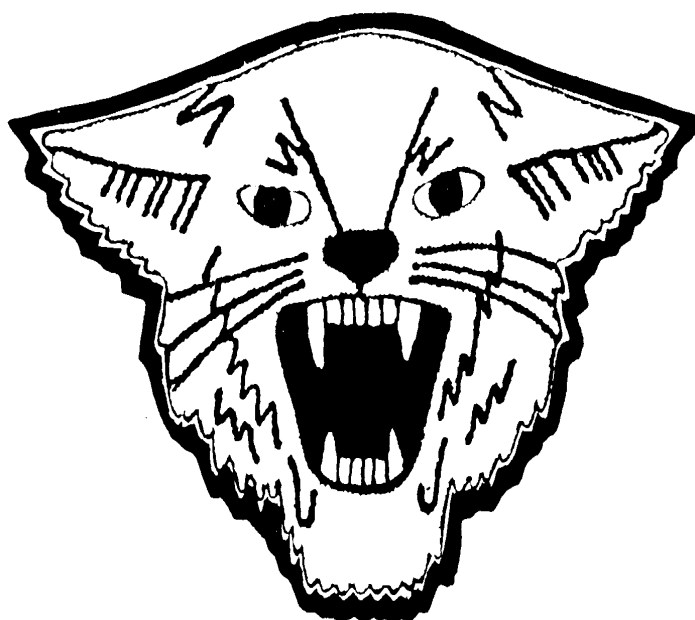


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2007 - 2008

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PUBLIC NOTICE

USD #332 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

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CUNNINGHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC COACHES AND ASSIGNMENTS

2007 - 2008

CGS

Football – Lanny Scholes & Bart Ricke

Volleyball – Nadine Hope

Boys Basketball – Lanny Scholes

Troy Stark

Girls Basketball – Bart Ricke

Boys & GirlsTrack – Lanny Scholes

Spirit Leaders / Pep Club - Linda Kerschen

CHS

Football ~ Lance McGuire, Troy Stark

Volleyball ~ Nadine Hope

Boys Basketball ~ Steve Miller, Bart Ricke

Girls Basketball ~ Lance McGuire,

Track ~ Bart Ricke, Lance McGuire

Boys Golf ~ Steve Miller

Spiritleaders/Pep Club ~ Liz Miller, Jerree
Fitzsimmons

SPORT

FIRST PRACTICE

CLOSE OF SEASON

Football

August 13

Last game of the season

Volleyball

August 13

Last game of the season

Basketball

November 12

Last game of the season

Track

March 25

Last meet of the season

Golf

March 25

Last meet of the season

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES
CUNNINGHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL
2007 - 2008

Volleyball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
August 30	4:00	Burrton	Cunningham
September 6	4:00	Norwich/Attica	Norwich
September 13	4:00	Fairfield	Cunningham
September 20	3:00	Skyline / Central Christian	Skyline
September 27	4:00.	Pretty Prairie	Cunningham
October 4	4:00	Stafford	Stafford
October 11	4:00	South Barber	Cunningham
October 18	1:00	Heart of the Plains League Tournament	Pretty Prairie

Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
August 30	6:00	Burrton	Cunningham
September 6	6:00	Norwich	Norwich
September 13	6:00	Fairfield	Cunningham
September 20	6:00	Skyline	Skyline
September 27	6:00	Pretty Prairie	Cunningham
October 4	6:00	Stafford	Stafford
October 11	6:00	South Barber	Cunningham

Basketball Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
November 29	4:00	Pretty Prairie	Cunningham
December 6	4:00	Skyline	Skyline
December 13	4:00	Fairfield	Cunningham
January 3	4:00	Norwich	Norwich
January 10	4:00	Central Christian	Central Christian
January 17	4:00	Attica	Cunningham
January 24	4:00	Stafford	Stafford
January 31	4:00	Burrton	Cunningham
February 4	4:00	South Barber	Cunningham
February 7,9,11,14	Thurs.	Heart of the Plains League Tournament	Central Christian

CUNNINGHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Track

2007 - 2008

Track Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
March 25	3:00	Bucklin	Bucklin
April 3	2:30	South Barber	South Barber
April 10	1:00	South Barber	South Barber
April 15	1:30	Medicine Lodge	Medicine Lodge
April 17	3:00	Macksville	Macksville
April 24	2:00	Norwich	Norwich
May 5	1:00	HOPL	Fairfield

CUNNINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

2007-2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug. 25	Inman Invitational	Inman
Aug. 28	Cunningham, Chase	Haviland
Sept. 4	Pawnee Heights, LaCrosse,Cunningham	Larned
Sept. 11	South Barber, Cheney	Cunningham
Sept. 15	JV – S. Barber Tournament	S. Barber
Sept. 18	Cunningham, Attica	Skyline
Sept. 22	JV – Stafford Tournament	Stafford
Sept.25	Cunningham,Norwich	Burrton
Sept. 29	Varsity Burrton Tournament	Burrton
Oct. 1	JV – Quad	Medicine Lodge
Oct. 2	Fairfield, Cunningham	Central Christian
Oct. 6	HOPL Tournament	Norwich
Oct. 8	JV – Quad	Cunningham
Oct. 9	Pretty Prairie,Stafford	Cunningham
Oct. 16	Regional Volleyball	
Oct. 20	Sub-State Volleyball	
Oct. 26-27	State Volleyball	

**CUNNINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
2006-2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug. 31	Stafford	Away
Sept. 7	Skyline	Home
Sept. 14	Pretty Prairie	Away
Sept. 21	Norwich	Home
Sept. 28	Argonia	Away
Oct. 5	South Haven	Home
Oct. 12	Haviland	Home
Oct. 19	South Central	Away
Oct. 25	Attica	Home
Oct. 30	Bi – District	
Nov. 3	Regional	
Nov. 9	Sub-State	
Nov. 17	State	

Varsity Games begin at 7:00 p.m.; JV Games begin at 6:00 p.m.

**CUNNINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
2006-2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov. 30	Greensburg	Away
Dec. 3, 7 & 8	McDonald's BB Classic	Hutchinson
Dec. 11	Skyline	Away
Dec. 18	Pretty Prairie	Home
Dec. 20	Macksville	Home
Jan. 4	Norwich	Away
Jan. 8	Central Christian	Away
Jan. 11	Skyline	Home
Jan. 14	South Barber	Home
Jan. 15, 18, 19	54 Classic Tournament – Boys	Skyline
Jan., 22, 25, 26	54 Classic Tournament – Girls	Cunningham
Jan., 29	Stafford	Home
Feb. 1	Pretty Prairie	Away
Feb. 5	Attica	Away
Feb. 8	Burrton	Home
Feb. 12	Fairfield	Home
Feb. 15	South Barber	Away
Feb. 18 – 23	1A Regionals	
Feb. 28 to Mar. 1	Sub-State	
Mar. 5 – 8	State	

B-Team Tournament at Cunningham – January 5, 7, 12

**CUNNINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE
2006-2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 3	Pretty Prairie (Quad)	4:00 p.m.
April 8	South Barber	3:00 p.m.
April 15	Kingman	3:00 p.m.
April 18	Norwich	3:00 p.m.
April 25	Stafford	3:00 p.m.
April 29	Jetmore	10:00 a.m.
May 2	Bucklin	3:00 p.m.
May 8	HOPL – South Barber	3:00 p.m.
May 16	Regional	3:00 p.m.
May 23	State – Wichita	TBA

**CUNNINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF SCHEDULE
2006-2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar. 25	V – St. John	Stafford Country Club
April 8	V – Skyline	Green Valley
April 10	JV – Medicine Lodge	Medicine Lodge
April 14	V – Medicine Lodge	Medicine Lodge
April 21	V – Pretty Prairie	Pretty Prairie
April 28	JV – Pretty Prairie	Pretty Prairie
April 29	V – Cheney	Cheney
May 5	V – Pratt	Park Hill Country Club
May 6	HOPL –Pretty Prairie	Pretty Prairie
May 12	Regional	TBA
May 19	State	TBA

II. TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Cunningham Schools agree with many experts in the field of athletics that strong and healthy bodies are needed to effectively participate in athletics. It is our aim that every athlete perform up to his/her capabilities and we believe the following training rules will help the athlete reach his/her full potential. We also believe that a well-conditioned athlete will be less susceptible to injury.

