

Cougar News

October 8, 2018

Coach Positons:

The athletic department is seeking to hire energetic and qualified coaches to inspire and teach our 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade boys' basketball teams. If you or someone you know is interested, please email the athletic department at wacougars1@yahoo.com to set up an interview. Go Cougars!

Middle School Basketball:

The boys' basketball season for the 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams will start on *Monday, October 29th* immediately after school. The 5th/6th grade team will end practice at 5:00 PM and the 7th/8th grade team will end at 5:30 PM. Practices will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There will be no practices on Wednesdays. ***Please, be sure your son has his updated physical health form turned into the office before Monday, October 29th***. The 7th/8th grade team is required to wear their PE uniform for each and every practice. If additional uniforms need to be ordered, please contact Mrs. Arnold as soon as possible with your order.

Girls Soccer:

We are looking to have a solid commitment from those girls in grades 8th-12th that will be playing soccer in the spring. If your daughter is interested, the sign-up sheet is on the gym office door. The season will begin on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 with practices running immediately after school until 5:30 PM.

On the Cougar calendar:

Monday, October 8th:

- Varsity boys soccer at Calhoun Christian at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, October 9th:

- 5th/6th grade volleyball at HOME taking on Hillsdale Preparatory at 5:00 PM
- 7th/8th grade volleyball at HOME taking on Hillsdale Preparatory at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 10th:

- Varsity boys soccer at HOME taking on Lenawee Christian at 5:00 PM
- Middle school football at Tekonsha at 5:00 PM

Thursday, October 11th:

- 5th/6th grade volleyball at Mar Lee at 5:00 PM
- 7th/8th grade volleyball at Mar Lee at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 12th:

- 7th/8th grade volleyball at Calhoun Christian at 5:00 PM
- Varsity volleyball at Calhoun Christian at 6:00 PM
- Varsity football at HOME taking on Camden-Frontier at 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 13th:

- Varsity volleyball competing in the Litchfield "Think Pink" Tournament at 9:00 AM

**Home football games are played at the North Adams-Jerome Schools football field.*

The week of October 1st in review:

On Tuesday, the varsity volleyball team took on Pansophia Academy in the Cougar Den. After the game Coach Dryer stated, "The ladies came out determined to add another win to their record and with final scores of 25-17, 25-4 and 25-16 they did just that! There were some ups and downs in this match but the team pushed hard through the downs to stay on top for the night. The highlight from the 3 set match was our overall team serving record ending the night with 91% serving accuracy. Mary Harman, Carli Randall and Alaina Luke all served with 100% accuracy. Our passing was on point which allowed the team many opportunities to attack the ball. Mary Harman is on an offense attack streak with this match being her third in a row to achieve 100% accuracy on her hits. She successfully hit all 11 balls offered to her throughout the night! Congratulations Mary, keep it rolling girl! Carli Randall, Alaina Luke and Clemmie Gadwood also had a 100% attack accuracy which aided the team in their victory! Game well played ladies, I'm very proud to be your coach!"

On Wednesday, the varsity and middle school cross country teams competed in the 3rd SCAA Jamboree at Litchfield Schools. Placing for the varsity team were Evan Randall in 8th, Gabe Gadwood in 10th, Nick Todd in 18th, Levi Kelemen in 37th and Alyssa Phillips was 15th in the girl's race. The boys' team brought home 3rd place with 109 points! For the middle school team, James VanCamp placed 19th, Max Smith was 28th, Seana Grey 10th and Morgan Davis 14th. Great day running, Cougars!

On Wednesday, the middle school football team played at home taking on Camden-Frontier. The Rams/Cougars were not victorious with a score of 14 to 6. Sam Lutz threw a touchdown pass to Ethan Amburgey for the score late in the game. The boys had some tough penalties early in the game and then came back after half time playing a tough and sounder second half.

On Friday, the varsity soccer team took on Rudolf Steiner School at home and were not victorious with a 6-2 score. On a foggy and cold evening the Cougars played hard and had some great stops! The stats on the evening; Marcus Scrivens stopped 6 of 12 shots on the goal, Gabe Gadwood had a goal with Levi Kelemen's assist and Gabe Masters had a goal with Jon Lehman's assist.

On Saturday the varsity and middle school cross country teams had the Hudson Invitational. Due to inclement weather the middle school race was canceled and the varsity races were delayed throughout the day. The varsity boys and girls were able to get their races in, though! Coach Kelemen stated after the race, "On a very muddy, slippery and hilly course the varsity team ran well. The boys ran against 79 varsity runners from local schools. Evan Randall placed 24th and Nick Todd 25th. It was a photo finish with Evan beating Nick by .38 of a second! Gabe Gadwood placed 32nd, Levi Kelemen placed 49th and Ryan Saunders placed 78th running a personal best. The girls ran against 65 other varsity runners from local schools. Alyssa Phillips placed 18th and Alexis Donahue placed 61st. It was a solid run with good times on a difficult course."

On Saturday, the 7th/8th grade volleyball team played in the 3rd Annual WCA Fall Tournament taking on Mar Lee, North-Adams Jerome and Hillsdale Preparatory. It was a very competitive day for all the teams, with nearly every set played coming down to the last several serves. Competitiveness and sportsmanship were not hard pressed to be found in the Cougar Den! After the day, Coach Crowder stated, "The girls came out excited and ready for the tournament with their first match against Mar Lee. After winning the first match the girls struggled with getting their serves over and slowing down the game for the second match resulting in us splitting with Mar Lee. The rest of the day was a struggle for my girls as they tried to pull themselves back together and finish strong. We had a difficult time getting our serves over all day and it proved to really affect us when it came to winning the match or not. Mentally, we took our own selves out of the matches. Veronica Falater really showed us how much improvement she had made this year with her defense coverage on the floor during the tournament. She was close to 100% on passing and had great foot work on the floor. Shae Arnold stayed strong and steady the whole tournament and had some great digs out of the net. Rianna Vincent was a tough competitor all day with blocks on the net, game after game, which left the other teams unable to respond most of the time. As difficult as it was to lose in the tournament, I have full faith that we will take these losses and grow from them. I whole heartedly believe in my "goldfish girls" and know they can finish the rest of this season victorious. Let's go get them, girls! "

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