

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Maine is the only state whose name is one syllable.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: Look closely: What does this rebus puzzle say?

SPLOASTCE

Answer on
back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why wasn't the teddy bear hungry
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 8

- Club Baseball v. Tea (6:00)

Saturday, April 9

- ACT Test

Sunday, April 10

- FFA State Convention in Brookings
- Club Baseball v. West Central (2:00)

Monday, April 11

- FFA State Convention in Brookings
- 7/8 Track & Field @ West Central Invite (4:00)
- School Board meeting (5:45)
- Club Baseball @ SFC (6:00)

Tuesday, April 12

- FFA State Convention in Brookings
- Golf @ Early Bird Quad in Garretson (12:00)
- Track @ MCM Invite (4:00)

Thursday, April 14

- 7/8 Golf @ Chester (9:00)
- Club Baseball v. Lincoln



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full upcoming
event schedule

#GHSinChicago

By Micaiah Lee Mader

This past Wednesday the band and choir left the seemingly more windy city of Garretson for the actual "Windy City" of Chicago. These past four years the trip has been taking shape due to the hard work of parents, volunteers, teachers, and the kids themselves.

Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m., bags were checked and the charter bus was loaded and departed for four-day-long venture. After traveling through the night, the group was blurry eyed but the big city buzz filled the bus with excitement. Stop #1 was breakfast downtown at the Hard Rock Café. After a quick breakfast, the day was off and running as the group headed to the Shedd Aquarium for some deep sea exploring and a beluga whale show. Next stop was at Giordano's Chicago style deep dish pizza. For many of the guys, this stop highlighted the trip! The busy day was topped off with a visit to the Blue Man Group.

After a decent night's rest in actual beds opposed to the charter bus floor, the group was excited to begin exploring the city. The group left the hotel and headed downtown to the world-renowned Willis Tower, formerly named the Sears Tower. The kids all got a chance to take pictures out over the ledge and explore the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower. Later that afternoon, Millennium Park was the destination otherwise known as the "Bean." Following a litany of pictures in, around, and under the bean, the group was slated to take on the Chicago river tour. The tour was cold, but the tour guides (Chicago born and raised) gave great information about all parts of the city. The day was finished off with a trip to Navy Pier and an appearance at the Oriental Theatre for the playing of *Matilda*.

Saturday was the big day! Both the band and choir brought

multiple groups to compete in the Heritage Music Festival. Saturday proved to be a long and tiring day as the choir sat around watching different bands all afternoon, but both groups did their best in the competition and were excited for the awards ceremony which was held at the wildly popular Medieval Times castle.

A knight's supper and jousting entertainment made for a memorable evening with the awards ceremony directly following the event. The GHS choir brought a pair of groups: the concert choir and the all women's choir. Both groups received solid scores that earned them a silver in the ranking system as well as earning third place in both categories.

The band shared similar success as the choir in the Heritage Festival. Mr. Sittig and his band brought a concert band, a wind ensemble, and a percussion ensemble. All three received second place and an excellent rating (or silver rating).

The trip was a great success and experience for all involved. The GHS music program hopes to continue garnering support from the community and students involved as this will help to continue offering once in a lifetime opportunities like the band/choir trip.



A Windy City skyline view as the Garretson High School Band and Choir arrive for their week in Chicago.

“Putting” in the Effort

By Annika Hanson

This is a big semester for Garretson, this year marks the 25th season for the golf team! The coaches and the athletes are both looking forward to another excellent year.

Golf has not lost a meet (except for state) for six years, will anyone be able to top the Garretson golf team? The team has already been practicing for two weeks to prepare for their upcoming meets.

Most of the kids are thrilled to start the new season; junior Alyssa Bunde commented, "I'm excited because golf has kind of grown on me, even though I am not that good."

The golf team has also gained an abundance of new members. Most of them are younger golfers ready to learn new techniques and swings. Coach Stoltenberg stated, "We have a large inflow of new kids this year, because of this we will have to manage things a bit differently but that's a great problem to have."

Golf assistant coach Kelsey Buchholz also agreed, she said, "We did have smaller numbers last year, so we definitely have an interest in the younger grades." Members are not a problem this year so hopefully the golfers can go into state with flying colors.

Stoltenberg commented "Our ultimate goal is to get into state, so we are trying to reach each golfer individually to find out their swing."

Buchholz on the other hand says "I want every golfer to be able to play a consistent game and have systematic swings. I also think that as long as the guys play competitively they will easily qualify for state."

The varsity golf team's first meet will take place on Tuesday the 12th of April. Garretson will be hosting the early bird, junior varsity will take to the links on the 14th in Chester.



