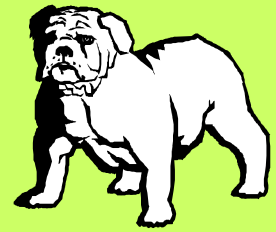


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Back To School 2009

Principal's Message

Welcome to West Middle School!

The 2009-2010 year offers some exciting challenges as we continue to **W**onder, **R**eason, **M**odel and **S**ucceed together.

This year the students and staff at West Middle will be taking advantage of the school district's LINKS program by participating in Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum designed to increase social skills and reduce violence among young people.

Parents and educators understand that children learn best when they feel safe, respected and care for. The Second Step program will address those needs by teaching problem solving skills, anti-bullying strategies as well as anger management. All our staff members will be trained to respond effectively when facing those situations that can often negatively impact a student's school experience.

We want West Middle School families to know about the Second Step program so they



can continue the classroom learning at home. This program is divided into five units:

Unit I: **Understand the Problem** explores the problem of

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Special points of interest:

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Homework Hotline

Dolphins 7100

Orcas 7200

Sandpipers 6200

Seagulls 6400

Sharks 7300

Stingrays 6300

Surfers 8302

Waverunners 8200

Windjammers 8100

Yearbook Sales Kick Off

The yearbook staff is hard at work on the 2009-2010 edition of the West Breezes Yearbook. At the same time they are gaining

many important skills including photography, journalism, sales, advertising and public relations.

The yearbook

they create will be a permanent reminder for all students of their middle school years. So please consider buying one

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School News

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interpersonal conflicts among young people.

Unit II: **Training for Empathy** helps student understand other people's feelings and points of view.

Unit III: **Anger Management** guides students in the use of anger-management skills.

Unit IV: **Problem Solving** teaches student steps for thinking

through a problem.

Unit V: **Applying Skills** provides practice in social skills, such as making a complaint, dealing with peer pressure, dealing with bullying and defusing a fight.

In addition to the Second Step program, West Middle will also begin a peer mediation program this year where students will be specially selected and trained to mediate disputes among students and take proactive steps before a problem becomes one requiring adult interven-



Working together we can build a better WRMS.

tion.

At West Middle School we know that education includes much more than reading and writing. Our goal is to mold good citizens as well as scholars. We look forward

to working with our families this year to accomplish that task.



Yearbook Sales Kickoff (Continued from page 1)

when you get the chance.

Order forms will arrive in the mail soon, and you can also order an ad for your 8th grader from the school. We will also include 8th grade baby pictures at no charge.

Ad orders and baby pictures

Help your son or daughter remember what Middle School was all about. Buy them a yearbook.

are due by November 24. Just turn them in to Mr. Kitchen in Room 100.

The yearbook can also be ordered online at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Parents of 8th grade students can get student ad forms at the school or download them from the school's yearbook website: <http://new.schoolnotes.com/xpages/view/15216>

Back To School By: Taylor Smith

Time to buy new binders, pencils, notebooks, pens, and other supplies. Some people are sad, and others are excited about school. The teachers come to school ready for a great, educational day, while students (most students) mope around and hate school. But it's not that bad!!! Just think positive and have good behavior and a good attitude and you will do great!

If you're a 6th grader, don't be scared or stressed. 6th grade can be very fun. And in 7th grade, being in the middle is very cool. You're not responsible for being at the top, and you're not stressed over being at the bottom.



Make the most of your new year at West Rowan.

And 8th grade, wow! You're almost in high school!! Keep up the good work and be good role models

Well I think I've covered it all. Be responsible, be nice, be creative, be respectful, and have a great year at WRMS!!!

Back To School!! Word Search

Directions: Find and circle each of the words listed below the puzzle.

E N J L T V H E B H E W F I L E C A B I N E T U N Q D K Q L
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 L A N B A F O K N X J N X V R I H L W H I T E B O A R D V F
 T F B F T G G S D C A F E T E R I A B O F B X I W E G U W B
 G H O B H H H G E Z N V R H Z J M T U I V F I L C X I
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 I N J E Q T K G C L L B D H F A S M Z Y S N Z M M I Y L U W
 H X V T A H B D S Z Z J H W R O H F X P J V N F C Y V A B M

Word Bank:

- School
- Book
- Pencil
- Binder
- Pen
- Class
- Homework
- Chair
- Desk
- Paper
- Science
- Social studies
- Math
- Language arts
- Homeroom
- Reading
- Library
- Cafeteria
- File cabinet
- White board
- Marker
- Crayon
- Colored pencil
- Bus
- Bulletin board



Library News

By: Katie Barnhardt & Jessie Gada

Battle of the Books!
 Test: end of November.
 If you are trying out for the team,
KEEP READING!

