

Cardinal Quarterly 26-27

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The Class of 2027 Starts Strong!

Photo courtesy of Chantel Rindt

Below: The Senior class gathers for the traditional Senior Sunrise breakfast at the High School track.



Sedgwick Fall Scrimmages



Above: The cheer team brings energy to the crowd of supporters.
Photo courtesy of Helgesen

Renewed Focused

Fall scrimmages allow an opportunity for Sedgwick teams to do more than just practice; they offer an opportunity for players to work with their new coaches and to assess the team for strengths and weaknesses. This year's team came out with a positive mindset and an eagerness to bring excitement to the gridiron.



Right: The SHS football team is introduced to the Cardinal audience.
Photo by Maddie Snodgrass



Above: The 2026-27 Junior Cheer team meets the Sedgwick crowd of supporters during the Fall Scrimmage Showcase.

Let's Go, Girls!

Photo courtesy of Marquez

Sedgwick volleyball has been a powerhouse in the past, and this year's teams are no different. The ladies spent the season striving to bring action in the gym.

Below: The SHS volleyball team gets in sync for a strong season.





EXCITING Summer Events

The FFA students participated in the Kansas FFA competition this summer and walked away with a lot of awards. Pablo Ugues received first place in the People in Agriculture Poster competition. Pablo said, “At first, I didn't think I took first, but after they called my name on stage, I was relieved and happy. All I was thinking was what my parents would say and what's next to come in the future. The best part, I would say, was probably just the memories of my experiences, competing in it and taking first place.”

FFA Honors

Above: Freshman Pablo Ugues earns an award at the Kansas State Convention for Agriculture .

Photo courtesy of Mulkey



Science Lab FUN!

Right: 2nd grader, Braxton Vernia completes an archaeology lab in science class.



Back-to-School EXCITEMENT

Elementary students Jordyn Mize, Zeke Boyer, Roman Tennant, Chase Smith, Madalyn Winter, and Skilar Boyer are greeted by the 26-27 teaching staff.

The Educational Journey BEGINS for Sedgwick Preschoolers

Preschool students: Josie and Lilith Blase, Rosemary Davis, Oliver Jackson, Colton Briggs, and Annikah Monterrubio begin their school careers with cooperation and song.



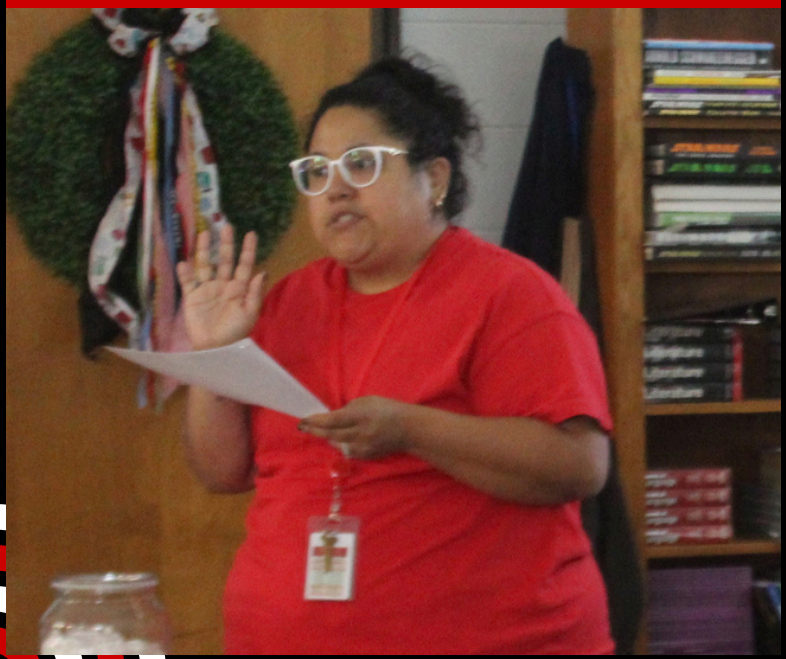
NEW STAFF

by Maddie Snodgrass & Raegan Jefferis



Exercising Excitement
Photo by Bryson S

Joining this year's elementary staff is Jerod Payne. Payne brings youth and joy to the job. When asked about his time with the students, Payne said, "It has been nothing short of amazing. It is kinda like a church; everyone has been smiling and very welcoming. It is great." WIth a soft place in his heart for his hard-working fourth graders, Payne brings energy to the gym.



Bringing English Energy
Photo by Conner Cox

English teacher Peter Ercolani is both a KU Jayhawk and a WSU Shocker as well as a and bright new edition to the Language Arts team. Ecrolani says, "I feel very lucky to be here and everyone here is really nice." When asked about teaching the SJHS students, Ercolani said that he likes "... students who are very energetic and like to share their opinions."



