

District 88 club hosts annual Baile to celebrate culture and connection

Submitted by DuPage High School District 88

On Nov. 1, Addison Trail's HOLA Club hosted its second annual Baile, which is a social event where dancing is the main activity. This year's theme was "Día de Muertos."

During the Baile, about 500 students from Addison Trail, Willowbrook, Downers Grove North and York high schools enjoyed a mix of music from various genres in Spanish, provided by three live bands and a DJ.

The event also featured tacos, aguas frescas and a Western theme. Staff members from Addison Trail and Willowbrook, as well as parents who are part of Addison Trail's Padres Latinos en Acción (Latino Parents in Action) group, volunteered to help.

The HOLA Club aims to instill leadership qualities in the Hispanic community, while celebrating



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Addison Trail's HOLA Club hosted its second annual Baile. Around 500 students from four DuPage area high schools enjoyed live music from bands and a DJ, along with Mexican food and drinks.

and promoting Hispanic culture, traditions and heritage.

District 88 is a diverse school community, with

about 50 languages represented among its families.

The district's core values include ensuring all students, staff and community

members feel safe, valued, respected and welcome.

And the Baile is one event to help accomplish that goal.

Warriors lose their playoff opener, falling 63-21 at Glenbard West

Hilltoppers take a 28-0 lead after one quarter; they expand their lead to 56-14 by halftime

The Willowbrook football team's 2025 season ended with Saturday's 63-21 loss to Glenbard West in an IHSA Class 7A first-round playoff game in Glen Ellyn.

The Warriors finished their season with an overall record of 5-5. Glenbard West, which improved to 9-1 with the win, will play another playoff game this Saturday. The Hilltoppers will face against one of their West Suburban Silver rivals—Downers Grove North (8-2)—in a second-round contest. The winner will move on to the quarterfinal round.

Glenbard West scored four first-quarter touchdowns to take a 28-0 lead over Willowbrook. The Warriors scored

two touchdowns in the second quarter, but the Hilltoppers piled on four more touchdowns in that quarter to take a 56-14 halftime lead. The two teams played the entire second half with a running clock.

Senior quarterback Jahonise Reed completed a 34-yard pass to junior J.J. Miulli in the closing seconds of the first quarter to set up the Warriors' first touchdown of the game—a 2-yard run by senior Anthony Leo with 10:26 left in the second quarter. Junior Ben Swanson made the extra-point kick to cut Glenbard West's lead to 28-7.

Reed lofted a 39-yard touchdown pass to senior Otis Powell with 5:52 re-

maining in the second quarter. Swanson added the extra-point kick to reduce the Hilltoppers' lead to 35-14.

Just 19 seconds later, Glenbard West responded to Powell's touchdown with a score of its own. After completing a long pass, the Hilltoppers broke a 24-yard touchdown run and added the extra-point kick to boost their lead to 42-14 with 5:33 to play in the second quarter.

Glenbard West added two more touchdowns in the final four minutes of the first half—an 11-yard run and a 45-yard pass—to build its lead to 56-14 by halftime.

The Hilltoppers scored their ninth and final touchdown of the game in the mid-

dle of the third quarter. Willowbrook junior Josiah Marlowe scored the final touchdown of the contest when he hauled in a 36-yard pass from Reed with 7:43 left in the fourth quarter. Swanson then made his third extra-point kick of the day to close out the scoring.

Willowbrook and the two other West Suburban Gold teams that qualified for 2025 post-season play exited the playoffs with first-round losses. The conference champion—Addison Trail—lost 36-27 to Jacobs in Saturday's first-round Class 7A game in Addison. Downers Grove South suffered a 56-20 loss to Maine South in Friday's Class 8A first-round game

in Park Ridge. Addison Trail closed the season with an overall record of 8-2. Down-

ers Grove South, like Willowbrook, finished its season with a 5-5 record.



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The Warriors finished their 2025 season with an overall record of 5-5. Glenbard West, which improved to 9-1 with its win over Willowbrook, will play a second-round home game against Downers Grove North (8-2) this Saturday. Senior quarterback Jahonise Reed (No. 3) threw two touchdown passes for the Warriors during their first-round game against the Hilltoppers. Reed threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to senior Otis Powell in the second quarter. Reed connected with junior Josiah Marlowe on a 36-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

Broncos capture a regional championship

After winning a regional in Lisle, Montini advanced to this week's Rockford Boylan Sectional

The Montini Catholic girls volleyball team won an IHSA Class 2A regional title last week. The Broncos defeated Johnsburg 25-22, 25-18 in Oct. 30 to win the championship plaque at the Lisle Regional.

