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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: September 11, 2001, was the deadliest day in history for New York City firefighters: 343 were killed.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
Look closely: Which state does this represent?
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Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you get an alien baby to sleep?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Friday, September 11
- Football @ Alcester-Hudson
Saturday, September 12
- Volleyball @ BEC Tourney-Flandreau
- 7/8 Volleyball @ BEC Tourney-Parker
- XC @ Nike Heartland Invite
Monday, September 14
- Homecoming-Class Color Day
- Soccer v. West Central-4:30
- School Board Meeting-5:45
- Coronation in Old Gym-7:00
- Powder Puff @ Softball Field-8:00
Tuesday, September 15
- Homecoming-Salad Dressing Day
- 7/8/JV Football @ Alcester-Hudson
- Volleyball v. Flandreau
Wednesday, September 16
- Homecoming-Duct Tape Day
Thursday, September 17
- Homecoming-G-Day

Living History, 14 Years since NY Terrorist Attacks

Fourteen years ago today, an act upon a city over 1300 miles away from our small town shook us and the whole country.

No one saw the terror attack coming or expected the events that followed.

The twin towers of the World Trade Center were at the center of an attack led by Al-Qaeda terrorists. Also hit by this coordinated terrorism effort was the Pentagon. There was one plane that did not make its destination as the occupants overtook terrorists and crashed the plane in a Pennsylvania field.

But out of these events, it is not the terrorists we remember, but the heroes who emerged.

People from all over sacrificed their time, money, well-being to help those directly affected on that day, whether it was by donating blood, contributing to memorial funds, or physically helping in the rescue and clean up processes. The heroes came from all walks of life, some firefighters and police officers; others just every day citizens who wanted to help.

Fourteen years ago is not that long. It is still fresh in the minds of many. Many still remember where they were when they first heard what happened. Many still remember the way they felt when the towers fell. But the hope is that all will remember the heroes who surfaced when time was at its toughest.

Cross Country Hosts Jesse James Invite, Continues Success

By Annika Hanson

Garretson hosted a very successful cross country meet on Tuesday night at the River Ridge Golf Course. The Blue Dragons ran with flying colors. There was no stopping the Blue Dragon cross country teams as they continued to work toward their goal of returning to the state meet for both boys and girls.

The Garretson girls in cross country have been doing incredibly well early on this season; they snatched third and continued to run competitively.

Senior Haley Sage stated that she thinks it's really exciting how the girls team has been doing so well. "Ever since I've been in seventh grade we've always placed top four as a team at state and that's always really exciting, so I want to continue that this year." As long as the girls keep up their current pace, they will be able to achieve their goal.

It is not only the girls who have been doing well either. Through passion and

hard work, Evan Fick placed first this cross country meet. This was his first time placing number one this year.

Not only that, but the team was eligible for a team score for the first time this season. They finished sixth as a team.

The road back to state will not be an easy one and Garretson faces tough competition along the way. One of those teams is Madison who placed very well at the Garretson meet.

"We were up against some pretty tough competition though so I think we did well altogether and we will always continue to improve and work hard," Sage commented on their performance at the Jesse James Invitational.

This was a very good meet for the Blue Dragons cross country team and they have kept improving with each meet ran.

Their next meet will be on September 12 at the Nike Heartland Invitational in Sioux Falls.



Scan for the
full upcoming
event schedule

Soccer Plays Well but Still Struggles to Earn First Win

By Alyssa Bunde

Tuesday night the girls' soccer team had their seventh game of the season, squaring off against West Central. The Garretson girls (0-7-0) played with determination and skill but unfortunately they were not able to keep up with the competitive team that was West Central.

The game began rough as the opposing team quickly scored. It didn't take long for the Garretson girls to realize West Central was going to be a strong competitor.

The Blue Dragons tried to battle back but another goal was let through, leaving the first half score 2-0.

Juniors Kaley Flanagan and Kelsie Paul both shared their sentiment, saying "The first half wasn't one of our best. We lacked communication and confidence, but believe we finished the first half strong."

The second half of the game began similar to the first, with West Central scoring quickly and lack of communication hurting the Blue Dragons' chances

of getting back in the game.

In spite of the bumpy beginning the girls managed to pick it up and start to work as a team. They battled back especially in the last ten minutes of the game. Sadly it wasn't enough because West Central managed one last goal, leaving the final score 5-0.