Battle of the books is a reading competition. You must first begin to read a particular list of books, [which can be found in the library!] and then

take the test in the library at the **END OF NOVEMBER**. If you do indeed make the team, there will be practices at school and, eventually, a competition. At this competition, you and



the team will answer questions pertaining to the books on the booklist. There will also be further competitions if the team passes to the next round.

Sports Update

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sept. 1	North Rowan	Away
Sept. 3	Erwin	Away
Sept. 8	Corriher Lipe	Home
Sept. 10	~Open Date~	
Sept. 15	Southeast	Away
Sept. 17	Knox	Home
Sept. 22	China Grove	Home
Sept. 24	North Rowan	Home
Sept. 29	Erwin	Home
Oct. 1	Corriher Lipe	Away
Oct. 6	~Open Date~	
Oct. 8	Southeast	Home
Oct. 13	Knox	Away
Oct. 15	China Grove	Away

Head Coach: Tony Yarbrough

**All games will begin at 4:30.
Tournament Host: Corriher Lipe**

GIRLS TENNIS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sept. 9	Erwin	Away
Sept. 10	Salisbury Academy	Home
Sept. 15	Southeast	Away
Sept. 17	Knox	Home
Sept. 22	China Grove	Home
Sept. 24	North Rowan	Home
Sept. 29	Erwin	Home
Oct. 6	Mooresville	Home
Oct. 8	Southeast	Home
Oct. 13	Knox	Away
Oct. 15	China Grove	Away

Head Coach: Tabitha Elledge

**All games will begin at 4:30.
Tournament Host: Corriher Lipe**

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Sept. 3	Brawley	Away
Sept. 9	Lexington	Home
*Sept. 15	Corriher-Lipe	Home
Sept. 16	Corriher-Lipe	Home
*Sept. 22	Knox	Home
Sept. 23	Knox	Home
*Sept. 29	Southeast	Away
Sept. 30	Southeast	Away
*Oct .6	North Rowan	Away
Oct. 7	North Rowan	Away
*Oct. 13	Erwin	Away
Oct. 15	Erwin	Away
*Oct. 20	China Grove	Home
Oct. 21	China Grove	Home
**Oct. 28	Southeast	Home

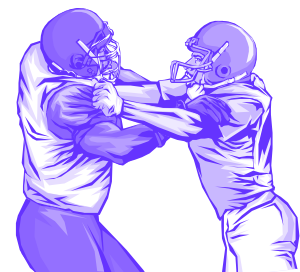
* 7th grade games

** Only 8th grade will play (rival game)

**Head Coaches: Sam Moore (7th grade)
Erich Epps (8th grade)**

8th Grade Football Team

Michael Pinkston	Tyler Kennedy
Jesse Moore	Parrish Poteat
Nick Collins	Ryan Troutman
Derrick Fortson	Dalton Vaughn
Keyows Weeks	Jacob Steele
Teoz Mauney	Malik Crudup
Zeke Blackwood	Zach Russell
Daisean Reddick	Broderick Avery
Darrell Taylor	Tyler Willams
Wood Poteat	Dalton Benson
Justin Gummo	Brandon Lemmon
Trey Brawley	
Jake Kennedy	
Andrew Jiles	
Donnavan Sherrill	
David Sanchez	
Christian Talbert	
Ben Parker	



Sports Update

Cheerleaders!

Hannah Allison
 Darian Bell
 Audra Benson
 Dana Blackburn
 Samaya Byrd
 Madison Cook
 Raegan Foster
 Jordan Kepley
 Yasmine Lenster
 Haley Lucas
 Alison Manley
 Andie Myers
 Brittany Pavelko
 Corbin Phifer
 Emily Puckett
 Sami Rayl
 Sydney Sides
 Tyana Sykes

Girls Tennis Team!

