



POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Important
January Dates**

January 1

- New Year's Day
- NO SCHOOL

January 2

- NO SCHOOL

January 5

- LATE START
- National Bird Day

January 7

- FFA Greenhand Motivational Conference @ NCMC in Trenton

January 8

- VBB vs. Osborn 6:00 pm

January 10

- V Wrestling @ Rock Port Tournament 9:00 am
- JV BB (girls) @ Maysville

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January 15

- V Wrestling vs. Tarkio/St. Mary's 6:00 pm

January 17

- V Wrestling @ Plattsburg Tournament 9:30 am

January 19

- BOE Meeting 7:00 pm
- Martin Luther King Day
- NO SCHOOL

January 20

- VBB vs. Gallatin 6:00 pm
- V Wrestling @ Tri-City Independence Sherwood 5:30 pm

January 21

- GRC Band Auditions @ S. Harrison 4:30 pm

January 22

- V/JV Wrestling vs. KC St. Pius/Trenton 6:00 pm

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- V Wrestling @ Lathrop Tournament 9:30 am

January 26

- JV BB Tournament @ Gilman City (thru 31st)

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- V/JV BB vs. Albany 5:00 pm
- MS Academic Team vs. Hamilton 4:00 pm

January 29

- MS Academic Team vs. Cameron 4:00 pm
- V Wrestling @ Richmond 6:00 pm

January 30

- VBB @ Princeton 6:00 pm
- 3rd Quarter Midterm

January 31

- V Wrestling GRC Tourney @ Home 10:00 am

From the Elementary Principal

As we begin our second semester, the weather becomes much more unpredictable. Each child should have proper clothes for recess time including coats, gloves, hats, etc. Also, it seems we have quite a collection of coats and hats in the office and in various classrooms. Please remind your child to bring home any "extras" they might have at school.

Our PreK-12 Winter Program was well attended and I would like to thank all of the parents and patrons of the district for their continued support.

In observance of Martin Luther King's Jr. Birthday, there will be no school on January 19. On February 19, students will attend a Character Development assembly involving Yo-Yos – sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization.

MAP Night will be scheduled soon and remember to mark your calendars early for the upcoming MAP and Stanford testing dates of March 31 through April 17.

SIS Update

As many of you may know by now, the SIS Parent Portal received a makeover just before Thanksgiving. No features were lost, they were just repackaged, and some were added. So look around the new SIS Parent Portal and find what is available, as well as where it is.

Some of the new features include: a calendar which shows absences and any homework information, a detailed list of Fines & Fees, and an Account Management option.

The new calendar can be found with a link on the Home screen of the SIS Parent Portal.

The Fines & Fees is located on the Other tab. It lists any money owed beyond the Lunch account. For example, if any Library fines are owed, any FFA charges to be paid, etc.

The Account Management is accessed by a link on the top right of the screen, next to Logout. The Account Management allows you to set some preferences about information to be displayed, change your password, and track access to the portal with your login.

Just a reminder the school does not know your password, original or changed. So if you forget your password, the school can send you an e-mail with a password, like when you originally signed up.

The Parent Portal access tracking shows when your login was used, what computer IP address made the request, and if access was granted.

Once again look around and become familiar with the new version of the SIS Parent Portal.

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Christmas Corner

by Kelsi Pile

Staff Writer

The holiday season is here and everyone is in complete chaos to find the perfect gifts for family and friends. Here are some of the most popular gifts of the season. Eyeclops Night Vision Goggles are on of the most wanted items for all ages. A great gift for a tech guru is the Polaroid PoGo Instant Mobile Printer where you can directly hook up your digital camera or flash drive and print pictures anywhere. Great gifts for moms are sticker frames. Other unique gifts include an acre of land on the moon, Widescreen Video Glasses, Animal Mini Table-top Vacuum, and a Clocky alarm clock.

