

HOMECOMING SPECIAL EDITION



WRHS NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2023

HOMECOMING

Homecoming season is upon us, and we want to highlight the value this tradition holds. Homecoming represents more than just a game and a dance; it's an essential part of our school's identity.

Homecoming fosters unity and school spirit, creates enduring memories for our students, bridges generations - bringing alumni back into the fold, emphasizes community, teaches valuable lessons like teamwork and sportsmanship, and allows us to honor our students achievements both on and off the field.

Your support and enthusiasm are vital in making Homecoming a success. Join us in celebrating Homecoming and supporting our students. Together, we make this tradition unforgettable.

Warm regards,

Julia Grabbt



HOMECOMING & UPCOMING EVENTS

More detail on next pages...

- **Monday-Friday, September 18-22,**
WRHS HOMECOMING WEEK
- **Thursday, September 21 @ 9:30am**
POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL
- **Friday, September 22**
ALTERED SCHEDULE: 8:25am-2:30pm
PEP ASSEMBLY
HOMECOMING PARADE @ 3pm
HOMECOMING GAME @ 6pm
- **Monday, September 25: NO SCHOOL**
WRHS Professional Development Day

WOOD RIVER

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PLEASE NOTE:

Early release on Friday for the parade. Students are released at 2:30pm and parade starts @ 3:00pm. Students can return to WRHS for regular transportation pickup at 3:40pm.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

HOME events in bold.

MONDAY

DRESS UP: Pajamas

- 9/10am: Girls/Boys GOLF @ Canyon Springs
- 4:30, & 6:10pm: Varsity/JV Boys Soccer @ Burley
- 5 & 6pm: Freshman/Varsity Volleyball @ The Community School
- **5 & 6:30pm: JV/Varsity Girls Soccer @ Homer Stadium v. Burley**



TUESDAY

DRESS UP: Bad and Bougie

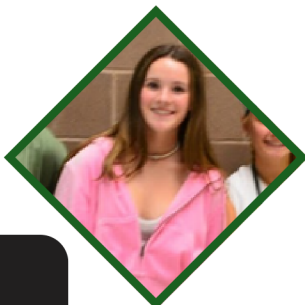
- **4:30, 5:30 & 6:30pm: Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Minico**



WEDNESDAY

DRESS UP: School Spirit

- 8:30am: Coed Varsity Golf @ Thunder Ridge
- 4:30 & 6pm: Varsity/JV Girls Soccer @ Twin Falls
- **5 & 6:30pm: JV/Varsity Boys Soccer @ Homer Stadium v. Twin Falls**



THURSDAY

DRESS UP: Barbie Day

- **9:40am: Powder Puff Football @ Homer Stadium**
- 10am: Coed Varsity Golf @ Mountain Home Invite
- **4:30, 5:30 & 6:30pm: Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Twin Falls**
- **7pm: JV Football @ Buhl**

FRIDAY

DRESS UP: Neon

- **3pm: WRHS Homecoming Parade in Hailey**
- **2 & 4pm: Varsity/JV Boys Soccer @ Founders Field v. Mountain Home**
- **6pm: Varsity Football @ Homer Stadium v. Buhl**



SATURDAY

- TBA am: Cross Country @ Eagle Island State Park
- 8am: Freshman/JV Volleyball @ Jerome Tournament
- **4 & 5:30pm: JV/Varsity Girls Soccer @ Homer Stadium v. Mountain Home**

UPDATES

**Alumni get in FREE all week
during homecoming week!**



GRADES: PowerSchool v. Schoology

While current grades will ultimately show up in PowerSchool, please check Schoology for the most accurate grades while we learn the new system.

****SEE PAGE 12** for information on signing up to get messages from the school.

IdaFan Update:



Thank you to all for your patience with our transition to IdaFan digital ticketing. We were finally given a reason "punch passes" were not updating. You need to please make sure you have the most recent version of IdaFan on your device or the passes will not activate.

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL FANS!