America's National Pastime is Back

By Isaiah Mader

The MLB is in full swing as of this past Sunday as last year's biggest match ups faced off to ring in the new season. Although Sunday only consisted of three games, it played host to a rematch of the 2015 World Series. This classic matchup featured two aces, Matt Harvey of the New York Mets and Edinson Volquez for the 2015 Champion Kansas City Royals.

With opening day in the books, all major league teams have their sights on reaching the World Series and achieving supremacy over the other 29 teams in the league. Even though a birth in the championship would be nice, for some teams around the league even an appearance would be a step in the right direction.

The hometown favorite Minnesota Twins began the year on a bit of a rough patch and are off to a rocky 0-3 start after being swept by the Baltimore Orioles; this put them in last place in the AL Central. This is the second consecutive year that the Twins

have gotten swept in their season-opening series.

Senior Alex Andersen still has faith in his favorite team, "I think the Twins have a shot at the playoffs because of all the moves they made in the off season."

Other match ups around the league consisted of the Cardinals at the Pirates, the Blue Jays battling the home field Rays, and the Cubs going head to head with the Angels.

Sophomore Amyah Marie stated, "Even though I don't particularly enjoy watching it on television, being in attendance for the actual thing is always a highlight of my summer."

With a new year also comes new rules, these being the slide rule and pace of play/mound visits. The pace of play and mound visit rule is one that only speeds the game up and makes it more enjoyable for the viewer. On a mound visit, the coach is now only allowed 30 seconds compared to the unlimited amount in previous seasons. And the pace of play rule speeds up

time in between innings. Albeit the rule only shortens the time allotted by 20 seconds, it is headed in the right direction for people who feel the game should be sped up.

Last year in the NLDS, the slide rule came to light when the Mets shortstop had his leg broken on a potential double play by Dodgers player Chase Utley. After this play, many voices spoke up about a possible rule change and that is what they got. The new rule makes it so the runner has to make contact with the ground before reaching the base and cannot change his route to make physical contact with the infielder. Many players reacted to this rule and agreed that they like it as a fielder, but not so much as the runner.

With a new year just starting up, not all people may like the new changes, but baseball fans from coast to coast have yet another year of America's pastime to keep them on the edge of their seats until the final out is recorded in the 2016 season.

Club Ball Starts Strong, Continues Season Tonight

By Alyssa Bunde

Batter up! That's right it's baseball season, so grab your sunflower seeds and lawn chair and get ready to watch some quality sports action because our own GHS club team is off on the right foot!

The team kicked off their first game at Canton and came ready to play. With Cole Fiegen and Micah Mader pitching skillfully and the whole team batting well, it was clear that the crowd was in for a good game.

Team member Isaiah Mader commented on their performance, "It was stellar; we came out with a lot of energy and carried it throughout the whole game."

This year's team is a collection of previous players from the following year which results in great team work and an all around friendly/brotherly vibe. This came in handy especially during the Canton game in which there were only nine players present. This resulted in people playing that normally do not see much field time. Nonetheless, the teamwork was still strong.

When the seventh inning came to an end, the boys walked away, heads held high, a home run scored by Micah Mader and the final score 16-3!

Team member and senior Sean Tilma commented on the impressive Canton game, "All in all, I spit a lot of

sunflower seeds and watched a good baseball game."

The boys face off against Tea at 6:00 P.M. tonight with the home field advantage. With the forecast predicting chilly weather, make sure to bundle up and bring extra blankets to stay warm. As far as the forecast for the game is concerned it looks to be an entertaining show. Especially since this is the boys chance to redeem themselves after loosing regionals to Tea last year. So be prepared fans to watch an intense game!



Personality Quiz: Which Superhero Are You?

1. What would you do if you were getting bullied?

- A. Come back with a witty comment
- B. Just brush it off
- C. Just take it
- D. They'd definitely be getting hit

2. Which superhero is your favorite?

- A. Ironman
- B. Wonder Woman
- C. Flash
- D. Wolverine

3. What's most important to you?

- A. Justice
- B. Relationships
- C. Giving people opportunities
- D. I look out for number one

4. What is your greatest weakness?

- A. My past
- B. Too kind
- C. Lying
- D. Emotions

5. What type of TV channel are you most likely to watch?

- A. Discovery
- B. TLC
- C. MTV
- D. Animal Planet

6. What major would you be most likely to pursue in college?

- A. Law enforcement
- B. Communications
- C. Art
- D. Science

7. Which Disney movie are you most likely to watch?

- A. Alice In Wonderland
- B. Cinderella
- C. Little Mermaid
- D. Monsters Inc



Scholarship Corner

- **Split Rock Clinic Association Medical Scholarship (up to \$1000)** - Possible for multiple scholarships. Pursuing a medical field degree (doctor, nurse, physical therapist, chiropractor, etc). Due April 15, 2016

- **LG Everist Inc Scholarship (\$2000)** - Pursuing a mechanical or technical field related field of study.

