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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Oxford Dictionaries named "selfie" as 2013's Word of the year.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** The more it dries, the wetter it gets. What is it?

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why did the Dalmatian need glasses?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Saturday, January 11

- 5/6 GBB v. Flandreau @ 9:00
- 5/6 BBB @ Flandreau @ 9:00
- Wrestling @ Brandon @ 9:00
- BBB @ Salem—Big East Conference Tournament

#### Monday, January 13

- Bus Routes Reverse
- 7/8/JV Wrestling Tournament @ Dell Rapids @ 4:30
- School Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 7/8 BBB vs. Dell Rapids @ 6:00

#### Tuesday, January 14

- GBB v. Flandreau (7/8/JV/V) @ 4:00

#### Thursday, January 16

- BBB @ West Central (7/8/JV/V) @ 4:00
- Wrestling Quad (Alcester Hudson, Lennox, Sioux Valley) @ 5:00—Parents' Night

#### Friday, January 17

- GBB v. Baltic (7/8/JV/V) @ 4:00
- Mini Cheerleading Clinic performs at halftime of varsity game

## Middle School Christmas Party

By Joshua Liester

Before we left school for our long Christmas break a few weeks back, the middle school students at Garretson hopped on a bus and went to their annual Christmas party at Pizza Ranch and County Fair in Brandon!

While there, they watched movies, choosing between *Despicable Me* and *The Last Mimzy*, ate pizza, and played games at County Fair.

The middle school teachers host the Christmas party every year "as a treat for the holiday season," stated language arts teacher, Mrs. Stoltenberg. "The students work hard throughout the year and this is a reward."

To be allowed to go to the party, Stoltenberg explained, "It was important that the students were caught up on all of their work."

Eighth grader, Declan Beers, was one of the students who went to the party. He had been to the party before and said that he enjoyed it, but his favorite part was eating the pizza.

Chayce Schleuter, another eighth grader, also had fun at the party. He agreed with Beers, stating the best part was the pizza.

Sixth Grader Nobel Nothstine went along for the first time this year and said that she liked the party and is excited to go again next year. "My favorite part was playing the games," said Nothstine.

At the end of the day, the students got to go home for Christmas vacation, and agreed that the party was a great way to start their break!



Middle school students enjoying their time at County Fair, joined to the Pizza Ranch in Brandon.



Photos courtesy of Kari Stoltenberg

## No Break for the Lady Dragons

By Mary Christian

Upon entering the break, the girls' basketball team diligently practiced on their offense to reduce the amount of turnovers and make their shots count on the score board. They focused on the Entringer Classic in Flandreau where they played Deubrook, an undefeated team.

These girls challenged Deubrook all the way though the game with their high intensity on defense and with seven girls putting up shots on the boards. "Playing a tough team that we have never seen before, we put our best foot forward," said Peyton Heitkamp.

In the fourth, Deubrook was making free throws and shots down the stretch, which hurt our girls in the end. They lost 41-47.

They put good effort into the game, Coach

Kevin Steckler said, "It was a privilege getting to play an undefeated team we do not usually see in our regular season."

Shooting into the new year, the girls played Chester. "We played as a team," said Heitkamp, "but there are always skills that we need to work on." In the fourth quarter, the girls could not hold on and lost 48-53.

With more games on the way, the Lady Dragons are looking for more shooters to add to their bench. "By the end of the season we will have eight to nine girls on the bench that can contribute to the game," said Coach Steckler. Healthy competitions are on the way for our Lady Dragons, their strong defense and promising shooters will lead these girls through the season.



## Hard Work is Rewarded

By Teila Carnicle

Varsity sports are known for seniors and juniors wearing the uniforms, but for some younger players, situations change for the better. Aaron Hoon and Riley Nordstrom, two freshmen and JV players for the Garretson boys' basketball team, had recently received varsity uniforms!

Excitement shows as Riley Nordstrom says, "it feels really good to get a varsity uniform. It makes me feel like I'm improving and that it shows."

Nordstrom feels he has earned his spot by saying, "I think I earned it because I work hard and try to get in there and score some points and get some rebounds."

He went on to say that his "hard work at practice and games" is what benefited him in getting a varsity uniform, but he also said that one thing that comes with earning a spot on varsity is getting nervous. The one aspect Nordstrom is nervous about is "messing up in the warm-ups!"

Just like Nordstrom, Aaron Hoon also

feels he has earned his spot on varsity. "It feels pretty awesome to get a varsity uniform."

He continued that, "I think I deserve this because I try harder than most people in practice." Yet, unlike Nordstrom, Hoon isn't too worried about messing up in warm-ups, but is more worried about "failing in the game."

Not only do they have confidence in themselves, but so do people around them! Coach Ganschow, had stated that the Aaron Hoon and Riley Nordstrom had met the qualifications to be on varsity with "flying colors!" "As with all our players, we look at four main factors when placing players on a team and they are: 1) ability, 2) attitude, 3) coachability and 4) team needs, and these two met all four with flying colors. Every player earns their spot regardless of what team they play on."



