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# Meet the 2009-2010 Warrior Echo Staff

*Echo Staff has the write stuff*

by Ali Anderson



Sarah Becker

**What is your scariest moment?** Laura, Tina and I were driving a four-wheeler on a country road and Tina veered off into a ditch and hit a tractor tire and we went flying in all directions. It was like all in slow motion.

**What is your favorite holiday?** 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Favorite Dessert?** Looove ice cream!

**Favorite Subject:** Newspaper! Of course!

**Sarah thinks Mahala is:** supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

**Seriously, how do you really feel about Newspaper class?** It's relaxed, fun, and great way to end the day!

**Describe your most embarrassing moment.** There was a branch in the middle of the driveway once, but I didn't want to get out and move it because it was cold. So I drove over it. At the end of the day, I was walking out to my car with Molli Miller and she was telling me about a car that looked like mine dragging a branch that morning. I laughed and told her that she was a liar. She said she wasn't kidding and as I approached my car, I saw the same stupid branch I thought I drove over that morning. Molli started laughing so hard. It was still stuck in my license plate. I live ten miles away from the school and went up to 60 mph on the highway! I still to this day have no idea how it stayed on. It must've just been one of those days!



Emily Brodahl

**Where is the most interesting place you have gone on vacation?** New Orleans, Everyone was really nice and the food was interesting. The culture was really different.

**What is your favorite holiday?** Halloween

**Favorite Food?** Homemade Bacon Pizza Bagels

**Favorite Subject?** Art/Newspaper/Math

**Emily thinks Laura is:** hilariously-awesome

**What activities are you all involved in?** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, FCA FBLA, Show Choir, BLY

**Describe your scariest moment?** I don't get scared

**Favorite actor/actress?** Justin Long

**What are your hobbies?** Painting, writing and being awesome!

**How would you describe your fashion sense?** I don't have one!



Laura Calfee

**What is your most embarrassing moment?** I never organize anything. I hold every single one of my papers in one folder. It was getting towards the end of the semester and my "pile" was about six inches thick. I was walking out to the car after school and I tripped. My pile of papers flew everywhere down the center of the parking lot. It didn't help that the wind was blowing.

**What is your favorite holiday?** Halloween

**Favorite Food?** Cheeto Puffs

**Favorite Desert?** Ice Cream

**Most Interesting place you have gone on vacation?** Alaska. I went to see my aunt. We went deep-sea fishing. I caught sharks! I saw Mt. McKinley and while I was there I was charged by a moose.

**Favorite Subject?** Newspaper

**Laura thinks Sarah is:** gorgeous

**Seriously, how do you really feel about Newspaper class?** I think it's exciting because people are going to read what we write. We get to be creative.



Mahala Egr

**Describe your most embarrassing moment?** I got hit in the head with a volleyball at a game last year. The block wasn't closed and it hit off of the blocker's hand and hit me in the head.

**What is your favorite holiday?** Christmas

**Favorite Food?** Spaghetti and penne noodles

**Favorite Dessert?** Ice cream

**Most Interesting place you have gone on vacation and why?** Colorado. It was just so pretty and scenic there.

**Favorite Subject?** Drama

**Mahala thinks Emily is:** determined

**What activities are you all involved in?** Volleyball, softball, track, coaching a WARA team, W Club.

**How do you really feel about Newspaper class?** I think it is fun and I like the deadlines because we get time to work on our stories.

**What is your scariest moment?** I was driving a 3 wheeler and crashed it into a tree. I lost control and it turned out bad. Haaaaa!

## Colorful Chloe' by Sarah Becker

Walking down the hall, listening to lockers slam, books drop, and people talk, you probably wouldn't give much thought to others around you. That is until you see the brilliant "Whoosh!" of blonde hair usually accompanied by a whirl of words that no one seems to ever understand. She flashes her smile and giggles, then waltzes down the hall with her books and case of rainbow-colored pens and pencils.

Chloe' Jessica Davidson was born on May 7, 1993 to Richard and Susan Davidson. She has two younger brothers Richie, an eighth grader, and Vanis, a second grader. They live in between Brainard and Weston, a.k.a. "The middle of nowhere".

