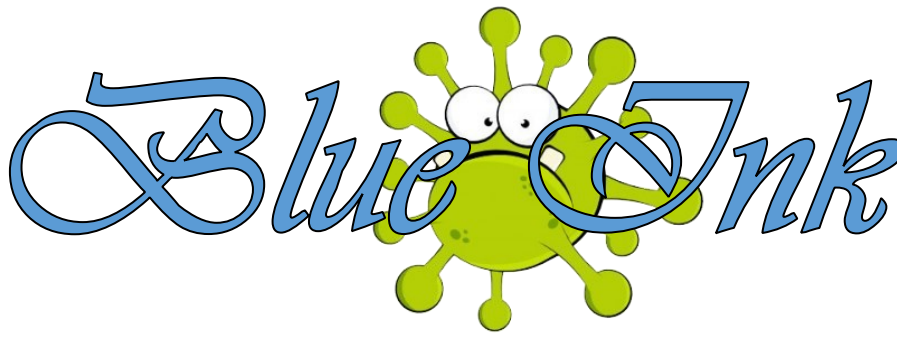


Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through Friday, March 27. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread



# Finding ways to pass the time...

by Blue Ink staff writers

## YOGA (by Grace Panning)

Since we don't have anything to do besides being quarantined and doing online school. A fun way to pass time is yoga which is a relaxing way to relieve your muscle aches and stretch them.



Doing this an hour a day and it will make you feel very rejuvenated and alive. All you have to do is find a good YouTube yoga channel and get to work. This is a great alternative for people who prefer not to leave the house to go run during this time. Also, this can be done while watching your favorite show or movie.

So instead of sitting on the couch you can get up and get your daily exercise in. Some common poses are the downward dog, mountain pose, chair pose, warrior, triangle pose, and tree pose. This is definitely a great way to spend some of your free time.

## PLAYING CARD GAMES (by Kylie Uhl)

So there is a lot of extra time right now (when not working on the online school work) but a great way to pass the time is to play games, specifically ones that look at strategy and could take a little longer, like Phase 10.



## PICK UP A NEW HOBBY (by Nobel Nothstine)

Whether it is rekindling an old interest or finally trying something new you have always wanted, spending time immersing yourself in a hobby may be the perfect way to supplement your time away from the school house. Nothstine stated, "I baked a toll house pie, started playing piano again, and I'm trying to learn how to embroider. I also got a new (non-essential) job." The ideas are limitless.



## READING (by Nika Sapunar)

At first when I heard about coronavirus, I wasn't thinking it would happen in South Dakota and that we were safer here; you may be asking why? Well, I am not even sure myself. I didn't think this would escalate this quickly here. As soon as we heard that someone was tested positive, everyone went and quarantined, which was, on one hand, a smart idea,

but on the other hand, they aren't thinking about kids who want to have fun and go out.

When I heard we were going to have school from home, and be in a quarantine, I was kind of sad because I don't have anything to do. After some time, I realized I could read a book, even though I am not a book person, I decided to read, between online classes, *Queen of Air and Darkness* by Cassandra Clare. The book is the third and final book in *The Dark Artifices* trilogy, which is a further chronological series in *The Shadowhunter Chronicles*.



I am myself surprised that I read something actually, but I read the first two books from this trilogy and decided to read the last one. I was disappointed, because *The Shadowhunter Chronicles* were better and I probably had to high expectations for this trilogy. No shade to Cassandra Clare, she writes some really good books.

When I wasn't reading or doing online school, I was watching Netflix. I just think this is stupid but safe. Many exchange students were sent home, so its expected from me be happy that they didn't send me home. Government is sending kids home but that's actually a bad idea, because they can get it on their way back and nobody considers that. I think we should be happy it is not as bad as it is in Italy.

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Thursday, March 19 marked the first day of Spring!

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Don't forget to exercise your body while you are exercising your mind in online learning. Simple squats, crunches, or stretching can help your body and your brain.

**CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** Sick = bolestan (bohl-eh-stahn)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What did the big flower say to the little flower?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** If the following is true:

- 2 + 2 = 44
- 3 + 3 = 96
- 4 + 4 = 168
- 5 + 5 = 2510

Then what would 6+6 equal  
Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, March 20

- No School—Spring Break

### Monday, March 23

- No School—Online Learning

### Tuesday, March 24

- No School—Online Learning

### Wednesday, March 25

- No School—Online Learning  
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

### Thursday, March 26

- No School—Online Learning

### Friday, March 27

- No School—Online Learning

## Worth Mentioning

### COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: ???

We will keep you updated as more information comes out.

