



Winter Sports Preview



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Mendota Wrestling Roster 2023-24

Boys	
Sam Christmann	Senior
Angil Serrano	Junior
Rhett Watson	Junior
Reyli Sandoval	Junior
Michael Thornhill	Junior
Reese Lane	Sophomore
Nate Giberson	Sophomore
Corbin Furar	Sophomore
Gavin Evans	Sophomore
Payton Gagliardo	Sophomore
Rashaad Mayfield	Sophomore
Gavin Stevenson	Freshman
Madrick Musgrove	Freshman
Cole Kleckner	Freshman
Zach Schmidt	Freshman
Adrian Arteaga	Freshman
Trayvon Rucker	Freshman
Girls	
Lea Turner	Junior
Christianah Brown	Sophomore
Reushawna Durr	Freshman
Mariyah Elam	Freshman
Hayden Senders	Freshman
Laina Gonzales	Freshman
Emma Dearing	Freshman
Jayleen Jordan	Freshman
Delila Kent	Freshman
Miley Chavez	Freshman

Head coach: Dale Meyers**Assistant coaches:** Matt Hanaman, Arty Serrano, Charles Watson

Front row, left to right: manager Alessandra Enriquez, Hayden Senders, Miley Chavez, Laina Gonzales, Delila Kent, Jayleen Jordan, Emma Dearing, Gavin Stevenson, Christianah Brown, Sam Christmann. Middle row: Gavin Evans, Mariyah Elam, Lea Turner, Reushawna Durr, Cole Kleckner, Zach Schmidt, Rashaad Mayfield, Adrian Arteaga, Payton Gagliardo, Corbin Furar. Back row: assistant coach Charles Watson, Nate Giberson, Rhett Watson, Madrick Musgrove, Reese Lane, Michael Thornhill, Gabe Vallejo, Reyli Sandoval, Angil Serrano, head coach Dale Meyers, assistant coach Arty Serrano.

Interest level rises for MHS wrestling program

MENDOTA – When Mendota High School wrestling coach Dale Meyers conducted the first practice of the 2023-24 season, he was pleasantly surprised at what he saw.

A total of 27 wrestlers – 17 boys and 10 girls – reported to practice, a huge jump in numbers from recent past years.

“I always go to the school before the season and talk to kids during lunch hour and ask them if they’d like to give wrestling a try,” explained Meyers. “I was amazed at the turnout we had this year. It was quite a pleasant surprise to see the interest level go up.”

There is a big increase in the girls going out for wrestling this year. There were three on the team last year and the roster has ballooned to 10.

Girls can wrestle boys in

meets, but Meyers said they are trying to schedule more girls’ only meets.

“So far we have three girls’ tournaments or quads lined up and we’re looking to add more,” noted Meyers. “We’re trying to get as many girl-girl meets as possible.”

Eight of the 10 girls are freshmen. Junior Lea Turner returns for her third year of wrestling and Meyers is happy with the progress she has made on the mat.

“Lea is in her third year so I expect to see a lot more consistency from her in girls meets,” Meyers said. “In her first two years she’s mostly wrestled against boys.”

One sophomore, Christianah Brown, is on the squad, while freshmen include Miley Chavez, Delila Kent, Jayleen Jordan, Emma Dearing, Laina Gonzales, Hayden Senders, Mariyah Elam and Reushawna Durr.

Weight classes for girls are: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, 235.

On the boys’ side, the Trojans will be able to fill more of the 14 weight classes at meets than in past years.

“That’s a nice thing to have when trying to compete for points in meets,” said Meyers. “The more classes we can fill the better chance we have at scoring points.”

The Trojans are a young bunch, with just one senior and four juniors out of the 17 on the team. Sam Christmann is the lone senior, while juniors are Angil Serrano, Rhett Watson, Reyli Sandoval and Michael Thornhill.

