

By Jan Rahn Managing Editor

Wallace students will put in their first full day of school on Monday, Aug. 17 with regular hours. The bell rings at 8:05 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:38 p.m.

In a recent letter to district patrons, Superintendent Todd Porter said he is looking forward to a new school year filled with promise.

“It is clear that Wallace students can rise to the occasion and meet the challenges that arise in an ever-changing world,” said Porter. Many of life’s lessons can be learned outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom, he said.

New Staff

There are four new staff members being welcomed to Wallace School for the 2009-10 term.

- Wendy Cline—Title 1: Already a familiar face to many, substitute teacher Wendy Cline will now take on a new role as Title 1 paraeducator. The Chadron State College grad has two sons who attend Wallace High School—Brendon, a senior, and Dalton who will be a sophomore.
- Derek Hutchison—Social Studies/Coach: New 7-12 social studies teacher Derek Hutchison joins the district from Banner County Schools where he taught and coached for the past two years.

He will serve as the new head football coach, replacing Tom Carlstrom in the classroom and on the gridiron. As the school year marches along, Hutchison will perform assistant boys basketball duties and assist with track in the spring.

- Dean Franzen—Business/Coach: Teaching 7-12 business and assisting in football is Dean Franzen who moved his family to Wallace from Arlington.

The Kearney State College grad has many years of successful business experience. He and his wife Brenda have four children, three of whom will contribute to the student body at Wallace. Their oldest, Taylor, will attend UNK this fall as a freshman. Hunter, Cheyanne and Sedonah will be in 10th, fifth and third grade respectively at Wallace School.

Franzen will become head boys basketball coach later in the semester.

- Gregory Skeen—K-12 Art/Coach: Having completed student teaching in David City, Neb., and in Houston, Gregory Skeen joins the faculty roster as art instructor, assistant football coach, assistant girls basketball coach, and annual sponsor.

Skeen grew up in Wood River and is a recent graduate of Concordia University.

Lunch Prices

Prices for student lunches have taken a slight jump. In order to meet the expenses of the lunch program, the Wallace Board of Education increased prices for K-12 students by 25 cents. Adult lunch prices remain the same as last year.

Grades K-6 lunches will cost \$1.75, seventh through 12th grade will pay \$2. Adult lunches cost \$3.

Extra milk will cost students and adults an extra 35 cents.

The school cannot accept cash sales in the lunch room—students need to bring advance lunch money to the office.

Fall Sports

Football practice is already underway. Volleyball practice begins on the first day of school Monday.

The Wildcats' first football game is in Wauneta on Friday, Aug. 28.