



## This Week's Need to Know

**Welcome** to the first edition of the *Blue Ink* weekly newspaper. We will publish a new edition each week. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let any of the journalists know. Enjoy *Blue Ink*!

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The average person eats 35,000 cookies in their lifetime.

**BRAIN TEASER** You build a house facing south in all four directions. A bear walks up to your door. What color is the bear?

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, August 30

- Cross Country @ Beresford Invitational @ 10:00
- Football vs. Chester Area @ 7:00 p.m.

- Parents' Night for Cross Country and Football @ 6:40 at the Athletic Complex

#### Saturday, August 31

- Volleyball @ Canton Tournament @ 10:00 a.m.
- Soccer @ Harrisburg @ 11:00

#### Tuesday, September 3

- Cross Country @ McCook Central-Montrose Invite
- JV/7/8 Football vs. Chester Area, starting @ 4:00 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. SF Christian, starting @ 5:00 p.m.

## Garretson Lady Dragons Kickoff the Season

By Joshua Liester and Conner Blosmo

The Garretson girls' soccer team took the field on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the school's first ever sanctioned soccer game. Their opponent was the Tea Area Titans, also playing their first sanctioned game.

The game was played at the Garretson High School sports complex, and it was a close one. Heading into halftime (40 minute halves), it was still tied at 0-0. Tea had plenty of shots on goal, but goalie Cassie Faber made sure the ball stayed out of the net. Shortly after the start of the second half, Tea struck first. Garretson continued to play hard throughout the second half, and it finally paid off when Junior Mara VanDeBerg, assisted by Brandy Greenhoff, scored the first ever goal in Garretson history. When asked how it felt to score the

school's first goal she replied saying, "It felt great." When the clock struck zero, the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Although we didn't win head coach Mitch Lynch was very excited after the game. He was ecstatic, saying how proud he was of his girls for fighting back into the game, and how they gutted it out even though they were over-matched. "Couldn't be prouder of the young ladies and the grit they showed. They did awesome," said Lynch.

The soccer team was also in action on Tuesday, August 27 against the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers. The team started off the sweltering night with a goal in the first half by Kindra Clark. At halftime the score was still 1-0. The Dragons didn't stop there, though, as Mara Van-

DeBerg broke away and scored her second goal of the season shortly into the second half. Unfortunately, the game was suspended, due to a power outage at the field. "The power outage was frustrating," said Kindra Clark, "I wanted to finish the game. We played well and had great defense, which is what put us ahead." Brandy Greenhoff was also proud of her team. "I couldn't be happier," stated Greenhoff, "We worked very well as a team." It is yet to be determined if the game will have to be finished or if Garretson will be credited with the win.

The Lady Dragons have an upcoming game against Harrisburg on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 in Harrisburg.

## Blondes Have More Fun

By Morgan Frewaldt and Jennie Hegge

Have you ever wondered why blondes have more fun? If you ask Bryce Wollman, it's because it makes him feel sexier and more confident with the ladies. As he walks down the hallway, heads turn at the site of those beautiful blonde locks created by his mom.

Mr. Hughes who also has beautiful blonde locks, said his favorite hair product to get the perfect look is suave. He's hoping one day he'll be

able to get blonde dreads. When asked if he felt stereotyped as a blonde, his response was, "I do, because the natural assumption is that we're dumb and we really do know what 2+2 is; it's 5."

We asked Mrs. Gaspar the same question and she had a different take on it. She said, "No, I don't take it personally. I have a lot of blonde moments, but so does everyone else." She then went on to tell us about one of her biggest

blonde moments: She bought a giant bag of bows thinking they were lick and stick bows. After spending about an hour licking and sticking the bows on presents, she realized they were actually peel and stick on bows. Even Mrs. Gaspar agrees blondes have more fun. She said, "No matter how much people make fun of you for being blonde, always remember everyone wants to be blonde." Trust us, we know.

Question: Why did the blonde stare at frozen orange juice can for 2 hours?

Answer: Because it said 'concentrate'.

## Back Into the Swing of Things

By Teila Carnicle and Katie Giesler

It's back to the grind for the students at Garretson, as the first week of school is already finished! Teachers have their plans, students have their schedules, and everyone is already talking about the upcoming athletic games above all the hubbub of school starting. The following information is a collection of views from teachers and students alike.

Geoff Furness, science teacher at Garretson High School, answered a few questions relating to the upcoming school year and what he plans to accomplish in that time with his students. Mr. Furness is one of many teachers that are planning on incorporating new graces into his teaching lessons. He relayed to our interviewers that he was planning on using more state standards and was hoping to cut down on the use of paper for assignments.

