



# THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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## Important November Dates

- Nov. 5  
Late Start - 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 7  
PAT Group Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8  
PAT Advisory Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9  
FBLA sponsored Blood Drive - 2-7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10  
Band Booster Chili/Soup Dinner - Polo  
Firebarn from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Music Booster Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12  
FCCLA Meeting  
NHS Bookfair
- Nov. 13  
NHS Bookfair
- Nov. 14  
Athletic Booster Club Meeting - 5:00 p.m.  
Meet the Panther Night - 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15  
NHS Bookfair
- Nov. 16  
Varsity Fall Sports Banquet - 6:00 p.m.  
NHS Bookfair
- Nov. 17  
Band at Chillicothe Christmas Parade
- Nov. 19  
Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20  
Fall Sports Pictures - 11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 21  
Annual FCCLA Turkey Bowl  
Early Out - 11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 22  
Thanksgiving!  
No School

## From the Elementary Office

The Polo R-VII School District is fortunate to have many parents who are involved in the school. The elementary had an average of 93% of parents attend the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. We also had numerous parents, grandparents, and patrons attend the Halloween Parade and parties.

A few of Polo's finest, the veteran's, will be at Polo Elementary on Monday, November 12. They will eat breakfast with the students and then visit each classroom. The elementary students are participating in a card drive for the soldiers in Iraq in conjunction with the Christ Chapel Church. Students will make cards in art class and in the classroom to send to the soldiers.

Students at Polo R-VII Elementary in grades 1-6 are taken the STAR reading tests to help determine grade level equivalency. Students were given the Gates MacGinitie reading tests earlier this year. For more information on these tests, please call our reading specialist, Lori Hicks, at the school.

Mark your calendars! The Winter Program for grades K-6 has been scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 6:30 in the gymnasium. For Thanksgiving break, school will dismiss on Wednesday, November 21, at 11:30 and will resume the following Monday. School will dismiss for winter break on Friday, December 21, at 11:30 and will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2008 as a late start day. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable time with their families during these two breaks.

## You Can Save a Life

by Saren Thomas

Staff Writer

November 9<sup>th</sup> is the annual Blood Drive held in the multipurpose room at the Polo High School sponsored by Future Business Leaders of America. If you are 16 or older you qualify to donate. Students in school wanting to donate must have a signed parent permission slip and photo ID with proof of age in order to do so. Permission slips are in the High School office. You must sign up with Ms. Frerking or online at [www.esavealifenow.org/](http://www.esavealifenow.org/). The blood donations time slots will be from 2-7 p.m. Donors will receive a complementary T-Shirt and snacks afterwards for donating blood.

Did you know that one unit of blood can save 2 lives!?! Also studies show that only 5% of today's healthy or eligible population actually donates blood. The need for blood is in high demand because accident victims, surgery, and cancer patient are increasing everyday. Blood needs to be replaced replenished frequently and has a self life of only 5 to 24 days. Blood is something that can be easily reproduced for a qualifying donor. Please donate and save a life.

For donors who have donated in the past and for first time donors here are some tips to help your blood donating process to more go smoothly. Eat a good meal 3 hours prior to your donation, avoid smoking the day of and before donating, eat the snacks offered after you after donating, and stay well hydrated.

  
**BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD**  
 CHILL OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK  
 November 12-16  
 Parents Welcome on November 15th  
 from 4:00 to 6:00

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## Bus Safety Week

by Abbie Russell

Staff Writer

For "Bus safety week," the kindergarten classes decided to take in some bus safety tips. They kindly invited the bus drivers in for some donuts and the viewing of "Willie the Whistle," an informal video on bus safety. After watching the video, the bus drivers went over rules and tips they thought the kids should know.

Both classes promised to listen to the bus driver (who is the leader of the safety team) and to follow ALL bus safety rules:

1. Stay sitting quietly on the bus.
2. Keep feet, arms, and back packs out of the aisles.
3. Stay out of the "danger zone" when walking outside of the bus.
4. Cross the street / road the safe way by paying close attention to our bus driver.



Polo bus drivers enjoy breakfast and books with the Kindergarteners.



## FBLA's Trick or Can Results

by Abbie Russell

Staff Writer

On Halloween night many Polo residents were surprised when they were not being asked for candy, but for canned goods. The Polo FBLA chapter dressed up and went trick- or- treating for canned goods. This was part of the state wide community service project called iCan, which helps local food pantries. FBLA members collect as much food as they can to see which district raises the most. There was a contest within the Polo chapter as well. At the beginning of the night members were divided into groups and whichever group collected the most cans by the end of the night would get breakfast in the morning. After all the cans were turned in, advisor Lindsey Frerking was so impressed that she brought ev-

eryone doughnuts the next morning. The Polo FBLA chapter raised 300 cans and donated them to Polo's food pantry, Christ's Cupboard.