As we approach district play please be aware that ALL games are listed as away to allow for easier logistical planning. As we approach the tournaments and we know where teams are seeded, the site, time and actual location will be updated.



FALL SPORT SPOTLIGHT

CHEER

This year's cheer team may be small, but that doesn't stop them from being mighty. Tryouts for cheer are in April of the previous school year and their season extends through March of the following year. With a few months of cheer already accomplished, we can proudly report the following successes: At camp we were recognized as the Most Improved Team, given the Safe Stunting Award, and received a bid to compete at a Varsity Cheer Nationals event this Spring! We intend on going to Anaheim to compete in the USA Spirit Nationals in the small cheer division this February. We also received 4 All American Nominations. Anabelle Sheffield, 10th grade, will be representing WRHS at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu, HI this December with hundreds of All American Cheer Athletes from across the country.

In addition to our summer accomplishments we've been working hard on increasing our athleticism as a team. We've brought on a former USA National Cheerleader and Doctor of Physical Therapy, Maria Wisman as our strength and conditioning coach. She has our team weightlifting and conditioning three times a week in prep for our national and state competitions. In order to increase our total team skill, including our coaching abilities, we've invited Ethan Miller, a Level 7 Tumbling Coach, NCA Staffer, and Coach with 10 years of cheer experience to give us guidance and training once a month for our entire season. We've had both Miller and Wisman's help for a little more than a month and have already seen vast improvements. Beyond our team accomplishments we also have big goals of working toward bettering our school spirit overall. This summer we judged the football team's belly flop contest and joined them for a movie on the field, we have made new inroads with our Student Leadership to help with school assembly planning and overall school spirit leadership, and look forward to supporting all our athletes as we are able. Please let us know how we can support you! Let's Go Big Green!!!

**Coached by:
Jess Bejot &
Jaci Huckaby**



FALL SPORT SPOTLIGHT

CROSS COUNTRY



The cross-country team has more runners than it has had in the last several years, and the team is getting faster. They made the Mountain Express last week for victories in their first home meet in a long time.

It began with Elli Siegel. In her first 5K ever, winning the girls junior

race. Then Ronan O'Reilly won for boys junior varsity. For varsity girls, Hannah McLaren took fourth, and Mabel Thompson took fourth. Then the boys varsity race saw McCallen Campbell in first, Emmett Stouffer in second, and Matt Wilde in fourth.

Without putting words in their mouths, it must be all the hill repeats. We have a young team (not a lot of seniors) so there is plenty of room to get even faster.

Coached by: Keith Wilson & Doug Stouffer

FOOTBALL

Find a way, the motto for this year's WRHS Football program. Through all of the ups and downs, coaches and athletes remind themselves to find a way. The Varsity squad battled hard through the first half of the season, having only played non-conference opponents. They kicked off the season with a victory over South Freemont that was filled with fireworks. As the team moves forward, they head into conference play with excitement and determination.

Many leaders have emerged from the group and sparked the team on game days and at practices. Quarterback Kyle Ipsen has shown leadership, athleticism, and determination as he leads the offense on the field everyday. Captains Ethan Dessler and Andrew Lago bring a lot of energy to practices and it carries over to game day. Line-backer Caleb Hothem has been a hard



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FOOTBALL **continued**



hitter this year as he leads the defense on the field. Hothem has done an exceptional job physically but he has also been a leader as he helps other varsity athletes and the JV athletes at practice on defense. Cornerback Wylder Grafft has also been great on defense as he has made multiple game-changing

interceptions and pass break ups. Offensively, the trio of Gavin Hunter, Anton Holter, and Sully Carter are the previously mentioned fireworks. The trio have shown up in big time game situations and made phenomenal plays on offense. With a lot left to play for this year, this varsity group looks to work hard to accomplish the team goal of conference champions.