**Spring Store** is now open through Sunday, March 22. It features generic Blue Dragon apparel as well as logos for Track & Field, Golf, Baseball, and Trapshooting

**Congratulations** to the following juniors for being selected to Boys State: Sam Konechne, Evan Bly, Rave Uhlich, Matthew Rattenborg, Brady DeBates, & Caeden Bunde; and for Girls State: Mad-den Lardy, Molly Hulscher, Lizzie Olson, Mattea Fiegen, & Caroline Hoskins

# Latest COVID-19 updates

Data from SD Dept of Health

SOUTH DAKOTA CASE COUNTS: AS OF MARCH 20, 2020	
Test Results	# of Cases
Positive*	14
Negative	663
Pending	270

\*Positive test results are no longer required to be sent to the CDC for confirmation

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN SOUTH DAKOTA	
Number of Cases	Deaths
14	1

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES	
Sex	# of Cases
Male	11
Female	3

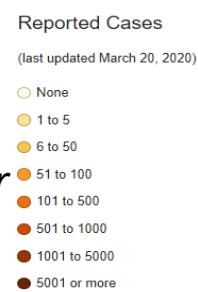
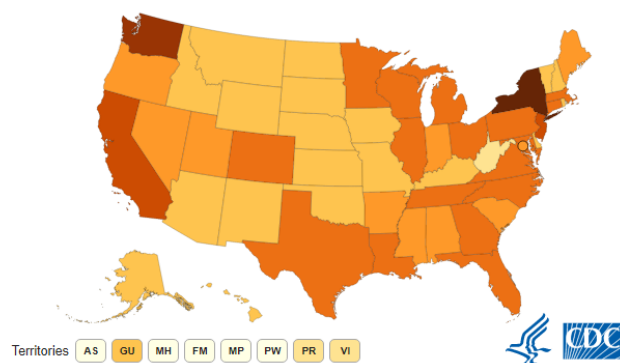
SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTIES WITH COVID-19 CASES	
County	# of Cases
Beadle	4
Bon Homme	1
Charles Mix	1
Davison	1
McCook	1
Minnehaha	5
Pennington	1

There is no known community transmission at this time.

AGE GROUP OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES	
Age Range	# of Cases
0 to 19 years	0
20 to 29 years	1
30 to 39 years	3
40 to 49 years	4
50 to 59 years	3
60 to 69 years	3
70 to 79 years	0
80+ years	0

## Data from Center for Disease Control

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC\*



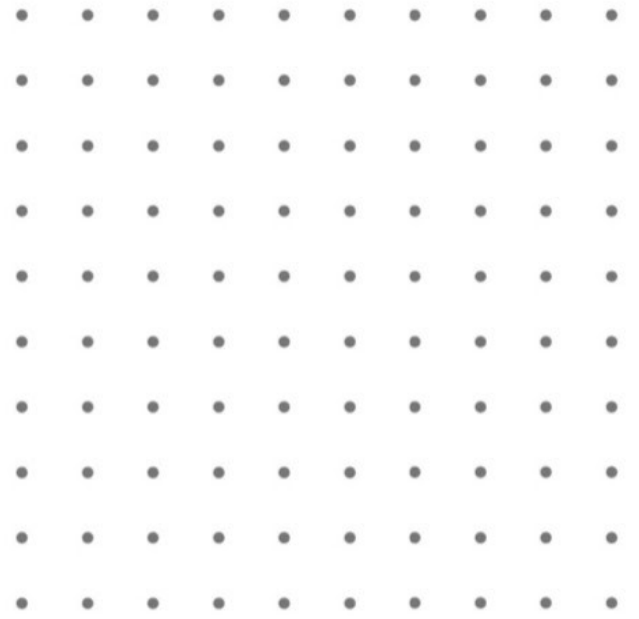
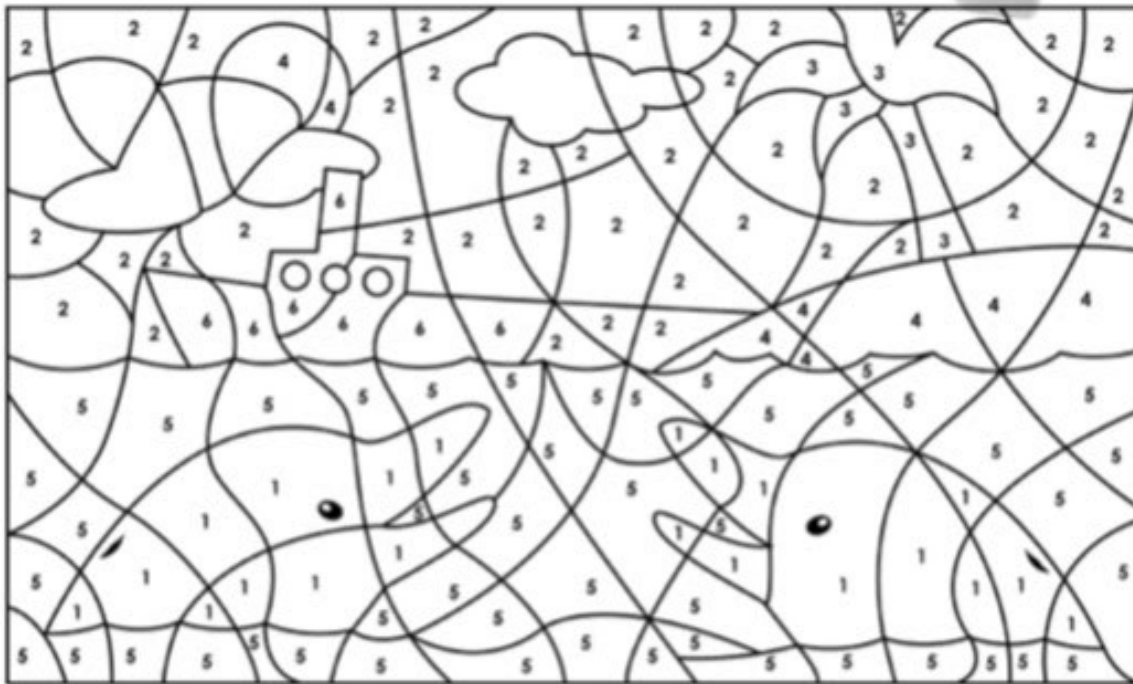
JOKE: "Hi, bud!"