Preference to students who show interest in mining, railroading, or mechanical work. Due April 30, 2016



Please check your email for links to these scholarships.

Garretson Track Goes for the Gold at West Central

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson Track and Field team travelled to Hartford on Tuesday to participate in the West Central Early Bird Track meet. They planned to show off what they had accomplished in the past couple weeks to their competitors.

The girls and boys did pretty well for their first track meet of the year. The meet started with the 3200m relay. Although the boys did not have a team this meet, the girls did and placed 2nd. We also had several runners in the 100 and 200 meter dashes including (but not limited to): Marc Rattenborg, Kelsie Paul, Drew Blossmo, Eric Hanson, and Riley Altman.

We also had a team for the 800m relay where the boys placed 3rd. Also seeing early success was the 400m relay, in which the boys placed 7th. The girls ran a team in the medley relay, which consists of two 200s, a 400, and an 800. They ended up placing 2nd.

Meanwhile, those who were in field events were tearing it up in the sand pits and throwing ranges. For girls discus, Peyton Heitkamp threw 79' 2" but was followed closely behind by her teammate Erynn Fink, who threw 64' 9". Meanwhile in boys discus, Josh Thomas threw 96' 11" and was followed by Dakota Johnson at 75' 6".

Sophomore sprinter Peyton Sage

gave her two cents on the team's performance, saying, "I think our team performed fairly well for the opening meet, but we always have lots of room for improvement."

She also said, "The distance runners have been racking up the miles and the sprinters have been doing loads of 400s to condition and prepare themselves for the intensity of a real meet."

Hopefully this is an awesome reflection of things to come! The next meet will be in Salem for the Fighting Cougar Invitational on Tuesday, where Garretson has a history of doing well. In the words of Junior Aaron Hoon, our team is "pretty good."

The Truth Revealed

Last week's issue of the *Blue Ink* coincided with April Fool's Day. The staff decided to have a little fun and intersperse April Fool's articles with factual articles.

We heard many thoughts, theories, and rumblings as to which article was true. Here it is.

Annika Hanson wrote about stability balls making their way into the classes. While all the facts such as improved posture, better results academically, etc about the exercise balls were correct, Garretson is not making a complete shift. Although, with the reasons she presented, maybe it is something to consider.

Alyssa Bunde proposed the idea of Mrs. Buchholz being on yet another game show, *Survivor*. Unfortunately this is not true either, but she appreciates all those who think she could. Although after doing the interview and talking about it, she admits it sounds fun and an online audition tape is maybe not out of the question.

Alex Uhl wrote about an upcoming zombie apocalypse and while we really enjoyed his personality and humor, this too is false. However we are very pleased that he has recovered and is back amongst the "living."

The final article was Tim Tebow's political aspirations. If you read the

article, it never directly states he is running for president this year. It just mentions that a career in politics sounds intriguing. This was our true article for last week's issue.

As always our senior spotlight and scholarship corner were true to the best of our ability.

If you are interested in reading last week's issue again, it can be found on the school website or on Mrs. Buchholz's website (ka080.k12.sd.us) under the Journalism tab.

We hope you enjoyed our April Fool's issue and thank you for playing along.

Personality Quiz Results: Which Superhero Are You?



If you got mostly A, you're Batman! Like this caped superhero, you tend to have less to say; you'd rather just soak in everything

around you. This results in you being quite knowledgeable and wise. Overthinking situations is a regular for you. However, sometimes you come off cold though but that's because you don't feel like everything needs a response or reaction.

If you got mostly B, you're Superman! Like this superhero you're that friendly next



door neighbor. Being nice and respectful is important to you. You are a people pleaser and your emotions can also get the best of you at times. So make sure to find time for yourself to wind down and do things you enjoy.

If you got mostly C, you're Spider-man! Like this teen superhero you have two sides. You can be shy at times and extremely self-conscious or you're the center of the show and over confident. However, this can lead to poor/rash decisions you'll later



regret. No matter what side your choosing to show you always try to do the right thing, even when people don't want you to.

If you got mostly D's you're the Hulk!

Like this large green superhero you can be quite impulsive. Your anger can sometimes get the best of you and cause poor decisions. You don't mean to be like this but your emotions



are strong. You can also be egotistical at times so it's important for you to take time to listen to others.