All athletes and spirit leaders who are out for their respective teams are under the policy for illegal drugs/tobacco/alcohol when they are attending or participate in a USD #332 activity. If athletes and spirit leaders are off school property the following training rules apply:

Any athlete or spirit leader who is caught using, possessing, transporting, or is under the influence of any of the following substances listed below will be considered in violation of the training rules for athletes of USD #332.

1. Any controlled substance
2. Marijuana
3. Alcohol
4. Tobacco Products
5. Drug Paraphernalia

Any abuse or violation of the training rules reported by an administrator, certified staff member or the police shall be investigated to find out if there has been any wrong doing. If the student admits to being in violation of the training rules, is convicted in a court of law, or is caught in violation of the training rules, the athlete/spirit leader will be disciplined by the following actions:

1ST OFFENSE: The athlete or spirit leader will be suspended from all student activities for a period of not less than fourteen (14) calendar days, ten days in which school must be in session. The athlete or spirit leader can still practice. Parents will be notified.

2ND OFFENSE: The athlete or spirit leader will be suspended from the team in that sport for the remainder of the season.

III. ATTENDANCE

- A. A student may not go out for a sport after the first week of practice has been completed. There may be exceptions to this rule such as a previous injury, illness, death in the family, or some unforeseen circumstances which would be decided upon by the principal, athletic director, and head coach.
- B. An athlete may participate in practice or competition only if he/she attends school for the half day period immediately preceding such practice or competition. Exception to this rule may be granted by the principal if advance notice of an intended absence from school is given to them by the athlete. (Must be in school by 9:00 a.m. or 12:35 p.m.)
- C. Attendance at practice on a non-school day after school has started is voluntary.

IV. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- A. All athletes shall be present at all scheduled practices and competitions for the sport in which they are participating, unless they are excused by the principal, athletic director, or head coach.

V. GENERAL RULES

- A. An athlete may be suspended from competition and/or practice in a sport for a period not to exceed the close of the season for the sport in which the athlete is competing for any conduct which interferes with school purposes. Such conduct shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes.
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to private or school property, stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a school employee or to any student, excluding physical injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person.
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from such student.
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon.
6. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Kansas which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes.
7. A repeated violation of any school rule or school board policy if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
8. Athletes will be held responsible for their equipment. Any abuse or lost equipment or clothing will be the sole responsibility of the athlete.

VI. **ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES**

- A. The following guidelines are followed for out-of-town trips:
 1. In order to participate as a member of a school sponsored group, a student must ride the school-provided transportation to that activity. Any exceptions to this policy must be made in advance with both the sponsor and the principal.
 2. Students may be picked up at pick-up points along the route by arrangement with the sponsor or office.
 3. Where practical, the route will be through Nashville and Zenda.
 4. Students are expected to ride the bus back to Cunningham unless other arrangements are made. The drop-off point in Zenda is at the church on the corner of Main Street and Highway 42. The drop-off point in Nashville is the service station on the north side of Highway 42 across from the elevator.
 5. A student will be released to his/her parents or guardian at the activity. The parent/guardian is to sign a waiver releasing the sponsor of any liability for the student.