Although these may be some of the hottest gifts on the market, some Polo High School students would disagree. Freshman Emily Templeton would be much more excited to receive a blimp, a submarine, or a private jet. I'm sure she is not alone in wanting these items, and if you're going to wish for something you might as well wish big. Senior Spencer Snodgrass is also a big wisher, asking for a new Lamborghini, a winning lottery ticket, and a squirrel. Junior Paige Ahart would rather wish more rationally, such as for The Academy Is lead singer William Beckett, a pet cat, and a new car. Unlike the students, Business teacher, Mrs. Arth, would like to receive technological gifts such as the iTouch, a digital camera, and the Nintendo Wii.

These gifts would be great to receive but Christmas and the holiday season is not all about gifts. The holiday season is about family, traditions, and giving. Most families have the same general tradition where they exchange gifts Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. But almost every family has their own unique twist to the tradition. For example, Mrs. Rardon's family has many small traditions that add to the holiday season for their family. Each year her family draws numbers for gift exchange and then the gifts are picked starting with the lowest number. The family members get to pick a gift from under the tree, or if someone else has picked a gift that you want you can take that gift from them. Also during the Christmas season they eat clam chowder and peanut clusters, and get to open one present Christmas Eve, while they have to wait for the others until Christmas morning. Freshman Dylan Flowers family traditions are also very simple but bring their family close for the Holidays. Each year, Dylan's family opens presents Christmas morning, drink eggnog, and enjoy their gifts while watching *Christmas Vacation*. Junior Ashliegh Jones comes from a rather large family that celebrates Christmas by setting cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas Eve, and waking up before dawn then next morning to see what Santa has brought their family. After they open presents together they eat biscuits and gravy and spend the rest of the day enjoying their new gifts with their grandparents and other family. Traditions are a big part of the holidays and really show the meanings of the Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays!!!
From: The Mass
Media Staff

Christmas Corner (continued)

Some Christmas' stand out above others. For example, when you get exactly what you asked for or witness something special during the holidays. Everyone has their favorite Christmas memory and everyone's is different. Mr. Guerriero, high school math, recalls his favorite memory being when he went to midnight mass on Christmas Eve and as he was leaving it began snowing. He said it was picture perfect as in a postcard. Senior Brooke Byrd's favorite memory was when she was 12 years old on Christmas Eve and her dad convinced her and her brother that Santa was on the roof, and when they ran outside to look, they both had a brand new bike outside waiting for them.

During the holidays everyone is in the mood to watch their favorite seasonal movies. Some of the classics include *A Christmas Story*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Muppets Christmas Carol*, *Christmas Vacation*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and many others. My family along with many others enjoys watching the old cartoons such as, *Rudolph* and *Frosty the Snowman*. Freshman Carlie Powers looks forward to watching *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. While junior Andra Young prefers to watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Senior Brittany Flowers likes watching Will Ferrell in the movie *Elf*.

The holidays are a fun time to relax, spend time with family and friends, get away from school and work, and to make memories. An old saying is a little bit goes a long way. Even the smallest thing you do can make the biggest difference in someone else's life.

Band Performances Update

by Ashliegh Jones

Staff Writer

The band has just finished their winter performance on December 10th, 2008. The bread winners of the show by popular vote were definitely the newly formed jazz band and the concert choir class was right behind them. They both did an amazing job on their performances and will continue to improve during the near future. If you attended the winter program then you would definitely know how amazing they really are. If you missed the performance, both groups will be performing on March 14th and 15th at the Annual musical. This year will be a jazz theme. The evening consists of performances accompanied by a dinner. Both groups personally invite you to attend and hope you will be there to support them.

The band is excited to continue to strive for excellence in preparation for the coming up competitions. On April 4, 2009, the band will be attending districts. The solo ensembles will be performing on March 28, 2009. Mr. Dunker feels confident in his instrumentalist and soloist and says "they have a chance to do pretty well and are ready to work for success".