BRAINTEASER: 3612...you take the two numbers and multiple them for the first part and add for the second part of the answer

# A few entertaining games...

## DOTS & BOXES

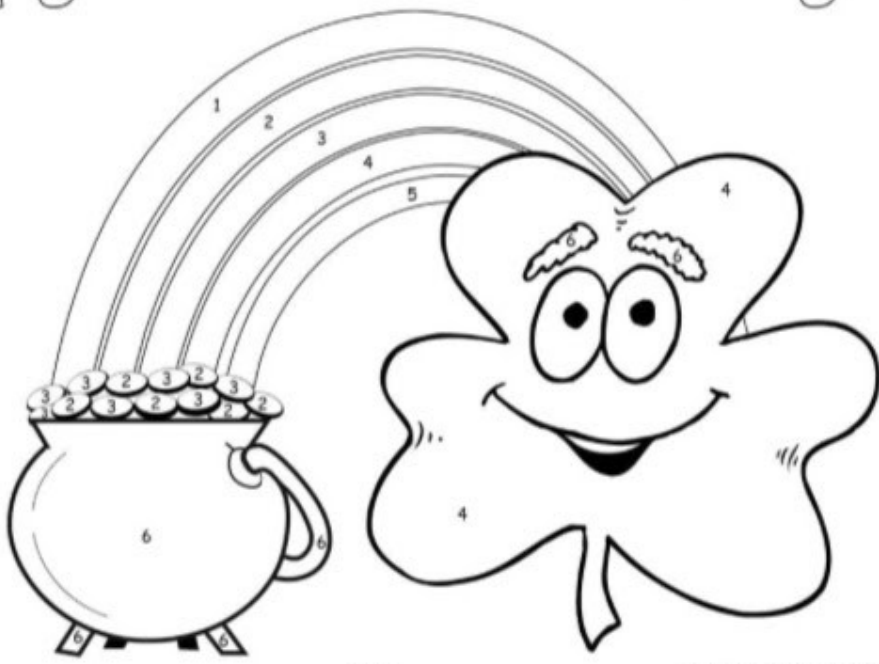
Compiled by Kylie Uhl



Player 1	<b>WINNER</b>	Player 2

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

1 = Red
2 = Orange
3 = Yellow
4 = Green
5 = Blue
6 = Black

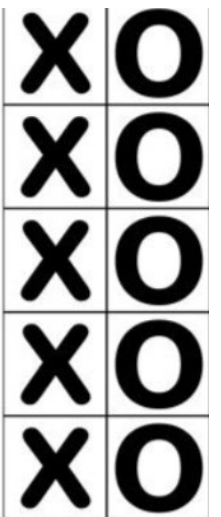
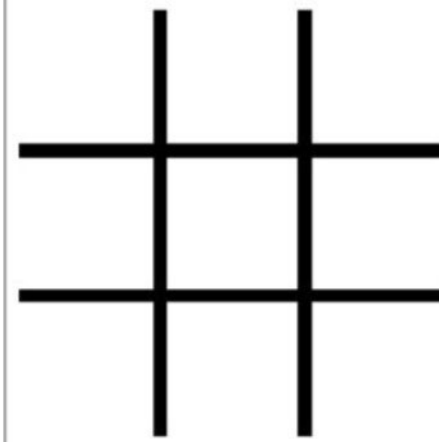


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## Top 10 pick up lines for school

*A few lines for if you see that special someone (or anyone) in the halls*

by Grace Panning  
staff writer

- #1) Is there a science class nearby, or am I just sensing the chemistry between me and you?
- #2) I hear you're good at Algebra. Can you replace my X without asking Y?
- #3) I'm learning about important dates in history; wanna be one of them?
- #4) I don't have a library card, but do you mind if I check you out?
- #5) Is that a number 2 pencil in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?
- #6) I'm not being obtuse, but you're acute girl.
- #7) My love for you is like pi... Never ending
- #8) Summer must be over, because I can tell you're about to Fall for me
- #9) Will you be my student loans? Because I'd like to have you around for the rest of my life.
- #10) Do you like Chemistry? Because I've got my ion you!

# Tom Brady, quarterback of the...

by Parker Schlenker  
staff writer

After Tom Brady's long and successful 20 year career with the New England Patriots, he's finally decided to move on and start a very new franchise with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



An article by Scott Smith posted on Tampa Bay's website this morning "All in! Tom Brady, Bucs Team up to pursue championships" welcomes the future hall of famer to the team.

Photo posted <https://www.buccaneers.com/news/tom-brady-qb-buccaneers-free-agency-roster-move>

The NFL network and ESPN reported that Brady signed a deal with the NFC South team for around \$30 million.

Brady spent the last two decades with the Patriots, winning six Super Bowl titles, three MVPs, and being named to the Pro Bowl 14 times and being selected to the First Team All-Pro three times.

Although the Buccaneers haven't

