

FALL 2024

VHS BOOSTER CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Bird Cage

BOYS SOCCER STATE A CHAMPS

Team Overview

- Record: 10-2-1
- Achievement: Class A State Champions

Individual Honors

- 1st Team All-State:
 - James Nissen
 - Michael Roob
 - Ian Job
- All-State Honorable Mention:
 - Aaron Bingen
- Academic All-State (Srs Only):
 - James Nissen
 - Michael Roob

Senior Leaders

- Aaron Bingen
- James Nissen
- Michael Roob



Vermillion defeated James Valley Christian 3-2 in Yankton for the 'A' boys state soccer championship. Late game heroics by Ian Job was the difference maker in the Tanagers claiming their first sanctioned state title.

Vermillion finally found success on offense with 28-minutes to go in the match when Ian Job tied it with a goal. Six-minutes later, the Tanagers took the lead. This time, on a penalty kick goal from James Nissen.

With just under a minute to play, and with ice in his veins, Vermillion's Ian Job kicked the game-winner.

"It feels amazing, couldn't feel better than this moment right now," said Ian Job. "It's meant everything. I've made life-long friends. We've come through so many differences, we've had our accomplishments – it's been an amazing time."



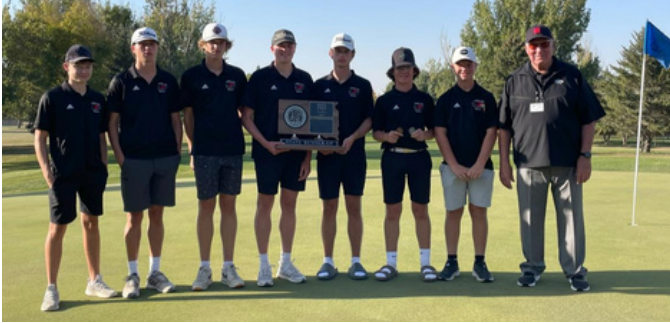
GIRLS SOCCER FINISHES STRONG

Great job to the entire team on these accomplishments!

- Madigan Wallin, a senior, contributed 3 goals to the team's impressive total of 24 goals this season.
- Marasia Warren earned a well-deserved spot on the All-State Soccer First Team Honorable Mention list, showcasing her exceptional skills and dedication.
- The team finished 7th in the Girls Class A Division, a testament to hard work and perseverance throughout the season.



GOLF BRINGS STATE A RUNNER UP TROPHY



The 2024 golf season was another fantastic year for Tanager Golf. The team pursued the trifecta of state championships but came up just short, finishing in second place, 14 strokes behind Dakota Valley. Despite this, it was a remarkable season highlighted by several top-three finishes. At Regions in Elk Point, the Tanagers showcased their dominance, leading SF Christian by 13 strokes and Dakota Valley by an impressive 25 strokes.



This year, the team bids farewell to three outstanding seniors: Carter Hansen, Karson Preister, and Kade Reuvers. Fortunately, with a deep and talented varsity roster, as well as JV golfers who continue to excel, Vermillion is poised to remain a formidable force in golf for years to come.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello from the Booster Club Leadership Team. I want to start by thanking all our corporate and family partners, the difference you make in the student athletes at Vermillion High School is immeasurable. I want to take this opportunity to fill you in on where your investments are making a difference, both now and in the future. We are working, in partnership with the school district on short term and long-term projects, which will include upgrading the scoreboard and display in the gym, sponsoring the new scoreboard at the elementary school, upgrading the outdoor restrooms and concession stand. We are also looking into resurfacing the tennis courts and outdoor track, enclosing a corridor between the gym and school building to make a better pathway to the auxiliary gym. Your valued partnership continues to help and make a difference in all the student athletes here at VHS and will impact the community as a whole for years to come.

I would also like to bring to your attention this year's Vermillion Booster Club Hall of Fame Celebration and Dinner. Please mark your calendar for April 26, 2025 and come celebrate with us as we honor past coaches and student athletes from VHS. Please make certain that you go to gotanagers.com to submit your nominations as soon as possible. We welcome new members every month to the booster club, and I would personally like to extend an invitation to you to get involved and see where you can make a difference.

It's an Honor to Serve,
Andy Merideth
Booster Club President

ANNUAL BOOSTER GOLF TOURNEY VERY SUCCESSFUL



Left: Shootout Champions: Brett & Gina Mockler and Kasie & Jared Heiden



Right: Classic Champions: Carter Hansen, Joe Bjorkman, Trey Hansen, Scott Hansen,

The Annual Booster Club Golf Tournament was a great success this year! A full course, strong community support, and a memorable day despite the heat truly show the dedication and enthusiasm for Tanager athletes. Congratulations on such a fantastic fundraiser—here's to keeping the tradition fun and lively!

