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WARRIOR WRESTLING

Welcome to the Wahoo Wrestling Newsletter — the place where our entire wrestling family comes together! This newsletter connects everything happening across our K–12 programs, celebrating the hard work, heart, and grit of every athlete in our community. From our youngest wrestlers just stepping on the mat to our seasoned competitors battling under the lights, we're here to highlight the big wins, the breakthrough moments, and the growing pride in our program. Get ready for updates, spotlights, and stories that showcase the power of a united Wahoo wrestling family. Let's keep building something special — together!

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MONDAY JAN 12TH OAKLAND-CRAIG JV INVITE @ 4:00 PM

FRIDAY JAN 16TH SCHUYLER JV INVITE @ 9:30 AM

SATURDAY JAN 17TH GI NORTHWEST DUALS @ 9:30 AM

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY JAN 13TH TRIANGULAR WITH CENTENNIAL @ DORCHESTER 5:00 PM

THURSDAY JAN 15TH TRIANGULAR WITH NORTHSTAR @ RAYMOND CENTRAL 6:00 PM

FRIDAY JAN 16TH SCHUYLER INVITE @ 9:30 AM

CLUB UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JAN 18TH WARRIORS WINTER CLASSIC @ LINCOLN HIGH

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING KICKS OFF SEASON

The Wahoo middle school boys wrestling program is back in action this week, and excitement is high. Coach Nicola shared, "It's been great to see the growth of our program with 33 wrestlers coming out this year; this is the most we've ever had in the middle school program. Along with that number comes a lot of talent and energy. I'm proud of what the middle school group accomplished last season, capped off by winning the conference meet. I'm excited to get back to work, develop the athletes, and have another strong year of wrestling."

With a record turnout and a talented group of athletes, the middle school wrestlers are ready to build on last season's success and make an impact on the mat.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

STRONG STEPS FORWARD AT THE NORM MANSTEDT INVITE

The Wahoo Girls Wrestling team competed in a tough field at the Norm Manstedt Invite, facing quality opponents from across Class B and using the event as another important step forward late in the season.

In the varsity brackets, Wahoo saw strong efforts from multiple wrestlers. Kinzley Beavers (140) earned a first-round pin and added two more falls in consolation action, finishing just one match shy of a top-six placement. Livia Sharpe (155) also picked up two solid pins on the day, showing continued improvement against strong competition. Holly Buckmaster (120) battled through her bracket, gaining valuable experience against seasoned opponents.

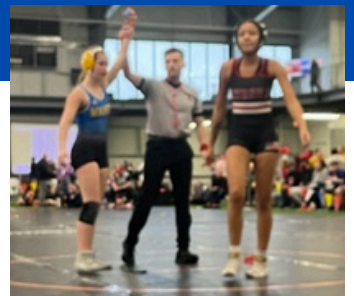
On the JV side, the Warriors delivered several standout performances. Addison Hall had a breakthrough day, earning her first wins of the season and capturing 1st place in her bracket. Taylor Christian and Emma Jones both looked sharp, each winning their respective JV brackets with multiple decisive victories. Additional podium finishes included Rachel Stevens (3rd), Allie Bruns (2nd), Linette Casarrubias (3rd), and Rylynn Walsh (2nd), highlighting the depth and development of the JV group.

As a team, Wahoo finished 34th overall in a 43-team Class B field, gaining valuable mat time against ranked teams and wrestlers.

Coach Ed Raney reflected positively on the day, saying:

"Kinzley and Liv picked up some really good wins in their varsity brackets, coming up one match short of placing top 6. On the JV side, Addie Hall picked up her first wins of the season and ended up winning her bracket. Taylor Christian and Emma Jones also looked really good in winning their JV brackets. Overall, a very positive day for the girls. I like where the team is at as we enter the homestretch of the season."

The Norm Manstedt Invite provided another strong measuring stick for the program, with clear signs of growth, confidence, and momentum as the season continues.



WARRIORS TESTED AT NORM MANSTEDT INVITE

The Wahoo High School boys wrestling team tested itself against one of the toughest fields of the season at the Norm Manstedt Invitational in Columbus. Facing a tournament loaded with ranked teams and high-level individual talent, the Warriors competed hard throughout the weekend and finished 14th overall in a deep 33-team field.

Leading the way for Wahoo was Grady Meyer, who put together an impressive run at 175 pounds to earn a 3rd-place finish. Meyer showcased his consistency and toughness with multiple bonus-point victories and capped his tournament with a strong win in the third-place match. Gavin Sutton also had a strong showing, battling through the consolation rounds to place 6th at 132 pounds, while Zane Wesely fought back after early losses to earn a 7th-place finish at 144.

Several other Warriors contributed valuable team points, including Jayse Styskal (9th at 190), Parker Lienemann (10th at 215), Daniel Oehm (11th at 285), and Braydon Fittro, who picked up multiple falls while competing in a challenging 165-pound bracket. Younger wrestlers gained important experience against top-tier competition, setting a foundation for continued growth as the season progresses.

Head Coach Hodges emphasized the value of the weekend, saying, “This tournament exposed us to a level of competition that pushes our guys physically and mentally. That’s exactly what we need this time of year.” He added, “We saw a lot of positives—especially from guys who battled back through the consolations. Those matches build confidence and toughness.”

Coach Hodges also highlighted the bigger picture: “Results matter, but the growth we saw this weekend matters more. We’re learning where we need to improve, and that’s going to help us down the stretch.”

With valuable mat time against elite opponents now under their belts, the Warriors will look to build on the experience from Columbus as they continue preparing for the challenges ahead.

CLUB WRESTLING

BIG EFFORT, BIG RESULTS AT WAVERLY

Wahoo Youth Wrestling turned in a strong and well-rounded performance at the 36th Annual Waverly Wrestling Tournament, competing against one of the deepest and most competitive fields of the season. With 50 wrestlers representing the Warriors across a wide range of age groups and weight classes, the program's depth, effort, and commitment were on full display throughout the day.

The Warriors brought home several individual tournament championships, including titles from Rigsby Hull, Nolan Rezek, Jaxon Thomalla, Nolan Schmit, Maverick Wynn, Tatum Samek, Thad Watts, Austin Sutton, Trevor Hodges, Henry Hurst, Thatcher Hancock, Roman Wesely, and Red Hitz. In addition to those champions, many wrestlers earned podium finishes, battled through challenging brackets, and showed grit by responding after tough matches—valuable experiences that will pay off as the season progresses.

Team success followed individual effort, as Wahoo finished 3rd overall out of 51 teams, an impressive accomplishment considering the size and quality of the tournament. Club Coach Paul Sutton summed up the achievement by saying, "Waverly proves to be a tournament with a high level of competition from year to year. For our club to place 3rd in Waverly shows that we are a top program in the area."

More importantly, the day reflected continued growth across the entire youth program, from our youngest competitors gaining their first tournament experience to our older wrestlers taking on leadership roles and setting the standard. The effort, sportsmanship, and competitiveness shown in Waverly were a true reflection of Warrior Wrestling, and the momentum from this weekend will carry forward into the weeks ahead.