Our JV group has been working exceptionally hard this year as the majority of their full team periods involve them giving the varsity team scout looks. This has shown to the coaches that our JV players are becoming more physical, as they are practicing against the varsity team. When the team is not running the scout team, they are working on their football mechanics, running plays, and learning the offense and defense. Improve, execute, and compete. This is what coaches look for from the JV athletes.

Coached by: Shane Carden, Josh Jahnke, Zeke Herron, Todd Hunter, Derek Agnew, Alec Nordsieck, Jaren Bothwell, Ross Dolbec, Matt Nelson, Greg Edwards, Scott Manning, & Daniel Mack



GOLF

The 2023 WRHS golf season is in full swing playing in 8 tournaments so far this season! Our team is made up of over 40 players ranging from all abilities and we've had the opportunity to get almost everyone out competing on the

on the course, many for the first time ever. Highlights of the season include: Hadley Walker 2nd place (96) WR JV Invitational, WRHS Boys team Tied-3rd at the Burley Invitational (331) & Owen Walker Tied-4 individually (77). Our District tournament will be held at Twin Falls Golf Club on Thursday, September 28th. A huge thank you to Bigwood Golf Course, Sun Valley Resort/Trail Creek Golf, Elkhorn Golf Course & The Valley Club for helping us and our players this season. Let's go Wolverines!

Coached by: Dave Slotten & Anna Edwards

FALL SPORT SPOTLIGHT

SOCCER - Boys

The boys soccer program has 47 boys competing this fall at the Varsity and Junior Varsity level. The program has ten Seniors: Conrad Foster, Garin Beste, Satya Redman, Esteban Murillo, Brandon Marroquin, Brian Virgen, Santana Ubence, Edgar Enriquez, Michael Macha and Dylan Cruz. The Varsity team captured some big early season wins with victories



over Caldwell High School and Thunder Ridge High School (who place 2nd in State in a higher division last year). The Varsity team has scored 26 goals and has 18 assists to date with eight different goal scorers. The Junior Varsity has given a large number of players playing time and recorded a very big win against Twin Falls High School. September will be full of tough conference games, so please continue to come out and support the boys soccer program. GO WOLVERINES!!

Coached by: Greg Gvozdaz, Matt Phillips, & Dylan Carey

SOCCER - Girls



Wood River High School girls soccer team has had a great season so far as we continue to have exceptional ball possession skills. Our ability to control the game and dictate play has been unmatched this season. With our dedicated coaches Vicki Foster and Mandy Wilson and hardworking team, we are setting a high standard for success on the field this season. Our soccer program has had exceptional leadership this year thanks to our JV captains Matie Ortiz, Nahomi Lerma, Hadley Vandenberg, and our Varsity captains Bella Parke, Ale Moya, and Karley Johnston. Both soccer teams have had a great season so far and will continue to improve each day, as we finish the season strong!

Coached by: Vicki Foster, Mandy Wilson, Audrey Carr, James Foster

FALL SPORT SPOTLIGHT

SWIMMING

The swim team has had an awesome start to the season. With the limited amount of pool availability and traveling to Zenergy, the Valley Club and the YMCA in order to practice, these athletes all show up and bring a positive attitude to the program. Our athletes range from Wood River students, Sage School, Community School and home schooled. Our most recent meet in Gooding truly showcased all of the hard work that these athletes have put in these past 6 weeks. Scarlet Pringle, a former dancer and alpine skier who has never competitively swam, swam her first meet and went 29.8 seconds in a 50 free. For many swimmers this time is hard to achieve. This put her in the top 8 for girls in this event. Lucy Mathews, a lacrosse player who wasn't a competitive swimmer either went 31.6 seconds. Many solid times were made by Bella Tognoni, Rya Nichols, Cookie Cook to name a few. What truly highlighted the meet was the girls taking home first place out of 12 teams. Our boys placed 7th out of 12 with only 3 boys competing. Emmett Stouffer swam his best 100 breaststroke 1:18.74 and Asher Knowles (team captain) swam a best

time with 1:32.48 in the same event. Porter Thompson has had a really strong season this year and continues to improve and is willing to try any event asked of him. This team knows how to bring the energy, support their teammates, and have a good time. These athletes are ready to put in the work to get the job done.

