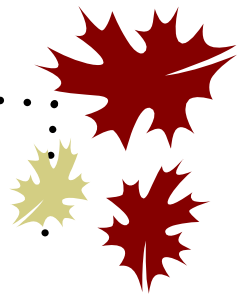




Waggener News



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Reminder:

Driving age students hoping to get their Kentucky Driver's permit must bring a **School Compliance Verification** form with them to the DMV in order to take the permit exam. This form is obtained from the Attendance Office at Waggener. This is a state requirement as of August, 2007.

If a student has 9 or more unexcused absences and/or failed 2 or more classes per trimester, they will not be eligible to take the exam and will have to wait 6 months before reapplying.

A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the 2009-10 school year. Our Freshman Academy is going well and we are so excited to have such an incredible group of new students. The trimester schedule is giving us some additional scheduling opportunities and allowing students to focus on fewer classes.

We are very pleased with our state assessment results – we had record increases in almost all categories and appreciate your help in making this happen.

Fall sports are winding down and we are looking forward to our winter activities. We welcome you to come and support our kids in their various activities.

Our Beta Club will be helping out with the Trick or Treating in Brown Park on Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have children who are trick or treat age, please plan to attend.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Open House – thanks for attending.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me either by e-mail at candi.conway@jefferson.kyschools.us or by phone at 485-8340.

Candi Conway, Principal



Freshman Academy...

The Freshman Academy is up and rolling, starting the 2009-2010 school year off with innovative and exciting initiatives! The academy is led by Wildcat Assistant Principal Dianna Kurtz, who eagerly anticipates the positive results this new small learning community will have on students, as well as the overall culture of the school.

The first goal of the Academy is to increase the number of freshmen successfully moving into the 10th grade. Kurtz believes through a series of strategies, interventions and a close-knit group of Academy teachers, the Class of 2013 will have more resources at their disposal for a greater chance of success in the future.

As a result, Academy teachers met several times during this past school year and this summer to design interventions, such as the Wildcat Report and home visits, to keep freshmen on track and supported. The Academy also has its own mobile laptop cart, separate discipline procedures and lunch to assist with the freshmen students' transition to high school.

Ultimately, Waggener hopes to improve attendance, increase the number of honor roll students, increase the number participating in extra-curricular activities and reduce poor behavior. Multiple successes are already popping up within the Academy. The freshmen won the spirit stick at the Fall Homecoming Pep Rally for the first time and more freshmen are participating in extra-curricular activities this fall than in previous years. Hopefully this trend will only continue to rise, as will each freshman in the new Academy.

Yearbooks

Keep your eyes open for a letter from Jostens. This letter will have important ordering information for yearbooks.

Yearbooks are \$55 and can be ordered online. See Ms. Gonterman for more info.

Waggener Athletics...

Congratulations to Coach Kevin Schulz and the boy's soccer team on their third consecutive winning season! The soccer team won the Bluegrass State Games and finished second at the Franklin-Simpson Invitational. After reaching a season high ranking of #12 in the state, they are currently #16.

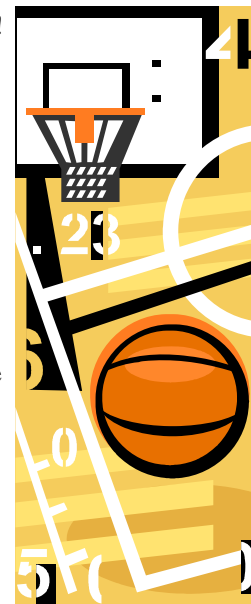
Coach Ross and the football team picked up their first win of the season with a 26-6 victory over Iroquois on Senior Night. The Wildcats have been competitive all season and their hard work is paying off. They finish the season with 4 games on the road before the play-offs.

The volleyball team gained their first victory of the season to spoil the Golden Eagles senior night. Coach Kuhnell has seen the girls steadily improve throughout the season. The volleyball team will host the District 24 tournament October 13-14.

Congratulations to Coach Harrison and the golf team on completing a 10-1 season. They finished 14th in the regional tournament playing in very tough conditions. The team has a strong group returning next year and they will look to continue their success.

October 15th is the first official day for basketball practice to begin. Coach Curry and Coach Ricks have a solid core of returning players and a great schedule lined up. The boys will host a pre-season panorama event on November 28 that will bring some of the top teams from around the state to Waggener. The girls will take on KCD and Doss in the same event.

Go Wildcats!



Go to www.waggenerwildcats.com to view all Athletic Schedules!

PTSA News...

Greetings from your PTSA! We hope you are having a great year so far. We want to invite you to our 17th annual Waggener PTSA Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Waggener. Lunch will be sponsored by our very own Culinary Arts Department from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Class of 2010 Scholarship Fund. Come join us for a fun day of holiday shopping!

NCLB Info...

Dear Parents,

As we begin the 2009-10 school year, we are striving to make improvements so that this year will be even better! Because you are key partners in our school, this is to give you some information about "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) and to ask for your ideas.