“We have about four guys that have been wrestling since youth wrestling, but most of the boys just started wrestling in high school, so they’re still learn-

ing,” stated Meyers.

Sophomore Corbin Furar came out of the youth wrestling program, as did Serrano, Watson and Christmann. Meyers is hopeful those four will be able to challenge to get out of the regional and into the sectional round. Serrano was the lone Trojan to make it to the sectional a year ago.

In addition to Furar, other sophomores include Payton Gagliardo, Gavin Evans, Nate Giberson and Reese Lane. Freshmen on the roster are Trayvon Rucker, Adrian Arteaga, Zach Schmidt, Cole Kleckner, Madrick Musgrove, Gavin Stevenson and Rashaad Mayfield.

There have been several changes to weight classes for the boys. This year’s classes are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, 285.



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New-look Lady Trojans hoping to adopt winning attitude

MENDOTA—Personnel departures from graduation, early graduation and injury have drastically changed the look of the Mendota varsity girls' basketball roster from last year to now.

Only three seniors make up the 10-player roster and only one of those seniors saw playing time on a regular basis. The rest of the squad is made up of six juniors and one sophomore, none of which got on the floor for a varsity game last season.

So, with basically a fresh start, head coach John Hansen is trying to send a message to a varsity team that has struggled to find wins over the last two seasons.

"The message this off-season has been clear that we care about two things in this program — each other and competing," said Hansen. "We've got to drop the 'loser/we can't do it' mentality and can't keep making excuses for not being passionate about competing for each other every single day.

"We need to believe in ourselves, compete hard and embrace the process of the progress."

Grace Wasmer leads the trio of seniors returning to the team, having been a starter on last year's squad. The other two seniors are Ryleigh Sondgeroth and Bria Frey. Hansen is looking to them to carry the torch for the rest of the team.

"We need leadership from our seniors," Hansen said. "They are vocal, emotional and passionate.

Ryleigh and Bria are extremely great vocal leaders for only the second year of basketball girls, and Grace is a four-year starter with all-conference abilities now that she's finally able to play her true positions on the floor.

"She's been forced to step up and play out of position her whole high school career and now finally has the opportunity to show out."

Ever since Amellia Bromenschenkel took her talents to the Division I college level, offensive production has been hard to come by for the Lady Trojans. Hansen said he is emphasizing shooting the basketball to everyone who is out on the floor.

"We need to pull the trigger and shoot the basketball," noted Hansen. "Trigger-shy weapons has been a major issue for us the past two to three years. You shoot when we're on fire and shoot to get on fire. If you're not a weapon on offense at all then you might as well be taking pictures for the yearbook.

"We're working hard on our defense and transition as well. We know we can run the floor and make layups. We want to do that as much as possible and hopefully the confidence offensively comes along with it."

Hansen is excited to see the progression of the junior class roster members, who he said is "loaded with athleticism and girls that seem bought it to competing hard." Juniors who will get



Front row, left to right: Ella Martin, Ava Eddy, Ryleigh Sondgeroth, Lily Bokus, Crystal Garcia. Middle row: Kennedy Knaff, Ella Coss, Laylie Denault, Bria Frey. Back row: manager Elise Verkaeren, assistant coach Joe Hughes, head coach John Hansen, assistant coach Matt Gehm, Grace Wasmer.

their first taste of varsity basketball include Ava Eddy, Lily Bokus, Crystal Garcia, Kennedy Knaff, Ella Coss, and Ella Martin. One junior that will be missing from the team is Cassie Gonzalez, a starter from last year, who suffered a knee injury while playing soccer for a team outside of school.

"They took their lumps as freshmen playing junior varsity and then gained some confidence as sophomores playing JV," Hansen said. "I'm actually very excited to see them turn the corner and put it all together. They all have that 'basketball attacker' and 'how can I get even better at these things'

mentality that we've been lacking on varsity lately."