This year we added a twist. We had the Classic Champions, but we added a 4 hole play-off among the leaders of all the flights. We'll see you next summer!

TENNIS CLENCHES 3RD PLACE AT STATE A TOURNAMENT

The Vermillion Girls Tennis Team had an outstanding season, finishing with a solid 7-5 record and achieving remarkable highlights along the way.

The pinnacle of their success came when they captured the Conference Tennis Tournament title by narrowly defeating Sioux Falls Christian 5-4.

The team placed 3rd overall at the State Tournament—the best result for Vermillion in many years, showcasing the talent and determination of the entire roster.

Congratulations to the Vermillion Girls Tennis Team on an exceptional season filled with impressive achievements and unforgettable moments!



Individual and Team Accomplishments:

- #1 Singles: Senior Annika Barnett had a stellar season, highlighted by a 2nd-place finish at the State Tournament and earning a spot on the All-State Tournament Team.
- #2 Singles: Senior Mya Halverson placed 6th at State and was recognized with All-Academic All-State honors, along with Abby Hanson and Saige Jorgensen.
- #1 Doubles: Annika Barnett and Mya Halverson teamed up to secure 3rd place at the State Tournament.
- #3 Singles: Senior Abby Hanson capped off a great season with a 5th-place State finish, including a memorable victory against AA Brandon Valley earlier in the season.
- #4 Singles: Freshman Mia Barnett made her mark by earning a 2nd-place finish at the State Tournament.
- #5 Singles: Freshman Sakara White-Davis claimed 3rd place at State, while her doubles partnership with fellow freshman Katie Yoon at #3 Doubles led to a State Championship.
- #6 Singles: Katie Yoon shone brightly, becoming a double champion by also winning her singles flight.
- Both Sakara White-Davis and Katie Yoon were named to the All-State Tournament Team.

Contributions and Acknowledgments:

- Senior Saige Jorgensen demonstrated incredible team spirit by stepping in at various flights throughout the season to help the team remain competitive during injuries or absences.
- The JV Team—Katelyn Proefrock, Delaney Smidt, Evie Auen, Madilyn Badke, Ellie Holdhusen, Shelan Hinseth, Sadie Dahlhoff, Emily Emerson, Adalyn Boffelfson, Dylan Wagner, and Camille Wood—provided invaluable support and depth.

Special recognition goes to Volunteer Coach Julie Barnett, whose expertise and dedication elevated the team's performance to new heights.

TANAGER INITIATIVES



Tanager Feet Forward/Kelcy's Kicks

Each year we provide 60-80 pairs of quality shoes to our Vermillion high school and middle school students in need. We assist with shoes for every day, athletics, and sometimes even for job skills. Our goal is to begin each school year with new quality shoes to fill in the gaps as needed throughout the year. We have been collecting money and shoes since 2019 and hope to gain a sustainable fund that will allow us to keep our students moving forward and giving them an opportunity to fit in with their peers.

Booster Club Scholarship

Each year the Booster Club will provide a scholarship to two athletes in the amount of \$1000 each. Our Tanager Athletes will be recognized for their community service, dedication to Tanager Sports and their ability to excel in the classroom.



Coach's Funding Requests

Supporting our coaches and helping fund their needs is a large part of the Booster Fundraising. This covers various things such as camps, equipment, and travel needs.

Tanager Athlete Assistance

We want to ensure equal playing opportunities throughout our Tanager Athletics, as every student deserves to have the ability to play sports. We would like to provide underserved athletes with uniforms, equipment and continued mentorship with their teammates.



Save this date
26
April 2025
VHS Booster Club
Hall of Fame Dinner
NOMINATION FORM
on GoTanagers.com

SENIOR SIGNINGS

Kasey Hansen
Dordt University
Basketball



Brooke Jensen
Univer. of South Dakota
Basketball



Reagan Lee
Briar Cliff
Softball



Julise Shaw
Mount Marty
Basketball



VHS BOOSTER CLUB

Frequently Asked Questions

Our Mission

VHS Athletic Booster Club believes athletics and extracurricular activities are a large part of the learning environment. It is the goal of the VHS Athletic Booster Club to assist school funding to support athletic facilities and programs.

The VHS Athletic Booster Club was founded to contribute fundraising to support athletics, upgrade sports facilities, promote spirit, and to assist at sporting events.

