



# Cat Chat



Cashion High School

September 2008

## Words for Wildcats

By: Mr. Garrison

This past summer has been very busy and productive in preparing for the 2008-2009 school year. The bond issue that past in February of 2007 has allowed for a great deal of progress in our schools. We have been afforded new buses, heat and air conditioning renovations, football field improvements, a new Ag truck, cafeteria renovations, and a new school building. We are very proud and pleased with the enhancements to our school and school programs.

The Cashion School Board is currently exploring the idea of a new bond election that could be held in February of 2009. While we have made vast improvements and expansions to our campus, we still have numerous needs that must be addressed. Our current funding will not accommodate for facility improvements, so a bond issue is truly the only way to obtain the finances necessary to complete major facility improvements. Some of the items that have been discussed for a new bond issue are as follows: survey and repair roofing systems, renovation of restroom facilities, replacement of worn and outdated flooring, replacement of windows, renovation of library, renovation of the family and consumer science classroom, upgrade computers and technology, band equipment, replace seating in the auditorium, replace seating in the gymnasium, purchase of an activity bus. This is not an all inclusive list, and it is doubtful that we can accommodate every item on this list. However, the fact remains that our school and school programs have needs and the passage of a new bond issue is vital to the continued progress of our school.

We have recently received our district tests scores from last year. I am excited to announce that both our high school and elementary scores have improved significantly. Our staff and students are to be commended for their academic efforts. While I do not believe that test scores are the driving force of education, I do feel that they allow for a great deal of

incite as to the strengths and weaknesses of a school. We will celebrate this success and also look for ways in which we can continue to improve.

We have started the year with quite a few new faces. We have several new staff members we are thankful to have, and we have also added about twenty new students. This growth is good for our school system. An increase in our student enrollment creates additional state funding, and will in time allow us to expand our curriculum offerings.

I again want to thank our parents, patrons, and the community of Cashion. Your continued generous support has been essential in the successes of our school system. Our school will continue to prosper with the benevolence of the community. Families want to be a part of something progressive and successful. We have new and improved facilities, increasing test scores, successful programs, a talented and compassionate staff, and a supportive and generous community. Thank you for the difference you make in the lives and education of our students.

There's nothing wrong with having your goals really high and trying to achieve them. That's the fun part. You may come up short. I've come up short on a lot of my goals, but it's always fun to try and achieve them.

- Tiger Woods

2007—2008

Yearbooks for Sale!

If you failed to purchase a yearbook in advance, there are a few extras copies that can be purchased at this time. The price is \$40. You may purchase one by contacting Mrs. Gruntmeir.

# Secondary News

By. Mrs. Oard,  
H.S. Principal

Since the first of August, time has absolutely flown by. With the preparation to move into a new building, finally moving into the site, and continuing to unpack and settle in, it is difficult to believe Labor Day is just around the corner. Each teacher occupying a new classroom will tell you how worthwhile all the work has been. The rooms are spacious and much more comfortable for the "big" kids. The science and art rooms have more functionality than previous classrooms. I wish each parent could have seen the face of his/her child when entering the building the first time. The students were very impressed and have been good custodians of the school you built for them.

Many parents and district patrons have been generous with their time. You helped us move, cleaned up our grounds, and beautified the landscaping. The new plants in front of the high school are wonderful. I really don't think I can successfully put into words how very grateful the faculty is for everything. Even worse, I am desperately afraid that I will hurt someone's feelings by not thanking them appropriately. Please know that the faculty and I feel blessed to be a part of this experience.

Our new faculty members have repeatedly expressed to me how much they are enjoying Cashion

students. It's gratifying to hear others express what you and I see in these young men and women. Encourage your children to continue in their diligence and their display of those positive attitudes. It reflects well on us and, most importantly, sets the tone for those children new to our school.

On a more academic note, user names and passwords for the online grade book program will be distributed to parents and guardians after Labor Day. Eligibility for athletic and activity participation will be submitted for the first time on September 4. Please call the teacher with any concerns over course work (433-2575). They want to hear from you.

## FCCLA News

The Cashion chapter of Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is off to a great start. Thirty-six students have already paid dues and memorized the FCCLA creed. This year the Cashion chapter is planning to attend a District meeting in Fairview, OK on September 10. The theme is Motivation in Motion. All paying members will travel to this event to hear motivational speakers. New officers will also have a time of training with other Oklahoma chapter officers.

Speaking of officers, the 2008-2009 president for the Cashion FCCLA chapter is Corrie Ready. Watch for the rest of this year's officers to be listed in the next issue of the Cashion Cat Chat.

