

Westwood Rebel Scratchpad

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The mission of the Westood Communnity School District is to provide the environment & curriculum necessary to assist all students in achieving their fullest potential.

Student Council Under New Leadership

The Westwood Student Council has made some serious changes since last year. Mrs. Jill Muenchrath is now the student council advisor and she says that she is very excited about the new opportunities that are awaiting her and the counsil throughout the school year. Working closely with Mrs. Muenchrath are the President, Ashley Mendenhall; Co Vice-Presidents, Erin Ernst and Trevor Smits; Secretary, Christy Gallagher; and Treasurer Ben Winters.

Student Council is planning a fun filled year with lots of exciting activities. Some of the activities include: school dances, a school carnival, a seating area at the upcoming Varsity football games, bake sales during lunch on home game football Fridays, Homecoming and many more activities. This year's theme for Homecoming is going to be "Blast from the Past" so watch around the halls and in the next few issues of the Scratchpad for more Homecoming news!

When asked about what she wanted to achieve as the new Stu-Co advisor Mrs. Muenchrath replied, "Mr. Gerking did a great job in the previous years, and it is going to be tough to keep up with all he did." She is hoping to plan a school wide carnival, which is something that hasn't been done at Westwood before.

In the short time we've been in school, the student council has already held a two separate dances, one for junior high and one for high school. They have held one very successful bake sale, and are going to continue this throughout the football season on every Friday that we have a home football game. So don't forget to bring your money so you can buy some of these yummy goodies! Every item you buy at the bake sale puts your name in a drawing to pick who gets to sit on the couch near the end zone at that night's home football game.

Watch for any new and exciting activities that the Student Council might be sponsoring this year! *by Kayla Fleming*

Support Us With A Honk

The 2010 cross country season has got off to a great start! After the first meet Coach Book says that this is a promising team with times already near or exceeding last years bests! With this said Coach Book expects many personal bests to come easy to this year's team because it is made up of encouraging and supportive students not only from

the high school but the junior high also. Both levels do a good job of keeping practices fun but also keep each other working hard. This year's team is made up of 13 runners, two of which are returning seniors, Greg Sibenaller and Valeria Vanmuyden.

Sibenaller said; "I'm expecting a lot from this year's team, I'm excited to run at Mapleton and Hawarden because we have a good shot at winning." The cross country runners don't just run on the track. They run anywhere from Holly Springs, Sloan, or Salix. They don't just run on flat land either, they run on hills and gravel roads which is why Coach Book says that this is such a unique sport. Remember, if you see any of the cross country runners hard at work don't be afraid to show your support and honk! *by Justine Cleveland*



Football Players Hoping For Great Year

Believe it or not another year has passed and it is time for football. This year practice started on August 9th with thirty athletes participating. Eight of the thirty are seniors. They are; Trent Baker, Juan Munoz, Jordan Hansen, Tyler Hansen, Chris Schroeder, Dustin Scott, and Joel Kounkel. When Mr. Homan was asked, who is the most improved athlete this year? He said, "Overall not just one athlete stands out. Everyone has made great strides the summer and has really improved in the game of football, and all of the seniors this year have stepped up and will be playing a big part on both sides of the field. When asked about his expectations for the year, he replied, "We plan to have great leadership coming from the seniors. We are looking forward to seeing how well our athletes respond in each game and to see what all of our hard work this summer will do for us." This season there will be five home games. Mr. Homan concluded by saying, "My first year as the head coach at Westwood has been a great experience. I enjoy the staff & enjoy working with and all of the players. They are truly some amazing young men." *by Hannah Stier*

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Murder Can Be Habit Forming

The Westwood Drama Department has begun work on their new play this fall. This year's show is entitled "Murder Can Be Habit Forming". The director of the play is once again Mr. John Wagner and our student director will be Sydney Mook. The set designer will be Jim Doyle. Congratulations to the following cast members' seniors: Heidi Hanson, Kayla Fleming, Haylee Heckert, Lynsey Huls, and Kylee Tyer. Juniors: Heather Mathisen, Mason Lofshult, Alec Eastman, Colton Holtz, Caleb Rollmann, and Michael Bainbridge. Sophomores: Taylor Kafton, Brianna Brown, and Tommy Dirks. And freshman: Joey Donnelly and Natalie Flystra.