Reading the Room
Photo by Raegan Jefferis

Grace Neilsen brings experience and legitimate skill to the SJHS Special Education classroom. When asked about her first few weeks on staff, Neilsen said, "[The] people are very, very nice, and I very much enjoy teaching here." Neilsen's teaching assignment includes SPED English and handling IEP oversight.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS!



Deeds Serves up the Action

by Maddie Snodgrass & Raegan Jefferis
Photo courtesy of Shane Vondracek

Sophomore Natalie Deeds locks in points for the SHS Junior Varsity team during the first home game of the season. The girls' teams are so in sync this year; as Deeds succinctly put it, "I think our team has been working hard, connecting well, and I believe we will go far if we keep working hard." When asked what her personal creed was, Deeds said she lives by Philippians 4:13, " I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Taking to the Field

Photo courtesy of Shane Vondracek

Cardinal Football took on Remington at the start of the season. Senior Tyler Snodgrass (pictured right) said, "The season started out rough, but I feel like we can turn it around." Snodgrass also added that he lives by the maxim, "Believe you can and you're halfway there." This positive frame of mind is indicative of all of this year's Cardinal teams.





Running the Course

Photo by Raegan Jefferis

In an interesting twist, the Cross Country team ran their races in the morning time most of the season due to the extreme heat. However, this change didn't impact the team's spirit. In fact, Lucia Pulaski took third place at the Pretty Prairie Cross Country. Pulaski said, "[You should always] run the first two thirds of the race with your head and the last third with your heart."

JR. HIGH FALL SPORTS!



Up and Away
Photo courtesy of Shane Vondracek

Freshman Zora Pegues delivers a madly accurate serve during the Jr high A team match. Zora said, “the season is going to go good we have a lot of new 7th graders with tons of potential. Pegues believes the maxim that ”your team is as strong as your weakest player.”

Rising to the Top
Photo courtesy of Jill Deeds

Junior Cheer shows off their stunting ability with Sami Deeds (flyer), Rylee Wienly (left base), Addisyn Weber (back spot), Lyla Neal (right base) during an away SJHS football game. When asked about this year’s team, Coach Jill Deeds said, “we have really good performances and are doing really well, but [I also encourage the girls] to be the teammate you would want beside you.”





Outstanding in the Field
Photo courtesy of Watkins

Junior High students have been having to show their flexibility when trying to run in this year’s record-breaking heat. Still, Coach Amy Watkins is confident and said, “we are a very young team that has a lot of potential and to work hard everyday.” We are excited about the future of this Sedgwick team.

KS State Fair





FFA Cardinals at the State Fair

On September 14, 2026, under the guidance of sponsor Meghan Strassburg the FFA went to the KS State Fair. Sophomore Hailey Chambers said, “it was really fun and they got more experience. Along with placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and even 4th .”

Building and Competing

Freshman Lilah Tolin had success at the Fair with her Wooden Flower Box. She won 2nd place for her project and said, “It was really fun, especially because I won 2nd place.”



On an Adventure

Jesus Perez, Pablo Ugues, Hannah Bakker, Lori Roseberry, and Lilah Tolin enjoyed the Fair after checking their FFA projects.

FFA Results

1st Place

Lori Roseberry- Novelty Arrangements Grades 7, 8, 9
Jesus Perez- Wristlet (Grades 10, 11, 12)
Maddex Ugues- Dried Natural Wreath
Sophie Sexton- FFA Photography Grades 7 , 8, 9

2nd Place

Jesus Perez- FFA Native Grass Exhibit (Big Bluestem)
Jesus Perez- Vegetable and Fruit Exhibits (Hot Peppers)
Addison Quiring- Painted/Decorated Pumpkins
Anastasia Bryant- Dried/Natural Arrangement Grades 10, 11, 12
Addison Quiring- Artificial Arrangements Grades 7, 8, 9
Haylie Chambers- Seasonal or Occasional Arrangement Grades 10, 11, 12
Sophie Sexton- Novelty Arrangements Grades 7, 8, 9
Charley Basurto- Wristlet (Grades 10, 11, 12)
Addison Quiring- Artificial Boutonniere Grades 7, 8, 9
Haylie Chambers- Seasonal or Occasional Wreath Grades 10, 11, 12 Wall or Door Swag
Taelyn Holmes- Dried/Natural Wall or Door Swag Artificial Wall or Door Swag
Lilah Tolin- Outdoor Furniture (picnic tables, benches, swings, etc.)

