



BOARD REPORT

September 2024

9th- 434 10th- 393 11th- 371 12th- 355

Total- 1553

Tennis

Tennis continues their legacy of winning as they are currently on a 9-game winning streak with their most note worthy wins against playoff foe, Amarillo High. The team clinched their first district victory against Wichita Falls Legacy this past weekend and on Midland Legacy this Saturday on the new home courts.

Cross Country

Cross Country has ran at a few meets, and some Lady Bulldogs have finished in the top 10 and even winning one meet. The district meet is on October 10 in Wichita Falls.

Volleyball

Lady Bulldog volleyball has a record of 11-10 and kick off district play on September 27 against Abilene Cooper.

Football

The Bulldog football team has started off strong with a win against Lubbock Monterey. The sub-varsity teams have all earned themselves a win as well. The Bulldogs travel to Lubbock to face Lubbock Coronado on Thursday.

Pure Gold

The Pure Gold Band has made themselves known with an impressive defensive stance at the game on Friday night. We're excited for Pure Gold's new show performance. You can catch Pure Gold during half-time as well as at the Big Country Marching Festival on October 5.

Golf

Bulldog Golf teed off and earned 3rd place at the Lubbock Invitational this past weekend. Lady Bulldog Golf will tee off later this month.

Teacher Competition

The spirit competition continues amongst staff each week. Mr. Weatherman took week 1 and Mrs. Hughes took week 3. This week is Patriotic week, so we'll crown a Mr. or Ms. America at Thursday's pep rally.

Student Clubs

Clubs are up and running at Wylie High School. Our newest club is the Culture Club sponsored by Emily Taylor, which exposes students to other cultures and allows students to share about their culture. Other clubs that have met are HOSA, FCA, TAFE, S2S, Chess Club, and Student Council.

CTE

CTE programs that are partnered with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas took their first field trip to tour Hendrick Medical Center North. Student were exposed to different career fields within Hendrick ranging from Health Science to Engineering and Construction.

Student Testing

Students are now signing up for the PSAT as well as the school day SAT provided by Wylie High School. Both tests will be administered in October.

Theater

Wylie Theater's fall play will take stage September 26 and will run through September 29.

Early Releases

Wylie High School will have an early release on 9/12 due to the football game in Lubbock. Wylie ISD will have an early release on 9/20 followed by the homecoming pep rally and football game.

CellPhone Policy

Wylie ISD's new cell phone and electronic device policy has been implemented effectively at WHS. There have been 109 policy violations reported within the school discipline system. Noteworthy observations by administrators are that students are engaged with each other at lunch with conversation, studying together, or playing games. There has been a significant decrease in discipline referrals compared to this time last year. Below is informal feedback from department heads at WHS. A more formal survey will be conducted for all teachers at the end of the six weeks.

Pros:

- The phone policy seems to be helping out a lot. It has been a little bit of adjustment for the students, but overall it is great. The students are talking to each other more, reading, and playing new card games. They are paying more attention and getting their work done faster and with better accuracy. Other teachers are telling me the same thing.
- I have heard nothing but positive things. We are seeing students play more games and talk to each other. We, as teachers, get to see the students' personalities more in class. I have also been able to play games with the students and absolutely love it. Giant Uno is a hit in my class if you need a specific example. Oh.... I have one class that plays group games where they are all involved (like games they learned at camp)
- Hallways - Eyes are up. We had a spill and would normally have to get the attention of students to avoid it. Not one kiddo walked through the spill or bumped the sign.
- We have had to reconfigure some things that we normally do with QR codes but that is super easy with access to Chromebook.
- Students are much less distracted during lessons.
- I have had way fewer behavior issues than normal at this time of the year. I don't usually have many anyway but now, without their phones, there is even less for me to get onto them about which is really nice.
- The interactions between students are much more genuine. In the hallways especially, I notice kids really talking to each other rather than just showing each other something on their phone that happened in another class or sending snaps to each other. Seeing them play games in the cafeteria is really awesome, too.
- In the downtime that students do have, many are using Chromebooks to work on class work instead of wasting time on their phones.
- I've even had students **READING** their books for their English classes. That's a first for sure.
- The phone policy has been wonderful!! I have had **NO ISSUES** in any of my classes. I have not seen a phone out in my class or in the hall.

Cons:

- The only negative feedback on my end is that my students get very noisy at the end of class because they do not have their noses in a phone. But, they are conversing with their classmates and I will take the noise if it means they are having face to face conversations!!
- The most obvious is the internet issue. I don't use it in class everyday but when I do it is very likely that the internet will stop working at some point in the day. That makes it hard to stay consistent between classes, keep up with my plans, and utilize beneficial resources regularly.
- Having to place backpacks against the wall is very troublesome. With larger class sizes, it makes it that much harder to find space for them. It results in me having nowhere to teach. We are a very active class but I have not been able to have students move around like in the past because there simply isn't room to walk. It's even a bit of a fire hazard when you can't move around the classroom without tripping over bags.