Laylie Denault, a sophomore, is also on the roster. Hansen described Denault as freakishly athletic and someone who plays at a thousand miles per hour. He thinks she will be the team's spark plug defensively.

Hansen said another thing he expects from the players is to leave everything out on the floor every single game.

"There is absolutely no pressure, no real expectations from anyone outside of our program, and we have nothing to lose," added Hansen. "We need to care about each other and competing.

And I've challenged them to be passionate about both.

"Success will come if we're truly bought in to that.

I've promised them to wear a full suit on senior night if we have over 10 wins at that time."

Mendota Varsity Girls' Basketball Roster 2023-24

No	Player	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Ava Eddy	5-2	G	Jr
2	Lily Bokus	5-4	G	Jr
4	Crystal Garcia	5-4	G	Jr
5	Bria Frey	5-6	G	Sr
10	Kennedy Knaff	5-6	F	Jr
11	Ella Coss	5-6	G	Jr
12	Ryleigh Sondgeroth	5-6	G	Sr
13	Ella Martin	5-6	G	Jr
14	Laylie Denault	5-6	G	So
15	Grace Wasmer	5-9	F	Sr

Head coach: John Hansen
Assistant coach: Matt Gehm



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Trojan cagers to deploy up-tempo style in '23-24 season

MENDOTA – With one year under his belt as Mendota's varsity boys' basketball head coach, Steve Wasmer feels more comfortable entering his second season. But he is also well aware that learning new things about the game and the program is a constant.

"I think one of the keys to coaching is realizing that there is always stuff to learn," Wasmer said. "When you think you have it all figured out is when you're in trouble. All you can do is be as prepared as you can be and keep learning and adapting."

"For instance, our personnel is different because we lost Rafa (Romero). He was our guy in the middle that we could count on for 12 points and 10 rebounds every game. We don't have any traditional big guys this year, so we have to change the way we play."

"We are going to try to push the ball a lot more and make it a full-court game instead of a half-court game. We will be pretty deep with a lot of interchangeable parts, and we have a lot of guys that can shoot, so that style of play should be beneficial to us."

Of the 13 players on the roster, six are seniors, many of whom saw the court last year as juniors. The most veteran of the group is Izaiah Nanez, who is entering his third season of varsity basketball.

"We are looking for Izaiah to be more of a vocal leader and be more aggressive offensively,"

Wasmer explained. "If he stays healthy, there's a good likelihood that he becomes a 1,000-point scorer, which is an incredible accomplishment."

"However, his biggest strength is versatility. He has a great feel for the game and can be a six-rebound-per-game and five-assist-per-game guy, which is hard to do at the high school level."

The other seniors on the team are Cale Strouss, Owen Aughenbaugh, Jace Baird, Logan Dewey and Ryan Stevenson. Strouss and Aughenbaugh were in the starting lineup at times last season, and Wasmer is expecting big contributions this year.

"Cale had a great summer and averaged around 10 points per game last year," noted Wasmer. "That should increase this year as he's added some things to his offensive repertoire. He brings a lot of intensity defensively as well."

"I think Owen should be one of our best defensive players and can pressure the heck out of the ball."

Wasmer said that Baird had some good games last year and the coach is hoping for more consistent play out of him, while Wasmer described Dewey as a great athlete but needs to overcome an injury suffered during the soccer season. Stevenson saw some minutes a year ago and should be a contributor to the Trojans this season.

The roster consists of four juniors and three sophomores that are coming off



Front row, left to right: Aden Tillman, Evan McPheeters, Cameron Kelly, Alex Beetz, Cale Strouss, Owen Aughenbaugh, Ryan Stevenson. Back row: head coach Steve Wasmer, Braiden Freeman, Logan Dewey, Dane Doyle, Jace Baird, Dom Richey, Izaiah Nanez, assistant coach Nick Ganz.

of a highly-successful 17-11 campaign on the sophomore squad in 2022-23. Wasmer is expecting that level of play to carry over to the varsity team this season.

