



# The Coyote Howl!

## “Principal’s Page”

Well, the leaves are changing and fall is in the air. Sports are heading towards their respective tournaments and the school year is proceeding smoothly.

Two resources are available for your convenience. The first is PowerSchool. PowerSchool is a web-based program to check grades and attendance. It can be found on the Williston website at [www.williston.k12.nd.us](http://www.williston.k12.nd.us). Once you get to our website, you can click on PowerSchool and then it will request a login and password. If you do not have your login/password, please stop in a visit with one of our customer service representatives and they will be happy to get that information for you.

The other resource on our web page is Sports Schedule. This gives you up to the minute information on all extra-curricular activities. So, if you have a question regarding choir, just go to the website, navigate to Sport Schedule, enter Williston, and that information is just a click away.

## Halloween

Our fifth annual “Fright Night” will be on Halloween night at 6 PM. We have not decided on the movie yet, but, as usual, we will be serving food at 6 PM and then enjoying the movie on the big screen with the new sound system in the auditorium.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on **Monday, November 5, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM** and **Thursday, November 8, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the Phil Jackson Fieldhouse. Conferences are important as they provide an opportunity for you to talk with instructors and discuss your daughter/son’s progress.

## Dates to Remember

- October 29** – Report Card Day
- November 12** – Veteran’s Day (No School)
- November 17** – Winter Formal
- November 22 & 23** – Thanksgiving Break
- November 28** – Early Dismissal
- November 29** – Midterm Progress Reports

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson  
Principal

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## Counseling News

Williston High School  
Miss Koperski and Ms. Forthun  
Counselors  
November 2007

### Scholarships

**Horatio Alger Association** annually awards more than five million dollars in college scholarships and grants. You can apply online at [www.horatioalger.com/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.com/scholarships). The deadline for the application is October 30.

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** will be selecting its next class of Coca-Cola Scholars in the upcoming school year. Three million dollars a year is awarded annually to 250 students. The scholarship is based upon leadership, commitment to community and academic achievement. Visit the website for the application at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). The deadline is October 31.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award** is given for volunteer service in our community. Students in grades 9-12 may apply. The deadline is October 31. Apply online at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit)

**Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)** offers an SAE Engineering Scholarship for specific schools as well as schools in general. The deadline for the application is December 1. Amounts range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Information and the application can be found at [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm)

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** is for seniors who demonstrate ambition and drive, have determination to set and reach goals, who has respect for self, family and community and the ability to succeed in college. Go to [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) to learn more about the program and to download an application. The deadline is December 15.

**Alert Magazine** offers a chance to speak out and win a \$500 scholarship. You must be a senior or will be a senior in the fall, have a GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend college after graduation. It is an essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse. Information is in the counselors' office.

### ACT Registration

**Williston High School Code: 351-880**

The number of students who register for the ACT online has steadily increased each year. Nearly half of the WHS students who wrote the ACT last year registered online. The flier is located in the counselors' office that will guide you through that process. The traditional method of registration can still be done and those packets are in the counselors' office as well. The benefits of registering online are that you can complete your registration 24/7, you will get your admission ticket sooner and you will have access to the most up-to-date list of locations so you can get the best choice of test centers. The cost of writing the ACT is \$30 without the writing test and

\$44.50 if you select to do the writing. The deadline for the December 8 assessment is November 2. The deadline for the February 9 assessment is January 4. To register online, go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### SAT Registration

The easiest way to register for the SAT is to visit their site at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). You will get immediate confirmation of your registration. The cost of the SAT reasoning test is \$43. The SAT will be given in Williston on November 3.

### Dates to Remember

**November 2** – Deadline for December 8 ACT test date

**November 3** – SAT in Williston

**November 30** – NDSCS college visit in commons area  
From 11:30 – 12:30.

### testGear

WHS has had a site license for testGear purchased by Student Loans of North Dakota. testGear is an online tool that gives students the practice they need to reach their full potential on the college entrance exam ACT. This online learning system adapts to each student's needs by targeting their weaknesses and helping them to build necessary skills. Stop by the counselors' office to pick up your instructions on how to use the program. Workshops will be held this fall for students and their parents to attend in order to learn how to best utilize the program.

