



THE CHARGER

Wabaunsee High School's Student-led Newspaper

High School Fall Sports Preview

All About That Brass

Sarai Eubanks | Staff Writer

The high school band has eight returning students, six coming up from the junior high, and one new student transferring in from out of district.

“Our biggest strength is our enthusiasm and love of music,” Mr. Ethan Karnes said. “We might be on the smaller side, but our sound conveys the pride and energy that you would hear from bands three times our size.”

This year, Karnes plans to recruit more junior high students by hosting several Junior High Play-

Along Nights. These nights will give junior high students a chance to step into the shoes of high school students and run through what a regular game day looks like for us. Karnes will have the Junior High students arrive early, rehearse, set up, and perform as the high schoolers do. “I hope that this will be the stepping stone towards more combined performances with the junior high and high school,” Karnes said.

Look for the pep band at the upcoming home football games!



Pep Band

First Row – Leah Schrader, Conrad Cassell, Calvin Lynch
Second Row – William Cline, Leah Alderman, Brianna Eastman, Scilynn Gros, JC Whitaker
Third Row – Blane Schutter, Bennett Noriega, DJ Reid, Kinden Miller, Austin Cassell
Director - Ethan Karnes

Taking the Court

Michelle Eubanks | Staff Writer

At the start of the season, the Wabaunsee Chargers tennis team welcomed back 14 returning athletes, six seniors, two juniors, and six sophomores. It introduced three recruits, one sophomore and two freshmen. With the construction of

two new tennis courts in 2024, the team has been able to host its own meets since its completion. This year, the Chargers are scheduled to host four matches, including two varsity and two junior varsity competitions.



Tennis

First Row – Leah Schrader, Talen Orton, Leityn Bolinder, Mallorie Fox, Michelle Eubanks, Ava Hurla
Second Row – Sarai Eubanks, Madelyn Stanko, Grace Carmona, Payton Jones, Emmie Denton
Third Row – Taegan Johnson, Aliyah Anderson, Hadley Hajny, Tallie Deever, Kirwin Russell, Ashanty Lopez-Alvarez
Coaches – Brandi Miller, Susan Schrader

It's a Beautiful Day to Run

Ava Shannon | Staff Writer

The cross country team has three seniors, Adalynn Miller, Corbin Russell and Conrad Cassell. “It feels pretty important being a leader on the team again this year, since I am actually a senior now, and not just the oldest. We also have a lot of new runners this year, so it is exciting to be the ones that they look up to,” Miller said.

The team has 14 runners, comprised of five freshmen, two sophomores, four juniors, and three seniors. This is the biggest team the senior class has run with in their high school careers. Last Saturday, the high school and junior high

teams competed at Hummer Park for a meet hosted by Silver Lake.

Roger Alderman, head coach of track and cross country, is going into his 22nd year of coaching both sports at Wabaunsee. As the cross country team prepares for the upcoming season, Alderman said, “We’re gradually building our mileage to get ready for our first meet, and we also do speed workouts during most weeks,” Alderman’s goals for the season include getting a little better every day and being at our best for league. As always, “It’s a Beautiful Day to Run.”



Cross Country

First Row – Corbin Russell, Adalynn Miller, Conrad Cassell
Second Row – Brianna Eastman, Summer McCart, Leah Alderman, Lilly Carmona
Third Row – Briggs Ibarra, Kinden Miller, Zeke Gomez, Eli Shepard, Enzo Gomez, Austin Cassell, Russell Eubanks
Coaches – Roger Alderman, Sara Alderman

Charger Spirit

Ava Shannon | Staff Writer

The Wabaunsee cheer team has 12 girls out this year, consisting of three freshmen, seven sophomores, one junior, and one senior. This team is very young, although “Having a younger group is exciting because there is so much growth potential. It allows us to

build a strong foundation and develop these girls into confident leaders over the next few years,” coach Cheryl Lewis said. Look for the cheer squad to pep up the crowd at football games and during half-time for dance routines.