Senior Alyssa Lamarr who went trick-or-treating as a fairy said, "I had a lot of fun and will miss it next year." That seemed to be the general consensus for all of the seniors who participated.

Senior Joan Ahart who went as the Homecoming Queen said that, "Trick-or-treating for cans was a great success, but it wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of the Polo community."

The FBLA members would like to thank everyone who donated to the community and they hope to make it an annual service project.



Above: Joan Ahart, Cody Hicks, Kasey Claypole, Saren Thomas, Emily Powers, Alyssa LaMarr, Kelsi Pile, Paige Ahart, Katelyn Sanders, and Amber Endsley show off their stylish Halloween costumes and the abundance of food they collected.

## Elementary MAP Awards

MAP Awards were presented to students in grades 4, 5, and 6 on Thursday, October 25, 2007 in the Multi-Purpose room. Students receiving the awards were given to students who received proficient and/or advanced on any of the spring 2007 MAP Assessments. The students will be rewarded with a field trip. Students receiving the awards are: Gage Aubrey, Logan Bowley, Jorgia Cory, Ariel Eggers, Ashley Harris, Erik Johnson, Jenna Johnson, Josh Kesler, Mikayla Reavis, Brittany Sheppard, Parker Smith, Jesse Vaughan, Danielle Allen, Jessica Barnes, Catherine Boruch, Sidney Copeland, Madison Curp, Mason Daughters, Katelyn Eichmeier, Jimmy Endsley, Jacob Hicks, Skylar Howe, Brandon Latimer, Mason Misel, Tristan Rardon, Brandon Richardson, Adriana Segar, Taylor Thompson, Aimee Walker, Megan Henry, Alex Johnson, Dakota McGinley, Jackson Pile, Megan Rook, James Ross, Houston Stone, Logan Stump, and Loren Wagner.

Varsity Fall Sports Banquet  
Friday, November 16  
@ 6:00 p.m.  
Commons Area

## Christian Youth Update

by Ashley Strickbine

Staff Writer

This month the members of the Christian Youth Group are very excited to be hosting the second Accelerate held at Polo high school. After the first Accelerate in September, the Christian Youth Group has increased in size greatly!! Pastor Luke and the band from the Rock of KC were so excited at the turnout (over 150 students) that they couldn't wait to reschedule another Accelerate at our high school. Accelerate is planned to return on Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, the week after Thanksgiving break. It will be held in the high school gymnasium from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., everyone is welcome. This time it will be new and improved with new songs and better lighting.

The money raised at the free will donation at September's Accelerate is being used to send two girls to a Girl's Only Retreat. This retreat will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, Missouri. The two girls who are

attending the retreat are Whitnee Allen and Haley Hurd. The girls will stay at the Great Wolf Lodge for two nights and three days where they will enjoy two breakfasts, one lunch, and one dinner. Also they will get a pass to the water park, a chocolate prayer box, retreat journal and door prizes.

Mr. G said, "I think this is a fantastic opportunity for our women of faith to spend time with other women of faith!"

In other news, this winter the Christian Youth Group is planning on teaming up with SADD and sponsoring a family. The groups will pick a family in the community who is in need. After they choose a family, the Christian Youth Group will buy Christmas gifts for them and the SADD members will arrange a dinner for them to eat. Other events that have been discussed for the rest of the year are Acquire the Fire, a candy sales fundraiser and a musical fundraiser that is planned to occur in February.

## Sea of Blue

by Emily Powers

Staff Writer

Corey Feil, Jeff King, and Cody McCrackin were a part of the 80<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. The three students and advisor Mr. Pollard set out at 4:30 Thursday morning for the long trip ahead of them. In Springfield, Illinois they took a short excursion to get a glimpse of how Abraham Lincoln lived before he was elected president. They toured the two story house that he lived in with his wife and kids, and they got to visit some of the homes of Abe's neighbors.

At the convention they attended several sessions in the Conseco field house where the Pacers play basketball. They listened to the interesting stories of speaker Rick Rigsby and keynote speaker Henry Winkler "Fonzy". They also witnessed the exciting induction of the new National President, Zach Kinne, who is from Eagleville, Missouri. The Indy Colts RCA dome sports stadium is where the career show and FFA

shopping mall was held. Students got to stand on the football field and thought that it was a neat experience. At the career show lots of free souvenirs were given out and enough pens and pencils to last the rest of the year. At the Lincoln Tech booth Jeff King entered a welding competition to show off his awesome welding skills!