### Knowledge for College

This resource addresses borrowing for college, finding free money for college, learning about the alternative to four-year school and a section just for parents. Check this site out at [www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp](http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp)

### ND Scholars Program

This program recognized outstanding ND high school seniors for scholastic achievement as measured by their ACT scores. Those students who are selected must enroll in a ND college or university and will be awarded an in state tuition scholarship. To be considered, you must be scheduled to graduate from a ND high school in 2009, attend a ND college or university and take the ACT on one of the following test dates:

**December 8**  
**February 9**  
**April 12**  
**June 14**

Information is in the counselors' office.

## ***For Title IX-JOM Information:***

*Contact Lora Riveland at  
572-5618, Extension 131*

*Or stop by her office*

*At Williston Middle School, Room 212*

## **DRESS CODE**

**(at school or school sponsored events)**

Students are expected to have appropriate appearance at all times. Inappropriate appearance includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Excessively torn or tattered clothing
2. Clothing which is in poor taste, too revealing (this includes both shirt and skirt length), clothing containing obscene words or pictures.
3. Clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco or bars.
4. Hooters, Co-ed Naked, Big Johnson, Playboy bunny or similar items.
5. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts that expose the midriff or décolletage.
6. Colored hair or body piercing that draws attention from the learning process.
7. Chains hanging from clothing.
8. No sheer or gauze fabrics.
9. Boys sleeveless shirts.

### **Violation of the dress code will result in these actions:**

**First offense:** Student sent to administrative office and problem is corrected.

**Second offense:** Student removed from school and put into in-house suspension.

**Third offense:** Suspension from school for three days.

Wearing of hats or caps by either girls or boys will not be allowed. Common courtesy dictates the removal of hats upon entering the building as a sign of respect.

### **Violation of the hat policy will result in these actions:**

**First offense:** Surrender cap to adult requesting the cap. It will be given to administration and given back at the end of the day.

**Second offense:** Surrender cap to adult requesting the cap. It will be given to administration and parent will need to stop by and it will be returned.

**Third offense:** Cap will be confiscated for the remainder of the school year. Each subsequent violation will result in an additional cap being taken for the remainder of the year.

## **Attendance Policy**

Please read and familiarize yourselves with the attendance policy that we will be adhering to for the 2007-2008 school year. It can be accessed on the WHS web page or in your student's handbook on pages 5 and 6. Thank you!

Donna Kennedy  
Attendance Secretary

## **SPANISH WEBSITE...**

A new website is now available for all Spanish I and II students. It is <http://coyotespanish.pbwiki.com> which includes all vocabulary required for tests and quizzes, links to additional studies, learning games, cultural and travel information and several online newspapers in Spanish. The site will be updated periodically throughout the year. Come check it out!

## **Atomic Learning**

Atomic Learning has great resources for learning how to use software programs for both PC and Macintosh computers.

Teachers, students, parents, and community members can use it.

To use it at home, go to [www.atomiclearning.com](http://www.atomiclearning.com) In the login box in the upper right hand corner, enter the following:

login: willistonps

Password: (Please get this from your school's office)

After you have logged in, click on either the "Windows Tutorials" or "Macintosh Tutorials". Then select the program and the section(s) you want to view.

# On the Right Foot

By Jim Geiermann

Yippee! It's hunting season! It's time to start hunting down that AR book that has eluded the student all nine weeks! It's time to start checking to see what kinds of things can be done to earn extra credit! It's time to check the old math skills and figure out if you pass that big 100 point test with an 87% will that help you bring up your grade enough so that you will pass for the nine weeks?

Yippee! It's Parent/Teacher Conference season. "Do we have to come to those with our parents?" "Can you make sure you say something good about me so my parents will not be mad?"