6. The student will be released to an adult at the parents/guardian's request. The parent/guardian must make personal contact with the sponsor or school office or a note must be presented to the office allowing sufficient time for a verbal verification.
7. The school will not release a student to a minor (under 18 years of age) even with parental/guardian permission.
8. Cellular telephones are available on the vehicles for the students to use to notify parents/guardians of an approximate arrival time so the parent/guardian can meet the vehicle.
9. If a vehicle is left at a drop-off point for the student to drive home, the school vehicle will wait until your student is in their vehicle and moving before they leave.
10. We will not leave the student at a drop-off point if we feel there is a danger due to bad weather, poor conditions, vehicle trouble, etc. Contact with the parent/guardian will be attempted with the cellular phone if this situation arises. If the parents/guardians cannot be reached the student will be taken to Cunningham High School.

VII. ATHLETIC LETTERS

A. General requirements for all sports:

1. To letter the athlete must complete the season. An athlete injured while participating in a sport will be exempt from this rule if the injury prevents completion of the season.
2. An athlete, who is injured in practice or a game so that he/she cannot complete the season, will letter if he/she was meeting the prorated requirements for a letter at the time of the injury.
3. Any games missed because of injury or illness shall not count against an athlete.
4. An athlete who participates in a sport all four years in High School or three years (two for football) for Junior High School will letter his/her final year.
5. The athlete must have the recommendation of the coach and the concurrence of the athletic director and principal.

B. Specific requirements:

1. Football – participate in $\frac{1}{4}$ of varsity quarters.
2. Volleyball – participate in $\frac{1}{3}$ of varsity games
3. Basketball – participate in $\frac{1}{4}$ of varsity quarters

4. Track – score 10 points or place in the league track meet.
5. Golf – place in 2 varsity tournaments, or place in League tournament, or average 55 strokes for 9 holes in competition.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Use of whirlpool.

1. The use of the whirlpool should be arranged between the athlete and the head coach. Coaches must **NEVER** leave an athlete alone in the whirlpool. Someone should be with the athlete at all times. Coaches should make sure the athlete has been instructed on the proper use of the whirlpool as far as length of time to be in it and what temperature to use.

IX. BUS RULES

- A. Remain seated at all times when bus is in motion. Unload only when sponsor instructs you to do so.
- B. Be extremely quiet when traveling in traffic and approaching railroad crossings.
- C. Do not distract driver at anytime when he is driving.
- D. Do not leave pop cans, candy wrappers, orange peels, etc., on the bus floor. Discard in container provided on bus or take it with your. Glass bottles or containers are not allowed on a school bus unless located inside a cooler.
- E. Never place any part of your body outside the bus window.
- F. Do not occupy seats in such a manner as to block aisles or close off exit path from rear to front of bus.
- G. Don't panic if an accident occurs. Remember you are more than 10 times safer than if you were riding in a passenger car.
- H. Heed all instructions promptly from sponsor or person in charge of bus conduct.
- I. Treat the bus with respect and dignity -- it is your classroom away from school, not a garbage container or a bedroom.

SPIRITLEADER CONSTITUTION

PURPOSE

1. Each Spiritleader shall promote and uphold school spirit.
2. They shall develop a sense of good sportsmanship among the students and adults.
3. They shall promote crowd involvement during athletic events.
4. They shall strive to build better relationships between schools.
5. They shall strive to uphold the highest personal and Spiritleader values.

VALUES OF A SPIRITLEADER

1. Develop leadership abilities.
2. Develop physical fitness and coordination.
3. Show courtesy, tolerance, and self-control when excited or under stress.
4. Develop qualities of good sportsmanship.
5. Develop an appreciation of sports.
6. Develop ability to assume responsibility.
7. Develop qualities of patience and respect toward others.
8. Develop communication skills.
9. Develop personal self-confidence.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Spiritleaders shall cooperate with the sponsors, principal, coaches, game officials, and other squad members.
2. It is a Spiritleader's responsibility to concentrate during practices and games to prevent injury to yourself or other spiritleaders.
3. Spiritleaders should be enthusiastic, well-groomed, and show self-control at all times.
4. Spiritleaders should promote good sportsmanship and school spirit through cooperation with other students, teachers and administrators.
5. Spiritleaders are responsible for knowing all cheers, chants, and any extra routines.
6. Spiritleaders are representatives of USD #332. They must act so at all times, especially when in uniform.
7. Spiritleaders will attend the summer clinic.