WHAT WE DO

- Social media promotion and updates of VHS athletic events and their accomplishments
- GoTangers.com website
- Spirit Store merchandise
- Concession Stand (opening, closing, working, cleaning, and ordering supplies)
- Event organization - Booster Bash, Booster Track Meet, and Tanager Hall of Fame Banquet, Annual Golf Outing
- Business Member Cultivation
- Grant two scholarships each year to athletes

WHAT WE DON'T DO

- Meals for games or teams
- Decorations for locker rooms, lockers, or the creation of individual signs or banners
- Set-up and/or schedule send-off events, welcome home parties, pep rally events, or fan buses
- Uniforms/attire with names or anything kept by the athletes

Booster members may lend support to these endeavors, but the Booster Club is not solely responsible for the organization or provision of those items listed above.

What does the Booster Club do and provide?

We provide financial support to VHS athletic teams that is not already provided by the school general budget.

How is financial support from the Booster Club requested?

Each athletic team's head coach can request financial support via a standardized form that is then acted upon by the Booster Club at their monthly meetings. Coaches are highly encouraged to attend monthly meetings to discuss their requests.

Requests from parents will not be acted upon.

What are examples of financial support provided by the Booster Club?

- Team camps
- Athletes to attend camps that they would otherwise not be unable to attend because of cost
- Equipment (not covered by school funds or in partnership with the school)
- Additional team uniform attire or team gear
- Additional hotel costs or sports-specific costs related to state events above and beyond what is paid for by the school (i.e. golf practice rounds)
- Charter bus requests
- Spirit items (e.g. mascot, rally towels, spirit sticks, "themed" shirts) for cheerleaders and student sections to help promote student body involvement at athletic events
- Provision of annual Booster Club Scholarship available to apply for by senior athletes

How does the Booster Club provide financial support for charter bus requests?

The Booster Club will decide the funding amount to be allocated for the year for charter bus requests. This amount will be communicated to the coaches and Athletic Director upon agreement of funds allocated, if requested and approved. Any additional funds above the school costs and Booster Club costs would be at the expense of the team parents or outside donors.

I'm a parent of a high school athlete. How is my student-athlete's team represented on the Booster Club?

The Booster Club highly encourages every team to designate a team representative (such as a parent) that attends booster meetings and then can disseminate meeting information to the team coach, athletes, and parents.

When does the Booster Club meet?

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the high school library.

Who can attend Booster Club meetings?

Everyone is welcome!

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XC TEAMS LOADED WITH TALENT

The Vermillion boys' and girls' cross country teams celebrated a remarkable season marked by strong performances and significant achievements. Both teams claimed victory at the Elk Point Jefferson Invationals and advanced to the state meet in Rapid City.

The boys' team delivered an impressive performance, finishing 6th overall and earning a spot on the podium. Individually, Gage Beverly excelled as the Class A state runner-up, while Hunter Morse secured 17th place, earning All-State honors. Other state team members included Sam Sorensen, Frankie Orr, Gavin Ma, Sean May, and Ben Quail, who all contributed to the team's success.

The girls' team, a younger group, also qualified for the state meet and placed 11th overall. Junior Callie Radigan shone with a 10th-place finish, earning All-State honors. The rest of the state-qualifying team included Eleanor Anderson, Lydia Anderson, Carson Severson, and Bea Hernandez-Lucas, all of whom are expected to return and compete next year.

Special recognition goes to the Tanager seniors—Cael Fulton, Jack Krell, Frankie Orr, and Theo Wittmuss—who earned Academic All-State honors. Their leadership and contributions will be greatly missed as they move on from the program.

VOLLEYBALL FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT

Although our team may have been overlooked, this season was about more than wins and losses. Every member of the program—from C-team to JV to Varsity—battled through adversity, showing resilience and growth.

We want to thank our four incredible seniors, who have played a pivotal role in shaping the culture of Vermillion Volleyball. Whether on the court or behind the scenes, their leadership and dedication have left an indelible mark. They've made Tanager Volleyball proud.

Our focus this season was on improving skills, fostering teamwork, and growing as individuals in every match and practice.

Special thanks to everyone who made this season possible:

- The workers, bus drivers, custodians, and officials who keep athletics running smoothly.
- Our amazing fans, parents, and the Booster Club for their unwavering support.

We are excited for the offseason and the opportunities it presents to come back even stronger. The future is bright for Vermillion Volleyball! Go Tanagers!