The band has been to many competitions so far this season and has improved tremendously especially on their fundamentals. Their best band competition, according to Mr. Dunker, was the Missouri Days Festival in Trenton. Next year, he hopes to see the students get more involved with All-District band but he can't just teach them that in the classroom. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication individually to compete. We look forward to many successes coming from the band in the upcoming months.

SADD Raising Awareness

by Haley Hurd

Staff Writer

The SADD organization recently finished their **ARRIVE ALIVE- BUCKLE UP** campaign. During the campaign, the students conducted two seatbelt checks. The first seatbelt check was conducted on September 17th. During this seatbelt check, the percentage of people wearing their seatbelts was not very good. 48% of the students driving to school wore their seatbelts, 35% of the parents and students unloading at the drop-off zone wore their seatbelts. During an 8 week campaign, the SADD members put up signs around the school and handed out information to the elementary students. On November 19th, the percentage of students wearing their seatbelt was increased to 65%. The percentage of the drop-off zone seatbelts jumped to 63%. For their efforts, the active SADD members were invited to the next school board meeting on December 15th to receive a "pat on the back".

National Red Ribbon Week was held October 27th- 31st. The students were encouraged to dress up with the spirit week themes. To encourage participation the students received a sticker if they dressed up. At the end of the week, the students were given small bags of candy with 10 ways to say no to drugs to celebrate Halloween.



Annual Book Fair

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

Once again the NHS sponsored the annual fall book fair in the Polo School library. Each year kids, as well as parents, partake in this event and usually find a book or toy to feed the imagination. The books have a wide range from Dora the Explorer and Hannah Montana to Rachel Ray recipes and novels.

All proceeds of the fair go to help the NHS organization in their service projects within the community. A few projects that the funds help include Adopt a family for Christmas and the literature festival in the spring, where kids get the opportunity to learn about writers and hear stories from famous authors on a field trip.

The NHS organization would like to thank everyone who purchased a book or toy at the book fair and would appreciate your support in the years to come.

"That's the way I see it"

Senior Spotlights

by Alan Vassmer

Staff Writer

Full Name: Daniel Edward Zeikle

Future Plans: Become an actor and entertain the entire world

Favorite Quote: "Those who don't care know, those who already know don't care."

Full Name: Mark Aaron Gray

Future Plans: Attend College and major in Criminal Justice

Something that's your favorite: favorite hobbies four wheeler racing and playing basketball

Favorite Quote: "Impossible is nothing" - Kevin Garnett

Full Name: Jesse Farris

Future Plans: enter into the field of HVAC (heating and cooling)

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): working on cars

Favorite Quote: "Live life one quarter mile at a time"

Full Name: Austin Okorn

Future Plans: Attend College and major in music

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): Gardettos

Favorite Quote: "What the duce" - Stewie Griffin.

Full Name: Brandt Austin Tidwell

Future Plans: Join the Marine Corps

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): favorite sport to watch football

Favorite Quote: "Vini Vinci Veni"

Full Name: Brooke Ann Byrd

Future Plans: attend college with undecided major

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): Favorite movie, Space Jam

Favorite Quote: "What the French.... toast"

Full Name: Kyndra Kae Stith

Future Plans: attend college with an undecided major

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): Favorite book The Color Purple

Favorite Quote: "If your not first your last"

Full Name: Cody Ray Drew

Future Plans: Attend College and play baseball

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): favorite sport baseball

Favorite Quote: "Anything is possible"

Full Name: Tyler Reed Scobee

Future Plans: Attend College with an undecided major

Something that's your favorite (ex...

Food, sport, book): favorite sports: wrestling and football

Favorite Quote: "Working out the maximum is my kind of success."

Teacher Spotlight

by Ashliegh Jones

Staff Writer

This year, we have a new coach and special education para-professional in Polo R-7. Her name is Mrs. Alison Carr. Alison is 21 years old and is happily married to Brandon Carr. They have a seven month old daughter, Rylee. She grew up in Platte City, where she attended Platte City High School. In high school, she played volleyball, basketball, and threw discus in track. However, basketball was definitely her favorite sport. She even played basketball while attending Penn Valley Community College to get her education degree. Since college, Alison's favorite hobbies are playing basketball and spending time with her husband and daughter.

