



Cougar News - 9/8/2025

Welcome to another edition of the Cougar News! This is your weekly update on all our teams and athletes, highlighting the past week and looking forward to the next.

Did you know that if you miss a week of the Cougar News or want to see it in color, you can always find a copy on the Will Carleton Academy website?

Will Carleton Academy Volleyball had another very successful week. They started out the week with a JV match up against Hillsdale High School and after a back and forth battle, our Cougars defeated the Hornets in 5 sets. On Thursday our varsity team opened up conference play and dispatched rivals Battle Creek Academy in 3 straight sets. Senior Madison Recob led the team with 10 kills while Senior Josie Moore (pictured) added 7 aces. Finally, on Saturday our JV team headed to Camden-Frontier for an all day 8 team tournament. Our girls played very well and ended up taking home 3rd place.

Great work all week, ladies!



The high school football team (co-op with NAJ) had their conference opener on Friday against St. Philip Catholic Central. The Rams came out hot and never looked back, eventually winning 42-12. It marked the first home win in several years and it was extremely exciting to watch our WCA athletes be a part of this big win.

Our high school cross country runners took the short trip to Hayden Park on Friday. Our trio of freshmen runners ran well. Asher Church finished in the top 25 and Joseph Yacks set a personal record. Our middle school runners also

competed in their first race of the season at the same meet. Theo Gehrke placed 6th on the boys side while Everly Cousino placed 13th for the girls with lots of other runners setting new PRs already in this first race of the season.

Our soccer team played three extremely tough opponents this week. On Tuesday the team fell to Calhoun Christian. On Thursday the team came up short against CAC rival Battle Creek Academy and then on Saturday morning the team hosted Bronson and lost. The team looks to bounce back this week. Check out the games this week and see if there's a game this week you could come cheer on the Cougars!



Our Trap team will begin its fall season soon. The team will be selling raffle tickets with prizes of \$1000. If that sounds like something you are interested in, find a WCA trap athlete and ask about purchasing a ticket!



We will continue to use the TeamReach app to communicate team specific information as we did for the winter and spring seasons last year. It has been a very effective way to keep everyone in the loop. It's easy to add new folks and a good way to connect and communicate. If you need an invite to the app or the team, please let me know.

We love featuring more pictures in the Cougar News so if you have one you'd like to send along please do (wca.athletics@wcak12.org). Thanks to Bethany Russell, Rick Kelemen, Lily Boganwright, and Autumn Cousino for pictures this week!

Upcoming Cougar Sporting events:

Monday 9/8

High School Soccer @ Hillsdale Academy (Hayden Park) 5:30pm

Tuesday 9/9

High School Soccer home vs Marshall Academy 5:30pm

Wednesday 9/10

Middle School Football (with NAJ) home (at North Adams) vs Camden-Frontier 5pm

Middle School Cross Country @ Colon 5:45pm

High School Cross Country @ Colon 6:30pm

Thursday 9/11

High School Soccer home vs Factoryville Christian 5pm

High School Volleyball home vs Factoryville Christian 6:30pm

Friday 9/12

High School Football (with NAJ) @ Burr Oak 7pm



Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Go, Green! Go, Gold!