

WHEATLAND HIGH SCHOOL



September 2018 NEWSLETTER



"At WHS, we strive to C.L.I.M.B the P.E.A.K."

***Challenging Environment, Life Skills,
Integrity, Motivation, Bulldogs***



Principal's Update - Mr. Sandlian

School is now in full swing! Students are working hard in their classes and their activities. I want to welcome everyone to Wheatland High School! This is my 5th year in the district and 2nd year as the Principal at WHS. Our goal is to work hard for your students and provide them the best education to prepare them for college, careers or military.

We will have monthly parent meetings and I would encourage everyone to attend. We discuss student achievement, school policy, and other topics related to the interests of students and parents. Communication and building a positive atmosphere are two of my personal goals here at WHS. The staff here at WHS will communicate the progress of your children and my hope is that if you have concerns that you will communicate with the staff. We need to work together to build a strong school.

I hope that you and your student(s) have a positive and rewarding year! If you have any questions or would just like to visit, please contact me at the WHS office (322-2075). My door is always open! Thanks and Go Bulldogs!

~Mr. Josh Sandlian

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome Back! I am excited for a new school year!! Freshmen have already started creating their PEAK plans with me. Sophomores will also be meeting with me to update their plans from last year. My goal is to have them all completed before parent/teacher conferences. I would love to meet with any parents wanting to see what goals their students have established.

Juniors will be taking the preACT on September 11, 2018. They will be able to use their scores as a guideline to continue preparing for their State test in April. I am happy to assist any students wanting to take a test before that date as well. They will be taking the PSAT, which is a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship, next month. I encourage students to do their best on these tests to avoid having to pay out of pocket for additional testing!

Seniors have already been visiting my office to explore their options for next year. I encourage them to all check out their google classroom frequently, as this is where I post the most up to date scholarship information. Now is the time for them to begin collecting reference letters, improving ACT scores, and building their resumes. Once more scholarship applications open, they will be ready to apply!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Students in grades 5-12 who have engaged in volunteer activities in the last year may apply. Complete an application online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> by **November 6, 2018** and submit to Ms. Marker. Parent and student signatures must be present.

Horatio Alger Association

Seniors' eligibility is determined by financial need using the gross family income. Scholarships range in value from \$6,000 to \$25,000. Students may apply online before **October 25, 2018** at <http://scholars.horatioalger.org>.

Go Bulldogs!!!

Meet the New Staff!

Micah Becker-PHS ELA/SS

My name is Micah Becker. My family and I have recently relocated to Wheatland from Missouri. My husband works for Wheatland REA. We have a one year old, a three year old, and a five year old that just started Kindergarten this year. We have been so welcomed here in Wheatland and are so thankful to call this home.

I started my teaching career in Louisiana as a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University with my bachelor's in Social Studies Education and a minor in English. After Hurricane Katrina, my family relocated to Missouri where I taught Middle School English and Social Studies for the last 11 years as well as ran alternative classrooms before making this recent switch to high school. In Missouri I was able to earn my Master's in Secondary Administration from William Woods University. I also have a Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction. This is my 15th year of teaching and I'm so excited to begin this half of my teaching career at Peak High School.

Nicole Jackson-WHS Secretary

My name is Nicole Jackson, I grew up in Douglas, Wyoming and graduated from Douglas High School in 2000. I am married to Brian Jackson who grew up in Wheatland and graduated from WHS in 2002. Brian started working at the Power Plant in 2012 and the following summer, 2013 we moved to Wheatland from Douglas. I was attending LCCC until 2016 when I decided to join the real world and start working. I worked at South Street Pharmacy for a short period of time and then went to work for Frank and Eric Jones as a legal secretary before joining the WHS staff! My husband and I have 2 boys, Ethan who is 13 and in 7th Grade and Carter who is 6 and in Kindergarten, we have 2 dogs and 2 and a half horses. I am very excited to be working at the High School.



Thomas Tighe-Spanish

I've lived in Wheatland since way back in August of '18. Before that I lived in the mountains in Colorado. I taught Spanish, coached volleyball, and worked as a ski instructor. I also spent a year teaching English in China. I lived near Shanghai in a small town of only 1.2 million people.

I earned my teaching certificate and began teaching in 2013 in the south suburbs of Chicago near my hometown of Frankfort, IL. Before teaching I worked as an accountant and as a personal income tax preparer. The tax preparation was fun, but accounting was on accident. I'm glad I came to my senses and went back to school to teach.

People sometimes ask me why I want to teach Spanish. My answer is this: being bilingual will not only unlock a great deal of doors in people's lives, but it also unlocks things within ourselves that help us understand ourselves and the world around us even better. I want to unlock opportunities for people.

In my spare time I enjoy hiking, camping, playing pool, and traveling around the U.S. and abroad. I'm teaching at WHS, Glendo and Chugwater, and I'm really enjoying the district and the things that Platte county has to offer.



Lisa Horblit-Para

I am married with 2 girls both go to UW. I have worked in 3 of the 4 schools in PCSD #1 My favorite color is purple, favorite season is fall And yes I like sushi :)

Ashley Philo-Business

Ashley grew up in Douglas, Wyoming (don't hold it against her) and attended the University of Wyoming to earn both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in business. During these years she married her high school sweetheart, Cedric, and they welcome their daughter, Lola, into the world. After college, her small family relocated to Rock Springs, Wyoming where she continued to grow her family as they added a son, Timothy, to the mix. After more than a decade in Rock Springs, Wheatland High School welcomed her family to the community when her husband became employed with our school district. Her family is enjoying building their life together in the smaller community and she is excited about her new opportunity to become more involved with the school district as well as the community. She loves the mountains, exercising, spending time with her family and small town life.



Families of Platte Co School District #1 are invited to apply to participate in the Wheatland, Glendo, and Chugwater **"Food for Weekends"** Program. It is an effort of the Platte County Ministerial Association and UW Extension Cent\$ible Nutrition and Food Bank of the Rockies to address nutritional needs of families on weekends during the school year. PCSD#1 students may participate in the program with parental permission.

Students pick up the backpacks on Thursdays, or the last day of school before a holiday, and then return the empty backpacks to school on Monday, or the next day of school. Volunteers then fill the backpacks to be distributed again the following week. Backpacks will be distributed as the funding for this program is dependent on grants and donations.

Applications for the program may be picked up at all **Platte #1 Schools and the District Office** located at 1350 Oak Street in Wheatland. Parents may also [click here](#) for the application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **your student's Principal or Superintendent Fischer** at 307-322-3175.

From Mr. Philo's Desk:

Be sure to check out the Athletic and Activities page for update schedules, photos, and individual sport pages.



Click the Bulldog to go to the Wheatland HS website!



Click the NFHS logo to go to the Wheatland HS broadcast site!

Reminders - be sure to check the WHS webpage for more !

- September 11, 2018 - Juniors take the pre-ACT
- September 18, 2018 - Parent meeting @ 6 p.m. in the WHS Library
- October 10 - PSAT (qualifying assessment for the National Merit Scholarship)
- October 25, 2018 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - WHS Gym