officially announced Brady joining the team, Brady announced Tuesday morning that he was going to take his football journey somewhere else. "To all my teammates, coaches, executives and staff, Coach Belichick, RKK, and the Kraft family and the entire organization, I want to say thank you for the past twenty years of my life and the daily commitment to winning and creating a

winning culture built on great values. I am grateful for all that you have taught me and I have learned from everyone. You all have allowed me to maximize my potential and that is all a player can hope for. Everything we have accomplished brings me great joy and the lessons I have learned will carry on with me forever. I couldn't be the man I am today without the relationships you have allowed me to build with you. I have benefited from all you have given me. I cherished every opportunity I had to be a part of our team, and I love you all for that. Our team has always set a great standard in pro sports and I know it will continue to do just that," stated Brady.

With a new team comes many more opportunities such as playing with Mike Evans, Chris Godwin, and tight end O.J. Howard but he will also be taking Jamies Winston's starting spot.

# Situational memes

by Nobel Nothstine  
senior writer



"enjoy it!!!! these are the best years of your life"

this... is the best!?!?!?!? 🤔



# Unique opportunities



Caeden Bunde had the unique opportunity to serve as a page in Pierre during part of this year's legislative session and even had the chance to meet with Governor Kristi Noem. Bunde had to go through an application and recommendation process and then was selected to spend two weeks at the State Capitol. Bunde was sponsored by Senator Kris Langer (R-Dell Rapids). In an interview with the Garretson Gazette, Bunde mentioned that he, "enjoyed sitting on committee meetings while bills were being debated."

Photo submitted by Caeden Bunde

# Blue Dragon apparel

The spring school store is open. It features athletic apparel for Track & Field, Golf, Baseball, and Trapshooting as well as generic Blue Dragon gear.

<https://gss2020.itemorder.com/sale>



Eighth grader Abrianna Doppenberg was selected as a member of the Middle School All-State Honor Band. Through her audition process she earned second chair in the top honor band. Doppenberg performed in the All-State Honor Band March 6 and 7. The students rehearsed with their guest conductor all day Friday and part of the day Saturday, before having a public performance Saturday evening in Mitchell. This is the official photo from the SDMEA All-State Honor Band event.

Photo submitted by Abrianna Doppenberg