Freshman year can be an intimidating time for students—at least for the first few weeks. But once you get the hang of it, it's all good—mostly. Our reporters asked Abrianna Scholl a few questions relating to the start of her first year of high school. Abrianna said she was looking forward to helping out with yearbook by taking pictures and if she liked it, she would like to continue. She also mentioned that high school had a good vibe to it so far—she hadn't heard anything intimidating from her fellow upperclassmen.

(But what's there to worry about anyway?)

On the other hand, for those attending their last year of high school, graduation--and then starting a new chapter in their lives--is just what they're anticipating after the full year comes to a close. Mariah Nelson is one of those seniors who's ready to tackle the last of four years of high school. Our reporters asked her what she was most excited for in her last year at Garretson before leaving for college, and she said it was indeed graduation. However, she also had to say that there was something that made her not want to leave as much as the rest of her did--that part was the people.

What's the best part about teaching English to high schoolers? "To correct incorrect grammar," said veteran teacher Tim Hughes. Hughes was the second teacher we interviewed for this article, and perhaps he was the one who gave us the most poetic answers. When asked which branch of English never got old to teach, Hughes said, "Transcendentalist dark romantics... because there's such depth to all the authors." Well Mr. Hughes, it's a good thing you're here to teach us because you're probably the only one who knows what *transcendentalist dark romantics* are.

Sophomore Dylan Rouzer also had a brief input about high school to add to our

article. When asked if he had a goal he wanted to achieve in his second year of high school, he said lucidly, "To pass." What a great goal indeed!

But we can't just ask high school teachers and students questions when talking about the beginning of school! Eighth grader Rebecca Weiland answered a few questions too, giving us a look into a middle schooler's perspective about almost crossing the bridge into high school. Rebecca said she was looking forward to it already—she was excited to play soccer in the upcoming year on a bigger, more watched scale, and she was ready to join the choir. "I really want to be in like, *legit* show choir... things are on a much bigger scale and more people will want to see it." So as it seems, even middle school students have an idea about what they want to get out of high school—even if their last year of middle school has barely begun.

School has just kicked off, but teachers and students alike are already running around trying to get back into the swing of things after a short summer. Pencils are pressed to paper, the sound of textbook pages turning fill the classrooms in all corners of the Garretson School District, the hallways are filled with the familiar sounds of laughter and lockers shutting, and students are already starting off studying hard--the 2013/2014 school year appears to have started off spectacularly!

## Say Cheese!

By Aaron Dunn and Wyatt Fink

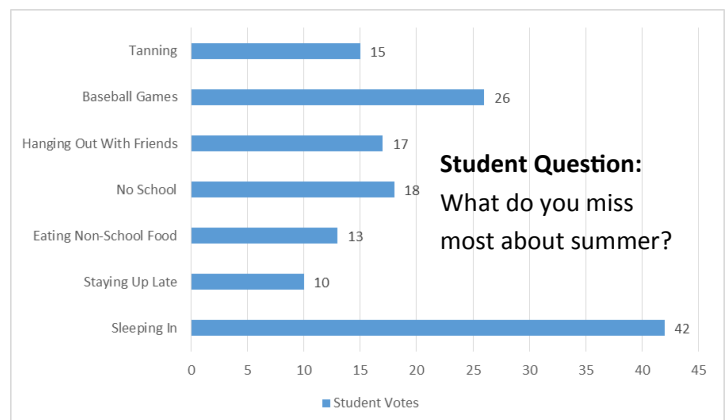
It's that time of year again.... school is starting and that means class picture time. So we went to Miss Gaspar, the photographer, to get answers to some of our questions. She likes to take the pictures the pictures because she gets to go outside for a small portion of her day and she also gets to see every student in the high school. She also said that when she finally gets everybody into the frame it is the best part of the whole thing. Out of every picture she took she said that the seniors had the best looking picture and the freshman had the funniest.

This year the background was outside, in front of the high school hallway. It was difficult to get all of the students in the shot since it was kind of on a slope. In-

stead of in front of the school some students think the pictures should be taken in the new gym in front of the blue dragon mural. The junior class was not very difficult to fit everyone into the picture; since we have are the smallest class in the

school. The freshman class was the hardest picture to take since they have over forty students to fit into the frame. Pictures are a way for all of us to see each other outside of class and see who is all in

## Student Opinion Poll



the other grades as well.

Individual and sports team pictures were taken on Thursday August 29, 2013.