Cheer

Left Stunt Group – Josie Mayer, Summer McCart, Lea Huske, Nora Mumaw (up)
Middle Stunt Group – Berkli Wealthall (bottom), Hadley Hajny (middle), Ava Shannon (top)
Right Stunt Group – Aliyah Anderson, Gabbi Whitaker, Taegan Johnson, Madelyn Stanko (up)
Not Pictured: Megan Piper, Addy Beavers
Coaches – Cheryl Lewis, Tayler Sievers

Weekly Events Sept. 10- Sept. 16

Thursday 9-10

Tennis vs Cair Paravel
Soccer at Atchison
JH Cross Country at Lyndon
JH Volleyball & Football vs West Franklin

Friday 9-11

HS Football vs Olpe

Saturday 9-12

HS Cross Country at Wamego

Monday 9-14

JV Tennis at Junction City
JH Volleyball at Home
JV HS Football at Olpe
BOE Meeting at 6:00

Tuesday 9-15

Soccer vs NEK (Bettis)
JV Tennis at Baldwin
HS Volleyball vs West Franklin

Wednesday 9-16

FFA Greenhand
Journalism State Fair
Bond Forum Mtg at McFarland

**This is not an all-inclusive list of events and subject to change.
For all events visit www.usd329.org.*

Activity Results

Volleyball vs Osage City
(Sept. 1st)
JV: 0-1
Varsity 2-0

Tennis @ Clay Center (Sept. 3rd)
Team Results: 1st
Talen O. - 1st
Ava H. & Leah S. - 1st
Michelle E. & Emmie D. - 2nd

JH vs Council Grove (Sept. 4th)
Volleyball: A-Team: 0-2
Volleyball: B/C Team: 2-0
Football: 54-0 (Win)

HS Football vs West Franklin
(Sept. 4th)
45-3 (Win)

Soccer vs Atchison (Sept. 4th)
8-3 (Win)

JV Volleyball Tourn @ Home
(Sept. 5th)
Team Results: 1-5

Cross Country @ Silver Lake
(Sept. 5th)
Junior High

Boys & Girls Teams- each 1st
7th Grade Girls:
Anna C. - 3rd; Caylee F. - 4th
7th Grade Boys: Hunter G. - 1st
8th Grade Girls:
Taryn T. - 1st; Dacey T. - 2nd
8th Grade Boys: Brogan S. - 5th
High School
Adalynn M. - 4th; Lilly C. - 11th
Girls Team - 5th

**Results are given for information we could verify to the best of the staff's knowledge.*



Homecoming: Happily Ever After

The Wabaunsee High School's annual homecoming will kick off Sunday, September 20th, with window painting downtown from 3:00-5:00 pm. Then, at 5:00 join for "Buff Puff" (boys stand still volleyball in the gym) The parade is set for Wednesday, September 23rd, at 5:30 pm. At 6:00 Booster Club will take over for free hot dogs for those attending from 6:00-6:30. All PK-12 USD 329 and SJL students can receive one free shaved ice during the evening. Fall sport team introductions for PK-12 and powder puff will follow.

The crowning of the king and queen will be held on Friday, September 25th, before the football game at 6:15. The homecoming dance will be held at the Brandt House on Saturday, September



26th from 8:00-10:00 with admission of \$2 a person.

The Chargers have a full week of athletics:

Monday - Soccer at Highland Park, Tennis at Perry-Lecompton, HS Volleyball at Lyndon, JV HS Football vs Onaga

Tuesday - HS Volleyball at Mission Valley,

Thursday - Soccer vs Olathe, HS/JH

Cross Country Meet at Marion, JV Tennis at Baldwin, Tennis at Hillsboro, JH Volleyball and Football at Mission Valley

Friday - No school, HS Football vs Atchison Co. Comm

Saturday - HS Volleyball at Olpe

The theme for the week is "Homecoming: Happily Ever After." Students are encouraged to dress up as follows: Monday (Under the Sea:

Hawaiian, Beach), Tuesday (Sleeping Beauty: Pajamas), Wednesday (RED OUT-Purchase a Calvin shirt, link below), Thursday (Once Upon a Time-Princess/Prince), Friday (Pep Club Theme-Disney)

If any business or group wishes to participate in the parade on Wednesday, September 23rd, line up starts at 5:15 pm on 3rd & Kansas Street in front of the courthouse. Please contact Jenny Schutter or Amy Cassell if you wish to have a float.

*Check www.usd329.org to ensure events are accurate.

Order RED Calvin shirts by Sept. 11th - 9:00 AM:

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Our Time to Grind

Parker Kelley | Staff Writer

The Wabaunsee Chargers took on Council Grove, Hillsboro, and Jeff West at Council Grove on August 28th as part of the annual jamboree, there was no score kept. The Wabaunsee Chargers are under head coach James Johnston in his third year of coaching and still have the same goal.

Senior wide receiver Blake Meinhardt said, "I want this team to have a good bond, but not only that, I want us to work together and win." The Chargers graduated a larger portion of the starters, but also gained players able to step into positions. Sophomore running back Colton Imthurn said, "I believe the team really gained some confidence from the weight room this summer, and is ready to work."

