



MAC VS. NWC CONFERENCE

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to review the following information. We have based this on questions we have heard and feedback we have been given. If you have additional thoughts or questions, please complete the attached survey by Sunday, August 27.

Included Information:



The Invite



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The Invite

We have been invited and have had meetings with the NWC.

Member schools are:

*Ada Bulldogs

Allen East Mustangs

Bluffton Pirates

Columbus Grove Bulldogs

Crestview Knights

Delphos Jefferson Wildcats

*Leipsic Vikings

Lincolnview Lancers

Spencerville Bearcats

*= leaving after the 2023-24 school year



Any changes in this league would go into effect the 2024-25 school year.



Mileage

We would save nearly HALF of our overall transportation budget (approx. \$12,000/year) within the NWC vs. the MAC

(On average, approximately 50+ mile drive to 16 miles)

MAC Results

Football	29-56
Volleyball	5-92
Boyc CC	7th Place Average
Girls CC	6th Place Average
Boys Golf	4th Place Average
Girls Golf	7th Place Average
Girls Basketball	29-64
Boys Basketball	53-46
Baseball	27-46



Records

← **Results are over the last 11 years**

Championships are TOTAL within the MAC →

MAC Championships

Football	10 (last in 2011)
Volleyball	0
Boys CC	6 (last in 1994)
Girls CC	2 (last in 1993)
Boys Golf	2 (last in 2022)
Girls Golf	1 (last in 2009)
Girls Basketball	6 (last in 2009)
Boys Basketball	9 (last in 2013)
Baseball	1 (last in 2011)
Boys Track	1 (last in 1990)
Girls Track	0



Conference Sport Changes

Lose

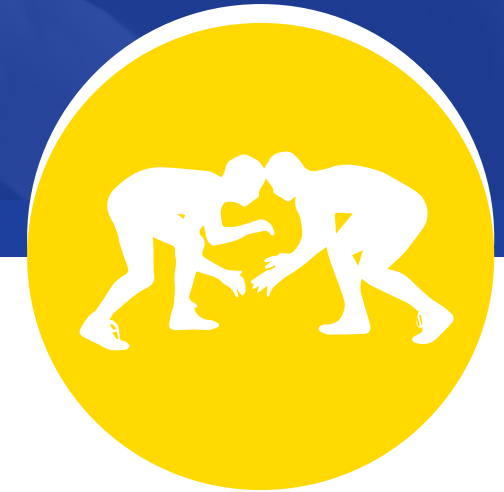


Girls Golf

Gain



Soccer



Wrestling

EdChoice Facts and Q & A

Weren't we just fine without EdChoice?

Our school has been subsidized approximately \$1.2 million annually by the Parish, Parish Foundation, and Donors. The long-term viability of this was not realistic.

Is EdChoice the answer to all of our school financial issues then?

No, although it will help tremendously, we still have a lot of work to do in continuing to "bridge the gap" between cost per student and tuition, while also getting our teachers and staff up to a better percentage of pay. In addition, our Athletic Department is in the red by approximately \$75,000-100,000 per year!

Will EdChoice positively impact the school financially?

Yes, EdChoice will help "bridge the gap" between the average COST per student and previous amount PAID per student (\$10,000-12,000 COST vs. \$3,000 ave. PAYMENT); however, a gap will still exist.

Will EdChoice then be able to help sustain our athletics?

No, the money brought in from EdChoice (while "bridging the gap") will go directly to the sustainability of the school and general operations (teacher salaries, curriculum, etc).





Our Mission

St. John's Catholic School encourages everyone to learn and live a Christ-Centered life, which makes our school a "tradition worth keeping."

what has & will set us apart....
and the basis & root of who we
are, what we do, & why

What CAN Help Our Athletic Department?



Ongoing Support and Partnerships

Throughout each school year, we have a number of opportunities to support events, Capital Campaigns, etc. Please take part.



Athletic Endowment

An Athletic Endowment was created to DIRECTLY support operations of the Athletic Department and create a self-funded program through investments



Remain a UNITED front!

First and foremost, our mission and what is best for our students and athletes is what is MOST important to us. No matter the decisions made, a united front is key!



Along with these, we hope to keep an "open door" policy to honest and effective communication. We are in this TOGETHER. We truly are FAMILY - a family based on FAITH. We have built a TRADITION of success and do not want that to ever change for our students - within their faith journey, academics, and athletics. We can only hope that you will continue to give us the benefit of the doubt and support all that we do and decide. As a Blue Jay, we truly are special - our level of expectations in EXCELLENCE is second to none and we will continue to do whatever possible to keep this alive - in and out of the halls of Delphos St. John Schools.

In God's Love, Your Blue Jay Administration



What is best for our athletes?

This is the question we ask ourselves daily, while also continuing to talk with Blue Jays of all ages, including our current students. Our mission and the best interest of our students, as a whole, is what drives our decisions. We met with coaches to hear their thoughts, while also continuing to talk with current students. Realistically, some do not want to switch; many think it would make the most sense for travel, competition, size, the future of certain programs, etc.; while others don't feel strongly one way or the other. We don't take any of this lightly and will continue to keep our mission and students at the forefront of any final decision.



Why would we even consider this and have we considered the larger impact?

When we received the invitation into the NWC, we immediately looked at all the facts, numbers, comparisons, etc. (shared within this document).

Studying these, truly assessing what lies ahead for us, evaluating the long-term viability of certain programs, we wanted to at least give this consideration. Is it an easy decision – no. Is it one that we have made up our minds on – no. Are there many other factors to consider – yes. We are doing our best to evaluate all possible options. This, in turn, will help determine what we feel would ultimately be best for us as athletes, a school, and our overall culture.



Is this decision financial?

Not necessarily. We were surprised to see the positive impact it would have on our travel budget and potential gate entry budgets – which is something to take into consideration when we currently operate at a loss of \$75,000-100,000 per year in athletics alone. However, it is not the primary driving factor in this decision.



What would we say to our students?

No matter what decision is made, we have some work to do on the culture of our student body. If we stay within the MAC, we have to stand strong in our mission and work like heck to be as competitive, respectful, and moral as possible. If we go into the NWC, that would be no different. To answer the question, we would tell them the truth. We are St. John's Blue Jays – we don't back down when faced with challenges, we persevere. We don't make decisions for few – we consider the entire family that we are. We don't whine when things don't go our way – we work harder. We don't do things on a whim – we turn to our faith and trust God's plan for us. That is who we are...and THAT will NEVER change!! We have changed conferences before. But we have never changed what it means to be a Blue Jay of Delphos St. John's....and this time would be no different! The conference we are in as athletes does not define who we are. WE define who we are! And we will do and be our bestat all times...no matter what.



Has a final decision been made?

No! If it were, we wouldn't be asking for your input – we would just make an announcement and move on. We know this is a difficult decision and one to evaluate thoroughly. We have been down this road before. Hearing from people involved in that, it was hard then and it is hard now. No matter what this decision is, we truly believe we will come out stronger on the other side. Some change is inevitable – and we have to be prepared for that either way. Whether we stay or we go, we have some work ahead of us. And we can only hope that, through it all, we will be a UNITED front.

We would like to make a final decision by September 1, 2023