Alison just happened to walk into Polo when she found out that the school was looking to fill coaching positions. This was definitely something that she was interested in and willing to try. She is the head coach of the Middle School girl's basketball team and is the assistant coach for the Varsity girl's basketball team. She is also a para-professional for the elementary special education department. Alison got into teaching because she had simply thought about it in high school and decided to pursue it. Her favorite part about teaching is when the kids get excited about something they did well on.

The advice Mrs. Carr has to the high school and elementary students is to "always pursue what makes you happy." I know that we welcome Mrs. Carr and hope she has a wonderful time teaching/coaching at Polo R-7.

Kindergartners & 3rd Grade Buddies Make Christmas Cards

by Sherri Silvey

Kindergarten teacher

The 3rd Grade students joined their Kindergarten Buddies in December, to make Christmas cards for "Recovering American Soldiers" at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. The Kindergartners have been working on writing messages, cards, notes, ... this month & their "Buddies" helped oversee the writing of the messages, as well as, creating their own cards to send.



Seniors, do you need money for college or technical school?

File your FAFSA early!

by Ric Pelaar

Guidance Counselor

In order to be eligible for grants, scholarships and loans, freshman entering all colleges and technical schools for the 2009-2010 school year must fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. The social security numbers and financial information for students and their parents/guardians can be entered online on the secure website. The beginning date to enter the information is January 1, 2009. Students attending Missouri schools must have the application completed by April 1, 2009. Some colleges have earlier completion date requirements for specific scholarships. Beginning this month, both students and parents/guardians can apply for a PIN by going to www.fafsa.gov, thus speeding up the application process.

Information needed to complete the application includes social security numbers, 2008 income tax return information, untaxed incomes, drivers' license numbers and monetary investments.

Some helpful hints:

- The FAFSA Worksheet is available on the www.fafsa.gov website or we have copies in our office at Polo High School.
- We urge you to complete your taxes as early as possible. Because many families don't have their income taxes completed by April 1st. You can enter your 2007 tax information and then revise it when you complete your 2008 taxes.

If you want to begin college this summer, you can file your 2008-2009 FAFSA up to June 30, 2009. Many colleges will have free workshops in the spring to help you fill out the application. Make sure to include the college school code in your application. Alan Meyer and I are available to answer any question you may have.



Christmas Concert Huge Success

by Alan Vassmer

Staff Writer

On December 10th, 2008 locals were entertained by students of the Polo School District through out grades K-12. The evening began with the singing provided by the very enthusiastic pre-school class. Following the preschoolers, were the grades of kindergarten through fourth under the direction of Mr. McKinney. This performance was very good and the students all seemed happy to participate. Following the kindergarten through fourth grade was the singing performance of the 5th and 6th grade classes, also under direction of Mr. McKinney. This performance was then followed by a short ten minute intermission. Directly after the intermission the 5th grade band, which is completely first year band members, performed. The performance was very impressive for only playing an instrument for about 12 weeks now. The next performance was the 6th grade band, which showed a lot of potential for the bands' growth in the next few years and they have a talent for music. Both of these bands are under the direction of Mr. Dunker. One of the newer additions to the high school musical department was the high school choir, who under the direction of Mr. McKinney, wowed the audience with the talent that they showed and they were likely one of the favorite acts of the night. After the show choir performed, a brand new addition to music department made their debut, the Jazz band. This was most likely the high point of the concert and a crowd favorite, even playing an encore. The members entertained the crowd with popular Christmas songs given a jazzy touch. Finally, the high school band was the last act to perform during the night. A memorable moment of this performance was the assistance of faculty members Mr. Jason Snodgrass, Mr. Gagnon, Mr. Sterner, and Mrs. Thrasher. They starred as guest (band members) in a comical musical act.