The Chargers' first regular season game was against the West Franklin Falcons last Friday night.

Come out and support, and GO CHARGERS!!

Taking the Field

Kalvin Lynch | Staff Writer

A new school year means the start of a new soccer season. Since Wabaunsee doesn't have a team, its players have the opportunity to play with Cair Paravel as part of a KSHSAA cooperative. Representing Wabaunsee in soccer are freshman Austin Cassell and senior Conrad Cassell. Conrad has played for CPLS since his sophomore year. Even though it's early in the season, he hopes the team will do well and have plenty of fun. His goals this year are to grow as a team and hopefully make the postseason again. Even though they have to go to a different school for soccer, both enjoy meeting new people and dual-sporting with soccer and cross country. For this reason, balancing time for cross country and soccer at the same time is a skill they have had to learn over the years. As a personal goal, Conrad plans to work out his new position, attacking defender, and become better at it. "I have had to step up to this new role, as a lot of the team either quit or graduated. That means that not only do older students need to step up and learn new positions, but also teach the freshmen the ropes," Cassell said. The CPLS Lions, along with the Cassell boys have played three of their scheduled 16 regular season games so far.



Soccer
Conrad Cassell, Austin Cassell



Football

First Row – Chris Bennett, Sawyer Ibarra, Graham Castillo, Blake Meinhardt, Cutter Murray, Tyler Poovey
Second Row – Kameron Moege, Elliott Meyer, Isaac Garrison, Lucas Viergever, Parker Kelley, Duane Mzhickteno, Cameron Frank, Holden Gehrt
Third Row – Jaiden Pine, Ben Schutter, Maddux Weisshaar, Jacob Debler, Trey Zeller, Yvo Ebert, JC Whitaker
Fourth Row – Kota McKinven, William Harrison, Blane Schutter, Zakary Smith, Ty Zeller, Carsten Speth, Colton Imthurn, Vincent Glotzbach, Cash Moylan, William Cline
Not Pictured – Austin Glotzbach
Coaches – James Johnston, Dustin Patee, Russell Goodmiller



Court Domination

Gabby Hall | Staff Writer

The Charger Volleyball team had their first tournament this Saturday, August 28th and went 3-3. The team has been working the past couple of weeks and ensuring they accomplish their goals during practices. "Our goal is to compete every chance we get, including in practice, while still having fun along the way. We want our ath-

letes to show up, give 100% effort, play with heart, maintain a positive attitude, and focus on a 'one game at a time' mindset," head coach Cara Miller said.

There are three seniors this year, Talen Orton, Grace Zeller, and Edan Perrin. With it being their last high school season, Miller has more expectations for them, "This group of seniors has so much experience and competitiveness, and I'm really looking forward to seeing their

leadership skills blossom and shine. I want them to lead by example, encourage their teammates, and leave a positive impact on the program that will last beyond their final season," Miller stated.

Senior Edan Perrin is starting her last season of volleyball, and she is trying to make the most of every moment and memory she can with her team. "I'm hoping to go out with a bang and accomplish as much as we can," she says. She



Volleyball

First Row – Talen Orton, Grace Zeller, Edan Perrin
Second Row – Cyler Orton, Kinsley Michaelis, Peyton Wegele, Sadie Wright, Josie Mayer, Cierra Keller
Third Row – Carley Flach, Gabbi Whitaker, Lea Huske, Gabby Hall, Jolee Meseke, Aliah Esparza-Lopez, Genevieve Holthaus
Coaches – Cara Miller, Karen Wright

has high hopes for her team, saying, "I want this team to work for each other and to make each other better." Perin wants to carry on her athletics after high school, stating, "I do want to pursue college sports. I'm thinking of doing basketball and volleyball."

The junior varsity started its season last week and concluded the week at a home junior varsity tournament on Saturday.

Take AIM for FCCLA

Britney DeGonia | Staff Writer

FCCLA Take Aim took place on Sunday, the 31st of August, and the 1st of September. There were a total of seven FCCLA members who went to the conference.

Take Aim is a one-day conference where members can fill their day with leadership skills, learn more about FCCLA, and how the organization works. This conference is mostly used for new members or officers to be able to learn more things about the leadership experience. "It went well, but it was harder without the phones, and there were workshops that involved having to use your phone, and we weren't able to participate in a lot of them due to us not having our phones, so I wish there were shops that had the no phone rule so we could participate more," FCCLA officer Leityn Bollinder said.

After the event, during lunch, the Wabaunsee Officers met to discuss fundraisers, community service, and upcoming meetings.

