

# Resurrection Athletic Blast – November 26, 2017

**Winter Sports Picture Day is Dec 4** – Winter Sports Picture Day will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule. freshmen basketball needing to catch a bus to a game

3:15 – 3:30: Freshmen Basketball Individuals and Team Picture

3:30 – 3:40: Entire Basketball Program Team Picture

3:40 – 4:15: JV and Varsity Bowling Individuals, Team Pictures, Entire Program Picture

4:15 – 5:00: JV and Varsity Basketball Individuals and Team Pictures

Pictures can be ordered here:

<https://order.lifetouchsports.com/index.cfm?event=OrderHome&contractID=141269>

**Meet Our New Spring Coaches** – I am pleased to announce the following coaches that will be added to our spring sports teams.

**Water Polo Assistant Coach:** I am excited to announce that Kelly Taylor will be joining us as an assistant Water Polo Coach. Kelly is a Resurrection alumna who competed both in swimming and water polo while at Res. At Southern Illinois, Kelly continued to improve her water polo skills competing on the Southern Illinois Club Water Polo Team. Kelly is an elementary teacher at one of Resurrection's local feeder schools. Coach Taylor will bring to the program a hands on approach to teaching the game. She is excited to get in the water with the girls and teach them the specialized technique they need to be successful. I am very excited to see where the water polo program will go from here. With all but one player returning from last year the team is young and on the rise.

**Soccer Assistant Coach:** Vianey Hernandez will be joining us as an assistant soccer coach. Vianey will mesh well with head coach Mike Wazielewski as she played for him at Lane Tech before going on to play collegiately at University of Wisconsin Parkside. Vianey is excited to begin her coaching career. Vianey hopes to be a strong role-model for our players, teaching them leadership skills that prepare you to play at the next level.

**Soccer Assistant Coach:** We are extremely lucky to have Ethan Bontly joining our soccer program as an assistant coach. Ethan comes to us with a vast array of soccer experience. He has high school experience at North Shore Country Day School, Galena High School and Janesville Craig High School in Wisconsin. Ethan has coached numerous club teams, and currently runs the SkoMor Soccer Club where he has grown the club from 2 to 28 teams. Coach

Bontly is a proud father of a newborn girl and cannot wait to get started at Res. As the Athletic Director, I am confident in our soccer staff moving forward. I believe Resurrection soccer will continue to improve in years to come due to strong coaches like Coach Bontly continuing to join our program.

**Holiday Shopping in the Bandit Boutique** – The Bandit Boutique will be open for your holiday shopping needs on the following dates.

Dec 2 (Testing Day) from 11:30am to 1:00pm

Dec 5 (Jingle and Mingle) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Dec 9 (Breakfast with Santa) from 9:00am to 11:30am.

**Two Bandits Rostered to the Volleyball All-State Team** – Brittany Welch has been rostered to the SportsTownChicago.com Illinois High School Girls Volleyball All Star Game. She will be representing the White Team. Head Coach Mike Sopocy has been named the Head Coach of the White Team. The event will take place at 3 pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at College of DuPage. Congratulations to Coach Sopocy and Brittany Welch on this honor.

**Swimming Sectionals – Final Times Are In** – We had a few more swimmers set personal records at Sectionals. It is very impressive for swimmers to be continuing to set personal bests this late in the season. Freshmen Jada Santiago worked her way on to the varsity squad after a strong performance at the conference meet, setting her personal best. She then went on to break this mark by 4 seconds at Sectionals!

Freshmen Caroline Murray set personal records in both her events. Swimming a whopping 6 seconds faster in each. I cannot say enough about our swim team and how they continued to improve up until the very last race.

