

Information Note #8 – Week of 2/23/26**CHS Wrestling State Wrestling Results**

A huge thank you to all the CWO wrestlers, parents, family members and fans who followed and supported the Columbus High School boys and girls wrestlers and their teams throughout this past season. Special thanks to those who came and supported them during the State tournament as well as those who were cheering by watching on-line or on tv.

Our CHS boys team placed 3rd in a very competitive Class A team race and had seven medalists including two State Champions. Those who medaled included Carter Booze placed 2nd at 113 lbs., Treyton Kropatsch placed 6th at 132 lbs., Chase Jenny placed 5th at 138 lbs., Laitenn Braithwait placed 3rd at 144 lbs., Carter Eisenmann placed 5th at 150 lbs., Mason Petersen placed 1st at 157 lbs. and Jaeston Delano placed 1st at 175 lbs. This was the third time since 1991 that CHS had two State Champions in the same year, including last year.

Our CHS girls team wrestled very competitively at their State Tournament and although they did not place, all four girls gained the experience they need to come back next year and achieve their goals of becoming a State medalist.

Congratulations again to all our State qualifiers that battled for a place on the medal stand ... they all did CWO and CHS proud! **We plan to introduce our State medalists to the CWO wrestlers at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, February 23rd, 2026.**

Columbus Wrestling “Anchor” Tournament – THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all our CWO and CHS parents, wrestlers, families and friends who volunteered their time this past weekend to make our 2026 Columbus Wrestling “Anchor” Tournament a huge success. We still had 775 wrestlers participate in our tournament and we ran the tournament to completion in less than 5 ½ hours thanks to our amazing volunteer workers!! A big thank you to everyone who also donated food items to the concessions stand. With your help we were able to provide one of the best tournament concessions stands we have ever had !! Last, but not least, a huge thanks to all our volunteer coaches who helped make sure that our 104 CWO wrestlers were all coached throughout the day !!! We have an amazing wrestling community and family here in Columbus and we are excited and lucky to be a part of it !!!

Team and Individual Pictures

We will update everyone when the pictures are available for pick up.

Nebraska USA Wrestling District 3 Tournament

This tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, 2026 in O’Neill. We will be going to this tournament as a team. I am strongly encouraging **everyone** to attend this tournament and make every effort to qualify for the USA State Tournament. Wrestlers can’t go to the State Tournament without going through the District Tournament. Those who qualify will advance to the Nebraska USA State Folkstyle Tournament on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 27th (in Grand Island). For those who qualify for the State tournament, the CWO will register and pay their entries.

To qualify for NEUSAW State, the following applies:

- All wrestlers, all age groups, boys and girls, must participate in the District 3 tournament
- All girls, K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 grade, automatically qualify for State
- PreK-K boys, automatically qualify for State
- Boys in grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 must place top 4 at Districts to qualify

Registration Link: Will be emailed out once available. Registration link is not currently active.

This tournament is very important to our Team and having a strong representation at the tournament is something we encourage and strive for. Please consider participating and being a part of the CWO Team represented at this tournament. For those of you who qualify for State as a result of your District placement, the CWO will pay your entry fee for the State tournament. This is one of the several events we help support through our fundraising.

Satellite weigh-ins: To avoid having to travel to O’Neill early on Saturday morning for weigh-ins, we will be hosting a satellite weigh-in in Columbus on Friday night from 6-7 p.m. Please enter Columbus High School using the Activities Entrance on the northeast side of the school. Weigh-ins will take place in the locker room across from the wrestling room.

Upcoming Dual Team Opportunity (Huskerland State Duals) (3rd - 5th & 6th - 8th Grade) - BOYS

We have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huskerland State Duals on Friday, March 13th for 6th-8th grade and Sunday, March 15th for 3rd – 5th grade. Both events are held in Kearney, NE at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Event Center. This is an excellent event which we have participated in the past several years and done very well as a team. We plan to attend again this year. Please note that 6th-8th grade Huskerland Duals will now be wrestled on **Friday** afternoon with AAU State for this age group on Saturday.

A separate email was sent out with additional details and instructions for signing up to be a part of this dual team opportunity, including wrestle-offs information for our CWO wrestlers.

Upcoming Dual Team Opportunity (Huskerland State Duals) (K-8th Grade) - GIRLS

We have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Huskerland State Girls Duals on Sunday, March 15th for K-8th grade. This event is held in Kearney, NE at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Event Center. This is an excellent opportunity for us to put together a CWO girl’s dual team and compete against other girls across the state. We plan to take a team to this event. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE OUR NEW GIRLS DUAL TEAM SINGLETS FOR THIS EVENT!!!

A separate email was sent out with additional details and instructions for signing up to be a part of this dual team opportunity, including wrestle-offs information for our CWO girl wrestlers.

Upcoming Team Tournaments/Events:

Saturday, February 28th, 2026 North Bend Matcats Tournament (North Bend High School, North Bend, NE)

We will be going to this tournament as a team. Forms and information are available on the Team website at www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments. **Parents are responsible for sending in form and/or registering on-line on their own including making payment.**

Saturday, February 28th, 2026 NEUSAW Girls Heartland National Dual Team Qualifier for 1st - 8th grade

This is the only way a Girl can make the NEUSAW Heartland team. NEUSAW will not be using the State tournament to qualify the Girls this year. Top 3 place winners in each weight class at this tournament will qualify for the NEUSAW Girls Heartland 1st-8th grade teams. More information will be sent out to our girl wrestlers for this event.

Opportunity Tournaments:

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

Panther Youth Wrestling Tournament Leigh High School, 310 Short Street, Leigh, NE 68643

Information for this tournament is available on the team website at www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments. This is a good local tournament. We cannot guarantee coaches will be at this tournament.

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

Little Twister Wrestling Tournament Cross County High School, 1270 123rd Road, Stromsburg, NE 68666

Information for this tournament is available on the team website at www.columbuswrestling.org/tournaments. This is a good local tournament. We cannot guarantee coaches will be at this tournament.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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