Jeff said, "I liked the guest speaker Rick Rigsby and the welding part of the career show, ...pretty neat." Aside from the convention, Mr. Pollard took the boys to visit the Indianapolis 500 Speedway. Here, they got to see all of the old Indy cars and awards in the museum.

Freshman Corey Feil said, "I liked the career show and the talent show the best."

As always National Convention is a good way to represent your state and town in an enormous sea of blue, and experience the pride that FFA members feel for the blue-collared organization.



## NHS Update

by Ashley Strickbine

Staff Writer

The National Honor Society members just completed their first service project last month. NHS members assisted the People Who Care Organization at their fourth annual Halloween Carnival. On Saturday October, 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. the NHS members arrived in costume to the community building at Stagecoach Park. All members had to attend for it to be counted as a service project. Each member had an assigned job waiting for them. A few members got to dress up and scare kids on the hayride, while others were assigned to booths inside. Joan Ahart, who worked the hayride, said, "If I weren't in NHS I would have wanted to participate because it was so much fun."

Upcoming NHS events include the Book Fair that will be held in the library on November 12-16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3 PM. Each member will work at least two shifts. The Book Fair will be held after school on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. On Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, eight members volunteered to hang flags on Veteran's Day. Later this month, the NHS will start preparing for the next service project. This project will be hanging up Christmas decorations and buying gifts for the senior citizens at an area nursing home. After the last service project any money left over will be used to pay for a field trip for the members.

## Geology Trip

by Saren Thomas

Staff Writer

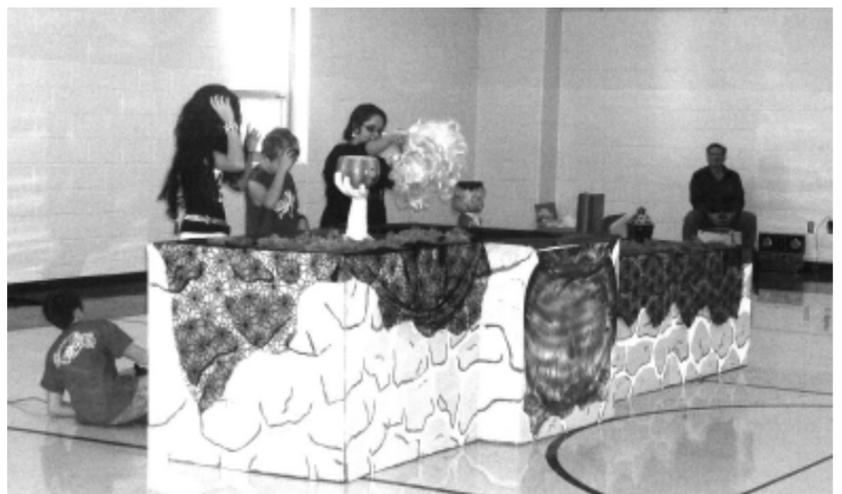
On Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> Mr. Fickess' Geology class bundled up and set out to the Hannibal Missouri caves. This class of eighteen has been the largest class to attend the caves. The caves in Hannibal have been in existence for 12 Million years! Through the many years it has been used for a bomb shelter during the cold war, cite to get married and a place with very good conditions to grow mushrooms. The cave is also over a burial ground of some sort. There are for miles of passage ways to travel through, and within these passage ways are specially named rock formations. Rolling stones, Titanic, Alligator, Tea Pot, and Trip Over are some of the rocks named in the caves.

Not only did the class have fun but they also learned a little more about the rocks they had studied in class and also a few things about bats. The class learned that if a bat flies around for 10-15 minutes that it can loose up to half of its body fat, which it uses to stay warm in the very cool caves.

When asked what was the most favorite part of the trip the class said, the "crawling tunnel". This is a must at the caves. Visitors go through narrow tunnel which the majority of people can crawl through and opens up to a great cave. It was said that Mr. Fickess got stuck for a little bit but made it out just fine. Another class favorite was Jennie Sorensen. In honor of the bats she herself dresses as Batman.

## "The Three Witches in the 6th Grade"

On Tuesday, October 30, the sixth grade drama class presented the play, "Three Witches." Several students attended the performance along with parents, grandparents and staff members. Cast members included: Megan Rood, Carlie Oxford, Jesse Salmon as the Three Witches; Trent Scobee as the Custodian; Jackson Pile as the Veterinarian; James Ross as the Cowboy; Jonathon Shelton, Tyler James, and Daniel Teegarden as Stage Crew and Special Effects. The class is taught by Robert Collins. All of the cast members would like to thank the parents who donated the use of props and costume items for this performance.



