



## Circle Volleyball News

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### 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Last week our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team had quite an eventful week! They lost a tough game against St. Luke's last Tuesday with scores of 9-25 and 14-25, but rebounded fantastically on the weekend!! They participated in a 3 match tournament hosted by Power Volleyball Academy last Saturday at Stetson University where they achieved thrilling success with a 2nd place finish. **Hannah Carlson** led the team with 10 beautiful aces in the final game. **Danielle LeJeune** brought huge encouragement with her bright personality and earned 7



**Sarah Marble** with 8 aces, and **Abigail Brashear** with 5 aces. **Danielle LeJeune** led the team defensively with 7 points scored off of successful passes, while both **Hannah Carlson** and **Lauren Brashear** backed her up with 6 points and 5 points each. Fantastic job ladies!

points from serving and passing in the final game. **Lela Ault** had 4 wonderful sets and several awesome serves. **Abigail Brashear** was a fantastic asset to the team's defense with 8 digs and passes. **Lauren Brashear** demonstrated brilliant offensive skills with 3 big aces in the final game. **Sarah Marble** led the team in passing with countless amazing passes, consistent serving and 3 points off sets alone! Great work last week ladies and congrats on your second place medals!!

After quite a victorious weekend, our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders continued their success this past Thursday night with a big win against Trinity Christian!! They won in only 2 games with scores 25-16 and 25-18. **Lela Ault** led with 9 aces, closely followed by



## Junior High Team

The Junior High volleyball had 2 demanding weeks with 2 matches last week and 3 matches this week. Last Tuesday, they played an away game against a very tall St. Luke's team. What the girls lacked in height at the net they made up for on defense. Everyone contributed in the back row with strong passing and digging. **Haylie Rawlins** had 4 digs and **Ashlynn Vaughn** had 7. While the girls showed great hustle, St. Luke's simply had a stronger offense and took the match in two games 25-17, 25-16.

Last Thursday the JH team faced a new school, Central Florida Prep. Each one of the 11 players contributed to this win! With **26 aces** and only 4 service errors the entire game, the team once again brought their tough yet consistent serving game. **Sarah Conner** placed her hits well and got 3 kills, while **Crystal Schiffmiller** put down 2 kills. **Tristynn Stroup** and **Emily Bingham** each had 3 assists. This team is exciting to watch as they continue to learn and improve each week!

This week the JH team had some very exciting matches! Tuesday they traveled out to Mt. Dora for a matchup with Mt. Dora Bible, which had quite an intense ending! The girls were in top form, showing incredible teamwork and hustle. After losing a close 1<sup>st</sup> game 25-27, they fought back to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> game 25-22. In a nail-biting finish, they were determined to win the match and successfully took game 3 with final score 15-12. **Sarah Connor** contributed 8 kills, while **Tristynn Stroup** scored 7 service aces and **Emily Bingham** had 6 aces. Despite these standouts, this win was a total team effort, with each girl doing her part when out on the court.

This Thursday they played a double-header, first against Azalea Park and second against Trinity Christian. They won easily in two against Azalea (25-9, 25-18) with 11 service aces from **Camila Murphy** and great defensive passing from **Heather London, Joanna Lanzi** and **Shawdie Ishani**. They came out strong in the second match against Trinity inching past their opponent in the first game and ending it 25-23. However, they gave the second game away with a few too many errors (21-25) and were forced to go into a 3<sup>rd</sup> game. Trinity ended up taking the match with final score 15-6. **Ashlynn Vaughn** had 2 aces and **Haylie Rawlins** contributed defensively with 3 big digs.



## Junior Varsity Team

Last week our JV team faced only one competitor, Faith Christian Academy. This was an earned victory, demonstrated by scores of 25-15 and 25-8. The first game was played well while they adjusted to a new rotation. The second game we went back to our usual positions, but both games they played well because of strong communication and a focused effort. **Julia Osborne** led the team in kills with 4, and she also had 6 successful service receptions, 6 successful serves, 1 dig, and 1 ace. **Blaire Wonderly** followed with 3 kills and 3 digs. **Michelle McLeod**

was our only setter this game again, doing an excellent job setting all the way around the court. **M. McLeod** had 8 assists, 1 kill, 1 dig, and 1 serve. **Lauren Eatmon** was a powerful server this week, serving 10 successful serves, and 2 aces! She also had 2 kills, 1 assist, and 1 dig. **Nicole Skeen** had a strong serving week as well, serving 10 serves and 5 aces, also having 4 successful service receptions, and 1 dig. **Rebekah Dorff** had 1 kill, 5 successful serves, 2 aces, and 2 digs. The team's overall passing has been excelling at a rapid rate, and they will continue to use their new passing skills in the games ahead!!

This week the JV team was happy to have setter **Stephanie Nagel** join once again as they challenged Mt. Dora Bible on Tuesday in an away match. They won in 3 games with final scores 25-10, 16-25, and 18-16. It was a bit of a spine-tingling finale for that last game as the team inched past their opponent. This week's stand-outs were **Blaire Wonderly**, **Julia Osborne**, **Michelle McLeod**, and **Stephanie Nagel**. **Wonderly** had 4 kills, 3 aces, and 1 other successful serve. **Osborne** had 7 successful serves, with 3 aces and notched 3 big kills. **McLeod** scored 2 kills, had 9 assists, 7 successful serves, and 1 ace. **Nagel** contributed 7 kills, 6 assists, 3 aces, and 3 successful serves. The success of this match wasn't seen in the scores of the games, but in the way that they played as a team, how well they were communicating, and the momentum they maintained in the final game. Great job ladies, way to pull it off!



## Varsity Team

After three intense weeks of play in the beginning of the season, the past 2 weeks have been relatively calm for our Varsity team having played only 2 matches. Last week on Thursday, we faced off against old district rival, Faith Christian Academy in what we anticipated to be an intense close match up. To our surprise we actually dominated the entire match taking it in only 3 successful games with final scores 25-16, 25-13, and 25-17. It was a sweet success for the team and a great gauge to be able to see how much improvement we've made over the last year as a whole. The team was led by senior co-captain, **Brittney Pickens**, who was errorless on kill attempts with 11 notched kills out of 21 attempts!!! She also led on defense with 7 digs and contributed at the net with 2 blocks. Other co-captain, **Brooke Wonderly**, contributed the most to the offensive threat with 9 assists, while **Lauren Schafer** added 5. **Stephanie Schafer** and **Lainey Gerlt** were intimidating at the net with 4 blocks each while **Gerlt** also put down 5 sweet kills.

This week on Tuesday we traveled quite a distance to play our new district rival, Mt. Dora Bible. Fortunately the drive was worth it, as we notched our 2<sup>nd</sup> district win bringing our record to 2-2 in the district with only 1 more district match to go. We took the match in 3 short games with final scores 25-17, 25-16, and 25-11. **B. Pickens** led once again offensively with 14 impressive kills who was backed up by **Brooke Wonderly's** 15 assists!! **Shelby Jones** led on defense with 12 digs and was a threat at the service line with 5 aces. Other contributors were **Kaitlyn Weas** with 4 aces, **Lauren Schafer** with 11 assists, **Lainey Gerlt** with 6 kills and **Brittney Pickens** with 8 digs and the only block of the game!

Our team is gearing up for our final district match against Pierson Taylor at home this Tuesday at 6:15pm. Please come out to support our teams this Tuesday!