Wyandotte Basketball, 20 And Counting

November 2026, Monthly Newsletter

As our teams prepare for another exciting season, mark your calendars and come out to support our Bulldogs! Let's pack the stands, make some noise, and show our teams what Bulldog pride is all about!

20 & Counting…… The Legacy Continues!

Boy's Basketball 26/27

December 1	Guadalupe	Wyandotte, 7pm
December 3	Bishop Seabury	Bishop Seabury, 7pm
December 4	Crossroads	Wyandotte, 7pm
December 8	Kipp Legacy	Wyandotte, 7pm
December 11	KC Christian	Wyandotte, 7pm
December 15	Schlagle	Schlagle, 7pm
December 18	Highland Park	Highland Park, 7pm



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Girls Basketball 26/27

December 15	Schlagle	Wyandotte, 7pm
December 18	Highland Park	Highland Park, 6pm
January 5	Atchison	Atchinson, 6pm
January 15	Tonganoxie	Wyandotte, 4pm
January 21	Lawrence Free State	Lawrence Free State, 5:30
January 28	BVW	BVW, 7pm

Please come out and show your support for our girls and first-year head coach, John Rodeheaver, as they begin an exciting new season!

Let's pack the gym, make some noise, and show our Bulldog pride!

Bulldogs For Life!

Meet Coach John Mark Rodeheaver



Where did you attend college, and what did you study? I attended Point Loma Nazarene University, where I earned my undergraduate degree in Exercise and Sport Performance in 2019. I recently completed my MBA with an emphasis in Sports Management from Olivet Nazarene University.

What attracted you to Wyandotte and the Bulldog girls basketball program? Having grown up in an urban neighborhood in San Diego, I knew I wanted to teach and coach high school students in an urban community. For the past four years, I taught at Eisenhower Middle School and coached football, basketball, and track. I'm grateful and honored for the opportunity to teach Physical Education and coach the Bulldog girls basketball program at Wyandotte.

What can players and parents expect from you as a coach? They can expect a team culture built on belief, togetherness, accountability, and grit. We will emphasize character, teamwork, a strong work ethic, and basketball development while maintaining consistent standards. I believe in servant leadership and will work to help each player become the best person and player they can be. We will respect and value everyone.

What are your goals for the girls basketball program this season? My goal is for everyone to grow and become better each day. Success in the classroom and on the court will be a byproduct of giving our very best, with what we have, where we are, in each moment. That means being prepared to work hard and communicate with one another every day.

What is one thing people might be surprised to learn about you? People might be surprised to learn that I have hearing loss. I have a cochlear implant in my left ear and a hearing aid in my right ear. I consider it a blessing and a miracle to be able to hear and communicate verbally.

Favorite quote? "Faith without action is dead."

If you weren't coaching basketball, what would you be doing? I would be serving the youth and young adults in my community as a pastor.

Where Are They Now



Harry Gibson, Wyandotte Bulldogs Class of 1960!

From 20th & Washington Avenue in the Westheight neighborhood to the hardwood at the University of Kansas, Mr. Gibson's journey is one that Bulldog alumni can be proud of.

Gibson grew up in the Westheight neighborhood, attending **Mark Twain Elementary School** and **Northwest Junior High School** before entering Wyandotte High School in the fall of 1957.

A standout athlete for the Bulldogs, Gibson earned **First Team Class AA All-Tournament** honors and was selected to the **First Team Kansas City Kansas All-Stars by The Kansas City Star**. He also competed in the high jump for the Bulldog track & field team. During his junior season, he earned **1959 Honorable Mention Class AA All-Tournament** and **1959 First Team All-KCK** honors from *The Kansas City Star*.

His accomplishments earned him a scholarship to the **University of Kansas**, which he signed in May 1960 with legendary Jayhawk head coach **Dick Harp**.

Gibson began his KU career on the freshman team during the 1960-61 season under Coach Ted Owens. He then became a starting forward for the Jayhawks under Coach Harp.

During the **1961-62 season**, Gibson averaged 7 points and 6 rebounds per game. The following season, he increased those numbers to **8 points and 7 rebounds per game**. As a senior in **1963-64**, he again averaged 8 points and 7 rebounds while helping the Jayhawks to a 13-12 record and a third-place finish in the Big 8 Conference.

That senior season was particularly memorable. Fellow Bulldog **Steve Renko** joined him as the other starting forward for the Jayhawks. Gibson was named **Honorable Mention All-Big 8**, earned **First Team Big 8 Academic All-Conference** honors, and received the prestigious **Dr. F.C. Allen Award**, recognizing him as the Jayhawk athlete with the highest grade-point average. He earned the award while majoring in **electrical engineering**.

Following his college career, Gibson embarked on a successful professional career spanning nearly **35 years in the global energy industry**. Today, he is retired and resides in **Lawrence, Kansas**.

And the Gibson family has deep Bulldog roots. His brother, **John Gibson**, was a member of Wyandotte's undefeated **1970 Bulldogs**.

From Westheight to Wyandotte, from the Bulldogs to the Jayhawks, and from the basketball court to a distinguished career in the energy industry, Mr. Gibson continues to represent the excellence and tradition of **Wyandotte High School**.

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!

Professional Career

- Assisted Head Coach Ted Owens for one season in 1964-1965 before entering private business.
- Worked 34 years as an executive with ExxonMobil helping to launch their Global Energy Management System.



Connecting The Dottes: Holysmoke BBQ



With a love to serve the community and make sure everyone is happy and full, Mr. and Mrs. Jeron & Nykita Slater started Holy Smoke BBQ on May 21, 2021. The Slaters have been blessed with the supports of family, friends, and the community, for the past four years- sharing their passion for cooking and smoking meats

Better known as Mr. and Mrs. Holy Smoke, the couple have scaled from a single food truck, to a brick and mortar location, with plans to franchise. Your experience with Holy Smoke BBQ is not only beneficial to your tastebuds, but to the community.

LOCATION: 8050 Leavenworth Road ~ KANSAS CITY, KS 66109





Back in September, we had the privilege of kicking off the **Class of 1976's 50th High School Reunion weekend** with a meet-and-greet and a special tour of their old stomping grounds here at Wyandotte.

It was a wonderful evening of memories, laughter, and reconnecting with old friends as the Class of '76 walked the halls once again and revisited the places that helped shape their Bulldog memories.

Welcome home, Class of 1976! Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog! ♡♡

Whether you graduated decades ago or just recently, we hope you will take the opportunity to walk the halls, revisit old memories, reconnect with your Bulldog roots, and share the history and legacy of Wyandotte High School with the next generation.

Come home. Walk the halls. Relive the memories. Celebrate the legacy.



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