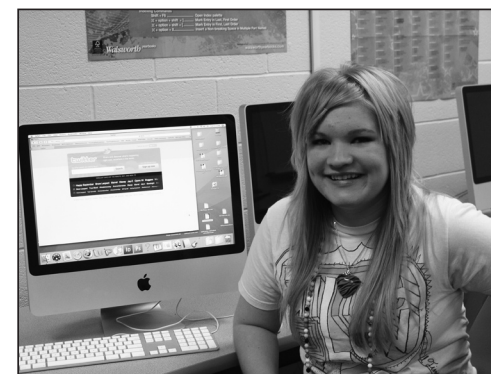
Chloe' is a junior involved in Speech team and drama. She also participates in the Business branch of Career Academy, college classes offered to juniors and seniors during the fourth and fifth periods of the day. She has also applied to be a member of National Honor Society. Her favorite subject would have to be physics with new WHS teacher Virginia Hildebrand. "We got to fly a plane!" she said of the class's Physics lesson during the first week of school.

When not in school, Chloe' has admitted that she is a little obsessed with Twitter. She gushed when revealing that she had "just gotten her thousandth tweet". That would be possible considering she tweets an average of ten times per day.

Another one of her passions is music. Lucky for her, her iPod named "Veronica Vegas," has all the music she needs. She rarely leaves home without it. Chloe' recently went to a Demi Lovato concert. At one point, she gave Lovato a thumbs-up and in return Demi looked at her and smiled! Chloe' said it was one of the most amazing moments of her life.

When it comes to her name...it's a bit confusing. When she was in fourth or fifth grade, she got to see her birth certificate. When she read it, she saw what appeared to be an apostrophe over the "e" in Chloe', so she's used it ever since. Looking back, she realizes that it could have been a coffee stain.

Chloe' is an amazing person. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help almost anyone when she's needed. Her friend Devon



Chloe Davidson

Sladek said, "She's the most honest person I know." When she's not "tweeting" on Twitter, writing two-page notes with "OMGs" in a rainbow of colors during Spanish class, or even describing the weather faster than the average person can think, she can be found with her friends or family.

So look her up, she could be the friend you've always wanted.

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# Wahoo High Welcomes New Teachers for the 2009-2010 School Year

by Laura Calfee

## New Band Room Blood



Band Director Tim Rischling

**Name:** Tim Rischling

**Birthday:** August 27

**Subject:** Band

**Residence of:** Ralston, Neb.

**How long is your commute to WHS?** 45 min

**Where did you attend college?** University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**How long have you been teaching?** I'm a 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher.

**What did you do before teaching?** I roofed houses, and work at the music library at UNL.

**What is your philosophy of teaching?** Every student deserves an education in music, and in any style. Pep band, jazz band, singing, guitar, piano, concert band, marching band, garage bands, etc. It's a great way to learn and express ourselves.

**What are your goals for your first year here at WHS?** To get to know all the kids and give them several opportunities to perform. For marching band competitions, our goal is to earn Superior ratings. They are a talented bunch of kids and have the potential to have a successful season.

**Do you have anything special planned for your classroom this year?** Three parades, several concerts, and District Music Contest.

**Are you married?** I just married Jenny Rischling this summer. She is a Financial Analyst at ConAgra Foods.

**Do you have a favorite song?** "No Place Like Nebraska"

**What is an obscure fact about you that people might want to know?** I love to arrange music for ensembles. I had a great opportunity in college to arrange for the UNL Tuba Ensemble. It's something I want to devote more time towards eventually.

## Been There--Done That



P.E. Instructor Marc Kaminski

**Name:** Marc Kaminski

**Birthday:** March 20

**Subject:** Middle School and High School PE

**Residence of:** Wahoo

**How long is your commute to WHS?** 2 minutes

**Where did you attend college?** Chadron State

**How long have you been teaching?** This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year of teaching.

**What did you do before teaching?** I held a number of little jobs.

**What is your philosophy of teaching?** It's important to teach kids how to possess and exhibit good character.

**What is your goal for your first year here at WHS?** To get to know every student I teach and coach.

**Do you have anything special planned for your classroom this year?** PE-1/ team sport poster project. MS PE/ Warrior Gold's

**Are you married?** I'm married to Jennifer. She is a family therapist at Behaven Day Center.

**Do you have any children?** Jase/ 22 months.

**Favorite movie/song/book/quote:** I have a bunch!

In addition to these new teachers joining the faculty at WHS, Darold Foster has become a full-time social studies teacher and Mick Anderson is now the instructor at the WHS Alternative School. Welcome all to the WHS staff!