Despite the loss senior Jessica Fueston still keeps a positive outlook, "We played well and just have a few little things to work on and we will be ready to

take them on again in a week."

The soccer team's next game is Monday, September 14 against Vermilion at the athletic complex at 4:30, so come out and support your GHS soccer team!



Sophomore Jaden Braaten jousts with a West Central competitor at Tuesday night's matchup. West Central topped the Blue Dragons 5-0.

Photo by Mataya Lines

Volleyball Extends Match Play, Comes Up Short

By Brianna Callsen

Earlier this week volleyball traveled to Colman-Egan, both teams looking to get their second win of the season. This was an intense game between both teams as they took the game to four sets.

Colman-Egan took the first set 21-25. Garretson stepped up and won the next set 25-23. Battling point after point, Garretson let Colman-Egan go on a run leading them to win the third set ending with 18-25.

This would be a deciding set and the Blue Dragons were needing a win to extend the match. They were starting to get tired from the stifling temperature they weren't adapted to.

There was no stopping though as they continued to battle to the end,

but that wasn't enough as the Colman-Egan Hawks took the set with a 25-20 win.

As a whole the Dragons played a good game just having a few adjustable errors including communication, "especially in back row," said sophomore libero Emily Schleuter.

"Overall we played well we just couldn't come out with the win," said senior Peyton Heitkamp. She believes as long as we get our passes up to the setter and have solid hits we will be able to play up to the same level as Parker, their Thursday night matchup.

Rounding out the statistics from Tuesday night, the Blue Dragons had 30 kills as a team. Senior Lara Luke led

with 11 while Heitkamp put down nine.

Senior setter Morgan Gloe had 25 assists and 10 digs. Schleuter paced the Blue Dragons with 16 pick ups on the night.

The Garretson volleyball squad took on the Parker Pheasants Thursday night, which was the start of the Big East Conference tournament. They fell to Parker and were slated to play Baltic. After a tough loss to the Bulldogs, the Blue Dragons will play the seventh place game on Saturday in Flandreau against the Howard Tigers.

Full results of the Big East Conference will be in the paper next week to follow.

Homecoming 2015: You Can't Hide that Blue Dragon Pride

Editorial

By Sylvia Larson *Guest Writer*

HOMEcomings IS HERE! Aren't you exited?

If you didn't answer yes to that question, I don't know what's wrong with you.

Next week is Homecoming week and we all know what that means! Coronation, PowderPuff, getting out of class to do fun stuff, dressing up, a parade, and the big game! The theme this year is 'GHS Back in Time.'

To kick off the week, coronation is at 7 o'clock on Monday - Class Color Day. This year's royalty candidates are Jaden Bly, Jessica Fueston, Saige Gullickson, Peyton Heitkamp, Lara Luke, Alex Andersen, Evan Fick, Micah Mader, Cole Fiegen, and Jacob Fitzgerald. These lovely ladies and gentlemen will shed their class colors and parade through the gym in their finest attire as they wait excitedly to find out who will be king and queen.

After coronation comes many people's favorite part of homecoming. PowderPuff! Girls from every class team up in an attempt to dominate the other grades in a battle of flag football.

First the freshman play the seniors while the juniors play the sophomores, then the two winning teams play each other. This year Powderpuff is temporarily reassigned to the softball complex instead of the football field, as a result of the stadium lights needed for playing being unfortunately nonexistent.

On Tuesday the royalty, senior athletes, cheerleaders, and band get to go to Palisades Manor to spread some Blue Dragon pride. Tuesday's dress up day for high schoolers is Salad Dressing Day. Seniors are Caesar Salad, Juniors are Thousand Island, Sophomores are French, and Freshmen are Ranch.

Wednesday is Duct Tape Day where students can showcase their creative side through their use of duct tape.

By Thursday everyone will be full of school spirit and exited for the game - that is, if they haven't already been all week. Thursday is G-Day. What is G-Day, you ask? You can dress up as anything as long as it starts with a G. That includes giraffes, gypsies, gods and goddesses, gnomes, geeks, granola bars, etc. Be creative!

After lunch everybody on the float committee gets to decorate their float for the parade that will happen the next day.

Thursday night from 9:30-11:30 we get to 'Blue and Whitewash' parts of Main Street! Bring paintbrushes or paint rollers to participate.

As always the Friday of homecoming is one of the busiest and most fun days of the school year. To start it off, high schoolers get to participate in the ever anticipated Dragon Olympics, while middle schoolers get to have a kickball tournament.