Junior and Senior FCCLA members will have a chance to experience OSU's Career Horizons on September 30. This activity takes local students into the heart

of the OSU campus for a time of projects, information and fun inside the Department of Human Environmental Sciences. After a summer of job shadowing, college students at OSU form a panel to speak on the experiences, then breakout sessions teach career motivated subjects to the students. After lunch the college students put on a yearly fashion show for the surrounding area high schools. It is a very educational glimpse into the college level curriculum.

Next, on the agenda this year is a leadership conference called Take Aim. FCCLA members will participate in an all day presentation which gives important information to students wanting to build leadership skills. Many surrounding schools participate.

Some other activities will include district, regional, and state competitions through FCCLA Star Events. All students enrolled in a FACS class have the option of paying \$20 dues this year and participating in as many activities as they are able. There is so much opportunity for growth and leadership right here in the Cashion FCCLA chapter. The Cashion Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teacher and FCCLA advisor, Mrs. Radford, will answer any questions you may have about FCCLA and the events for the year. You can contact her through the school at 405-433-2575 or call 405-969-2082.

**Lookin' forward  
to a GREAT  
year!! :)**

# ~Counselor's Corner~

By: Meagan Scott

## SENIOR PARENTS:

If you want to stay updated with the latest scholarship and important information regarding the senior year please email Mrs. Scott at [mscott@cashion.k12.ok.us](mailto:mscott@cashion.k12.ok.us) and in the subject line put Senior and the name of your child.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship offers that I receive will be placed in a scholarship book that is available for viewing by the seniors either in Mr. Stover's English class or in my office. If they see a scholarship(s) they want to apply for they can fill out a request and I will get them the information for that scholarship(s).

\*\*To search for scholarships use [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 17** -----Practice ACT for All Juniors

**September 19** -----Registration deadline for the ACT test for October 25

**September 24** -----Explore Test for All 8<sup>th</sup> graders

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** -----Plan Test for all Sophomores

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** -----PSAT/NMSQT administered at Cashion High School

## **ACT TEST DATES**

Cost- \$31.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 25, 2008	September 19
December 13, 2008	November 7
February 7, 2009	January 6
April 4, 2009	February 27
June 13, 2009	May 8

Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

The ACT school code is 370-645

## *New Teachers at Cashion High School*

Cashion high school welcomes new teachers this year. They come from diverse backgrounds and have many unique talents to offer.

**Mrs. Scott** is the new high school counselor. She is married to Rip, and has three daughters- Cadyn, Marley and Harper. She attended college at the University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma. She has previously worked in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, El Reno and Deer Creek. Her hobbies include reading, shopping, traveling, being with her family, and watching reality TV.

**Mr. Wilson** teaches 8th, 10th, and 11th grade English, along with Reading. His wife is a teacher and his son came with him to Cashion. He attended college at UCO, and this is his first year to teach. He enjoys visting with friends and family, reading, cooking, and watching college football.

**Mrs. Haun** teaches English. She is married to Billy and has three children- Jonathon, Trey, and Angela. She attended UCO and taught classes at the Omniplex for 14 years, and also taught at the Marquette School in Tulsa. She loves animals and has Pygmy goats, shinchillas, dogs, and cats.

**Mr. Young** teaches Geography and U.S. History. He is married to Nikki and has two children- Kylee and Coltyn. He attended UCO, and has taught at Guthrie, Gypsum, and Livingston, Texas. His hobbies include golf, Playstation, sports, TV, and reading.

**Mrs. Garrett** teaches math. She is married to Chris and has two children- Chandler and Bailey. She attended college at UCO and taught at Deer Creek Middle School for four years. She enjoys landscaping, singing, and dancing.

**Mrs. Ross** teaches Anatomy, Physiology, and 7th and 8th grade science. She lives in Cashion with her four year-old. She attended college at SWOSU and UCO. She has taught at UCO, Moore Central Jr. High, and Putman City Original. She plays piano and likes to garden and go for long walks. She also likes to listen to Nine Inch Nails and Metallica.

**Mrs. Allen** teaches health, zoology, chemistry, and biology. Her husband is a zookeeper at the OKC Zoo. She has two children- Owen and Melissa, and two grandchildren- Megan and Lilly. She attended college at Northern Arizona University, OSU, and UCO. She previously taught at Edmond Mid High, and Guthrie Junior High and High School. She enjoys knitting, traveling, reading, and anything outdoors.

# Hoggatt's Happenings

Wow! What an exciting start to our 2008-2009 school year. We have had so many volunteers helping to make our school the best it can be.

The Cashion Education Foundation and North Pointe Baptist Church helped paint and remodel the elementary office, the computer lab and the exterior of the school. They also landscaped the front of the elementary and the high school building. William Farrow volunteered and built a new sign in front of the elementary. The Cashion PTO remodeled the elementary teacher's lounge. The students and staff have been so proud of the improvements made to our school.