When parents and teachers sit down and talk while the student is there is an especially scary time for all involved. The teacher is thinking of the kinds of things to say that will cast a positive light on the student. The parent wants some real answers to what is happening with their student in school. The student is just terrified.

Here are some tips to make things go a bit easier:

1.) Look at your student's grades on Power School before you come to conferences. The link for that is on the school district's website. Then take some time and look at what the grades reveal. Those zeros may be a reason why the grade is poor. Is the student doing well on daily work but not so well on tests? Ask the student what the assignment or test was. If they are not clear on that, you may have hit on part of the problem.

2.) Form some questions before going to the conferences. Ask about classroom behavior. Check with the teacher about what is or is not getting done in class.

3.) When you get to the conferences, do something very critical to success: Smile. (I know as a teacher, I try to do this at conferences.) Even if the student is not doing well in class, the two of you, parent and teacher, are there for the benefit of the student. Smiling sets everyone at ease. The teacher may feel as uncomfortable as you do.

4.) "Talk so others will want to listen. Listen so others will want to talk." That is a bad paraphrase of that saying, but you get the point. Communication does not happen unless all parties are involved. If your student comes with you, the teacher and you need to make the student part of the conference, rather than just a part of the furniture.

5.) Make a plan. School and home are very inter-connected. When they are working together, all will see the benefits. If the plan you come up with does not work, then contact the teacher and try a new one. Make sure all parties involved know the plan and that all parties buy into the plan.

6.) Keep smiling. Things might not be going well. Things might be going well. With effort, things will go the way you hope they will. It will take work, but in the end, it is worth it all.

Fall conferences are usually the busiest. Parents are hoping to get everything going well. So are the teachers.

"Education is not the filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire." All we need is the matches!

## **Homecoming 2007**

Ryan M., StuCo Secretary

The Coyotes were victorious against their opponents, the Mandan Braves. The class floats represented the different states and looked extraordinary!

The Student Council would like to thank the following for making this year's theme "Coyote Country" an exceptional Homecoming!

- WHS Student Council Advisor, Miss Karla Olson
- WHS Student Council members
- Williston Public School Administration, Athletic Director, custodians and faculty members
- Parents for helping with float building, chaperoning and bringing food to keep our stomachs satisfied and our minds focused
- WHS student body
- KEYZ, KUMV-TV, and The Herald for publicity
- Everyone who helped get the "Are you Brave enough to enter Coyote Country" T-shirts out on time
- Corporate sponsors: Ryan Motors, Nemont, Mountrail-Williams Electric, Bethel Foundation and McDonald's.
- The Hockey Club, Fair Board and Rec Center for the use of their buildings
- Red River Supply for helping us decorate the flat bed and driving royalty around
- Murphy Motors for donating the vehicles
- Judges: Chief of Police, Chamber of Commerce, WHS Student Council president representative
- Announcer, Steve Slocum, who emceed the activities
- Brittany Rieder who sang the National Anthem
- Dakota Smoke Hogs
- Alumni cheerleaders and football players from the Class of '57 and '58
- The Homecoming Court
- SK&S for the vehicle/flatbed for our Royalty

The dance that finished the night off was packed! Thank you to the Rec Center for the use of your building. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who chaperoned and cleaned up after the dance.

Homecoming would not be as successful as it always is without the help of everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and effort to help make every year a success!

We apologize if we missed any volunteers in this letter of thanks and acknowledgment.

## **FFA News**

Wes Pepple, Advisor

Congratulations to the following FFA members who attended the District Leadership Conference on October 1 at WSC.