Seniors:

- #2 Kristen Moser (DS/L)
- #5 Reagan Lee (RS)
- Senior Manager Emily Reiser
- Sr Mgr Rayanna Slattery

Year-End Results:

- Overall Record: 2-25
- Conference Record: 0-9

All-Conference Selections:

Kristen Moser (Sr., DS/L): DAK XII All-Conference Honorable Mention

TANAGER FOOTBALL REFLECTS ON 2024

The 2024 football season was filled with remarkable achievements both on and off the field. Congratulations to Rollie French and Connor Peterson, who earned All-Conference First Team and Academic All-State. This marks Rollie's second consecutive year as an All-State linebacker, while Connor celebrated his first All-State selection as a wide receiver.

Additional All-Conference honors were awarded to teammates Dain Richardson, Elijah Lara, and Cameron Bottolfson, showcasing the team's depth of talent and dedication.

These honors reflect the incredible work ethic and commitment of our student-athletes to excellence in athletics and academics.

Great games were had this year like our Homecoming Victory with a commanding 20-0 win over Milbank featured standout performances from Ryne Chapman, who rushed for 230 yards and 2 touchdowns on 37 carries. Defensively, the team held Milbank to just 125 total yards of offense. We also had some amazing road games, particularly the nail-biting 15-14 victory over Tri-Valley anchored by Trequin Thomas, who delivered an unforgettable performance with 3 interceptions.

Congratulations to all players, coaches, and supporters for making it an unforgettable year!



Notable Player Statistics

- Hayden Christopherson: Passed for 1,243 yards, including a record-breaking 393-yard game against Canton.
- Connor Peterson: Recorded 42 catches, 581 yards, and 7 touchdowns, highlighted by a single-game record of 15 receptions for 210 yards against Canton.
- Rollie French: Dominated defensively with 132 total tackles, including an astonishing 30-tackle game against Madison.

The VHS Athletic Booster Club relies on funds that are raised from generous individuals, business sponsors, and community members.

This is done using a variety of methods, including:

- General donations – cash, online giving, or pledged donations
- Memberships
- Banners Sponsors
- Tanager card sales
- Naming Rights
- Fundraisers
- Concession stand sales



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There are many opportunities to make a lasting impact in the lives of our VHS student athletes. Either contact us or fill out one of the membership forms.

PLATINUM



DIAMOND



ALL-STAR

Jon Manning
Paul & Jessica Preister
Dr. Jacob & Shelby Quail

PRIDE

Jay & Jamma Christopherson
Tom & Jenny French
Mike Flaherty & Katy Beem
Kyle & Michelle Hinseth
Nick & Jamie Hovden
Dr. Matt & Sharla Krell
Andy & Trina Meredith
Janice McGuire
Tyler & Jessica Messersmith
Ryan & Molly Mollencamp
Todd & Cathy Nelson
Chris & Ranelle Nissen
Nick & Rachel Olson
Taylor Peters
Brandon & Ericka Schapekahn
Matt & Kasey Sorensen
Gerry & Lexi Tracy
Joe & Dawn Manning

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Angela Anderson
Bill Anderson
Matt & Callie Beach
Dennis & Angie Bickett
Joe & Kaye Bjorkman
Andrew & Nicole Carr
Mike & Kathy Carlson
Dale & Teresa Chasing Hawk
Wes & Jess Christensen
Wade & Steph Christopherson
Ryan & Emily Church
Jeff & Veda Church

Joe & Tracy Cleveland
Steve & Michelle Cogley
Gary & Kim Culver
Lisha Edelen
Danielle Flemming
Neil & Molly Fulton
Ken & Michelle Green
Kyle & Debbie Gruhn
Doug & Jessica Hammer
Dale & Janet Hill
Darin Jerke
Darren Johnson
Chris & Kris Larson
Travis Lee
Rian & Emily Merrigan
Mike & Jenny Moran
Marty & Tressa Nygren
Rob & Kim Olson
Melissa Orr

Chad & Kirney Passick
Chad & Denise Peterson
Jim & Bergen Peterson
Rick & Debbie Proefrock
Curt & Nancy Robinson
Tony & Carrie Roerig
Christen Smith
Johnathan Sopoci
Doug & Jessica Standley
Layne Stewart
Dean Tomkins-Searcy & Dr.
Anastacia Searcy
Luke & Maria Trowbridge
John & Angie Uhl
Carol Voss-Ward
Isaac & Nicole Voss
Bill & Alison Wilroth
Allan & Sarah Wittmuss
Katharina Wymar

Jong Sung Yoon & Heeyoung Choi

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