Above: The sixth grade students put on their wigs and prepare for their performance.



Above: The sixth grade students pose after the production of "The Three Witches."

## Elementary

### First Quarter Perfect Attendance

#### KINDERGARTEN

Brendon Arthur  
Dylan Frazier  
Jacob Hurd  
Ezekhiel Jackson  
Shelby Johnson  
Alex Pilger  
Jordan Rash  
Andria Richardson  
Wyatt Segar  
Trevor Standley  
Carson Thomas  
Trysten Wolf

#### FIRST GRADE

Alex Arthur  
Madison Baughman  
Dylan Brower  
Paige Chapman  
Mariah Clevenger  
Dylan Faulkner  
Mercedes McNab  
Nickolas Myers  
Joel Ontiveros  
Landon Pasley  
Harley Sammons  
Payton Tate

#### SECOND GRADE

Hailey Boyle  
Luke Cory  
Patrick Covey  
Sierra Dye  
Dalton Frazier  
Teresa Harris  
Amanda Hillburn  
Julianne Hurd  
Cheyenne Johnson  
Teagan Logan  
Seth Teegarden  
Hunter Thompson  
Abby Walker

#### THIRD GRADE

Austin Arthur  
Haylie Arthur  
Decon Brower  
Tyler Chapman  
Wolfgang Clapper  
Ryan Henry  
Douglas Lindaman  
Alex Myers  
Taylor Rash  
Garret Thomas  
Austin VanOster  
Gavin Walker

#### FOURTH GRADE

Logan Bowley  
Jorgia Cory  
Cheyanne Dye  
Jo Elliott  
Derek Faulkner  
Ashley Harris  
Brandon Hubbard  
Erik Johnson  
Jenna Johnson  
Joshua Kesler  
Michael Leamer  
Mikayla Reavis  
Parker Smith  
Matthew Tarwaters  
Alissa Wood

#### FIFTH GRADE

Jessica Barnes  
Cati Boruch  
Jessica Conner  
Jimmy Endsley  
Jacob Hicks  
Andrew Holland  
Mason Misel  
Tristan Rardon  
Brandon Richardson  
Adriana Segar  
Trystan Sunby  
Charles Tarwaters  
Katelyn Tarwaters  
Taylor Thompson  
Aimee Walker

#### SIXTH GRADE

Tyler Feil  
Megan Henry  
Alex Johnson  
Kolton Roark  
Trenton Scobee  
Megan Standley  
Coltt VanWerden

*My favorite part about Thanksgiving are the mashed potatoes...yummy!*  
Senior Brandi Alexander



*My favorite part about Thanksgiving is eating. I love cheesecake and that broccoli, cheese, and rice casserole my aunt makes.*  
Junior Jesse Farris

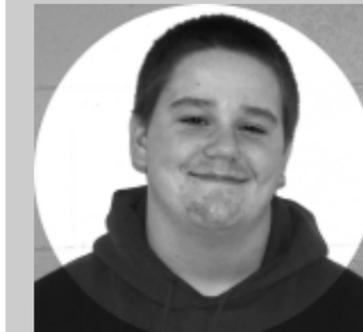


*My favorite part about Thanksgiving is spending time with my family. Especially since I get to see my relatives from Texas.*  
Sophomore Michelle Templeton



# Thanksgiving FAVORITES

*My favorite part about Thanksgiving is all the food!!! I absolutely can't live without dressing with brown gravy smothered all over it.*  
Freshman Jeff King



## Parenting Tip

### Infants and Toddlers

Confining your baby or toddler to a play pen or infant seat for long periods may be delaying his/her development. Infants and toddlers need opportunities to be active so they can learn important developmental skills such as rolling over, crawling and walking.

It is a sequential process. Babies have to stretch, squirm and twist their bodies in order to develop muscles. Rolling helps strengthen the muscles he'll need for sitting up. First a baby rolls, then sits up and finally scoots...all in preparation for crawling.

Here is a parenting tip: when your baby is standing and holding onto a table for support, place a favorite toy on the table a short distance away from him/her. Encourage him/her to cruise around the table to get the toy.

