

# 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>

### Contacting the High School

This summer a much needed, upgrade to our phone system was completed here in the secondary building. The change has brought great improvements for us secretaries but some of you parents have had trouble reaching "a live body" in the morning to pass on busing information. If you need to pass on bus information to the drivers, please call me at 256-6200 as I arrive at work by 7:00 a.m. or shortly after. As soon as the message starts "You have reached ..." hit 2 on your keypad and it should pass you directly to my phone line. If I don't answer, please leave me a message.

*Ranee Reschly, Superintendent's Secretary*

### Project Recovery Iowa

Project Recovery Iowa is a crisis counseling program that has been established to help those affected by disasters such as the flooding and storms of this summer. Crisis counseling consists of supportive, educational, face-to-face interventions with individuals and communities.

The Iowa State University Iowa Concern Hotline will take initial calls from any individual statewide seeking information or counseling assistance. Iowa Concern Hotline will direct calls to the appropriate crisis counseling provider serving the county. All calls are free and confidential, and the operators are willing to assist wherever possible. The Iowa Concern Hotline number is 800-447-1985.



### Buy Your WACO Winter Apparel Now!!

The marketing class this year is selling winter apparel items including: mittens, scarves, beanie hat, pom-pom hat, and head band. All items are \$10 except for the headband that is \$7.

Students will be selling the products before and after school in the foyer. Also, they will be for sale in my room during eighth hour. They will be on sale during the home game October 10th against Danville before the game and during the first half.

Thank you for supporting the marketing class!

*Renee Lauer*

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WACO Parentletter has been published weekly during the school year since 1968 by WACO Community Schools, 706 North Pearl, Wayland, IA 52654

Articles, photos, and calendar items must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday of the week in which they are intended to be published, or two days before distribution on four-day weeks, and must contain the author's name and contact information.

Please submit to:  
Carole Martins, Art Room  
WACO High School  
[cmartin@wacohs.com](mailto:cmartin@wacohs.com)

*"WACO Community Schools will not discriminate in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, ancestry, or any legally protected class."*

### Vocal Music Prepares for 2008 OPUS Honor Choir Festival

Thirteen seventh, eighth and ninth grade WACO vocal music students have been rehearsing the music and preparing audition tapes for the 2008 OPUS Honor Choir Festival. This event is sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directors Association and includes students from schools throughout Iowa. If accepted into one of the four choirs, WACO students will travel to Ames on November 20th for rehearsal and will present a concert in the C. Y. Stephens Auditorium on the Iowa State campus in Ames. 180 singers from schools across Iowa are selected for each choir. WACO hopefuls are: Clarissa Rugg, Brenda McArtor, Kelsey McGuire, Sydney Gibbs, Keysha Dixon and Emily Johnson for the 7&8 Grade Girls Choir; Jerald Thompson, Parker Ferguson, Cey Saeuglin, Dustin Hulme, Colin Poe and Jaden Chalupa for the 7&8th Grade Boys Choir; and Andrea Gibbs for the Ninth Grade Mixed Choir. Good work students! Audition results will arrive sometime during the third week of October.

*Millie Youngquist, WACO Vocal Music Instructor 7-12*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, September 26**

Football - Varsity (Highland) 7:00 pm (Home)

**Saturday, September 27**

Volleyball - Varsity Conference VB Finals 5:00 pm

**Monday, September 29**

Volleyball -JH (Harmony) 4:30 pm (Away)

Volleyball - F/S, JV, V (Regina) 5:30 pm (Home)

Football - Fresh/Soph (Highland) 6:30 pm (Home)

**Tuesday, September 30**

Cross Country (Central Lee) 4:30 pm (Away)

Volleyball - F/S, JV (Louisa-Muscatine) 5:30 pm (Home)

**Wednesday, October 1**

School Calendar Early Dismissal 1:40 pm

**Thursday, October 2**

Cross Country (Winfield-Mt. Union) (Away)

Football - JH (New London) 4:30 pm (Home)

Volleyball -JH (Pekin) 4:30 pm (Away)

**Friday, October 3**

Football - Varsity (New London) 7:00 pm (Away)

**Saturday, October 4**

Volleyball - Varsity (New London) 9:00 am (Away)

### Blue Calendar Change

Due to scheduling conflicts at Columbus on Feb. 10, 2009, we have had to make some changes in our basketball schedule. Changes:

• FS/Var GBB @ Columbus was 11/25/08

---> now 1/9/09

• FS/Var BBB @ Columbus was 2/10/09

--> now 1/9/09

• FS/ Var BB Quad with Columbus @ WACO was

1/9/09 ---> now 2/10/09

*Chad Edeker, Athletic Director*

### PSAT for Juniors Given in October

Juniors will have the opportunity to participate in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in October. This is an optional test for juniors who wish to have the practice of taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition. The test, which costs \$13, will be given at WACO High School on Wednesday, October 15.