After the concert, there was much talk about the multiple acts and people were sharing the opinions on all of them with each other. Most of the comments were good and the audience seemed to be very entertained through out the entire concert. The music department is off to a very good start and the future looks bright for all of Polo's young musicians.

CYG lends a helping hand

by Haley Hurd

Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year, the Christian Youth Group has adopted a family for the holiday season. The adopted family consisted of five people; a 45 year old man, a 35 year old woman, a 20 year old woman, a 15 year old boy, and a 2 year old girl. The youth group collected gifts from December 3rd to December 16th. On the 17th of December, the youth group wrapped all the presents donated. After the presents were wrapped, the Christian Youth Group set out to deliver them to the family. There was an overwhelming response from the community and school from people who wanted to donate gifts for the family. The Polo Christian Youth Group would like to thank everybody who has donated items to the family.

Hamilton Drumline visits

by Beverly Deis

Elementary Principal

The K-6 Polo R-VII Students and HS band percussion students attended a performance from the Hamilton Drum Line on Friday, Dec. 5. Students were excited and attentive as the drum line performed various numbers. Members of the drum line even answered some questions from the audience.



Tobacco Free Lifestyle Assembly

by Brenda Ayers

School Nurse

As part of the Tobacco Free Campus Education Initiative and Wellness Promotion Measure, the Polo Health Services sponsored an assembly promoting the benefits of a Tobacco Free Lifestyle for the 4th-8th grade. The Caldwell Co. Health Dept. presented the assembly on November 14th.

Some of the information presented included education about the health effects of smoking and using spit tobacco, the addictive nature of nicotine, the health problems associated with second hand smoke, the financial cost of using tobacco products, and the advertising and marketing tactics used to attract new smokers.

The CCHD and the American Cancer Society provided many visual aids to enhance the learning experience including the Mechanical Lungs, the Smoking Sue, the Jar of Tar, the Smoker's Pre-natal Baby Bottle and other hands on aids.

This assembly was just one piece of the educational efforts regarding the Tobacco Free Lifestyle which will be presented. Smoking surveys were completed by those students who wanted to participate. Mrs. Ayers will also be presenting educational programs to grades four through six. Sixth Grade will be doing a peer teaching exercise for third grade and an Art poster contest will be held with 4th-6th grade participating.



Caldwell County Nurse Janet Hill shows students the effects of passive second hand smoke in an enclosed space like a vehicle.

Lady Panthers have Hit the Court

by Kelsi Pile

Staff Writer

The season started off with a new coach, new standards, and a whole new program. The team doesn't bring back a lot of experience, but have gained a lot as a team in their first four games. Their season opener was at home again the Plattsburg Lady Tigers. The Tigers came out strong the first quarter while the Lady Panthers came out a little timid and filled with first game butterflies. The second quarter the Panthers looked like they were ready to play, but had dug themselves a hole that would take the rest of the game to get out of. Unfortunately, the Lady Panthers came out the third quarter the same way they did the first quarter, slow and not ready to play. But the Lady Panthers finished the game strong with a solid fourth quarter, but couldn't quite make up for what was lost in the first and third quarters.

The Lady Panthers' second opponent was the North Platte Panthers. Polo Lady Panthers knew that they were going to have to play good defense and take care of the ball to beat North Platte. The Lady Panthers traveled to North Platte, and were intimidated from the start. They played hard but were out played by their opponents.

After a tough loss in North Platte, Polo was ready to come back and get a win in Norborne against the Pirates. The game was not a style of basketball that the Lady Panthers were used to. It was a very close called game where the referees did not let the girls "play". Players from both teams fouled out and many players had three to four fouls. This is not the reason the Lady Panthers lost the game. The panthers had lapses on defense and could not buy a shot.