The story is about a group of people who are stranded in upstate New York during a blizzard. Eventually the group finds their way to an old mansion in the woods, which they name St. Mary's Convent. But there is some fear among these Marys because there is a serial killer on the loose killing only those named "Mary". The question is though "Is the Mary Murderer one of them?" Well I guess you will just have to come out to the show on November 5, 2010 to find out for yourselves. Cast members will begin selling tickets soon. *by Sydney Mook*

The Yearbooks are Here!

Westwood students were surprised the first week of school with the announcement that the yearbooks had arrived. Above Haylee Heckert and Kayla Fleming look over one the the new books. The staff is anxious to get to work on this years' book.



Westwood Welcomes New Business Teacher

This year at Westwood we have a new business and health teacher. Her name is Jessica Jean Post but she says that she prefers to be called Jessi. Ms Post was born in Orange City, Iowa. She has 3 siblings; Veronica (Ronni), Mitchell and Mason. Ronni is a junior at NWC. Mitchell is a freshman at Unity Christian High, and Mason is a 6th grader at Sioux Center Christian School. She also has a morkie (a dog that is half Maltese and half yorkie). His name is Racer and she also has a guppy named AMOD. She attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa majoring in Business and Physical Education and a minor in Health. She moved from Sioux Center Iowa, and is currently residing in Sloan. Ms Post said that, "Growing up, I got to see how rewarding teaching was from my mom, and that persuaded me to get into the education field." She went on to say that she likes to learn and has a passion for business, PE, health, volleyball, and students. She likes pictures, scrapbooking, races, volleyball and other sporting events. She also likes tubing, sleeping in, and the video game rockband. At Westwood Ms Post is teaching keyboarding, business law, health, computer applications and advanced computer applications. Welcome to Westwood Ms Post.

By Caleb Rollmann



Seniors Dominate VolleyBall Team

The 2010 volleyball season has started! This season's team consists of 10 seniors, 4 juniors, 6 sophomores, and 4 freshmen. It's a smaller team than usual, but it makes for a very close bond amongst the team. This season's head coach is Sylvia Berg and the assistant coach is Richard Lamoureux. Coach Berg stated, "I expect this season to be one of the best Westwood has ever had. I would like them to break the Westwood record of 20 season wins. A few words to describe this year's team would be they always play together." "Most of us have been playing together since elementary so we are very close on and off the court which makes it easier to play together and have fun", says senior Justine Cleveland. We have a new addition to our team this year, Katy Noble. She transferred here from North last semester. "I love the girls here! They are all so nice and I really like the coaches", said senior Katy Noble. This season the team is lucky enough to have quite a few home games. The volleyball girls thought it would be fun if at every home game there would be a theme, such as black out, blue out, ect. The girls would really appreciate the crowd participation. Good luck with your season girls! *By Abbey Baker*

Upcoming Events

Sept. 16- Volleyball vs. West Monona @ Sloan
-JH Volleyball vs. Whiting @ Sloan
Sept. 17- Varsity Football vs. Hinton @ Sloan 7:30
-ACT Registration Deadline
Sept. 18- Volleyball West Sioux Tournament in Hawarden
Sept. 20- VB vs. Woodbury Central @ Sloan
-JV Football @ Ida Grove 6:00
Sept. 21- Volleyball vs. Ridge View @ Sloan 6:00
-FFA Meeting 6:30
-Picture Day
Sept. 23- Volleyball in Woodbine 6:00
-JH Volleyball vs. River Valley @ Sloan 4:00
-Cross Country @ Mapleton 4:30
-JH Football vs. West Monona @ Sloan 4:00
Sept. 24- Varsity Football @ Onawa 7:30
Sept. 25- Volleyball WVC Tournament in TBA 9:00
Sept. 27- JH Volleyball @ Bronson 4:00
-Volleyball WVC Finals in Mapleton 6:00
-Cross Country @ SC West 4:30
-JV Football vs. West Harrison @ Sloan 6:00
Sept. 30- Volleyball vs. MV-AO @ Mapleton 6:00
-Cross Country @ SSC 4:30
-JH Volleyball vs. Lawton-Bronson @ Sloan 4:00