## Science Spectacular



Science Instructor Virginia Hildebrand

**Name:** Virginia Hildebrand

**Birthday:** May 27

**Subjects Taught:** Chemistry, Physics, Ecology, Environmental Chemistry, Physical Science, Arc GIS, Life Science, College Science

**Residence of:** Wahoo

**How long is your commute to WHS?** 5 minutes, Yes! Last nine years it was an hour one way.

**Where did you attend college?** BA and MA University of Wyoming

**How long have you been teaching?** 10 years  
What did you do before teaching? I raised kids, pigs, and corn in Iowa

**What is your philosophy of teaching?** Show the students they are valuable! Share life's science secrets.

**What is your goal for your first year here at WHS?** I need to learn names!

**Do you have anything special planned for your classroom this year?** I would like to take some students to the Henry Doorly Zoo and more.

**Do you have children?** Christian is a paramedic in Iowa. Robert is a John Deere Service Manager in Omaha. Adam is a Firestone Electrician in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Favorite movie/song/book/quote:**

**Movie-** Twister

**Book-** On The Shoulders of Giants

**Quote-** "The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives." *Albert Einstein*

**What is an obscure fact about you that people might want to know?** I never will stop learning.

## Special Students Get Special Teacher



SpEd Instructor Stephani Ballagh

**Name:** Stephani Ballagh

**Birthday:** February 24

**Subjects taught:** High School Special Education

**Residence of:** Prague

**How long is your commute to WHS?** 20 Minutes

**Where did you attend college?** Univ. Nebr. Lincoln--undergrad is in 7-12 Social Studies, and I'm working on my masters in Special Education.

**How long have you been teaching?** This is my first teaching job.

**What did you do before teaching?** I had been working as a substitute teacher, coaching volleyball and basketball. I have also been working at Home Depot.

**What is your philosophy of teaching?** I am a teacher to help create effective citizens.

**What is your goal for your first year here at WHS?** To help my students be successful in all of their classes.

**Do you have any pets?** Three dogs named Bo, Asia, and Bear. Four cats named Rosco, Missy, Miss Kitty, and Cat.

**What is your favorite book?** "O' Pioneers" by Willa Cather

**What is an obscure fact about you that people might want to know?** I have a pet goat named Elvis who acts like a dog. He can open car doors.

# Ch-ch-ch-changes

Many changes occurred over the summer at the high school. Here's a run down of some of those changes and a gentle reminder of some rules. As David Bowie suggests, we'll just have to "turn and face the strain..."

## The Wait for the New Weight Room

by Mahala Egr



Above: The new weight room has a new floor, ceiling, lighting and a fresh coat of paint. Right: The same area just two weeks ago.



Only one more left. You're almost done. The new weight room may not only increase the amount of weight being lifted, but also the number of students and staff working out.

This new facility will have new weight and cardio machines along with some flat screen TVs. The new weight room will include three new squat racks, bench press racks, a leg machine, glute/ham machine, three more pads for squats, and eventually new free weights. New cardio machines for working out will also be added. The district is still reviewing bids received from several companies, so the final decision on those new machines has not been determined yet. The weight room will also be handicap accessible.

With all these new machines lifters should have plenty of room to lift as opposed to the old weight room. So, say "goodbye" to the old, crowded weight room and "hello" to the new, roomy one.

Construction on this weight room began over the summer. Anxious students have been peeping in to see the transformation from Little Theatre to weight room. The wait for the new weight room should be over in about two weeks with extra time for moving equipment. Students are excited for that day to come. Staff has appreciated students just looking and not touching the addition while under construction.