For more parenting tips or parental support contact:

**Parents As Teachers**  
**Polo R-VII School**  
**354-2200 ext. 114**



## Thanksgiving and All It Entails

by Abbie Russell

Staff Writer

When I think of Thanksgiving, I think of a cloudy day with warm autumn trees that tucks me in. It may not be a bitter cold day out, but it is chilly enough for me to wear a cozy jacket when I'm walking to the door of my grandparent's house. We watch some football, say a prayer and eat a lot of (delicious) food, and spend time together. That is the most common tradition among today's society. After taking a survey over four high school classes, I found that a large 88% of students, teachers, and/or their families watch football during their Thanksgiving get-together.

You may not realize it, but many traditions occur through each family. Whether it be coincidentally using the same convenient platter or dish or making the same ole cookies, you have them. Maybe you even eat your meal at the same place or time or draw names to

decide who's buying who a Christmas present. Probably being the most common tradition, setting up the Christmas tree is something to look forward to. It transitions the fall spirit to a winter spirit and sets off a cozy holiday feeling.

In today's generations, the typical Thanksgiving feast consists of turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, deviled eggs, and homemade pies (most famously, pumpkin). The first Thanksgiving feast was not near as delicious. With venison and wild fowl, they scooted by with using the term feast as well as they could. Pies, cakes, and breads were impossible because sugar brought over on the mayflower was nearly gone. So when you're filling up your third plate and your stomach already hurts, realize you are very lucky to be doing so!

## Annual Halloween Carnival

The Polo community spirit was running high on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. NHS, FCCLA and other Polo students teamed up with the PWCO to work their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Carnival held at the Community Building from 4-8 PM. There were fun activities for every age. Students worked at one or more of the seventeen booths the carnival provides including the following: a huge 40' indoor slide, Spider Can Toss, Skeet Ball, a scary Maze, Treasure Chest Hunt, Tic Tac Toss, Little Tykes Basketball, Face Painting, Pluck-a-Duck, a Ping Pong Pit, Dart Board Game, a Dungeon to lock friends up in, Plinko, Feed the Witch, Big Kids Basketball, Haunted Hayride through the park, a Concession Stand, Prize Booth and a Cake Walk area. The students dressed in costume, decorated, worked the event and helped clean up.

Virginia Fry, a member of the PWCO said, "The students were helpful, enthusiastic and wonderful to work with!"

Over 250 kids attended the event, many parents and family members as well. Overall it was a huge success for the Polo Community. The students who helped were: NHS students – Abbie Russell, Ashley Strickbine, Emily Powers, Kasey Claypole, Amber Endsley, Hollis Fee, Sam Uehling, Megan Snodgrass, Joan Ahart, Cody Hicks, Emma Hindman, Kim Webb, Kelsi Pile, Lathan Dixon, Jake Roberts, Andrea Kesler, Alan

Vassmer. The FCCLA students-Destiney Freeman, Rita Stottlemire, Emma Oyler, Michelle Templeton, Nikita Stottlemire, Jessica Vassmer, Brittney McGinley, and Dalton Rardon. Other students were: Cody VanBebber, Ashleigh Jones, Kadee Phillips, Madison Misel, Kaitlyn Taylor, Austin Bowley, Jonna Stottlemire, Conagher Glasgow, and Charlie Boruch.

The PWCO has many sponsors that make the carnival possible and many adults who work the event as well. The following is a list of proud sponsors: Paul & Cristi Stauss, Hy-Klas, Misel Construction, Orchem's, Lucille Stone, Five Star Construction Services & Inspections, D & D Heating and Cooling, Jackson's Hardware, Bank Northwest, Triple A DJ Service, Shining Stars Daycare, Richmond Wal-Mart, Bailey & Cox Funeral Services, Pack Tech, The Daily News, Judy Baker, Casey's, Polo Reality, Lincoln's Place, Summerville Insurance, Tri County Propane, Decker Construction, John Allen Trucking, Panther Drive-In, Randy Howell Garage, MA Baker Inc., Bear Branch Salon, Sally's, Allen & Sissy Hobbs, David & Ariel Misel, Greg & Debby Misel, Jill & Shane Rardon, John Dana, and the Hamilton Bank.

"Together, with the help of the students, sponsors and adult workers this community event was a success!"

## Hunting Safety Tips

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

As we all know it is now hunting season. It's time for rifle hunters to start shining up their guns and pull out their camo to get ready for this year's big hunt. Most of you all know the basics when it comes to safe hunting, such as, don't climb over fences or fallen limbs with a loaded gun, and to always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction. Yet, along with those basics are some need-to-know tips that I have researched and want to share with you.

Ø Always tell someone where you are hunting and approximately how long you will be gone.

Ø Avoid hunting alone, yet if you do go alone hunt in familiar areas.

Ø Check the weather forecast before heading outside.

Ø Check your hunting equipment before and after each

outing, and be sure to maintain it properly.