"We will depend a lot on the underclassmen and we expect a lot from them," said Wasmer.

Juniors include Cameron Kelly, Braiden Freeman, Evan McPheeters and Dom Richey. Sophomores who are moving up to varsity are Aden Tillman, Dane Doyle and Alex Beetz. They all saw significant playing time on last year's sophomore team as freshmen.

"We are hoping Cam Kelly can take the next step. He's probably our best ball handler and can really shoot," Wasmer stated.

"Freeman is relentless on

defense and his intensity in practice has been impressive. Richey has impressed in practice as well, and McPheeters has also done some really good things."

Wasmer expects the three sophomore players to see a lot of court time in the 2023-24 season.

"Tillman, Doyle and Beetz have really worked on their game this summer and I'm expecting they'll fit right in on the varsity level despite being sophomores," noted Wasmer.

Despite notching only nine wins last year, the Trojans hung tough in a lot of games. Now Wasmer feels the team is ready to win those close games.

"I feel we are knocking on the door," Wasmer said. "The last two years we've

Mendota Varsity Boys' Basketball Roster 2023-24

No	Player	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Cale Strouss	5-9	G	Sr
2	Owen Aughenbaugh	5-10	G	Sr
3	Ryan Stevenson	5-11	F	Sr
4	Jace Baird	6-2	F	Sr
5	Cameron Kelly	5-10	G	Jr
10	Logan Dewey	6-1	F	Sr
11	Izaiah Nanez	6-2	F	Sr
12	Braiden Freeman	6-0	F	Jr
13	Evan McPheeters	5-10	G	Jr
22	Aden Tillman	6-0	G	So
23	Dane Doyle	6-2	F	So
24	Alex Beetz	5-10	G	So
33	Dom Richey	5-11	G	Jr

Head coach: Steve Wasmer
Assistant coach: Nick Ganz

been very competitive, but we just don't know how to win yet.

"What I do know is the program is in good shape.

We will be competitive at all three levels, and if we continue to do the right things, I think we will surprise some people."



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Trojan bowlers set sights high for 2023-24 season

□ MHS girls' team has just four squad members

MENDOTA—A strong mix of quality veteran talent and quality young talent has the Mendota High School boys' bowling team setting its sights on big things for the 2023-24 season.

There are 15 bowlers for this year's Trojans divided among varsity and junior varsity teams. Senior Landon Bauer heads the list of returnees from last year's squad. Bauer recently signed to continue his bowling career at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan.

"Landon is really concentrating on making his senior season the best he's had while an MHS bowler," said coach Matt Bauer. "He is always working on improving his game and I'm confident he'll have a real good season this year."

Matt Bauer said the varsity team is relying on the three sophomore squad members to step up their game from their freshman campaign. The sophomores include Alex Holland, Kooper Novak and Paxton Bauer. Holland and Novak were members of the Holy Cross School bowling team that won the Illinois Elementary School Association state bowling championship in 2021, and they carried that success over to their freshman year last season.

"The biggest thing this year is our three sophomores, who are making big strides in their second year on the team," said Matt Bauer. "They are really turning it on this year and we are expecting great seasons from them."

Assistant coach John Holland noted that many of the Trojan bowlers have been together for a number of years and thinks that cohesiveness is another key to their success.

"A lot of our guys have been bowling together since they were about 5 years old, so they know each

other well and really feed off each other's success," said Holland. "We are really excited to see their growth and progress on the bowling lanes."

Besides Landon Bauer, Dean Gilbert is the only other senior on the team in just his first year out for bowling. The coaches have seen good things out of him early in the season, as well as from juniors Aiden Kent-Tucker and BJ Bresley.

Last season, the varsity team narrowly missed getting out of the regional, so this year they have a motto for just that goal.

"We needed 16 pins to get to the sectional last year, so our motto is '16 pins and we're in,'" explained Matt Bauer, about the team setting its goal to make it to the sectional round.