"The weight room will rock," said junior Morgan Hancock.

"It's going to be sweet," said by senior Kyle Willis, "We'll have better and more equipment to make us bigger, faster, and stronger."

So what will happen to the old weight room? This is a question quite a few people have wondered about. The old weight room will be a place for the wrestlers to practice. They will have more room and fewer interruptions.

"It will be great," said Wrestling Coach Darold Foster, "It will be nice to have a place on campus. It's kind of going to be like a home to the wrestlers."

"It's going to also save money instead of paying to use the armory. We can now incorporate weights in practice."

Many of the wrestlers are looking forward to having wrestling practice here at the high school rather than having to drive somewhere.

"It's going to be sweet having a bigger area when there are a lot of people in the weight room," said junior Colter Mattson, "It's going to be nice for wrestlers because we can have practice here at the high school and not at the armory."

"It will be a nice to have a room for just wrestlers," added sophomore Schyler Shanahan, "There will be fewer interruptions during practice and then we can lift afterwards."

Opinion

## The Little... Um... Fitness Centre?

by Emily Brodahl

As you all may have noticed the little theatre has ended its long run in the fine arts department and has taken up a new role within athletics. Our once majestic stage has become a state-of-the-art weight room. With the excitement centered around the weight room many have forgotten about what all went on in the theatre; homecoming, concerts, musicals, plays, assemblies, class meetings, and a variety of other things. With that in mind, it poses the question: Where are all those events going to take place?

You may feel like playing some basketball at this year's homecoming, seeing as it will be in the high school gym. Girls, I'm sorry to say you're going to have to trade in your sneakers for heels as you make your way into the gym this time around.

At the moment there are no plans for a new theatre, to the dismay of many students involved in the arts. For now, to see students perform, you must make the trek down to the elementary.

Yet, not all hope is lost. Extenders for the elementary stage were purchased as well as risers. The extenders will help make the small stage in the elementary bigger, and the risers are commonly used in show choir competitions and will be a big bonus for this year's show choir who expect to make many competition appearances.

The school assemblies, whether it be honors assemblies or a special occasion, will all be held in the high school gym. Seeing as there have been school wide functions held in the gym before, it shouldn't be a hard transition. The only worry some students may have about the switch is whether or not the bleachers are more comfortable than the little theatre steps. Otherwise, it should be smooth sailing.

As for class meetings, they have a couple areas that they may take place in. One of those areas is the gym. It is not only good for assemblies, but would also accommodate classes as they discuss important issues. Another area up for discussion, is the pod area, which is also a large enough spot for the classes to congregate.

Hearing about everything that has to happen to make the move from the Little Theatre, you would think the staff has their hands full in trying to organize all the events for this year. However Mr. Arent is calm and sure in the fact that it won't be hard to organize and sounded confident that things will run smoothly.

So next time you hear excited voices talking about how amazing the new weight room is. Think about those who had to compromise to make it happen. Is it still exciting to know our ever growing music and drama programs are being pushed away?

As a student and supporter of music and drama, I challenge all of you to help out our arts programs and promote the idea of a new theatre. We cannot let these programs go unnoticed when they have some of the most hard working and talented kids you will ever meet. So don't just stand around and drool over the new weight room, realize there are other needed additions that could make our school better.

If the weight room is now going to be in the Little Theatre where will plays be performed? Where will we hold dances? What about school assemblies? Where will we hold concerts for both middle school and high school?

### Other changes:

- New carpet in the quad pod area.
- New paint throughout the building.
- New "welcome" desk at main entrance.

### "Musical Classrooms"

Mrs. Nuckolls is now in Ms. Schmidt's former room. Mrs. Reece is in Mrs. Mertl's old room. Mr. Fangman is in Mrs. Reece's former room and Mrs. Mertl is in Mr. Fangman's old room. (Confused yet?)



The new parking lot is reserved for faculty/staff with the strip of parking previously used by them being held for visitors and handicapped parking.

## Students Weigh in on "Rules"

The reminder that we have to follow rules got us thinking... Which rule would students most like to see rescinded?



