

2024 State Journalism Championship



#12 Yearbook Sports Feature Writing Time Limit – 1:15

Directions: Using the background information, facts and quotes, write a sports feature story that would appear in the sports section of the yearbook. You may use statements attributed to individuals as direct or indirect quotes. You may not change the meaning of a statement. Entries will be evaluated on accuracy and quality of writing.

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Lunchtime: 38 minutes during the school day dedicated to socializing with classmates and eating lunch. However, Sage River High School has implemented a new activity for the students to enjoy: lunch volleyball. Since 2014, lunch volleyball has been a key component of Sage River, providing a space for students to hang out with friends inside and practice their volleyball skills.

David Savage, Sage River PE teacher, and boys Varsity Volleyball coach was given the opportunity to utilize the gym during lunch in his second year teaching at Sage River. Lunch Volleyball allows students to expand their volleyball knowledge outside of PE and school volleyball teams.

However, the gym is not only open to students who strive to improve their volleyball skills. It also provides an environment for students to sit and hang out with their friends on the bleachers.

David Savage, Sage River PE Teacher

“Volleyball is one of those sports that’s kind of underrated because a lot of people have never played it, so to give them the opportunity to play it and to try something new is really fun and enjoyable. It’s also pretty important because face it, you’re kind of just bored just sitting around, doing nothing and kind of being unhealthy so it’s nice having something physical to do. My favorite part about hosting lunch volleyball would be the students. Being able to see them every day, playing with them occasionally, and watching them be joyful every day and be healthy is just a really laid back, fun thing to do at lunch

Amanda Cru (11), Sage River Student

“I started going to lunch volleyball because I wanted to see if I liked playing the sport but I didn’t want to jump right into the commitment of a team. Now that I have been in the gym more at lunch, I have made a ton of new friends that share the same interest in volleyball as me. A lot of the players that are a part of lunch volleyball are really good so sometimes they give me tips that help me improve too.”

Bently Norton (9), Sage River Student

“I first went into the gym with my friends when it was raining because we didn’t want to be stuck outside. We ended up really liking it there and we just kept on going. Mr. Savage is a savage volleyball player. But in all honesty, it’s been a great experience and I’ve been able to connect with some new people.”

Monica Powers, Sage River Principal

“This has been a fantastic outlet for students over their lunch period. We used to have school issues that would happen over lunch because students would be bored and getting into trouble. Since we started lunch volleyball, we’ve seen a trend of better behavior from our students.”