As you know, Waggener Traditional High School is a Tier 5 school in the federal NCLB program. There is a provision in NCLB that can define a school as a Tier 5 Restructuring Model. *We believe that with some changes, our scores will improve significantly and we can come out of Tier status.* We need your input to help us plan and think about the following:

- A central office supervisor would be assigned to assist the principal.
- Long and short range school plans would be developed and evaluated.
- The supervisor will make sure all resources (funds and personnel) are used for student learning.
- The supervisor would access resources from the District for the school.
- A central office staff would be assigned to help support the school council.

In closing, everyone is working very hard to ensure that student achievement will continue to improve. You know your children better than anyone, so please send me your ideas by note, e-mail or phone. We will continue to work hard together.

Thank you for everything you do for children!

Candi Conway, Principal

Class News...

FRESHMAN CLASS

The Class of 2013 was awarded the Spirit Stick during the Fall Homecoming Pep Rally. This is a first for freshmen and the academy teachers are proud of their outstanding participation during Homecoming week! Keep up the terrific Wildcat Spirit!

The freshmen will receive their first Incentive Day on Friday October 30th. A Fall Festival will be held that afternoon for those meeting the criteria. The festival will include treats, games and contests, so make sure you meet all the criteria so you don't miss out on the fun! The first trimester is wrapping up as we head into the home stretch; last day is November 4th. Make sure you keep those grades up!

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! Early in this trimester, we had a Sophomore class meeting and had the opportunity to hear from Ms. Conway, Principal, Mr. Bates, Assistant Principal, and meet the following class officers: Cassie Kelsey, President, Cara Akin, Vice President, and John Dunn, Treasurer. Teachers, Ms. Thompson and Mr. Greer are sharing the role of Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Math Credit Change Alert! Beginning with the Class of 2012, students will be required to take one mathematics course each year of high school to ensure readiness for postsecondary education or the workforce.

All students are to complete their *Individual Learning Plan* to 100% each year. This computer program is a major component of transition planning for all students, including those with disabilities. Each student has been given a password and ID to log into the Career Cruising program, where the ILP can be found. Students can work on their ILP outside of class time.

JUNIOR CLASS

Juniors - start visiting local colleges; large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what works for you. Develop a list of 15-20 colleges that interest you. Parents, if you are receiving information in the mail from various college admissions assistance companies offering to help your child find money to attend college, please check with your child's counselor. Many of these organizations are scams and should be investigated before signing up for their services. Be sure to do an internet search of the company, check with the Better Business Bureau or check with the counseling office here at Waggener. Please remember, you should not have to pay for free money.

Junior Ring Ceremony is scheduled for May 13th. Three companies that sell class rings are Balfour, Jostens, and Herff Jones. All companies require a \$50.00 down payment at the time the order is placed; this can be done with cash, check, credit card or money order. If you missed their school visit on October 13th, please contact them directly.

SENIOR CLASS

It's time to start thinking about Graduation Announcements and other senior items. Balfour will begin visits later this month. Look for posters and listen for announcements. The sooner you start your payment plans, the easier it will be to get the things you want, and need, to make your senior year and graduation extra-special.

Facebook, MySpace, and College Admissions: Don't let social networking sites sabotage your chances of getting into college. Some colleges may look at your social networking pages to make admission decisions, make sure you remove or block anything that would make an admissions officer question your character or judgment.

Important Senior Dates:

October 18:	JCPS/UPS College & Career Expo, 1:00-5:00 p.m., KY Fair & Exposition Center
October 26:	Balfour Senior Class Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
November 3:	Balfour Orders - During Lunch
November 7:	SAT
November 20:	College and Career Fair 8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 23 & 24:	Completing College Applications Lab - 11:20 am - 1:05 pm
December 5:	SAT
December 12:	ACT





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Oct 16-17	JCPS Showcase of Schools	Feb 15	Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Oct 19	8th Grade Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Mar 9	ACT for Juniors
Oct 19-23	Waggener Book Fair	Mar 23	ACT Makeup for Juniors
Oct 29	Waggener Choir "Costume Concert" 7 p.m.	Apr 5-9	Spring Break
Nov 5	Professional Development Day, no school	Apr 16	Spring Theatre Production, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 6	Nonattendance Day, no school	Apr 17	Spring Theatre Production, 2:00 p.m.
Nov 14	PTSA Craft Fair, Waggener, 9-4	Apr 19-29	CATS testing (High School)
Nov 20	College & Career Fair, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Apr 30	Professional Development Day, no school
Nov 21	Fall Theatre Production, 2:00 p.m. St. Matthews Elementary	May 6	Instrumental Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 24	Underclassmen Picture Make-Up Day	May 13	Junior Ring Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed	May 15	Prom, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 8	Academic Night, 6:00 p.m.	May 17	Senior Awards Night, 6:00 p.m.
Dec 10	Instrumental Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.	May 18	Primary Election Day, no school
Dec 21 – Jan 1	Holiday Break	May 25	Last Day of School (subject to change)
Jan 4	Professional Development Day, no school	TBA	Graduation
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, School Closed		