Montini opened its 2025 post-season run with a 25-14, 15-13 victory over Rosary in a regional semifinal in Lisle on Oct. 28.

The Broncos raised their 2025 season record to 23-12 with their two wins at the regional at Lisle High School. Winning the regional propelled Montini to this week's sectional at Rockford's Boylan Catholic High School. If the Broncos can earn two victories in Rockford to claim the sectional title, they will play at a super-sectional at Marengo High School on Nov. 10. The winner of that super-sectional will qualify for the IHSA Class 2A state semifinals in Normal.

Earlier this week, Montini faced Richmond-Burton in a semifinal match at the Rockford Boylan Sectional.

Montini trailed Johnsburg in both games of last week's regional final. Johnsburg led the Broncos 17-11 during the first game. Montini faced a 20-15 deficit later in the first game before winning six straight points to take a 21-20 lead. Johnsburg evened the score at 21-21, but the Broncos won the next two points to take a 23-21 lead. The Skyhawks of Johnsburg won the next point, but Montini claimed the next two points to close out the first game.

Johnsburg owned an 11-6 lead early in the second game. Montini trailed the Skyhawks



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Montini Catholic's girls volleyball team won the championship at last week's IHSA Class 2A Lisle Regional. After beating Rosary 25-14, 25-13 in a regional semifinal on Oct. 28, the Broncos defeated Johnsburg 25-22, 25-18 in the Oct. 30 regional final at Lisle High School. Montini improved its overall season record to 23-12 with its win over Johnsburg. Earlier this week, the Broncos faced Richmond-Burton in a semifinal match of a Class 2A sectional at Rockford's Boylan Catholic High School. One photo from last week's regional final in Lisle shows (left to right) junior Moira Quirk, senior Francesca Lorenzo (No. 18), junior Avalyn DeKeyser, sophomore Micaela Haggerty, sophomore Hope Garland (No. 21) and freshman Victoria Reed celebrating after Montini won a point late in the first game.

14-10 later in the game before winning seven straight points to take a 17-14 lead.

Senior Francesca Lorenzo of Montini provided eight kills in the regional final. Junior Moira Quirk contributed seven kills for the Broncos, while freshman Victoria Reed and sophomore Micaela Haggerty supplied six and four kills, respectively.

Montini junior Avalyn DeKeyser handed out 23 assists in last week's win over Johnsburg. Sophomore Hope Garland made 12 digs for the

face adversity, and then try to overcome it. It's exciting to see the girls competing really hard this time of the year. I'm very happy for them. They've worked really hard. They deserve to be here."

Warriors lose their Class 4A post-season opener to Saint Ignatius

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team's 2025 season ended with last week's 25-17, 25-19 loss to Saint Ignatius in an Oct. 28 semifinal match at the IHSA Class 4A Downers Grove South Regional.

The Warriors finished their season with an overall record of 20-16.

Saint Ignatius advanced to the Oct. 30 regional final against Downers Grove South. Playing on their home court, the Mustangs of Downers Grove South edged Saint Ignatius 25-23, 23-25, 25-22 to win the regional title. The Mustangs advanced to this week's Lyons Township Sectional.

Rams' season ends with a loss in a regional semifinal

The Glenbard East girls volleyball team lost its post-season opener, dropping a 25-14, 25-15 decision to St. Charles North in a semifinal contest at the Naperville Central Regional on Oct. 28.

The Rams completed their season with an overall record of 13-23.

St. Charles North went on to win a regional title, beating Naperville Central 25-13, 25-18 in the regional final on Oct. 30. With that victory, St. Charles North advanced to this week's Glenbard West Sectional.

Warriors' season ends in a regional semifinal



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Willowbrook's girls volleyball team finished its season with last week's 25-17, 25-19 loss to Saint Ignatius in a regional semifinal contest at the IHSA Class 4A Downers Grove South Regional. Senior Kendall Norton (No. 9) of the Warriors is pictured during the Oct. 28 match. Willowbrook completed its season with a record of 20-16. Saint Ignatius lost a three-game battle against Downers Grove South in the regional final on Oct. 30.