UNIFORMS AND APPEARANCE

1. The school will purchase uniforms. These items are the property of USD #332.

2. Spiritleaders will be required to purchase matching shoes, socks, bloomers, and other attire selected by the squad and sponsors.
3. To help maintain overall appearance, Spiritleader shoes will be worn only when the Spiritleader is in uniform, or during practice.
4. Sponsors will set a schedule for the attire to be worn to school on game days and to all varsity games.
5. Spiritleaders are responsible for the care of the uniform. Any damage or neglect to the uniform could result in a fine equal to the repair or replacement cost.
6. Pom-poms will be provided by the school.
7. When cheering and stunting, Spiritleaders must have hair pulled back so that it is out of the face and off the shoulders.
8. No pins or buttons may be worn while in uniform.
9. Appropriate jewelry may be worn during school but may not be worn during practice or while cheering at pep assemblies or games. (Appropriate jewelry will be judged by the sponsors.)
10. KSHSAA rules will govern the use of glitter, glitter lotion, or glitter powder.
11. Spiritleaders will not be allowed to cheer if they are seen with a hickey on a game day. They will be required to attend the game in uniform and sit in the cheering section.
12. There will be no display of intimate affection (hugging, kissing, sitting on lap, etc...) any time the Spiritleader is in uniform.

GAMES

1. If not a member of the playing team, the Spiritleader will cheer at all varsity football and basketball games during the season. An absence must be excused personally by a sponsor or the principal.
2. During basketball every effort should be made by the Spiritleader/player to be ready to cheer by the beginning of the second quarter.
3. If not participating in the current game, Spiritleaders will be on the court/field ready to cheer prior to a player introduction.
4. During basketball season a Spiritleader's first priority will be to attend basketball practice. Her attendance at away games will depend on departure time and transportation availability.
5. A Spiritleader should eat only in a refreshment area.
6. Chewing gum is prohibited while in uniform.
7. Spiritleaders should not sit in the stands or leave the squad except during half-time or at the end of the game.

PRACTICES

1. Attendance at all practices is required. An absence must be excused personally by a sponsor or the principal before the practice.
2. A practice schedule will be set up by the sponsor.
3. Be dressed, on the floor, and ready for practice at the time given. Arrive early so you are prepared to begin.

4. Work hard to improve, be serious when listening to suggestions or giving them.
5. Make your comments positive.
6. Give your attention to the sponsor.
7. Concentration is a must. This will help to prevent injury.
8. Confidence comes from being prepared to execute the cheer or routine. Proper execution comes from hard work, concentration, and self-control.
9. Transportation will be provided by the school to away games.

PENALTIES

1. Spiritleaders are subject to all rules and regulations listed in the district athletic handbook. Any infraction of these rules and regulations will result in a district penalty.
2. Demerit System: A demerit is any violation of the rules in the constitution.
 - 1st Infraction: Suspension for next game day. A Spiritleader, in uniform, must attend the game and sit in the cheering section. Parents will be notified.
 - 2nd Infraction: Two (2) game suspensions. A Spiritleader, in uniform, must attend the game and sit in the cheering section. Parents will be notified.
 - 3rd Infraction: Suspension from cheering with the squad for the remainder of the season. Parents will be notified.
 - Suspension: A suspended Spiritleader is still required to uphold all of the rules and regulations stated in the constitution. If, after the 3rd infraction, two additional demerits are received during the suspension, the Spiritleader will be terminated from the squad.
 - If a Spiritleader has previously received three demerits and has been suspended for the remainder of that season, she will only be allowed two additional demerits before complete termination from the squad.
 - At the conclusion of the fall season (Football), any demerits received will be wiped off and each Spiritleader who has been suspended for the season will be reinstated.
3. Upon termination, the Spiritleader must turn in all school owned uniforms and accessories. The Spiritleader cannot be reinstated once terminated.
4. Demerits will be given for unexcused absences from practices, games, and school provided transportation.