One area that the team has been working hard at is improving their spares, which if successful in picking up, can be the difference in finishing the season in the regional or advancing to the next level.

"We're working on spare drills a whole lot this year," said Matt Bauer. "Spares are critical and can really booster your score if you can pick them up on a consistent basis."

There are eight bowlers on the junior varsity team. They are seniors Landon Lee and Logan Wujek; juniors Wyatt Sondgeroth and Josh Sondgeroth; sophomores Nick Sheridan, Caeleb Ensor and Luis Nunez; and freshman Toby Bulen.

The girls' bowling team consists of four squad members – juniors Kayla Hernandez, Lauren Holland, Brisa Nunez and Madison Sproston.

The coaches said they will be leaning on Lauren Holland and Nunez to lead the team as they return from last season, while Hernandez and Sproston are newcomers to bowling.



Front row, left to right: Nick Sheridan, Kooper Novak, Paxton Bauer, Landon Bauer. Middle row: Alex Holland, Wyatt Sondgeroth, Aiden Kent-Tucker, Josh Sondgeroth, BJ Bresley. Back row: Caeleb Ensor, Luis Nunez, Landon Lee, Dean Gilbert, Logan Wujek, Toby Bulen.



Left to right: Madison Sproston, Lauren Holland, Brisa Nunez, Kayla Hernandez.



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Freshman-Sophomore Girls' Basketball

Front row, left to right: Kara Miars, Eden Pecher, Jocelyn Figueroa, Kate Strouss, Karissa Freeman. Middle row: Brooklyn Baxa, Arihanna Figueroa, Samara Hernandez, Emily Diaz, Emily Sondgeroth, Monse Chavez. Back row: Addison Perryman, head coach Joe Hughes, assistant coach John Hansen, assistant coach Matt Gehm, Elaina Reddin.

Mendota Freshman-Sophomore Girls' Basketball Roster 2023-24

No	Player	Ht	Pos	Yr
4	Jocelyn Figueroa	5-4	G	Fr
5	Kara Miars	5-0	G	Fr
10	Brooklyn Baxa	5-6	G	Fr
12	Arihanna Figueroa	5-8	F	Fr
13	Monse Chavez	5-2	G	Fr
14	Emily Diaz	5-4	G	Fr
15	Elaina Reddin	5-9	F	So
21	Eden Pecher	5-0	G	Fr
22	Emily Sondgeroth	5-4	G	Fr
23	Karissa Freeman	5-4	G	Fr
24	Addison Perryman	5-8	F	Fr
30	Kate Strouss	5-2	G	Fr
33	Samara Hernandez	5-3	G	So

Head coach: Joe Hughes



Sophomore Boys' Basketball

Front row, left to right: Edward Bautista, Johan Cortez, Brody Hartt, Ramiro Palacios, Alex Beetz. Middle row: assistant coach Drake O'Donnell, Grady Jones, Dane Doyle, Jonas Fitzgerald, Keegan Beetz, head coach Evan Carroll.

Mendota Sophomore Boys' Basketball Roster 2023-24

No	Player	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Brody Hartt	5-7	G	So
2	Alex Beetz	5-10	G	So
3	Keegan Beetz	6-0	F	So
4	Johan Cortez	5-8	G	So
5	Dane Doyle	6-2	F	So
10	Ramiro Palacios	5-8	G	So
11	Aden Tillman	6-0	G	So
12	Cesar Casas	5-10	G	Fr
14	Edward Bautista	5-9	F	So
15	Grady Jones	6-0	F	So
33	Cam Wasmer	6-2	F	Fr
35	Drew Becker	6-4	F	Fr
45	Jonas Fitzgerald	6-6	C	So

