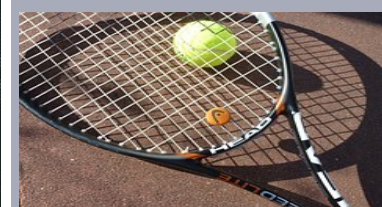


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Wellington High School
Tennis team left to right:
Abby, Lexi, Mekenna, Kylie,
Avery, and Lauryn

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TENNIS GOES TO STATE!

Story by Brian Aufdengarten

The Wellington Ladies Tennis Team took part in the 4A state tournament in Winfield with Wellington qualifying all 6 players. This was the first time since 2010 the entire tennis team qualified, and only the third time in school history the whole team qualified. Those qualifying were juniors Abby Lowe and Lexi Saffell in singles, senior Lauryn Snipes with junior Avery Rusk in doubles, along with junior

Mekenna Adams and freshman Kylie Aufdengarten in doubles. Wellington placed 9th overall out of 21 teams represented at state. Mekenna Adams and Kylie Aufdengarten finished 5th overall out of the 24 doubles teams.

- Mekenna Adams is a three time state qualifier and the only female to win a medal at state her first three years. 9th - freshman year, 7th - sophomore

year, 5th - junior year.

- Adams now has 80 wins in her career moving her into 5th overall for the most wins in 3 years.
- Aufdengarten was the highest placing freshman in the state tennis tournament this year and is the highest placing freshman in WHS history. Adams is the only freshman in WHS history to medal.

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FALL MUSICAL PROMISES TO BE “TOTALLY RIGHTEOUS, DUDE!”

Wellington High School’s “Crusaders of the Stage” are set to perform *Back to the 80’s* by Neil Godding. The musical is set to some totally awesome 80’s music. The troop is scheduled for four performances including three 7:00 p.m. performances on Oct. 22nd, 27th, & 29th, and one 2:30 p.m. matinee on Oct. 23rd. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door. “Like you know” you don’t want to miss this totally awesome musical!

SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS NEW TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

The USD 353 Board of Education during the Oct. meeting, discussed the possibility of implementing a One to One Initiative at Wellington Middle School in the fall of 2017.

A One to One Initiative refers to one technology device (typically a laptop) per student. According to district superintendent Mark Whitener, the board is intent on preparing every student to be successful in a digital world.

Regardless of the path students take once they graduate high school, they will be expected to be technologically literate. Universities and trade schools alike operate almost exclusively from digital platforms.



CRUSADERS OF THE STAGE PRESENT FALL MUSICAL

The board is considering implementing the One to One Initiative at the Middle School first and then at the High School the following year. Eventually, the district hopes to have a device for every student in grades k-12.

The board is slated to take action on the technology initiative at the next meeting on November 10th at 7:00 p.m. The community is always welcome at board meetings.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support-(MTSS)

The Kansas State Department of Education encourages each district to implement a system for identifying students that need extra

support in math, reading, and behavior. Each school gives specific assessments several times throughout the year to determine each student’s level of proficiency. If a student has not reached grade level proficiency in a specific area, a team of professionals in the school examine the data and determine if the student needs tutoring.

The MTSS program has three levels with the third level providing the most intensive intervention. For instance, in a tier three intervention, the teacher may tutor students in a group of 2 or 3. This allows the teacher to give students more individual attention.

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The goal of the tutoring program is to quickly identify students who need help and thereby prevent school failure. If you would like to learn more about the MTSS program in your school, contact your principal or your child's

teacher.

Inclement Weather

Snow and ice are soon on the way and we want to ensure parents have timely information on school closures. If school should close due to bad weather, we will send out an alert call as early as possible. We will also alert local and Wichita media. Finally, we will post the information on the district website at:

www.usd353.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 21

7:00pm

Football: Varsity Boys Game (District Playoff Game #2)

Saturday, October 22

11:00am

Cross Country: Varsity Regional

2:00pm

Volleyball: Sub-State Tournament

7:00pm

Musical

Sunday, October 23

2:30pm

Musical

Monday, October 24

5:00pm

Football: Sub-Varsity Game vs Mulvane

Thursday, October 27

5:00pm

Cowley CC free bball clinic, elementary students HS Gym



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Friday, October 28

3:30pm

Volleyball: Girls 4A Varsity State Tournament

7:00pm

Football: Varsity Boys Game (District Playoff Game #3)

Saturday, October 29

7:00pm

Fall Musical

Wednesday, November 2

8:30am

NHS Blood Drive

Saturday, November 5

Debate Tournament 7:00 am

Monday, November 7

7:00pm

WHS Winter Sports Parents Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th

District Vision Planning 6:30 p.m. HS

A New Vision for the Twenty-First Century

This year the Board of Education is developing a new vision for the district, which will be implemented through a strategic plan that is currently under development. The board will seek input from the community at a district-wide SITE Council meeting on Nov. 9th (6:30 p.m.) at the High School. Each school will invite building SITE Councils to participate in this important meeting. The community is also welcome to attend this visioning session. For more information, please call the district office at 326-4300.