



HLC Bowls Its Way into Competitive Sports

Haugland Learning Center's competitiveness is growing beyond the classroom walls and into the bowling alleys of Central Ohio. The inception of HLC's first varsity sport is due in large part to Coach Gary Hardin, father of Garrett, a High School ASPIRE student and long-time bowler. Coach Hardin has collegiate experience and introduced his son to the sport after he could walk and hold a bowling ball. The other ASPIRE students who comprise the team are: Amy Campbell, Chris Ray, Kacy Roush, and Kody Wilson.

HLC is a member of the Central Division, a league composed of Columbus and Catholic schools such as Linden McKinley, Bishop Watterson, Mifflin and St. Francis DeSales. The Vikings rolled their first official match against Bishop Hartley on December 8th at our home alley, Sawmill Lanes. Hartley finished 12th in the state last year and came out strong, with two bowlers rolling 225 games. The loss shook out the team's nerves in preparation for their next match on December 15th against Centennial at Sequoia Lanes. The next home match will be held Friday, January 7th at 3:30 against St. Charles.

Each match consists of five bowlers competing against another team of five. During the first round, each bowler rolls two, individual games. The second round is different, and the bowlers roll as a team during two, Baker format games, where the first bowler rolls the first and sixth frames, the second bowler rolls the second and seventh frames, etc. The summation of all team points determines the winner of each match.

The team is extremely grateful to PAK for their generous sponsorship. Team members continue to work hard to raise the necessary funds, teaming up with Papa John's to earn 15% of all sales earned during the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month and participating in a Bowl-a-Thon, where Kody earned enough money to cover the team entry fee into the league plus more!

This is an amazing opportunity for HLC and its students, who learn more than just how to bowl: sportsmanship, responsibility, and camaraderie. We look forward to establishing a tradition of Viking Bowlers, who will be given a chance to pillage more than just their studies; pillage the pins!

Go Vikings!