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School and Sports in Full Swing at McGuinness

The end of the first grading period may have come to many schools, but the students of Bishop McGuinness are far from winding things down. The football team has victories over Guthrie and Millwood while narrowly losing to arch rival Bishop Kelley. The team hosts Weatherford this week and Woodward next week for Homecoming.

The theme for Homecoming this year is *Homecoming on the Range*. The Homecoming Court will be selected on Monday with related activities to follow throughout the week. The queen will be crowned during halftime festivities of the Irish football game.

In other sports related news, the Lady Irish softball team had a 10-3 victory over U.S. Grant on Senior Night. **Emily Hale** and **Claire Maguire** represented the senior class on the team, and have both been playing on the team for the past four years. **Mary Beth Canfield**, **Stephanie Milligan**, and **Claire Maguire** have been named to the All Conference All Star team.

The Volleyball team recently placed 3rd at the Bishop McGuinness tournament. **Courtney Iser** was selected to the All Tournament team. Volleyball also celebrated Senior Night last week. Seniors are **Katie Harris**, **Annica Vaughan**, **Cassi Iser**, **Maddie Wunsch**, **Dana Speziale**, **Claire Oltean** and **Madeline Mahoney**.

Several Irish students have received scholastic honors recently. Selected as National Merit Semifinalists were **Tommy Labarthe**, **Nick Aguilera**, and **Jonathan Gardocki**. Nick and Jonathan were also selected as National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars along with **Monica Jordan**.

Sixty students are working hard to become ambassadors for the school. Training was offered to students interested last week. Ambassadors have the responsibility of being hosts when guests are in the building and speaking about the school for various occasions.

The freshman class celebrated a successful retreat last week. The class was dispatched to several service ministries throughout the OKC area including Regional Food Bank, St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store; Feed the Children, and the Peru Warehouse. The freshmen also held class officer elections. Elected as President was **Jack Downs** while Secretary was **Ransom Smith**. A runoff for Vice President is scheduled this week.

The Irish competitive cheer squad recently placed 3rd at regionals qualifying them to participate in state competition this week in Skiatook. Members are: **Krissy Nixon**, **Liz Luetkemeyer**, **Kaite Heggy**, **Jessye Patterson**, **Anna Prince**, **Sicily Splitt**, **Brittany Yanchick**, **Brady LeDonne**, **Tessa Jones**, **Katie Vaughn**, **Elizabeth Kornfeld**, **Kennedy Livingston**, **Haley Evans** (alternate), **Katie Massad** (alternate) and **Francie Trimble** (alternate).

Rachel Pyle and **Kashlie Olson** have been appointed to the Oklahoma Heritage Associations Teen Board for their third consecutive term.

McGuinness recently welcomed two guest speakers: John Michael Talbot and J.C. Pohl. Mr. Pohl spoke to the students about school violence and ways to prevent it, while Mr. Talbot shared his gift of music and faith with the students and faculty.

This Saturday, McGuinness will host the second annual "Wearin of the Green" Wellness Conference for parents. The keynote topic is "The Social Host Ordinances" with representatives

from various police departments moderating. The event is from 8:00 – 12:30 pm. Cost is \$10 with lunch provided.