

## Lady Cougars Basketball Looks to Future

The Lady Cougars basketball team had a solid season in 2009 finishing 8-7(5-7 in league play). The team returned 4 starters and had high hopes to open the season. The Cougars found out quickly however that the level of their opponents had greatly improved in a tough North Division of the BACSAL. Coach Cat Handlin's squad opened the season with a thrilling last second win vs. WCCA and then lost by just 2 on the road to eventual league champion Tabernacle but followed that by losing 4 of their next 5 league games. Still the team showed the same resiliency it had in 2008 by winning 4 of its final 5 games including defeating playoff bound rival Cornerstone in the final game of the season.

Point guard Mary Hildeburn was named the team's MVP for her invaluable floor leadership. Taylor Chaffey led the team in scoring at 9 points per game and also led the team in steals. Center Cait Asher scored 8 points per game and led the team in rebounding and in shot blocking with an incredible 45 blocked shots on the season. 6<sup>th</sup> graders Ashlyn Norris and Kristin Brown worked their way into the starting lineup and were regular contributors by season's end. Destiny Gaitan provided aggressive defense throughout the season. The team featured just one 8<sup>th</sup> grader player and looks to be in great shape for 2010. Good job ladies!