Coached by: Kaedi Fry & Elizabeth Fry



VOLLEYBALL

2023 WRHS Volleyball has started out pretty strong. All three teams have had early success and are making giant strides every match played. Mid Season, the C Team is sitting in the middle of the conference standings while the JV and Varsity are both in the top 3. After graduating 6 seniors last year, we are young but full of potential and dedicated players. I foresee all three teams finishing in the top two in the conference if we keep up the progression.

Coached by: Kristyn Rutland, Spencer Lawrence, Makayla Lundin, Katelyn Spence



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Each month, the WRHS Newsletter will spotlight some of the clubs available at WRHS.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



Amnesty International is a global civil rights organization dedicated to ending human rights abuse. Blaine County Amnesty International is made up of students who are passionate about advocacy and community engagement. Last year, we created an after-

school program with the Hailey Public Library where Amnesty members work directly with children to develop their English skills through games and activities.

In the spring, we organized a memorial to commemorate the first anniversary of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, where 21 lives were lost. Speeches were made by Sheena Perron, School Resource Officer Morgan Ballis, and Amnesty Leaders before a moment of silence was held. Over 500 students attended the event held in the courtyard, and multiple news organizations covered the walk-in! KMTV made this video covering our event:

<https://www.kmvt.com/video/2023/05/25/anniversary-robb-elementary-shooting/>.

If you want to explore your interests and become involved in our school and community, Amnesty is the club for you! We meet in Room A209 on Thursday during lunch.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

MOUNTAIN BIKING TEAM

Our Wood River Mountain Bike Team is making waves in the world of interscholastic cycling, led by Director and Head Coach Joel Zellers and middle school Head Coach Cam Newton. Affiliated with the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), this dynamic team has come a long way since its inception in 2015.



The Idaho League, where it all began, witnessed the Wood River (WR) team securing a commendable third place in their debut season. Back then, they started with 15 riders and a dedicated team of 5 coaches. Fast forward to the 2023 season, and the WR team has seen remarkable growth, boasting 102 riders and an impressive roster of 44 volunteer coaches. Wood River has certainly made its mark in the league, clinching the high school state championship title five times since 2015 (except for the 2020 season due to COVID-19) in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and most recently, in 2022.



The WR Mountain Bike Team boasts an impressive roster of top riders, including Oliver Smith, Logan Broadhead, Zach Quesnel, and Gavin Smart on the male side, and Ruby Smith, Mazzy Connors, Ella Shaughnessy, Molly Maybach, and Fleur Bazil for the females. Additionally, standout 9th graders Edyn Teigte and Zoe Libertore are making their mark.

On August 26th at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, the team showcased its prowess, with 84 riders competing on a challenging five-mile course. This event featured 27 teams and a total of 517 participants. Wood River's emphasis on preparation and teamwork paid off, as they triumphed as a team. The team's character, grit, and perseverance were on full display during the race, as they conquered tough climbs and rode together to secure a team victory. This dedication and unity were rewarded with several podium finishes, with riders like Zoe Libertore, Ruby Smith, and Oliver Smith leading the charge.

The Grand Targhee Race on September 9th posed another challenge, with WR MTB securing a commendable second place finish. Notable performances by riders like Zoe Libertore and Fleur Brazil in the girls' category, and Edyn Teigte, Ben Gross, Hudson Emery, and Oliver Smith for the boys, contributed to this achievement.

This weekend the team is competing in its next race at Soldier Mountain which is hosting 23 schools and over 900 riders. Riders start with 1.5 miles of climbing, gaining over 900'. Then they face a smoking single track with doubles and triples that a rider can launch over. The course will test our riders ability to combine redlining a tough climb and descending a perfect single track.



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YOUR WOLVERINE PRIDE!

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Check out the merchandise at the
WRHS Open House on August 28!