Ø It's always a good idea to carry a cell phone just incase something might happen.

Ø Always dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions.

Ø And finally always wear enough "blaze" orange to be visible to fellow hunters.

In conclusion, I hope these few tips were a little help for this year's hunters. I would like for everyone to be safe out there and have fun. I know from personal experience that hunting can be a great hobby for most people and a tradition for others. In order to keep that love for the sport going, we need to always remember safe hunting practices. By following these tips, it will keep the everyday hunter safe out on the trail.



Left: Senior Samantha Uehling and Freshman Madison Misel pose for the camera during their shift at the shooting booth.



Above: The Halloween Carnival helpers pause from their hard work to gather for a picture.

## Hunting Stories

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

The season for tall tales has arrived. Yes, I am talking about hunting season. I am sure everyone has heard some pretty interesting tall tales about 50 point bucks, a gobbler with a 28 inch beard, or a fish that gets bigger every time the story is retold. I found a few interesting tales myself, that you can believe or not from a couple students at Polo High.

Alan Vassmer, an avid deer hunter shares one of his favorite deer hunting stories. "One morning, I woke up at four o'clock, got out my Red Rider B.B gun and my box of 9,000 B.B's. I grabbed a bite to eat, put on my camo and headed out the door. When I got to my deer stand I crawled up and waited for the buck of my dream. After about an hour's wait, papa deer came out into an opening right by my deer stand. I drew my trusty ol' Red Rider and fired. To my surprise I took him down on the first shot. I loaded up my four-wheeler and took'em back to my house to make some jerky and burgers."

That sure was an interesting story, but let's hear our next hunter's account. The next story comes from Coach Webster, who as most of you know is full of stories to share with fellow students.

He shared, "One afternoon, I was at a deer check-in station in Trenton. While I was checking in my deer, I heard a gun shot, and was curious to see what it might be. There were a bunch of city slickers out hunting that day and I was just hoping that they did not shoot anyone. As I was talking to the conservationist, a man from Kansas City came up over the hill with a goat. No joke, it was a goat! Then to my surprise he actually turned it in as a buck. Come to find out it was shot down in a pin next to a farmstead. That was one of the funniest moments in my life. I laughed until I cried."

Well I would have to say that those are both some pretty interesting stories. I am sure when these hunters get older those stories will be even bigger than they are today. Whether or not you believe the so-called tall tales of avid hunters, understand that the bond a person has with hunting is hard to match.

"That's The Way I See It"



## First Quarter Honor Roll

### Fifth Grade

~ A ~

Jessica Barnes  
Cati Boruch  
Jessica Conner  
Sidney Copeland  
Madison Curp  
Jacob Hicks  
Andrew Holland  
Brandon Latimer  
Mason Misel  
Tristan Rardon  
Adriana Segar  
Aimee Walker

~ B ~

Katelyn Eichmeier  
Skylar Howe  
Jennifer Rash  
Trystan Sunby  
Shelby Wells

### Sixth Grade

~ A ~

Megan Henry  
Alex Johnson

~ B ~

Kylee Eaglen  
Carley Oxford  
Jackson Pile  
Megan Rood  
James Ross  
Megan Standley  
Houston Stone  
Logan Stump  
Loren Wagner  
Julianne Wood

## November Athletic Events

- Nov. 3-9  
MS Basketbal - Norborne  
Tournament
- Nov. 13  
MS Basketball vs. Braymer -  
6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15  
MS Basketball @ Orrick - 5:00  
p.m.
- Nov. 16  
Fall Sports Banquet - 6:00 p.m.  
(Commons)
- Nov. 19  
MS Basketball vs. Norborne -  
6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20  
Fall Sports Pictures - 11:00 a.m.  
Varsity Basketball @ Osborne -  
6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26  
MS Basketball @ Hardin-  
Central Tournament
- Nov. 27  
MS Basketball @ Hardin-  
Central Tournament  
Varsity/JV Basketball @  
Plattsburg - 5:00 p.m.
- Nov. 28  
MS Basketball @ Hardin-  
Central Tournament
- Nov. 29  
Varsity Wrestling vs. North  
Platte/South Harrison - 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 30  
MS Basketball vs. Hamilton -  
5:30 p.m.

