

▼ Derek Smith, '15, speaks at the Veteran's Day Assembly in front of parents, students, and teachers.



State volleyball in full swing



▲ Amanda Sahm, '15, Isabella Sade, Morgan Swanger, both '17, and Alyssa Thomas, '16, accept their semi-final trophy.



"Even though we didn't win against West Delaware, it was the most fun I have had all year. [I also liked] when we came back in the West Delaware game being down two sets."
-Abby O'Neill, '15



"I really liked how everyone came together to support the girls' varsity volleyball team. It really showed how much school spirit Marion has."
-Tyler Ellertson, '16



▲ Olivia Frazier, '16, goes for a kill during the game against West Delaware.

▶ The varsity volleyball team huddles up before going back onto the court.



◀ Kallie Kriegel, Jozee Peyton, Michalyn Mohr, and Erica Kelly, all '15, support the varsity volleyball team at their game against West Delaware.



▲ William Byers, '15, plays Taps on the trumpet during the Veteran's Day Assembly to honor the attending veterans.

Knowledge for the noggin

- Alyssa Thomas, '16, had a team high and second overall at State of 33 kills through the semi-finals.
- The girls' varsity volleyball team lost to West Delaware, three sets to two, during the semi-finals at State.
- Veteran's Day used to be called Armistice Day until it was changed in 1954.
- There were around 250 students who left school to support our girls' team at the State semi-finals.



Freshman's got game

Every freshmen volleyball player's dream is to one day play on the varsity team under the heavy lights and the crazy cheering from the parents and students. But for one freshmen, that dream came true and it turned out to be nothing she would have ever expected.

Caitlyn Smith, freshman, had the honor to play with the varsity volleyball players. Smith

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-Caitlyn Smith, '18**

has been involved in volleyball since the fifth grade, and is also involved in club volleyball, playing for the Iowa Rockets. Smith has to step up her game when on the court with the varsity players. "The intensity is much higher on varsity," said Smith. She was the only freshman on varsity this year, and made huge contributions to the team being one of the setters.

The first varsity volleyball game was very nerve racking for Smith, "I was nervous but excited." Smith not only got the opportunity to play at normal varsity volleyball games, but also got to play at State.

Teammate Olivia Frazier, '16, had a lot to say about Smith's performance. "I think she did really well. She stepped up to the plate and filled the role we needed."

When the team won the first round of play-offs they were really looking forward to the next game because, if they won, they would be in the finals. The girls ended up losing to West Delaware five sets to four. "All the seniors helped me through my first year on varsity," said Smith.

Even though this season has come to an end, Smith is very thankful she had the opportunity to be a part of a very successful team. This freshman has a journey ahead of her, and will be one athlete many people will have their eyes on.

◀ Caitlyn Smith, '18, sets up Olivia Frazier, '16, for a kill against West Delaware during the State semi-final game.



◀ Students and staff hold their hands over their hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance at the Veteran's Day Assembly.

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