



# A TASTE OF VICTORY

## Boys Swim and Dive Team goes undefeated

Under the yellow and blue flags of the St. Michael-Albertville (STMA) pool, **Max Menzemer '19** reached for the wall fractions a second ahead of his opponent and ensured the relay team's win. The Buffalo Swim and Dive Team erupted into celebration after tying their long time rival.

Before the team celebrated, Buffalo looked for a comeback because they lacked 13 points at the beginning of the meet.

"They were beating us until diving. Then, we slowly started to come back," **Parker Kabe '18** said. "By the four-by-one, we knew our relay teams had to get first and third to tie it."

Kabe flew off the starting blocks as the buzzer went off and swam the first 100 meters.

A second after Kabe touched the wall, teammate **Triston Kosek '18** dove from the starting blocks. Kosek then eagerly swam his 100 meters of the relay to stay in first.

"The environment was just incredible, especially getting towards the end," Kosek said. "There was a lot of nail-biting, shaking, and nervousness. We were grabbing and shaking each other. We were like, 'We can do this, this is not over yet.' It was neck and

neck. [When hearing] the noise, you could feel the emotion in the room. It was one of those extraordinary experiences where sports are so alive and bring so many people together in such an intense way."

Kosek reached for the wall as **Marco Maffei '18** sprung off the blocks and completed his run. After Maffei, Menzemer jumped in to complete the final 100 meters.

"It was pure excitement and nervousness," Menzemer said. "I knew that I had to have an absolute perfect swim to beat the St. Michael swimmer."

The crowd erupted in cheers as Menzemer passed his STMA opponent, moving into first place. Menzemer achieved his best time in that race. Placing first in this relay gave the Buffalo team their first tie in 13 years against STMA.

"The best part was the crowd and how loud and excited they got to see us win that relay," Maffei said. "I'm proud because this team grew up thinking that our times were never going to reach where they are today. Being a senior this year and seeing this team grow over the years, it's amazing some of the things they've done."

-Laura Broadwater & Alyssa Romportl

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## SUPER SUBWAY ORDERS

Swim team gathers to eat Subway before meets



### KOLBE KRAMER

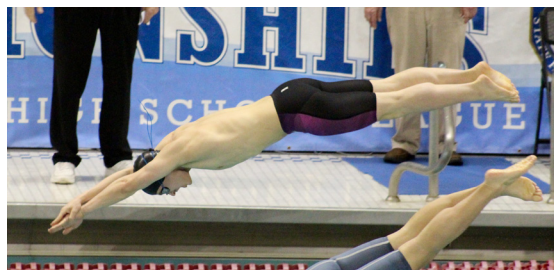
**On Staff** "I hop behind the counter and help the staff out because I work there," Kolbe Kramer '19 said. "I really like the Spicy Italian. The spicier the better, so I add sriracha and a bunch of jalapenos on there." Photos by James Oistad and Laura Broadwater



### ANDREW PLYS

**Fueled Up** "It's my own little concoction. We got bacon, pepperoni, and cheese. And toasted, of course," Andrew Plys '19 said. "We eat on the bus. It fuels us up and makes us feel more prepared. Also, Subway is healthier." Photos by Laura Broadwater

## STATE PARTICIPANTS



**Record Breakers** Diving into the water, Carter Barton '19 competes at state by swimming the 200 meter freestyle relay. Alongside Barton, Parker Kabe '18, Triston Kosek '18, Marco Maffei '18, and Max Menzemer '19 competed at State. The team broke three school records in the three events that they swam. "Going to State is such an impactful experience," Barton said. "It was amazing to break the school record because we were still able to make a meaningful memory, despite being beaten by other teams." Photo courtesy of Thomas Brophy

## Scoreboard

Season Record: 7-0-1

vs. Monticello: **W** 107-77

@ Hutchinson: **W** 98-86

@ Princeton: **W** 99-79

@ Cambridge-Isanti: **W** 101-77

@ St. Michael-Albertville: **T** 93-93

vs. Chisago Lakes: **W** 99-77

vs. Orono: **W** 104-82

vs. Andover: **W** 102-79

5 Swimmers competed at State

How do you create the right mindset when swimming?

"You can't focus on anything negative. You can't really change what has happened in the past, so I just focus on what's going right."

**Parker Kabe '18**

Photo by Laura Broadwater

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