

# WACO

## PARENT LETTER

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*"The mission of the WACO Community School District is to develop responsible, productive citizens who view learning as a lifelong process. WACO's educational environment encourages continuous improvement, problem-solving, measurable outcomes, and community involvement."*

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

LINK TO WACO CLASSES, TEACHERS, GRADES, ASSIGNMENTS, MORE:  
<http://powerschool.wacohs.com>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, November 21**

Music Department (Ames) All-State Music Festival

**Saturday, November 22**

Music Department (Ames) All-State Music Festival

**Monday, November 24**

Basketball - Jr. High Girls (Van Buren) 4:30 pm (Home)

**Tuesday, November 25**

School Calendar: Early Dismissal 1:40 pm

Wrestling - JH (Wapello) 4:30 pm (Away)

**Wednesday, November 26**

School Calendar: Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, November 27**

School Calendar: Thanksgiving Break

**Friday, November 28**

School Calendar: Thanksgiving Break

**WACO basketball attire order forms can be picked up in the elementary or high school office.**

### Winter health reminders from Nurse Jenny

Colder weather is upon us forcing us behind closed doors again. During the winter months, viruses and other illnesses are more prevalent. This time of year we see an increase in the number of individuals who become ill. This applies to both children and adults. As much as we want to have the children attend school, we want them to attend when they are well. It is important for the health of your child and other children that your children not return to school too soon after an illness. You may feel that your child has missed so much school time that you do not want them to miss anymore. However, children who arrive to school sick cannot stay and must be sent back home. Children are allowed adequate time to make up missed work. If your child is staying home ill, please call the school that morning. We would also appreciate a description of your child's symptoms so that we can take steps to reduce the spread of contagious disease.

It is sometimes difficult to decide when and how long to keep a child home from school. The timing of the absence is important to decrease the spread of illness to others, and to prevent your child from acquiring other illnesses while his/her resistance is lowered. Please give your child a last minute check-up before he or she leaves for school each morning. A child with a fever should not come to school until the temperature is normal for 24 hours, without the aid of a fever reducing medication. This means that your child should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal. Do not treat a fever and send your child to school. A child should be free of vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. A child who has been ill during the night may feel better in the morning and even ask to go to school. However, the child will likely experience symptoms of illness later, will be tired from loss of sleep and may still be contagious to other children. School and health personnel keep watch over your children's health during the day. When a student shows signs or symptoms of illness or unusual behavior, they are referred to the health office. If your child needs further attention, you will be notified. Please make sure your child is dressed each day for school, in a warm winter coat, hat, gloves or mittens, snow boots and snow pants. Weather permitting; all children will go outside for recess unless we have a written note from your physician. I've consulted with area physicians and Public Health Offices and all are in agreement that children do benefit from the fresh air. Bacteria and viruses are passed by coughing and sneezing. The germs land on surfaces or are inhaled while still in the air. The best way to minimize the spread of infection is simple. Please remind and encourage your children to wash their hands frequently and to cover all coughs and sneezes. Promoting wellness is the best way to prevent illness. Get plenty of rest by observing a regular bedtime and evening routine. This will enable your family to rise early enough to have an unhurried morning and ride to school. A sleepy child has difficulty staying focused during the day and is less cooperative than one who is well rested. Adequate nutrition is essential for a healthy body, please assist and encourage your children to make healthy meal and snack choices.

Please remember to keep emergency information updated. It is extremely important for our office to have an emergency number where you can be reached.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school happy and healthy. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at the elementary, 319-658-2931. *Jenny Kaufman, R.N WACO Elementary School Nurse*

### ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Waco Orchestras are busy preparing for their upcoming concerts in December. The Junior/Senior High School Orchestra will be performing at the High School concert on Sunday afternoon, December 14th at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The 5th and 6th grade students will be performing on Monday evening, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school for the Elementary/Junior High concert. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!!

### Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

WACO High School Cafeteria will be the site for a free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27th. Lunch will be served from noon until 3:00 p.m. For more information contact *Greg Stacy* at 319-461-0576 or 319-256-2463.

### Basketball for Elementary

Basketball is starting again for the Elementary students. A reminder to the parents of the students playing basketball, this is all volunteer. This is not a school function. The volunteer coaches are calling in and scheduling the use of the gym for their teams. Each coach is responsible for their own team. You will need to contact your child's coach with any questions about practices and games. Every time a child is to stay for practice we need a note at the school. If we do not have a note for that day we will be sending your child to their usual destination, we can not accept a one time blanket note. Thank you for understanding that we are trying to keep you child(ren) safe and get them to the correct destination each night.