The next opponent for Polo was the Hardin Bulldogs, who had last year beaten the Lady Panthers 51-7. The girls were ready to redeem themselves after such a bad loss from last year. Each team came out playing hard in the first quarter. Both teams were making shots and playing the Panthers preferred style of basketball, a physical game. At half time, the Bulldogs led by four. The second half was a great game of basketball to play in and to watch. It was a very close game where every play mattered. Every time one team hit a shot the other had an answer. With ten seconds left to play in regulation, the game was tied and the Bulldogs had possession of the ball. They ran down to their end of the court threw up a shot that missed and then got fouled on an offensive rebound with no time left on the clock. The Lady Bulldog player hit the first free throw and the game was over; the Lady Panthers lost by one.

The Lady Panthers are looking to make a change in their team and digging deep within themselves to make the best of this season. Good luck with the rest of the season Lady Panthers!!!



Left: Lady Panthers Tiffiney Hufford, Katelyn Sanders, Kelsi Pile, and Courtney Arthur play defense against the Norborne Pirates.

Right: Polo Panthers Mark Gray and Dillon Hufford fight against the Norborne Pirates for the rebound.



Boys Basketball Season Starts Off Rough

by Spencer Snodgrass

Staff Writer

The Polo Boys Basketball team has started their season and is off to a somewhat rough start. The Panthers have a 1-3 record through 4 games. "The season hasn't started off exactly how we wanted it but we continue to improve every game and I hope that we peak as District play begins" said Head Coach Greg Keith.

The Panthers first opponents were the Tigers from Plattsburg. The Panthers beat the Tigers last year in a very close game and won by one with a last second shot. The Panthers were hoping to do that again this year only with a greater margin of victory. The game began and the game was looking the same as last year. All through the first half, the game was back and forth with the Panthers going into half time with a one point lead. The second half came around and it went downhill. The Panthers came out flat in the third quarter and the Tigers took advantage jumping out to a 15 point lead in the third quarter. The Panthers played even with Plattsburg the rest of the game and lost the game 59-42.

The Panthers next game was against the North Platte Panthers. The Panthers have never beaten North Platte so they were hoping to finally do what they haven't been able to do in the past 3 years. The Panthers were able to play close to North Platte for the first half, going into half time only down 7, but again in the second half the Panthers came out flat only scoring 11 second half points to North Platte's 40. The Panthers would lose the game 71-34.

The Panthers went into their third game in need of a win and they achieved that against their next opponent, the Norborne Pirates. The Panthers came out firing and jumped out to an early 18-8 lead in the first quarter. The Pirates went on a small run in the second quarter to bring the game back within 5 going into half time with a score of 26-21. For the first time in three games, the Panthers did not have the second half woes they had faced in the first two games scoring 18 points in the third quarter. Throughout the fourth quarter the Panthers played even with Norborne and came out on top with a score of 64-52.

The most recent opponent the Panthers faced was the Hardin Bulldogs. The Panthers were hoping to get a win to get back to a 500 record on the year. The Panthers played dead even with the Bulldogs going into half time with the game tied at 30. The Panthers and Bulldogs battled with the game close the whole way. Offensive rebounds by Hardin started to take their toll on the Panthers who gave up 17 second chance points. It was a close game to the end with the Panthers losing the game 59-53.

With so many young players, the Panthers usually only go 6 deep if the game is close and as the year progresses it could take its toll as the games progress. "It's hard to play young players in a close game because of the lack of experience" said Coach Keith, "I want to get them in as much as possible to continue to build for the future while still competing in games." The Panthers are hoping to continue to get better as they start the new year and start a tough conference schedule. I hope to see everyone out to cheer on your hometown Polo Boys Basketball team.

North Platte Touney Recap

by Mitch Huntley

Staff Writer

Just recently, on Saturday, December 6 the Polo Panther wrestling team hit the mats on North Platte soil. Unlike the usual "pool" tournament, this year's tournament was split into A and B groups. Group A consisted of expert wrestlers and group B was designed for novice level wrestlers. Overall the idea is good, to place higher-level wrestlers with one another so that the novice wrestlers can grasp a greater understanding of how tournaments work, along with gaining wrestling experience against equal competition.