## Band Booster Annual Chili/Soup Supper

**Who:** Panther Pride Band hosting  
**What:** Chili Dinner Fundraiser  
**When:** November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11-7  
**Where:** Polo Fire Barn  
**Why:** To help raise money for Band  
Boosters

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Please Grade bring Crackers and \$5  
7-12<sup>th</sup> Please bring a Dessert and \$5  
Choir Please bring a Desert and \$5

Chili, soups, desserts, and drinks.  
All Proceeds will go to the Band Boosters to help  
fund the Band. Please come out and join use

# ACCELERATE REMIX

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 28

7 TO 9 PM  
POLO HS  
GYM

## Orrick Overpowers District 15

by Joan Ahart

|Staff Writer

The 2007 Volleyball District 15 Tournament was hosted at Polo High School for one last time before volleyball becomes unknown to the future varsity sports at Polo High School. The teams that participated in the District 15 Volleyball Tournament were Polo, Hardin, Braymer, Orrick, St. Joe Christian, Norborne, and South Holt. On Monday October 22, the first game was between Braymer vs. South Holt with Braymer winning and advancing to the next round. The second game was Norborne vs. Hardin. This Hwy 10 rivalry was shown with the hard fought battle on the court. In the end, Norborne defeated Hardin who had come out on top in the previous match-ups between the two schools. The Lady Panthers played St. Joe Christian at 7:30 on Monday October 22. The team put a lot of heart in the game, yet fell short to the Lady Lyons.

The second day of the tournament was on Tuesday, October 23. The first game of the evening played was Norborne and Orrick. Orrick easily downed the Lady Pirates and advanced across the bracket to the championship game. The second game match

up was between Braymer and St. Joe Christian who had knocked out the Lady Panthers the night before. The Lady Bobcats from Braymer proved to be too much for the Lady Lyons. St Joe Christian was sent home while Braymer moved on to meet up with the number one seed, Orrick. The Lady Bearcats from Orrick quickly showed District 15 why they were the best. With the killer spike of Brittany Townsend and the power serves from Brittnee Nichols, Orrick swiftly clasped the District 15 Title from Braymer in two games with the score of 25-4 and 25-7.

The following players were named to the All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Emma Hindman – Polo, Brittnee Nichols – Orrick, Brooke Dersler – Hardin-Central, Caitlyn Osborn – St. Joe Christian, Emily Swindler – Braymer, Tiffany Craig – Norborne, and Brittany Townsend – Orrick. Players voted on the All-District 2<sup>nd</sup> Team were: Mogan Adkison – Braymer, Faith Mattis – Braymer, Lauren Lindsey – St. Joe Christian, Elizabeth Clark – Orrick, and Jacque McElroy – St. Joe Christian.

### Meet the Panther s

November 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Come see the varsity basketball teams in action!!!

## Congratulations

Junior, Kelsi Pile - Softball  
Junior, Emma Hindman - Volleyball  
Sophomore, Alishia Bolling



All-District Athletes

## Fall Sports Wrap-Up

by Josh Duncan

|Staff Writer

The hard fought fall sports season has come to an end. The Polo Panthers went through ups and downs but battled it out. Softball has become the new sport for Polo, replacing volleyball. Coached by Greg Keith, his lady panthers ended with a disappointing 3-12-1 record. The softball girls fought hard and had some exciting games. Out of all the discouraging losses the softball team had two All-District players, Alisha Bolling and Kelsi Pile. Next year will be even better with all players returning from this year.

Coached by Lindsey Frerking and Katie Limyao, the volleyball team ended their season with an 11-12-1 record. The Lady Panther volleyball team fought hard and the seniors gave it all they had. All-District honors went to Junior Emma Hindman who led her team in kills and blocks. This year will be the last year for volleyball.

### All Conference Football Players

#### 1st Team

Ryan Barnes  
*Linebacker*

#### 2nd Team

Charlie Boruch  
*Linebacker*  
Josh Duncan  
*Defensive Back*

Cody Drew  
*Kicker*

#### Honorable Mention

Josh Duncan  
*Running Back*  
Ryan Barnes  
*Offensive Tackle*  
Lathan Dixon  
*Defensive Tackle*

Though it will be missed, softball will bring just as much excitement to Polo High School as did volleyball.

The Polo Panther football team ended with a 4-6 record. The season with high expectations had a bumpy ride and didn't end the way most would like. The Panther still fought hard and never gave up despite the district results. On October 31, the seniors had their last dinner as football players. After the great dinner that all the football moms prepared for us, we had a bonfire and a spectacular fire work show. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the panthers ended their season with a big win over their rival the Braymer Bobcats. Finishing the season with a 33-20 win over the Bobcats gave the seniors something to remember. The fall sports banquet will be held at Polo on November 16 to wrap up the season with awards and honors.

