nd = Bailey, Sy, Herrin & Kertz

The Brickies - boys and girls - will *dive* right back in this week with home meets on both Tuesday and Thursday! The divers will also travel to Western High School for a Saturday Invite. WE ARE HOBART!!

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Shout Out

CONGRATULATIONS to the Brickies PeeWee Pop Warner Football team for winning back-to-back State and Mid-American CHAMPIONSHIPS!! On Saturday, our boys THROTTLED their opponent from Petoskey, MI 40-6 to claim the VICTORY!

GREAT WORK WORK BOYS and THANK YOU to your Coaches for helping guide the way!! We are VERY PROUD of you!

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2021 ACB

Football season may be over for the Brickies, but The Brickyard still has one more game this season ... America's Crossroads Bowl! Truman State will face Hillsdale in an NCAA Div 2 bowl game on



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Sports Schedule This Week

Monday

C-team Boys Basketball @ Morton

Tuesday

Girls Swimming & Diving vs. KV/Lowell *
Boys Swimming & Diving vs. KV/Lowell *
Girls Basketball @ Portage

Wednesday

Boys Basketball vs. South Central C-team Boys Basketball vs. Portage

Thursday

Girls Swimming & Diving vs. CP/Knox Boys Swimming & Diving vs. CP/Knox

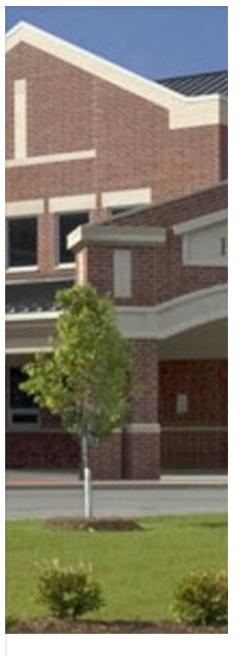
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Girls Basketball @ Munster *

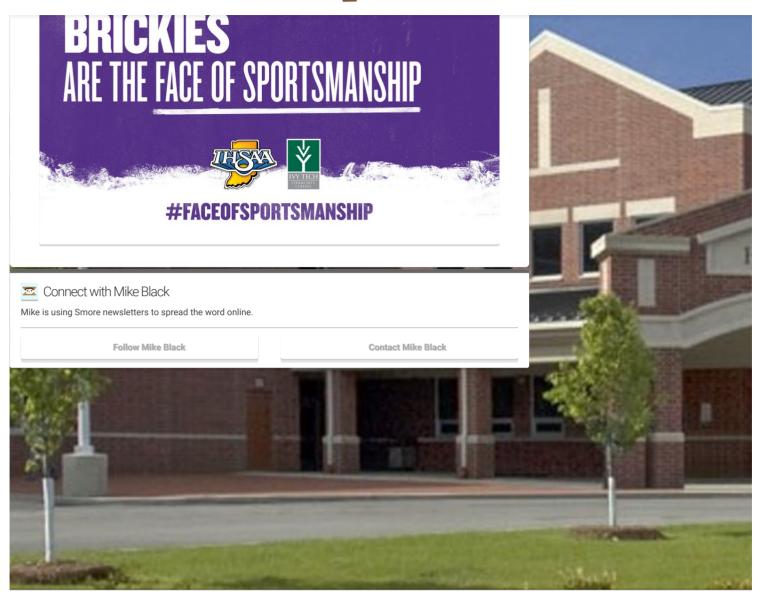
Saturday

America's Crossroads Bowl - 1pm
Wrestling @ Harvest Classic (Lake Central High School)
Wrestling @ Super Six (Kokomo High School)
Girls Diving @ Western Invite (Western High School)
Boys Diving @ Western Invite (Western High School)

* = NCC opponent







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