The Chapter Parliamentary Procedure team received a silver rating. Officers received the following ratings:

**President: Aaron P.-Bronze**  
**Vice President: Levi K.-Bronze**  
**Secretary: Nathan P.-Bronze**  
**Treasurer: Derek O.-Silver**  
**Reporter: Greg H.-Silver**  
**Sentinel: Jonathan E.-Silver**

Greenhand Parliamentary Team 1 received a bronze rating. Officers received the following ratings:

**President: Zack S.-Bronze**  
**Vice President: Nate S.-Bronze**  
**Secretary: Jaelyn L.-Silver**  
**Treasurer: Nathan H.-Bronze**  
**Reporter: Matt A.-Silver**  
**Sentinel: Anthony H.-Gold**  
**Advisor: Joey S.-Silver**  
**Member: Brittany S.**

Greenhand Parliamentary Team 2 received a silver rating. Officers received the following ratings:

**President: Sam J.-Silver**  
**Vice President: Allen G.-Silver**  
**Secretary: Olivia O.-Gold**  
**Treasurer: Tyler A.-Silver**  
**Reporter: Trevor A.-Bronze**  
**Sentinel: Michael F.-Gold**  
**Advisor: Joey S.-Gold**

Greenhand Parliamentary Team 3 received a bronze rating. Officers received the following ratings:

**President: Kaleb A.-Silver**  
**Vice President: Kaleb B.-Silver**  
**Secretary: Hunter S.-Silver**  
**Treasurer: Jordan P. H.-Bronze**  
**Reporter: Anthony Z.-Silver**  
**Sentinel: Jessy P.-Bronze**  
**Advisor: Brian F.-Gold**  
**Member: Tate S.**

Creed Contest – **Olivia O.-Gold (second overall)**

Quiz Contest-**Bronze**

**Alex K.-Silver**  
**Robert K.-Silver**  
**Tyler E.-Bronze**

Greenhand Quiz Contest-**Bronze**

**Brittany S.-Bronze**  
**Eric J.-Bronze**  
**Alix P.-Bronze**  
**Chris D.-Bronze**

The FFA will again be selling fruit as well as sausage, cheese and candy. The sales will start on October 29 and run until November 21. Fruit will be delivered the week of December 10. If you are interested, please contact an FFA member or call the high school at 572-0967 for more information.

Members of the Williston FFA attended the National FFA Convention October 22 – 27.

## MICROSOFT SELECT PROGRAM

Edutech, Microsoft, E-Academy and Software House International have teamed up to provide K-12 students, staff, and parents the opportunity to purchase certain Microsoft products at deep discounts. These products include Microsoft Office (professional, standard and enterprise versions) for PC and Mac, One Note, Office Sharepoint Designer, Office Visio, Office Project, and Vista upgrades. Each student can purchase up to one copy/license of each software title.

Example pricing:

Microsoft Vista Business Upgrade - \$69.60 (+S&H)

Microsoft Office Professional 2007 Suite - \$71.20 (+S&H)

Please contact your student's school to receive the Student Select Registration Code. See <http://edutech.nodak.e-academy.com> for licensing, pricing, purchasing, and order fulfillment information.

### Two important notes:

1. Vista upgrade must be installed on a machine which already has a qualifying Microsoft operating system and corresponding Certificate of Authenticity (Windows XP, Windows 2000, etc). You cannot buy a "white box" computer without an operating system and install the student select Vista upgrade.

2. These software products are meant for personal or school purposes. The license does not provide for commercial uses (e.g. the Student Select license does not allow you to use this software for a home business).

Julie Palmer  
Technology Coordinator

## Mid-Term & Nine Week Grading Schedule for WHS

Mid-Term – September 24	(Period 4)
First Nine Weeks – October 29	(Period 4)
Mid-Term – December 3	(Period 4)
Second Nine Weeks – January 14	(Period 4)
Mid-Term – February 12	(Period 4)
Third Nine Weeks – March 17	(Period 4)
Mid-Term – April 23	(Period 4)
Fourth Nine Weeks – May 23	(Mailed)

## Senior Pictures

All colored senior pictures that are going in the annual need to be turned in to Mrs. Schultz by the end of January.

**ANNUAL ORDER  
FORMS FOR  
2007-08  
ARE IN THE OFFICE.  
COST IS \$40.  
AFTER THE FIRST OF  
THE YEAR, COST  
WILL BE \$45.**