



Cougar News -

11/17/2025



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.

Our middle school boys basketball team continued their season last week with some very exciting basketball games. First, on Monday the team travelled over to North Adams to take on the Rams. The game was back and forth and went into overtime before the Cougars stumbled and lost. On Wednesday WCA travelled to Burr Oak and played two games. The younger team played first and didn't quite have enough to get it done, but the older 8th grade team played another tight battle. With 1.4 seconds left in the game the Cougars were down 26-24. Coach Russell called a timeout and drew up a play for a

last second shot. With time expiring Adam Haidous put up a 3 pointer (see picture) and got nothing but net and the Cougars won on the last second shot. Hopefully you got a chance to see it on social media. What an exciting way to finish out the game!

Our high school boys' basketball team and bowling team have started practice and our girls' high school basketball team will start this week so be sure to read the Cougar News every week to stay up to date with all your Cougar teams.

With the new fall season starting it's a great time to let folks know about some places where we need some help. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping out Cougar Athletics in one of the following roles please contact:

wca.athletics@wcak12.org.

Middle School Cheerleading Coach: Last year we had a small group of girls who restarted our cheerleading program. It was super fun to add this to our home games. We are short a coach to continue our team this year though.

High School JV Boys' Basketball Coach: Our high school team has grown over the past couple years to be too much for one head coach and an assistant to give every athlete the coaching they deserve. We would love to have a JV coach/Assistant Varsity coach to work under the varsity coach and take the lead on coaching our JV team.

Home Game Announcer: Looking for "the voice of the cougars" - someone to announce starting lineups, play music during timeouts, and give our home game atmosphere that extra



level of home court advantage. We may even consider a student for this job. You don't need to be at every home game, but a majority of them would be very helpful.

Strength Coach: WCA bought some new weights and cages last year for our athletes to work out with. We are short an adult to help supervise and train on getting bigger, faster, and stronger.

With basketball season coming up it is a good time to remind everyone that you can get yourself a family pass to all our home games for \$100. If you have a connection to a local business or your family would like recognition on our sponsor wall there are also opportunities to purchase banners on the wall that also come with season passes. Contact wca.athletics@wcak12.org if you are interested.

In case you didn't know, all our home basketball games (and several of the away ones) can be streamed on the NFHS website by searching for Will Carleton Academy. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out.

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 Lindsey Keyte and Nicholas Ingram for pictures this week!

Upcoming Cougar Sporting events:

Monday 11/17

Middle School Boys' Basketball home v Litchfield at 5:30 (1 game)

Wednesday 11/19

Middle School Boys' Basketball @ Waldron at 5:30 (2 games)

High School Girls' Basketball Practice Starts

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Go, Green! Go, Gold!