### JH Ball Off on a Hot Start

by Kelsi Pile

|Staff Writer

The 2007-2008 Jr. High basketball season is here. Both the boys and girls teams had their first game on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, hosting the Osborne Wildcats. The girls came out strong against Osborne's full court press, and led the whole game until the end. The game went into overtime and Polo reclaimed their lead bringing home a first game victory. The Lady Panthers ended coming through with a close win. Following up the girls that night, the boys also had a close game which they ended up winning. Great job both teams.

This year's Jr. High coaches are boy's coach Allen Meyers and girl's coach Lindsey Frerking. Coach Meyers coached the boys last year, but this is Coach Frerking's first year as a basketball coach. The girl's team is considered to be a rather tall team, having four girls that are at least 5' 6". The boys have several eight graders who played last year who are looking good.

The Junior High will play next in the Norborne Tournament on November 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Jr. High boys and girls basketball.

## Polo R-VII Menu - November 2007

Menu is subject to change.  
Each meal includes one milk. Lemonade and orange juice are available for 25¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 French Toast, Sausage, and Fruit King Ranch Chicken, Green Beans, and Pineapple	2 Biscuits and Gravy and Fruit Fish Sticks, Peas, and Applesauce
5 Late Start – No Breakfast Corndog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, and Pears	6 Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Toast, and Fruit Ham on Bun, Carrot Sticks, and Jello w/ Fruit	7 Pop Tart, Ham, and Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, and Peaches	8 French Toast, Sausage, and Fruit Pizza, Corn, and Pineapple	9 Biscuits and Gravy and Fruit Shrimp, Parsley Potatoes, and Applesauce
12 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, and Fruit Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, and Pineapple	13 Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Toast, and Fruit Chicken Nuggets, California Blend, and Pears	14 Breakfast Pizza and Fruit Thanksgiving Dinner	15 French Toast, Sausage, and Fruit BBQ Riblet, Baked Beans, and Mandarin Oranges	16 Biscuits and Gravy and Fruit Hamburger, French Fries, and Peaches
19 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, and Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken, Oriental Blend, and Pineapple	20 Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Toast, and Fruit Hotdog, Carrot Sticks, and Pears	21 Donuts, Bacon, and Fruit No Lunch Early Out	22 No School Happy Thanksgiving	23 No School
26 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, and Fruit Frito Chili Pie, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples	27 Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Toast, and Fruit Beefy Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, and Peaches	28 Muffins, Bacon, and Fruit Chicken Pattie, Sonoma Blend, and Pears	29 French Toast, Sausage, and Fruit Pizza, Corn, and Pineapple	30 Biscuits and Gravy and Fruit Turkey Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, and Jello

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## Polo R-VII Activities Calendar - November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Varsity FB vs. Braymer 7:00 p.m.	2	3 JH BB Tournament @ Norborne
4	5 Late Start 10:30 a.m. JH BB Tournament @ Norborne	6 JH BB Tournament @ Norborne	7 Sectional Varsity FB 7:00 p.m. JH BB Tournament @ Norborne PAT Group Meeting 2:00 p.m.	8 JH BB Tournament @ Norborne PAT Advisory Meeting 3:30 p.m.	9 JH BB Tournament @ Norborne FBLA Sponsored Fall Blood Drive 2:00-7:00 p.m.	10 Band Booster Chili/Soup Dinner @ Fire Barn 11-7 p.m. Music Booster Meeting 4:00 p.m. @ the fire barn
11	12 Varsity FB State Quarter Finals 7:00 p.m. NHS Book Fair	13 JH BB vs. Braymer 6:00 p.m. NHS Book Fair	14 Sports Assoc. Mtg @ 5:00 p.m. NHS Book Fair	15 JH BB @ Orrick 5:00 p.m. NHS Book Fair	16 Varsity Fall Sports Banquet in the HS Gym 6:00 p.m. carry in dinner NHS Book Fair	17 Varsity FB State Semi-Finals 1:00 p.m. Band @ Chillicothe Christmas Parade
18	19 JH BB vs. Norborne 6:00 p.m. BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Library	20 Fall Sports Pictures @ 12:30 p.m. Varsity BB @ Osborn 6:00 p.m.	21 Annual Turkey Bowl in the Multi-purpose Early Out 11:30 a.m.	22 No School	23 No School	24 Varsity FB Show-Me-Bowl
25	26 JH BB Tournament @ Hardin-Central	27 JH BB Tournament @ Hardin-Central Varsity/JV BB @ Plattsburg 5:00 p.m.	28 JH BB Tournament @ Hardin-Central	29 Varsity Wrestling vs. North Platte/South Harrison 6:00 p.m.	30 JH BB vs. Hamilton 6:30 p.m.	