Junior Jessica Barry: "I would like to have open campus. At least seniors should be able to leave during the day."



Sophomore Dylan Kellner: "The cell phone rule so I could text/communicate with friends."



Freshman Lindsey Sabatka: "I would probably like to have my cell phone with me so it would be easier to call somebody in case there was an emergency."



Senior Kyle Willis: "Cell phone--NOBODY breaks that rule! I need to be able to text."

## Reviewing Rules of the Road (or at least of the school)

by Mahala Egr

Welcome back! The 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start and it seems like a good time to remind students of school rules. Not much has changed, but you definitely want to follow these simple rules.

Cell phones posed a big issue last. So, all electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, cameras, etc.) should be turned off and left in lockers. If a student violates the policy, the device will be confiscated and the student will receive a referral to the office with consequences assigned. For more details, see page 16 of the Student Handbook.

Also no large book bags or backpacks should be carried around. These should remain in your locker during school hours. Students can carry any bag smaller than a standard textbook.

Agendas are to be carried at all times. You must have your agenda to leave a class to use the restroom, talk to a teacher, etc. Two passes are allowed each day and new this year, six extra passes are available any time during the week as needed.

Also new this year is additional parking in the front area of the school. The new parking lot is for

staff only. Students are not allowed to park in the new parking area. Student parking is on the south side of the building. Don't forget, all vehicles must be registered at the high school office.

"Tardy!" School policy states that students will be counted tardy if they are not in their seats by the second bell unless the student has a pass. Any student coming to class ten minutes (15 minutes for first period) after the tardy bell will be counted absent. For every third tardy in any one class, an unexcused absence will be recorded. That absence will count against the overall absence total. Mr. Arent stated that tardiness is the biggest issue so far for the start of this school year.

Finally, the last of the simple rules to follow, no food or drinks are allowed in classrooms. Water, and only water will be allowed. Outside food and drinks (i.e. purchased food from Burger King, Corner Market, the Bakery, etc.) cannot be brought into school.

To find more details on rules, consult your Student Handbook located in the front of your agenda. Have a safe and happy school year!

## Homeroom Happiness Hampered

by Ali Anderson

As more students file in and out of Wahoo High, new rules are being added and changed. Days drag on during the school year, but there is a break from school and the constant deadlines and projects. Every student confined within WHS is placed into a "homeroom" with other students called Warrior Period. In these homerooms many different things occur throughout the five days every week.

Warrior Period advisers review grades each Monday while giving helpful hints on how to manage your time better in order to achieve higher grades. On Tuesdays, homerooms will participate in critical thinking activities that stimulate the mind. The worldwide Channel One is shown on Wednesdays and WHS has DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) day on Thursdays.

Activities planned Monday through Thursday have not changed, but Fridays, the day most students looked forward to, will be different. Previously, every Friday was designated "Challenge Day." This was a day in which students and staff would play games and mingle with each other. Starting immediately, competition with other homerooms on "Challenge Day" is to be no more. This means no homeroom or student can travel to a different homeroom or area to participate in challenge activities.

The purpose of homeroom was supposedly for students to interact with others and become informed with what is going on in school. Is the decline of grades the cause of booting of the popular Challenge Day? Or is it the disruptive behavior that occurs during this time?

Homeroom can be described as "a fun way to get to know people and experience new things," said junior Michael Kersten.

Why the sudden change? Why take away the excitement students and staff became hooked on and looked forward to at the end of every week?

"It was put in place to decrease the mass movement in the halls," said Principal Chris Arent, "We always run out of time and the students are late for their classes."