Tori Adams
 Amena Alnazer
 Erica Archer
 Bailey Erante
 Elizabeth Flowe
 Sadie Hennold
 Ginger Henriquez
 Adrien Rusher

[: Softball Team :]

Courtland Cardinale :]
 Sierra Charles :]
 Mackenzie Dixon :]
 Leea Earnhardt :]
 Hunter Gibbons :]
 Kristen South :]
 Michelle Turner :]
 Jenifer Watson :]
 Michaela White :]
 Catherine Whitley :]
 Marissa Yow :]

7th Grade Football Team

Preston Perry
 Shakir Simmons
 Hunter Bernhardt
 Daniel Flanagan
 Marquez McCain
 Davon Steele
 Owen Harrison
 Jamaree Moultry
 Deandre Pledger
 MJ Rayner
 Jacob Haire
 Ben Klutz
 Alexis Archie
 Kevin Galliard
 Matthew Long
 Denny Triche
 Marshall Ball
 Jason Odell

Jacob Radtke
 Dallas Whitley
 Cody Stewart
 Cody Fox
 Bo Canupp
 Darius Williamson
 Dominique Parker
 Hunter Mesimer
 Markayln Smith
 Daekwon Smith
 Jalen Norman
 Malik Thompson
 Tyler Bernhardt
 Clint Euchner
 Luke Moore
 Terry Johnson
 Greg Joseph
 Blake Shoaf

8th Grade Football Rolls Over Corriher-Lipe

8th Grade West Rowan Middle School
 Wednesday, September 16

West Rowan 30
 Corriher-Lipe 0

Daisean Reddick touched the ball 4 times in the 1st half and scored on all 4 touches. Reddick caught a 48 yd. TD pass from Michael Pinkston, a 39 yd TD pass from Nick Collins and scored

on a 69 yd run. Reddick returned an interception 41 yds. for his last score. Derrick Fortson scored 2 2pt. conversions and Keyows Weeks scored 1 conversion. WR led 30-0 at halftime.

The West defense was led by Nick Collins, Jesse Moore, Keyows Weeks, Malik Crudup, Tyler Kennedy, and Donnavan Sherrill. Broderick Avery

had an interception and Ezekial Blackwood played well on special teams.

West is 2-0
 Corriher-Lipe 0-2



The First Softball Game By: Jason O'Dell

The first girls softball game was with North Rowan Middle School, at North Rowan Middle School, Tuesday September 1st. The score was 16 to 3. The players were Micheala White, Marissa Yow, Leea Earnhardt, Kristine South, Catherine Whitley, Jeniffer Watson and Hunter Gibbons. They all played a good portion in the game.

Coaches comments were we played

with intensity and as a team today. We had been practicing very hard and were ready to play our hardest at the first game. West Rowans, girls softball teams record, is one win and zero losses. Their pitcher, Kristine only



Softball starts off the season on the right foot with a big win.

gave up two hits. Micheala, Marissa, and Leea had two hits each. Catherine hit a home run! Key defensive players were, Watson, Gibbons, White and Yow. That's about all for the first girls softball game.

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>NO SCHOOL!</i>	<i>1 SOFTBALL & TENNIS @ NR</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 SOFTBALL AND TENNIS @ ERWIN</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7 NO SCHOOL!</i>	<i>8 SOFTBALL AND TENNIS VS. C-L</i>	<i>9 7TH AND 8TH FOOTBALL VS. LEXINGTON</i>	<i>10 TENNIS VS. SALISBURY ACAD-EMY</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14 PTA OPEN HOUSE</i>	<i>15 FOOTBALL 7TH VS. C-L SOFTBALL AND TENNIS @ SE</i>	<i>16 FOOTBALL 8TH VS. C-L</i>	<i>17 TENNIS AND SOFTBALL VS.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22 TENNIS AND SOFTBALL VS. CG</i>	<i>23 FOOTBALL 8TH VS. KNOX</i>	<i>24 TENNIS</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Oct. 1</i>	<i>Oct. 2</i>	<i>Oct. 3</i>

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is when someone sends mean messages online and by other electronics. They can include rude or mean comments, spreading rumors, and posting embarrassing or inappropriate pictures. You can prevent cyberbullying by not giving personal information to strangers on the internet. If you receive nasty or inappropriate emails or text messages, **DO NOT** respond. If you do respond, that will give satisfaction to the sender that they have hurt your feelings. The better thing

to do is to simply log off of the computer or turn off the cell phone. Make sure you tell an adult if you experience cyberbullying.



You may report problems to the website, school authorities, or if serious enough, even the police. **Better safe than sorry!**

By: Tyler Myers and Taylor Smith

**Middle Years-
Resources for
Educators**