The PSAT measures critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. Reasons for taking the test include receiving feedback about critical academic skills, preparing for the SAT, and entering scholarship competitions. In addition to the National Merit Scholarships, there are corporate sponsored merit scholarships, corporate sponsored special scholarships and college sponsored merit scholarships. The Student Guide for the PSAT lists the scholarship sponsors as well as including a practice test.

Students need to sign up in the counselor's room and pay the test fee on or before October 13. Please contact Mrs. Styron if there are any questions.

### Music Department Fundraiser Begins

This fall the WACO instrumental, vocal and orchestra music students in grades 5-12 will be participating in a fund-raising sale with Cherrydale Farms. Students will be taking orders for items as: Christmas gifts and giftwrap, chocolate candy, jewelry, pizzas, pies, cheesecake and many other items. Orders may be placed up through Monday, October 6th. We are asking that payment be made at the time of ordering. Please make your checks payable to: The WACO Music Boosters. Orders are expected to be delivered in early November. Parents: Please have your students return the forms and money to their music teacher by Monday, October 6th.

Profits will be used to purchase new equipment for the music programs at the Wayland and Crawfordsville buildings and for a future high school band/chorus trip. If you would like more information, contact Tom McNamar, Millie Youngquist or Denise Freyenberger at the High School (256-6200) or Amy Langr at the Elementary (658-2931). Thanks in advance for your support!

### AEA Hearing Testing at the Elementary

Monday, October 13 starting at 9:00 a.m., the AEA Audiologist will be at the Elementary to perform hearing checks for grades PreK through Third.

### Box Tops for Education

This is our eighth year of collecting Box Tops for Education. The money we raise this year will go towards purchasing books for Read-A-Million Minutes and October is Science Month. We are looking for this to be our biggest year yet of collecting Box Tops. Each elementary classroom has their own container for collecting Box Tops. If you haven't been cutting out Box Tops and sending them to school with an elementary student, please consider doing so. Box Tops for Education may be found on hundreds of products, including General Mills cereals, some Betty Crocker mixes, Kleenex and Scott paper products, Ziploc bags, Huggies diapers, Hamburger Helper and Old El Paso taco shells, to name a few.

*Thank you for your continued support,  
Chad McClanahan - Project Coordinator*

### WACO to Host Wrestling Sectionals

WACO High School will be hosting Class 1A wrestling sectionals on Feb. 7, 2009. Teams will be determined later by the IHSAA.

### WACO Library Media Advisory Committee

Thanks go out to the following individuals who are serving on the Library Media Advisory Committee for the 2008-2009 school year:

Joan Anderson - Crawfordsville  
Marilyn Boal - Olds  
J.G. Widmer - Wayland  
Laura Davison K-6 Faculty  
Tom Ferguson 7-12 faculty  
Vicki Reynolds K-6 Administration  
Roger Thornburg 7-12 Administration  
Abbey Roth - Student Representative  
Bert Miller - Library Media Specialist

### Buy Your WACO Stadium Seat

The Waco Booster's are again taking orders for Waco stadium seats. Cost is \$35 each. If you are interested contact Jeff Miller, Booster President before the next booster meeting which will be October 8th @ 7:30 p.m. at the High School Library.

Cut It OUT!!

## Month of: October 2008 LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Tatortot Casserole Green Beans Cottage Cheese Peaches Milk	2 Turkey Fritter/Bun Seasoned Curly Fries Jello or Fruit Milk	3 Taco Salad: Beef, Cheese Tortilla Chips Lettuce, Tomato Cherry Bar or Fruit Ice Cream Milk
6 Grilled Chicken/Bun Potato Chips Calico Beans Pears Milk	7 Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant Dill Pickle Spears Baked Fries Strawberries or Froz. Fruit Milk	8 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Pineapple Cake Milk	9 Beef & Rice Casserole Corn 5 Cup Salad or Fruit Bread Sticks Milk	10 Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup Toasted Cheese Sand./ White Bread Carrot & Celery Sticks Grapes or Apples Milk
13 <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Chipped Beef Gravy/ Biscuits; Peas Pink Applesauce Peanut Butter Cookie Milk	14 Lasagna Corn Pineapple Garlic Bread Milk	15 BBQ Pork/Bun Cheddar Munchers Jello or Fruit Milk	16 Teriyaki Chicken Wild Rice Cooked Carrots Peaches Milk	17 Smokies Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk
20 Wh. Grain Sausage Pizza Lettuce Salad Mandarin Orange Milk	21 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Mixed Vegetables Tropical Fruit Milk	22 Ham & Cheese Sub Sun Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	23 Ravioli Corn Pears Bread Sticks Milk	24 Chicken Strips Twice Baked Potato Broccoli Grapes Milk
27 Cheeseburger/Bun Baked Onion Rings Applesauce Cherry Chip Cake Milk	28 BBQ Rib/Bun Cheese Potatoes Peas Peaches Milk	29 Walking Taco Beef, Cheese, Doritos Lettuce, Tomato Apple Crisp Ice Cream Milk	30 Chicken Salad/ Wheat Bread Potato Soup Fruit Cocktail Pumpkin Bars Milk	31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>