Many people would agree that Dragon Olympics are one of the best parts of Homecoming, especially me.

The parade will take place Friday afternoon. Every class will get to pile onto their floats, wait in line for an ungodly amount of time, and then roll at a leisurely pace while adoring fans yell and wave. Then we get to hop off our float and hightail it into the new gym to cheer our boys on at a deafening volume.

With so much celebration, everyone will have worked up an appetite that is best satiated before the football game. There is a pork loin supper feed that will start at 4:00 up at the Athletic Complex.

Then at 5:00, the community will gather to cheer the

team to victory at the football game against the Viborg-Hurley Cougars. The Homecoming football game is always a wonderful kind of chaotic. Pep band playing, fans screaming, excited students lining the fence and trying their best to get a spot where they can see, general excitement all around.

There are a few other sporting events throughout the week as well. Soccer hosts Vermillion on Monday and then travels to play West Central on Thursday.

The volleyball girls, fresh off of their Big East Conference tournament host Flandreau Tuesday before traveling to West Central on Thursday.

Cross Country kick starts Homecoming week with the tough competition at the Nike Heartland meet this weekend before traveling to Chamberlain on Thursday.

For some it's their first, for others it's their last, but we can be sure that this year's homecoming will be memorable. We'll be talking about this for ages.



NFL Fails in Court...Again

By Alex Uhl

The NFL's latest scandal has resurfaced after New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady was acquitted from his four game suspension after he appealed to a court. Now NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is reconsidering his position in the NFL disciplinary process, and the sports world is waiting for his final decision.

It started with the "Spygate" incident back in 2007 where the Patriots were caught filming the other teams' hand signals to their defense on the field. The NFL decided that Coach Belichick would be fined \$500,000 and the team \$250,000 plus the loss of a first round pick in the draft the subsequent year.

This controversy occurred while the Commissioner Goodell was still fresh in his new job, and he was the one who

made the chief decision on the matter. Many thought the Patriots were getting away easy this time.

This wasn't be the last time the NFL failed to properly discipline their players and/or teams.

The NFL also failed to prevent the overturning of the suspensions of four New Orleans Saints players in 2007, when they accepted money-promising contracts for "taking out" key players on the opposing team.

Just recently, Federal Courts nullified the NFL's ruling and punishment on Vikings running back Adrian Peterson and former Ravens running back Ray Rice.

When we asked Garretson High School's very own self-proclaimed football aficionado, Noah Rieber, what his opinion was on Tom Brady's appeal,

he said, "Personally I think he should've been suspended longer than four games."

In response to why the punishment for deflated balls was similar to the punishment for drugs he said, "Cheating is cheating and drugs are drugs. You're still breaking the rules."

He also pointed out that NFL handled this case just as badly as the Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson cases.

When asked at a press conference about what should be done, Commissioner Goodell said, "We need to sit down and figure out how do we get to a better position on our discipline procedures."

The NFL better figure it out soon, because cheating is starting to become rampant in the world of professional sports.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Morgan Gloe

SENIOR PROJECT: Building furniture and decorate pieces out of pallets

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Volleyball, Fall Ball, Basketball, Track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: The activities I'm involved in and the memories that come along with being in high school

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Either SMSU or STI for two years then going to USF for my Bachelors, majoring in Accounting

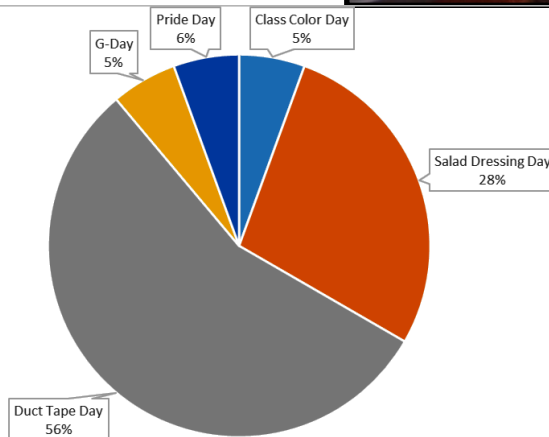


Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which homecoming dress up day they are most excited for.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.



■ Class Color Day ■ Salad Dressing Day ■ Duct Tape Day ■ G-Day ■ Pride Day

Scholarship Corner

- Alliance Communications (\$1,000) - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due Friday, March 11, 2016.

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: Tennessee

Joke: You "rocket"