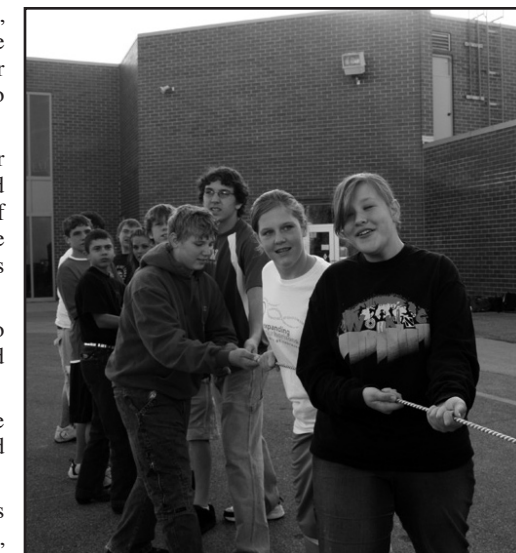
This is the end of crunched-up paper dodge ball in the pod area, trash can and chair racing in the social studies and Spanish region, the combination of Rock Band and Guitar Hero in the business hallway and extreme Frisbee and putt-putt golf challenges. These games are civil conduct not ghastly horseplay.

"We always liked playing Ultimate Frisbee," proclaimed Micala Curran. "If they would let us go outside, that would be better and we would all enjoy the time out there and it would not matter."

A way out of the mass movement of students roaming through the halls would be to move the more lively games outdoors to the playground or to the gymnasium. There is enough space for every homeroom to join together in activities.

The main objective of removing the challenge days was to prevent students from wandering in the hallways helping them get to class on time.

But, does "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy" apply here? We hope not!



Challenge Day saw happy times.

# Warriors Ready for Spectacular Sports Season

by Emily Brodahl

## Football Players Give It Their All on the Gridiron



2009 Football Team

**G**old and Blue. Two united colors facing off on a 100-yard battle field in a civil war of sorts on Aug. 21. The Warrior football team performed well during their scrimmage showing eager fans what is to come this season.

This year's team has very high expectations for the 2009 season. The boys are confident in their abilities and are positive about this season. They also possess a competitive edge, which is very important to a team who has great depth on the varsity level. Everyone is competing for their spot while helping each other improve along the way.

As in every sport, leadership is imperative. Two players ready for the job are seniors Corey Davis and Casey Nice.

"Both boys have developed into good leaders," said head coach Chad Fox. Juniors Colter Mattson and Sean Lindgren have also shown leadership within the positions they play, added Fox.

The focus hasn't changed much for the boys during practice. Subtle changes have occurred here and there, but overall the game plan remains the same. A couple things have

been emphasized; the tempo is up at practices and the level of competition is higher. With that in mind, the football team's outlook is really bright.

The boys faced off against Omaha Roncalli on Aug. 28. The players were excited to play and anxious to get going.

Coach Fox seemed anxious, but ready. "Winning tonight is not the end all to our season, it's just one step to the whole process," he said.

The Warriors' first step this season was a 34-7 victory over the Crimson Pride. Both Greg Milliken and Sean Lindgren played well.

Milliken had 11 rushes for 132 yards and a touchdown, and returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Lindgren had seven carries for 95 yards and two scores. He also threw for a touchdown.

"We made mistakes," said Lindgren, "but were able to come together as a team and win the game."

Congratulations, and good luck on every step you take as you dominate on the field!

## Putting Perfection

**T**he girls on the green are off to another great season under the direction of head coach Curtis Carlson. The team is returning five of the top six golfers from last year.

"I have high expectations for the 2009 season," said Carlson. "There is a lot of experience returning."

A stand out quality of the Warrior golfers this year is the amount of experience the girls have. "Last year all the girls were playing high school golf for the first time," said Carlson. "They were also playing a lot of the courses for the first time, which can be difficult." All the experience the girls have obtained should help their scores go down. For all of you who don't know, in golf low scores are awesome.

A couple of changes in strategy have been made this year concerning the courses played during the season and the district's course. The focus has turned more to the

short game and bunker play. The short game consists of chip shots, pitching, and putting, all of which are usually used near the green. The short game is also the most important part of golf. Bunkers are also known as sand traps, so bunker play will be useful in those situations.

With an experienced team, experienced leaders are usually present. The two seniors on the team this year are Hillary Fick and Rylea Meyer. They both lead by example by working hard at the driving range and on the course.

The girls' first tournament was in Seward on Aug. 20. The team finished fourth with sophomore Emma Harris taking first with a score of 84. Sophomore Nicole Pearson also placed in at 12<sup>th</sup>.

So far the girls are looking like machines on the green and we can't wait to see more success from the team.