### Santa Shop

It's time for Santa Shop again! We are looking for volunteers to help students with their shopping as well as wrapping gifts. Santa Shop this year is on Monday Dec. 8th and Tuesday, Dec. 9th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Chris Conrad at 256-7035 or Email at [cconrad@wacohs.com](mailto:cconrad@wacohs.com). Thank you in advance for giving of your time. *Chris Conrad for PTO*

# Revised Winter Sports Schedules 08-09

## Boys Basketball

11/24/08 - Monday  
Varsity (WMU Jamboree) (Away)

12/01/08 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Away)

12/02/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Home)

12/05/08 - Friday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Away)

12/08/08 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Home)

12/09/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Away)

12/11/08 - Thursday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Home)

12/12/08 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Away)

12/16/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Away)

12/19/08 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Lone Tree) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Lone Tree) (Home)

12/20/08 - Saturday  
Varsity B and G 5:00 pm (Mediapolis) (Away)  
F/S Boys 5:00 pm (Mediapolis) (Away)

01/03/09 - Saturday  
Varsity B and G 5:00 pm (Holy Trinity) (Home)

01/05/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Away)

01/06/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Home)

01/09/09 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Columbus) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Columbus) (Away)

01/10/09 - Saturday  
FS/Var Boys 1:00 pm (Mt. Pleasant) (Away)

01/12/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Home)

01/13/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Away)

01/16/09 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Home)

01/19/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Away)

01/20/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Home)

01/23/09 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Home)

01/26/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Away)

01/27/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Home)

01/30/09 - Friday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Lone Tree) (Away)

02/03/09 - Tuesday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Mediapolis) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Mediapolis) (Home)

02/06/09 - Friday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Wapello) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Away)

02/10/09 - Tuesday  
F/S Boys 4:30 pm (Columbus) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Columbus) (Home)

02/13/09 - Friday  
FS/Var Boys 6:00 pm (SEISC Shootout) (Home)

## Girls Basketball

11/20/08 - Thursday  
Varsity Girls (IWC Jamboree) (Away)

12/01/08 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Away)

12/02/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Home)

12/05/08 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Away)

12/08/08 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Home)

12/09/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Away)

12/11/08 - Thursday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Home)

12/12/08 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Away)

12/16/08 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Away)

12/19/08 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Lone Tree) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Lone Tree) (Home)

12/20/08 - Saturday  
F/S Girls 3:30 pm (Mediapolis) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 5:00 pm (Mediapolis) (Away)

01/03/09 - Saturday  
Varsity B and G 5:00 pm (Holy Trinity) (Home)

01/05/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Away)

01/06/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Home)

01/09/09 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Columbus) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Columbus) (Away)

01/12/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Home)

01/13/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Iowa Mennonite) (Away)

01/16/09 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Home)

01/19/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Away)

01/20/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Pekin) (Home)

01/23/09 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Louisa-Muscatine) (Home)

01/26/09 - Monday  
F/S B & G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Away)

01/27/09 - Tuesday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Highland) (Home)

01/30/09 - Friday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Lone Tree) (Away)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Lone Tree) (Away)

02/03/09 - Tuesday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Mediapolis) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Mediapolis) (Home)

02/06/09 - Friday  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Wapello) (Home)

02/07/09 - Saturday  
Varsity Girls 6:00 pm SEISC Shootout (Away)

02/09/09 - Monday  
FS/Var Girls 6:00 pm (Harmony) (Home)

02/10/09 - Tuesday  
F/S Girls 4:30 pm (Columbus) (Home)  
Varsity B and G 6:00 pm (Columbus) (Home)

## WACO Athletic Boosters Say "Thanks!"

The Waco Athletic Boosters would like to thank all of those who helped in the volleyball and football concession stands, those who donated meat for grilling and those who grilled.

It takes many hands to make things happen and we couldn't have the success that we do without your help. The funds raised are used for all athletic students both boys and girls, 7th grade through senior. We even help out the elementary students with tournament fees, gym balls etc.

Some of the things that the Athletic Boosters have used the concession funds for are: we purchased 3 tents to be used for outside events, purchased "The Gun" a speed basketball shooting machine, we sponsored girls to go to State drill team and cross country to go to the State meet, we purchase warm-ups, sponsor students in the Shrine Bowl, and many other activities.

The boosters meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Everyone is welcome to attend. Once your child reaches 7th grade you are automatically scheduled to work in the concession stand. A sign-up sheet is usually passed around for you to sign-up, if you don't sign up you are assigned a date/time. If you cannot work your assigned time, please find someone to work for you or trade with someone.

With your help we can continue to support and show our WACO pride to our own children, your children and ALL Waco students. Thank you.

*The Waco Athletic Boosters*

Wrestling schedule will be printed in Parentletter on November 25th.

## WACO PARENTLETTER

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