3rd Place

Jesus Perez- Vegetable and Fruit Exhibits (Tomatoes- Large Type)
Jesus Perez- Dish Garden or Creative Plant Display (3 Specimans or more)
Jesus Perez- Dried/Natural Arrangement Grades 10, 11, 12
Taelyn Holmes- Wristlet (Grades 10, 11, 12)
Jesus Perez- Dried/Natural Wall or Door Swag Artificial Wall or Door Swag

4th Place

Hayley Hastings- Wristlet (Grades 10, 11, 12)
Raegan Jefferis- Functional Small Projects (lamp, hat rack, boot jack, towel racks, door knockers, doorbells, etc.)

5th Place

Charley Basurto- Dried/Natural Arrangement Grades 10, 11, 12
Brynn Harmon- Artificial Arrangements Grades 10, 11, 12
Brynn Harmon- Wedding Arrangements (Grades 10, 11, 12)





Strike up the Band!

Once again, the High School band led by Mr. Matt Baker competed in the State Fair on September 14, 2026 and received a rating of 1 on their performance.

Photo courtesy of Helgesen

Grandparents' Day
Photos by Lexy Rapp





Good Times, Good Vibes with Grandparents

Grandparents hold a special place in the hearts of their grandchildren and having an opportunity to honor them is awesome, so it is no wonder that Grandparents' Day always brings joy and excitement to the fall season. Senior Mya Tiede said, "I was so happy to be helping out and seeing the families bond."

Hosted by The Cardinal Collective, this annual event allowed Sedgwick Elementary students a chance to invite their grandparents into their school life. To start things off right a selection of delicious baked cookies.

Our community is so great that Diane Thompson and Leah Gaede even volunteered to be Grandparents-for-a-Day for students whose grandparents were unable to be a part of the activities. Junior Brooklyn Cox said,"It was so cute when the grandparents who lived far away got to see their grandkids for the first time in awhile. The kids ran to see them."



Top: 5th grader Karly Conrady and her grandfather ponder the cookie options.

Middle: 4th grader Tisha Jones and her grandfather enjoy the grandparents' Day festivities.

Bottom: Kindergartner Owen Hiebert looks on with awe as 2nd grader Maddie Ugues and her grandmother select cookies. 2nd grader Avery Brandt waits excitedly with her grandmother, and 6th grader Nora Lynch waits with her mother for their chance to pick out cookies. Katie Lynch said she "...was impressed with how...well organized it was...and [she] really liked the activity they did."

FFA Pumpkin Patch

The Great Pumpkin Comes to Sedgwick!

Sedgwick had its very own pumpkin patch in the school's courtyard. Featuring Mrs. Boxberger's first-grade class (pictured below), the elementary students were led in fun fall activities by the FFA students. These activities included pumpkin education, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and games. Sophomore Haylie Chambers said, "We got to help kids learn about different pumpkins and what they can do in life."

Seniors Hayley Hastings and Raegan Jefferis hosted one of the festive activities: the Blind Fall Food Tasting. Hastings said her favorite part was seeing all the 1st Graders reactions to the different foods.

Photo by Kailey Zerbe (at right)





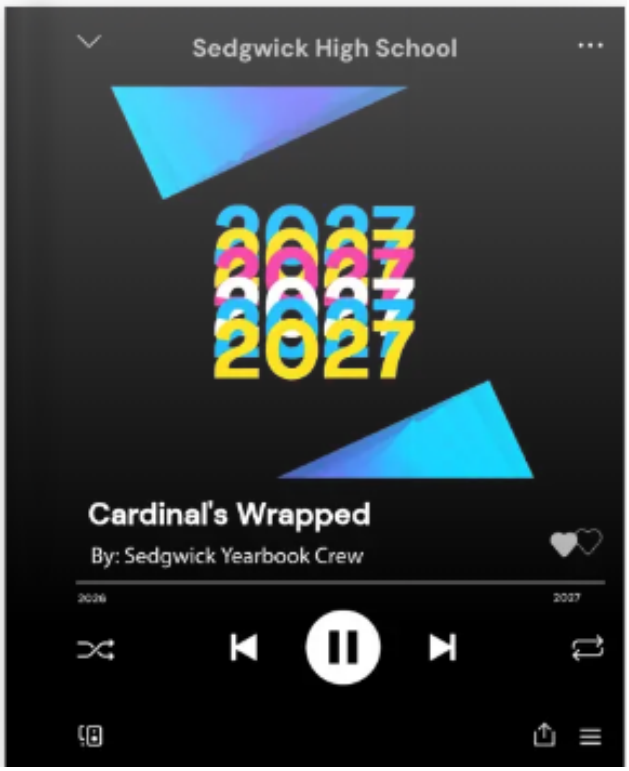




Yearbook News

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Cardinal's Wrapped

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