We have some new teachers to our elementary building that I am proud to introduce. Sabrina Stewart is teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She is a former Cashion employee that taught special education for 10 years. Also, she taught elementary special education in Mooreland, Oklahoma. She is married to Mike Stewart. They have three boys; McCaleb, Brayden and Grayson.

Lynn Haun is one of our elementary special education teachers. She is a first year teacher to public education but she comes to us with 12 years of teaching science classes at the Omniplex. She is married to Billy and they have three kids; Angela Johnathan and Trey.

Greg Aldridge is our new 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band Director and elementary music teacher. Greg is a first year teacher with a lot of energy and passion for music. He graduated from Oklahoma City University's Bass School of Music, where he received his degree in Instrumental Music Education. He was a member of the Oklahoma City University's Varsity Rowing Team and Junior Varsity Soccer Team.

D.L. Robertson is our new elementary P.E. teacher. He has been teaching and coaching in Cashion for 21 years. He is married to Sally Robertson and they have two children; Dexton and Tatum. We are so grateful to have a full time P.E. teacher at Cashion Elementary and honored to have Coach Robertson in this position.

Tara Hixon is our new librarian. She comes to us from the business world. This is her first year as a school librarian. Tara is married Mike and they have two children; Eli and Zoe. One of her favorite authors is Jane Austin and she is always looking for volunteers to come reshelf books in the library. Come see us! Were are having a great year and remember. . . You are a Wise Wildcat!

Your Partner in Education,  
Ashley Hoggatt

# Paper Recycle Bin

By: Shelby Sexton

The second grade class as a fundraiser and as their project "to leave a legacy" is sponsoring a community recycling project. The paper recycling bins are located in the west parking lot by the cafeteria.

The leadership class has set out paper boxes in every classroom and collects them every Friday to take.

Please DON'T put CARDBOARD, PLASTIC, or PHONEBOOKS in recycle bins.

## COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

September is Oklahoma College Savings Plan Month! If you open up a 529 savings account during the month of September you could win a VIP Fan Experience at one of three OU, OSU, or Tulsa football games.

Families can deduct up to \$20,000 per year from their Oklahoma taxable income for contributions made to the Oklahoma College Savings Plan. Earnings grow tax free and the money can be used at any public, private, in-state, or out-of-state accredited facility. Enroll at [www.ok4saving.org](http://www.ok4saving.org) or call 1-800-974-5238 where a savings consultant is available to answer any question and mail you an enrollment kit.

## COLLEGE DAY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS AT KINGFISHER

Tuesday, September 16 is college day for junior and senior students. Students will be able to speak with over 40 college and university representatives (public and private), 3 branches of the military, 2 Vocational Schools, and Central State Beauty Academy.

The bus will leave at 12:30 p.m. and return by 3:15. Students can pick up a permission slip in the office. The first 50 students to return their permission slip by September 9th will be able to attend.

## Cashion Alumni

By: Kathy Harris

A few alumni have gotten together and had an alumni web-site built for all alumni to use. This site will allow all alumni one central location to stay in touch without being spread out over many national alumni sites, plan reunions, and have the privacy other services cannot provide.

This site will handle all reunion information and allow classmates to find each other and communicate. The site will be managed daily. The direct site link is: <http://cashionhighschool.alumniclass.com>.





## **Cashion Wildcat Booster Club 2008- 2009**

**President-** Mark Welch ([mwelch@pkequipment.com](mailto:mwelch@pkequipment.com))

**President Elect-** Cheryl Wilkerson ([cashionwilk@prodigy.net](mailto:cashionwilk@prodigy.net))

**Treasurer-** Peggy Duke ([prd1959@yahoo.com](mailto:prd1959@yahoo.com))

**Secretary-** Tracy Mayfield ([tmay1222@cox.net](mailto:tmay1222@cox.net))

Dear parent(s),

I hope you are excited as I am about the upcoming school year. As we begin another year of exciting Cashion Wildcat activities, I would like to invite you to join the Cashion Wildcat Booster Club. If you are already a member, please invite all parents and community members you know to join and/or sponsor the CWBC.

This club is designed to support ALL of the following activities at CHS: football, band, fast-pitch softball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, power lifting, track, baseball, and slow-pitch softball. Our next meeting is SUNDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00pm in the new High School. By uniting all of the aforementioned activities in this booster club, it is our belief that it will also help unite our community to promote and support all of the students at Cashion Schools who dedicate so much of their time and energy to represent all of Cashion.

Please contact any of these members to join, sponsor, or learn more about the goals and ideas that the Cashion WBC has already set into motion. Please contact me with any questions you might have concerning this new endeavor. I hope to see you Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jason Robison  
Cashion WBC  
Membership Chairperson  
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