Head coach: Evan Carroll

Assistant coach: Drake O'Donnell



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MHS Winter Sports Schedules

Boys' Bowling

Nov. 25 – at Oregon Quad – 10:00
 Nov. 27 – Streator
 Dec. 2 – at Oregon Classic – 8:00
 Dec. 4 – Geneseo
 Dec. 9 – at L-P Invite – 9:00
 Dec. 13 – at Ottawa – 4:00
 Dec. 18 – at Rock. Christian – 4:00
 Dec. 28 – at Rock. Boylan – 8:00
 Dec. 29 – at Dixon Toughman – 8:00
 Jan. 3 – at Streator – 4:00
 Jan. 4 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4:00
 Jan. 6 – at Hoopston Tourney – 8:00
 Jan. 11 – Dixon – 4:00
 Jan. 13 - Regional
 Jan. 18 – at Streator – 4:00

Girls' Bowling

Nov. 25 – at Oregon Quad – 10:00
 Dec. 2 – at Kewanee – 9:00
 Dec. 9 – at L-P Invite – 9:00
 Dec. 11 – at Hall – 4:00
 Jan. 2 – at Geneseo – 4:00
 Jan. 4 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4:00
 Jan. 8 – at Streator – 4:00
 Jan. 12 – at Dixon – 4:00
 Jan. 16 – LaSalle-Peru – 4:00
 Jan. 17 – at Kewanee – 4:00
 Jan. 18 – at Streator – 4:00
 Jan. 25 – at Ottawa – 4:00
 Jan. 27 – at Dixon Invite – 9:00
 Jan. 29 – Streator – 4:00
 Jan. 30 – Kewanee – 4:00
 Jan. 31 – Hall – 4:00
 Feb. 1 – at Oregon – 4:00
 Feb. 3 – Regional

Girls' Basketball

Nov. 27 – at Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Dec. 2 – Putnam County – 10:00
 Dec. 4 – Hall – 5:30
 Dec. 7 – at Princeton – 5:30
 Dec. 9 – Streator – 10:30
 Dec. 11 – Newman – 5:30
 Dec. 14 – LaSalle-Peru – 5:30
 Dec. 16 – at Earlville – noon
 Dec. 21 – at Indian Creek – 5:30
 Dec. 26-29 – at Amboy Tourney (V&S)
 Jan. 4 – Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Jan. 6 – Rock Falls – 11:00
 Jan. 8 – Kewanee – 5:30
 Jan. 10 – Hinckley-Big Rock – 5:30
 Jan. 11 – at Hall – 5:30
 Jan. 13 – at Prophetstown – 11:00
 Jan. 22 – at Newman – 5:30
 Jan. 25 – Princeton – 5:30
 Jan. 27 – at Amboy – 1:00
 Jan. 29 – at Kewanee – 5:30
 Feb. 1 – Somonauk – 5:30
 Feb. 5 – Stillman Valley – 5:30
 Feb. 8 – at Newark – 5:30
 Feb. 10-16 – Regional

Boys' Basketball

Nov. 20-25 – at Seneca Tourney (V&S)
 Nov. 30 – Byron – 5:30
 Dec. 2-9 – at Hall Colmone Classic (V&S)
 Dec. 12 – Hall – 5:30
 Dec. 13 – at Sycamore – 5:30
 Dec. 21 – at Rock Falls – 5:30
 Dec. 26-29 – at Plano Classic (V&S)
 Jan. 5 – Princeton – 5:30
 Jan. 6 – at LaSalle-Peru – 5:30
 Jan. 9 – at Newman – 5:30
 Jan. 13 – Ottawa – 3:00
 Jan. 16 – Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Jan. 19 – at Kewanee – 5:30
 Jan. 20 – at Amboy – 1:00
 Jan. 23 – at Hall – 5:30
 Jan. 30 – Newman – 5:30
 Feb. 2 – at Princeton – 5:30
 Feb. 3 – Stillman Valley – 1:30
 Feb. 6 – Kewanee – 5:30
 Feb. 9 – at Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Feb. 10 – at Oregon – 4:30
 Feb. 14 – Putnam County – 5:30
 Feb. 17-23 – Regional