Overall the tournament had a smooth flow, matches flew by and the tournament, although all day, went by fast. Competing for Polo in group A was Mitch Huntley 1st place, Tyler Scobee 1st place, Dean Manning 1st place, Lance Snodgrass 2nd place, and James Taylor 3rd place. In the B group Logan Dixon 3rd place, and first-time wrestlers Michael Clark 2nd place and Dylan Flowers 3rd place. Mitch Huntley was awarded the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award. This award is awarded through nominations of every coach in attendance.

In the end, the team brought back a few "cookies" as Coach Johnson would put it. The team as a whole felt that they did not wrestle to their full potential, being that this was the first tournament of the year. The Panthers hope to regain focus and come back with a stronger mind set in the upcoming Polo Duals. As the year progresses, practice will become more intense, competition will be tougher and the team will have to dig deep to find their true potential.

Thank you Polo, for your support thus far and we hope to see more fans as the season continues.

"That's the way I see it"



Top photo: Tyler Scobee wrestles Charlie Bloss from South Harrison.
Bottom photo: Lance Snodgrass dominates his opponent.

Varsity Panthers Receive Football Post Season Awards

by Spencer Snodgrass

Staff Writer

Football season is long gone but now post-season awards have come out and several players have been honored. Five players received awards. These players include freshman Ashton Shelton, juniors Dalton Rardon and Dean Manning, and seniors Cody Drew, Tyler Scobee, and Spencer Snodgrass. The first awards given out were the Coaches All-Conference awards. Players that received awards were Dalton Rardon, who received honorable mention quarterback; Dean Manning, who received 1st team defensive tackle; Tyler Scobee, who received honorable mention running back; Cody Drew, who received 1st team punter and 2nd team kicker; and Spencer Snodgrass, who received 1st team return specialist and honorable mention wide receiver.

The next awards to be announced were Coaches All-District Awards with 6 players receiving awards. These players were Aston Shelton, who received honorable mention tight end; Dalton Rardon, who received honorable mention quarterback; Dean Manning, who received All-District defensive tackle; Cody Drew, who received All-District punter; Tyler Scobee, who received honorable mention running back; and Spencer Snodgrass, who received All-District wide receiver and return specialist. Also receiving Class 1 Associated Press All-District honors were Dean Manning for defensive tackle and Spencer Snodgrass for return specialist.

At the Fall Sports Banquet, the coaches presented several players with team awards. The Offensive MVP was Tyler Scobee, Defensive MVP was given to Dean Manning, the Most Improved Award was given to Dalton Rardon, the Hit-Man Award was presented to Tyler Scobee for the hardest hits through the year, and the Panther Award was given to Ashton Shelton.

The final awards given were Coaches All-State Honors. Two players received these awards. They included Dean Manning, who was 2nd Team defensive tackle and Spencer Snodgrass, who received 2nd team return special. Dean Manning also received KMZU Dream Team, KAAAN All-Star, and KKWK All-Star from the local Radio Stations.

It was an overall successful year for several of the Panthers players. Hopefully next year, this individual success will help contribute to greater team success.



January 2009 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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January 2009 Menu

Menu is subject to change.
Each meal includes one milk.
Lemonade and orange juice are available for 30¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL
5 Late Start - No Breakfast CornDog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	6 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	7 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Beefy Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	8 Waffle, Sausage, Fruit Ravioli, Green Beans, Fruit	9 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Bologna or Tuna Sandwich, Glazed Carrots, Fruit
12 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Taco Stack, Spanish Rice, Fruit	13 Waffle, Ham, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Tater Tots, Fruit	14 Muffin, Sausage, Fruit BBQ Riblet, Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit	15 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	16 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
19 NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	20 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	21 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	22 Waffle, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit	23 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit
26 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	27 Hashbrown, Sausage, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Corn, Fruit	28 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Pasta with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit	29 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Fruit	30 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit

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