

**Wheatland Schools**  
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*Wheatland USD#292 Website*

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Looking Ahead ...

**August 7 Enrollment**

**August 7 Parent/Coach Meeting**

**August 8 Enrollment**

**August 16 Back to School  
Pizza/Swim Party**

**August 23 First Day of School**

**August 24 VB Tri @ Oberlin**

**August 25 JV VB @ Ness City**

**August 28 VB @ Bird City**

**August 30 XC @ Norton**

**August 31 FB vs Langdon-Fairfield**

**September 3 NO SCHOOL**

**September 4 VB Tri @ Palco**

**September 6 XC @ Quinter**

**September 7 FB @ Logan**

**September 8 VB Gove Co Classic @  
Grainfield/Grinnell**

**September 8 JV VB @ Quinter**

**September 13 XC @ Victoria**

**September 13 JV VB Quad @ Hays**

**September 14 FB vs Northern Valley  
(@ Grinnell)**

**September 18 VB Tri @ Home**

**September 20 XC @ Hill City**

**September 21 FB @ Sharon Springs**

**September 22 JH VB @  
Grainfield/Grinnell**

**September 24 Parent Teacher  
Conferences**

**September 25 VB Quad @ Goodland**

**September 25 XC @ Oberlin**

**September 26 Leadership Training  
@ Grinnell**

**September 27 JV VB Quad @ Home**

**September 28 FB vs Greeley Co  
(HOMECOMING)**

**September 29 VB @ Oakley**

Please refer to the Activities Calendars for a full schedule of events and activities. An up-to-date calendar is also available through the "Calendar" link on the [usd292.org](http://usd292.org) website.

You can follow the Thunderhawks through Twitter at:  
[http://twitter.com/Wheatland\\_292](http://twitter.com/Wheatland_292)

**Julien Illo-Student Intern**

Through the Nex-Generation Internship Program sponsored by Nex-Tech, I have been given the opportunity to work at Wheatland High School as the student intern. As the intern, I have been hard at work completing a variety of tasks for the school. My assignments range from reformatting old school documents to making simple copies, but I have also been working on creating the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Class.

You may have heard of the STEAM projects held at the school throughout the past few years, and the class is essentially a more permanent version of the activities. The class curriculum focuses on teaching different STEAM-related topics through lessons, and then allowing the students to work with the topic through hands on projects. The students will also partake in a variety of STEAM challenges throughout the year, which will allow them to use their previous knowledge and problem-solving skills to compete with their classmates in a variety of situations.

I personally believe this class will be extremely beneficial for the students enrolled because they will not only be learning math, science, and technology subjects, but they will also get to develop their problem solving and technical thinking skills. In the future I hope the class can grow, with the students finding and solving problems in our school communities. Since the class is still in development, there will most likely be many changes next year, and I am accepting any assistance and advice. If you wish to help, feel free to email me at [julien@namaillo.com](mailto:julien@namaillo.com).

## **From The Superintendent:**

It seems incredible to me, but a new school year is almost upon us. The office staff has been busy with preparations to make the enrollment process and transition into 2018-2019 as smooth and painless as possible. This year, we have set aside August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for enrollment. This is a time for parents to work with the office staff to ensure their child's enrollment records are current and accurate.

The custodial staff has once again been doing an outstanding job preparing our buildings for the upcoming school year. They have worked very hard to ensure maintenance issues are addressed and to make the buildings as attractive as possible.

Over the past year-and-a-half, the opportunity has presented itself to grow a stronger partnership between the two districts making up Thunderhawk Country. I am very pleased and proud of the progress we have made. Our faculties are working together more than ever to develop and align curriculum in order to provide the best opportunities for all students.

Several things have taken place that illustrate the strengthening of this partnership. Last spring, the two elementary faculties worked together to identify an English Language Arts curriculum and are now in the process of preparing to implement this coming school year. Last year, the Grinnell Middle School faculty implemented a 30-minute period referred to as SECD. The faculty developed activities to use during this period that address social and emotional issues, character, and citizenship. Wheatland High School is now working on possible ways to implement a similar program. Over the past several years, Wheatland High School students participated in STEAM activities and a plan is in development to expand this into a regular class. GMS has also begun to implement STEAM activities.

Sharing of faculty was also expanded significantly last year. This increase in sharing faculty was highly beneficial to both districts and will be expanded even more this coming year. We were very fortunate to be able to hire Ms. Emily Boyd as a full-time counselor that will be a shared position. Ms. Boyd will help coordinate all of the career education efforts, help coordinate development of social-emotional activities as well as student advisor duties.

I look forward to an exciting and successful 2018-2019 as well as the opportunity to continue serving the students of Thunderhawk Country. The privilege to work for both districts continues to be very rewarding and is a true highlight in my professional career. Thank you for your continued support of all of our children.

## *USD 292 Activities Calendar August 2018*

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5	6	7 8-5 Enrollment 7 Parent/Coach Meeting	8 7-4 Enrollment	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Back to School Pizza/Swim Party	17	18
19	20 Teacher Workday	21 Teacher Inservice	22 Teacher Workday	23 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	24 4:30 VB Tri @ Oberlin	25 9 JV VB @ Ness City
26	27	28 4 VB Tri @ Bird City	29	30 4:30 XC @ Norton	31 3 FB vs Langdon- Fairfield	

## *USD 292 Activities Calendar September 2018*

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30		5 XC @ Oberlin				