Freshman Boys' Basketball

Nov. 30 – Byron – 5:30
 Dec. 6 – at Marquette – 5:30
 Dec. 12 – Hall – 5:30
 Dec. 13 – at Sycamore – 5:30
 Dec. 15-16 – at Oregon Tourney
 Dec. 21 – at Rock Falls – 5:30
 Dec. 27-28 – at L-P Tourney
 Jan. 5 – Princeton – 5:30
 Jan. 6 – at LaSalle-Peru – 5:30
 Jan. 9 – at Newman – 5:30
 Jan. 16 – Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Jan. 19 – at Kewanee – 5:30
 Jan. 23 – at Hall – 5:30
 Jan. 30 – Newman – 5:30
 Feb. 2 – at Princeton – 5:30
 Feb. 3 – Stillman Valley – noon
 Feb. 6 – Kewanee – 5:30
 Feb. 9 – at Bureau Valley – 5:30
 Feb. 10 – at Oregon – 3:30
 Feb. 17 – at Princeton Tourney – 8:00

Wrestling

Nov. 28 – at Morrison – 5:30
 Nov. 29 – at Plano Quad – 5:30
 Nov. 30 – at Hall – 5:30
 Dec. 7 – at Rockridge – 5:30
 Dec. 8 – at Kewanee – 5:00
 Dec. 16 – at Stillman Valley Invite – 9:00
 Dec. 19 – at Orion – 5:30
 Dec. 21 – Ottawa, Streator – 5:00
 Dec. 27 – at Sandwich Dual – 8:00
 Jan. 9 – at Newman – 5:30
 Jan. 11 – at Erie – 5:30
 Jan. 13 – at Kewanee Invite – 9:00
 Jan. 16 – at Princeton – 6:00
 Jan. 22 – at Marquette – 5:30
 Jan. 24 – Streator – 5:30
 Feb. 2-3 – Regional



Freshman Boys' Basketball

Front row, left to right: Ryder Woods, Jayden Lesley, Javier Hernandez, Karson Sundberg, Collin Coss. Middle row: Carter Wujek, Jamal Lesley, Cam Wasmer, Cesar Casas. Back row: head coach Ryan Reeder, Drew Becker, Andrew Rinaldo, Cayden Taliani, assistant coach Pat Reeder.



Cheerleaders

Front row, left to right: coach Katrina Flahive, Briza Cervantes, Kate Mikolasek, Michelle Cuevas, Airam Cuevas. Middle row: Janae Carr, Sophie Pappas, Dessa Komitas, Korinne Miars, Jessica Reel, JazLynn Gambrell. Back row: Ruby Bielema, Sydney Tolley, Sophia Gomez, Claire Hanson, Makenzie Bean, Marcelah Jackson, coach Lisa Schroeder. Not pictured: coach Anna Weber.

Mendota Freshman Boys' Basketball Roster 2023-24

No	Player	Ht	Pos	Yr
1	Javier Hernandez	5-7	G	Fr
3	Jamal Lesley	5-11	F	Fr
4	Jayden Lesley	5-11	F	Fr
5	Ryder Woods	5-8	G	Fr
10	Benoni Hernandez	5-9	G	Fr
11	Karson Sundberg	5-8	F	Fr
12	Cesar Casas	5-10	G	Fr
13	Drew Becker	6-4	F	Fr
14	Carter Wujek	6-0	F	fr
21	Blake Bute	5-7	G	Fr
22	Collin Coss	5-6	G	Fr
23	Cam Wasmer	6-2	F	Fr
32	Andrew Rinaldo	6-5	C	Fr
52	Cayden Taliani	5-9	G	Fr

Head coach: Ryan Reeder

Assistant coach: Pat Reeder



Here's to a great season MHS!



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