2009 Girls Golf Team

Photo by Jason Unger

### Football Schedule

(Regular season games begin at 7 pm. Home games are in bold.)

Date	Opponent
9/4	Syracuse High School
<b>9/11</b>	<b>Mount Michael Benedictine HS</b>
<b>9/25</b>	<b>Fairbury High School</b>
10/2	Bishop Neumann HS
<b>10/9</b>	<b>Ashland-Greenwood HS</b>
10/16	Milford High School
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Raymond Central HS</b>

### Girls Golf Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
9/18	Crete Invitational	10 am
9/21	Arlington Invitational	9 am
9/28	Bob Simpson Classic	9 am

# Back to School = Classes, Practices, Competition for Fall Athletes

by Emily Brodahl

Team photos on this page courtesy of Jason Unger.

## Warrior Netters are All in This Together

Nets, kneepads, and hard work have been never present in the gym these past two weeks as the Warrior Volleyball team prepares for its first battles against Conestoga and Raymond Central. This year brings back a group of girls working hard on coming together as a team and dedicated to the sport.

The theme for this year, "We're all in this together," seems a fitting statement for the hardworking group.

Coaches Ann Egr, Trish Larson, and Monica Smith have high expectations for the 2009 season.

"We might be small in numbers, but we're great in depth," stated coach Egr. With that in mind the girls have been pushing themselves in practice daily, working to meet their coaches' expectations.

With nets up high and expectations higher, the

volleyball team needs strong leaders. One such leader is the lone senior on the team, Annie Divis.

"We're relying on Annie," said Egr, "and she has stepped up to the plate and done a great job."

Both Larson and Smith agree that Divis is a great leader. Along with Divis, a Unity Council has been developed for leadership and other various purposes.

Six members make up the council, Annie Divis, Mahala Egr, Emily Brodahl, Katelyn O'Brien, Darcy Barry and Sam Grandgenett. These girls were voted by their teammates to be on the council, and they will help with discipline and other problems similar to Nebraska football's Unity Council.

The netters are in for an exciting season, and the newspaper staff would like to wish the team good luck with this year, and give it your all!



2009 WHS Volleyball Team

## Expect No Mercy!



2009 Cross Country Team

"Summer miles mean August smiles!" That is one of many philosophies of cross-country coach Karla Curran. Curran has been busying herself since July when the cross-country team had their two-week summer camp. Not only did the runners participate in the camp, but many ran together for seven weeks prior to the start of the season in preparation.

With all this hard work, the runners have already put in, it would be ridiculous to expect anything less than excellence from them this season.

"These kids understand that they need to continue that hard work ethic into the season," said Curran. "I am confident we will have a successful season and meet or exceed our team goals."

The team captains for the boys are seniors Sam Cook and Matt Hornung. Both are extremely focused on working hard to help get their team back to the state meet in Kearney.

"Their experience really helps me with the younger athletes on the team," commented Curran.

The enthusiastic team captain for the girls is Ali Norris. Called the team cheerleader, Norris always remains positive with her teammates.

With a fun-loving group who knows how to get down to business, it looks as if this season has gotten off to a running start. So run like the wind, Wahoo Harriers, and don't look back!

## Hard Work and Home Runs

Saturday Aug. 22 started off great with a group of talented girls showing spectators how they play ball. The Warrior softball team showed they are going to be a powerful force this year during a pre-season scrimmage and you could tell their hard work was already paying off.

Head coach Katrina Christen sees her team as being very competitive this year. "We expect to have a better record than last year," said Christen. "We need hard work and team unity to meet our goals."

This year's team has proven to be special in how they work together and communicate, and they have a true passion for the game. With a team like that, meeting their goals will be a walk in the park, or in this case, a walk around the bases.

Being a smaller team with only one senior, leadership stands out on the field. Sarah Chvatal has shown many great leadership qualities as the lone

senior. She is not alone though. Juniors Morgan Hancock, Mattie Murren, and Paige Otte have also made contributions in the leadership department with their work ethic and communication during practice.

With leadership, passion, and determination, this year's softball team looks as if it will go far, whether winning games, or coming together as a team.

