



# Wheatland High School



September 2019 Newsletter



# Welcome to WHS!

## Upcoming Events

September 17 - Parent meeting at  
6 p.m. in the WHS Library

October 8 - Parent meeting at 6  
p.m. in the WHS Library  
-Focus will be FAFSA info



# Principal's Message

The staff at WHS would like to welcome students and parents to Wheatland High School! We are excited about the new year starting and look forward to working and growing students!

I will be sending this newsletter via email on a monthly basis. We will also be hosting monthly parent meetings. I'm looking to boost attendance at those meetings, so if you have any ideas, please let me know.

If there is anything we can do for you or your student, please don't hesitate to call or email.

~Josh Sandlian, Principal

# New staff at WHS

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*Alisha Rafael*

My name is Alisha Rafael and this is my first year at Wheatland High school. I am looking forward to a successful year of student learning. Here is a little background information about myself. I was born and raised in Wyoming. In my childhood I moved to Montana but Wyoming always has had my heart. I have been in Douglas, Wyoming since I was 16 years old. This will be my eighth year in education. I have Masters in Special Education K-12 and I plan on continuing my love of learning. I've been married for 12 years and I have two children. Most of my free time I spend running my children to sports or 4H. We are a very active family. I love watching sports and helping at school events, so you will see me at games a lot. I love watching movies and any outdoor activities as long as its cooler weather. I also love reading, drawing, and volunteering my time with Special Olympics. I am excited to be at Wheatland High School and working with all the students. Go Bulldogs!

# New Staff, continued

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*Lori Britton*

My name is Lori Britton. I live in Wheatland, where I was born and raised. I graduated from Wheatland High School. I spent 10 years away from Wheatland and moved back to raise my son Matt, who is now living and working in Australia for 12 months.

I have a Master's Degree in Natural Science from the University of Wyoming. The emphasis of my degree was in biological sciences, with courses I enjoyed most being genetics, mammalian reproduction, anatomy and physiology, and ecology.

I taught life sciences at Wheatland High School from 2001 to 2013, where I taught concurrent enrollment courses and various other science courses. For the past 5 years I have been teaching courses for Eastern Wyoming College, they are Biology 1010 and BIOL 1000, Medical Terminology, Human Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Microbiology. I love the courses I get to teach. I am now back to WHS, go Bulldogs, to teach concurrent science courses and Biology 1.

In my spare time I team rope with Matt and he and I artificially inseminate cattle all over Wyoming. We spent 6 months traveling and artificially inseminating cows in Australia when he was 7. We travel and hunt and fish together. I have started a human massage therapy business this past year as well.

Something I also enjoy is building things with metal, I received my welding certificate from EWC in 2017. I have various interests that keep me being a lifelong learner.

# New Staff, continued

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*Mason Munford*

Mason joins our full time staff after spending last year as a substitute teacher. Mason graduated from Adams State College with a degree in Social Studies Education. While at Adams State, he played baseball. Currently Mason serves as a middle school basketball coach. Mason also helps coach in the Wheatland Lobos baseball program.

# Counselor's Corner

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Welcome Back! I am excited for the 2019-2020 school year!!

I will be working with 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students on their PEAK Plans. I love this opportunity to get to know each student and understand their future plans. This will also help us to track their graduation progress throughout high school. My goal is to have the majority of freshmen 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, 2019. They will be able to use their scores as a baseline in preparation for their State test on April 7, 2020. I am happy to assist any students wanting to take a test before that date. They will also be taking the PSAT-NMSQT, which is a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship, on October 16, 2019. Students are encouraged to do their best on these testing opportunities!

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. Additionally, there is a scholarship bulletin and any applications regularly posted to our school website at <http://whs.platte1.org>. Parents were mailed a Senior Scholarship Timeline this week as well as the September Scholarship Bulletin. Please make sure your email addresses are updated on PowerSchool so you are able to continue receiving these directly.

# Scholarships

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## 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, 2019** at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/>.

## Tradition of Caring Mortuary Science Scholarship from Newcomer

\$3,500 Scholarship for students pursuing a Mortuary Science program at an accredited (ABFSE) school. Visit <http://www.NFSGI.com/scholarship> for application and eligibility. **Deadline is October 25, 2019.**

## The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship

Seniors must have a 3.0 GPA to apply. Demonstrated leadership skills, commitment to community, academic achievement, and employment are considered when applying. WHS CEEB# is 510445, you will need this on the application. \$1,000-\$20,000 scholarships can be used at any accredited U.S. post-secondary school. Apply at <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ccsf>. **Deadline: October 31, 2019.**



# Athletics and Activities

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WHS is using a new scheduling tool called rSchoolToday. This allows Mr. Philo to update middle school and high school schedules with ease. There is also an app that will allow you to select the activities that your student participates in. Please visit our school website to view the activity schedules. Below is a link to the calendar.

<https://www.absarakaconference.org/public/genie/897/school/13/>