In their first game the girls were victorious over Milford with a 7-4 win, and then went on to defeat Fort Calhoun 2-0 in their first home game.

The season has started off swinging and everyone is excited to see just how far our lady Warriors will go! The girls would love to see a lot of people at all of their games, so don't be shy and come cheer on the girls as they battle around the bases!



2009 WHS Softball Team

## Students share their fashion preferences



Junior Jessica Hedges: "Normally I just pick up jeans and a t-shirt, but when I do decide to dress up, I like to pick my clothes out at night. I personally like to think my style is comfortable stylish."



Sophomore Katie Sloup: "I just pick clothes that match. I wear clothes that are comfortable."



Senior Matt Hornung: "I just go into my closet and pick out something comfortable and that somewhat matches."

"The finest clothing made is a person's skin, but, of course, society demands something more than this."

~Mark Twain

### STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress appropriately and in such attire that does not interfere with the orderly operation of Wahoo High School and school activities. It is impossible to make a list of all possible attire choices, that may cause a distraction, but the following guidelines should be considered when making those choices.

1. Students should wear clothing that covers all undergarments, private body parts, and midriff.
2. Students should wear clothing that is NOT suggestive of things that are illegal for minors or sexual in nature.
3. Students should not wear hats or head coverings of any kind in the building.
4. Students should not wear clothing that resembles sleepwear, specifically slippers or pajamas.
5. Students should not wear clothing that is excessively torn.
6. Coats should be placed in the students school issued locker once that student enters the school building. Coats should remain in the school issued locker until such time that the student leaves the school building for the day. Any clothing item heavier than a standard sweatshirt will be considered a coat.

The staff and Principal will judge the appropriateness of a student's attire. If determined to be inappropriate the student will be asked to make the necessary changes and the student's parent/guardian will be notified. Any violation of this dress code may result in disciplinary action.

## Clothing choices more than a passing fad

by Sarah Becker

Clothing. Our clothing stands for something, whether it is to make a statement, simply blend in with the crowd, turning heads, or just being comfortable. Or, maybe you're the kind of person that puts on whatever you can find in your closet, or closest to you as you roll out of bed. Whatever the method you use to choose your outfit of the day, it's clear that everyone is different.

"I usually pick something off the floor that seems clean," said sophomore Jack Putnam.

Junior Greg Milliken, on the other hand, says otherwise. "My shirts are hung up nicely, and my shorts and jeans are in my dresser."

Emily Brodahl, a junior, prefers her clothes "comfy and clean". However you put it, clothes are an everyday part of life.

Many people have a set "rule" or guidelines to their clothes. Take Mrs. D-T for example. She will never wear an outfit without having socks to match.

"I have purple, green, lime-green, red, blue, orange, white, brown, and black socks. I even

have striped socks for when I wear a striped shirt," says D-T.

Don't think you're safe if you aren't wearing socks that match. She has a tendency to call people out, especially on sport dress-up days.

In the past, students who have worn inappropriate clothing (according to the dress code) have been asked to go home and change or have been given an extra t-shirt that was in the office. Usually, that shirt had a saying like "whatever it takes" or something like that. Once in awhile, an unlucky student may get a shirt that says "secretaries rock!"

Although there has been conflict with the school dress code policy, it isn't as troublesome as first thought. Freshman Morgan Talbert said, "I think it's okay. It's not bad."

At the beginning of the school year, there were many rumors swirling around about the new dress code. Here are some do's and don'ts for this school year.

### What Not to Wear!

Face it! As comfortable as some "clothes" are, there are do's and don'ts when it comes to dressing for school.



Clockwise from top left: Pajama bottoms and slippers are so comfy-cozy, but these are MAJOR don'ts for school; it might still be HOT outside, but the air conditioner is running full blast here at school making this cute halter top not only inappropriate for a learning environment, but down right chilly, too!; our model, Lindsay Dreyer, could fit into this huge bag. Keep in mind that if you can fit a standard text book into the bag, leave it in your locker!; jeans with holes are making a comeback, but some holes are just too, well, holey. Bottom line--dress appropriately for school.