Ganschow feels they have many benefits that add to their varsity team. "They both bring many positives to the team. They bring us more depth to our varsity bench and also some good skill set. It will be a very positive learning experience for them as they adjust to varsity level games."

The one thing that Ganschow, and everyone else expects from them is to "be counted on to continue to work hard in both practices and games. When they do get the opportunity to get some playing time, I see them excelling as they have earned their uniforms and continue to make themselves better by going against our older guys every day in practice."

Excitement and new ways stir as we wait to see what Aaron Hoon and Riley Nordstrom are capable of in the upcoming Garretson boys' basketball games!

## Girls' Basketball Downs Visiting Quarriers

By Jennie Hegge

The Lady Dragons were back at it again on Thursday! A well-known rival made their way to town, the Dell Rapids Quarriers. The girls came out on top with a final score of 45-30, making their record 3-4!

"It's always good beating Dells," said sophomore, Jaden Bly. Bly contributed to the win in many ways, just as well as all her teammates did. She scored those buckets and passed that ball, racking up her assists.

Bly takes on the roll as starting point guard and loves every minute of it. "I feel honored because my teammates work hard

and deserve it also."

Now that beating Dells is in the books, the girls have bigger and better things to look forward to. Like winning more games! First, they have some skills they need to improve on in order to achieve that.

"Passing, and having intensity throughout the whole game," commented Bly. "If we cut down turnovers, which leads to more possessions and shot attempts, we're going to be just fine," added head coach Mr. Mudder.

Having a student section that cheers you

on always helps too! "It makes it fun and enjoyable for us," said Bly. You heard it from one source yourself, the girls love the energy that our student section brings!

Frequent spectator, junior Ben Hansen, thinks dressing up helps the vibe of the game. "It transfers the spirits from the crowd to the players."

Bring that energy all the way back to the new gym on January 14, when they go up against the Flandreau Fliers! Good Luck to the Lady Dragons on the rest of their season!

## In It to Win It

By Wyatt Fink

The wildcard weekend started last Saturday with the Kansas City Chiefs playing the Indianapolis Colts. In the game the Chiefs blew a 28 point lead and allowed the Colts to win the game 45-44.

The other game on Saturday was the Philadelphia Eagles playing at home against the New Orleans Saints. The game was back and forth as the Saints scored with a last second field goal to take the win at 26- 24.

Sunday's games were even more exciting with the first game: Cincinnati Bengals v. San Diego Chargers. The game was unex-

pected as the underdog Chargers beat the Bengals 27-10.

The final wildcard game was between the Green Bay Packers and the San Francisco 49ers. This game was a barnburner both teams were playing all out. The game was super intense as the lead was changing constantly. In the final minutes the 49ers silenced Lambeau Field with a last second field goal to win. The score stood 23-20.

Tomorrow and Sunday is the divisional round. The teams that are playing are the following: Seattle vs. New Orleans, Denver

vs. San Diego, Carolina vs. San Francisco, New England vs. Indianapolis.

The winners of those games will play in the AFC and NFC Championship games.

The winner of the Championship games will play in the Super Bowl in MetLife stadium in New Jersey.

If your team is in the playoffs, you better hope they win.



## Elementary Students Travel the World

By Katie Giesler

Before Christmas break started, the second grade students at Garretson were lucky and traveled all around the world to visit 16 countries!! Well, sort of.

While it is true that the kids "visited" 16 countries, they didn't actually leave the classroom to do so!

Before Christmas break, Mrs. Dahmes and Mrs. Neugebauer's second graders were introduced to countries around the world, ranging from Mexico to Norway to Japan. The kids spent time learning about each country's different Christmas traditions, and also learned each country's customs during the holidays.

Kylie Christensen from Mrs. Dahmes' class said that Italy was her favorite country because it was "very hilly, and you can learn a lot." However, she added that she would like to visit China some day, "Because they always have fireworks for New Year's and Christmas."

Christensen's classmate, Scott Ross, said that he would like to visit Norway in the future, "Because



In addition to learning about the countries' traditions and customs, the kids learned how to say "Merry Christmas" in all of the various languages! Not only that, but students also received "souvenirs" during their trips too. These "souvenirs" were projects that the kids did in class to take home to their parents to show them what they got during their visits.

instead of bread, they have lefse."

Sage Solheim from Mrs. Neugebauer's class was excited to remember how to say "Feliz Navidad", or "Merry Christmas" in Spanish, and expressed that Mexico was indeed his favorite country they visited.

Adair Hanisch's favorite souvenir to bring back home was a Russian doll they had made.

One of her favorite things about doing the project was making all of the different kinds of crafts from around the world too. She's also interested in visiting Mexico in the future because "it's warm down there!"

Mrs. Dahmes explains that the project is a "great way to learn about other cultures and traditions while giving students a more global understanding and perspective that we're not the only ones in the world."

This is the first year that Dahmes has done the project, but it isn't the first year of the project itself. Mrs. Neugebauer has done this for the last few years now.

Neugebauer says that the project is very beneficial for the students. She says, "It is a way for them to understand that

other people have different thoughts." She also adds that it's a good way to show the differences in cultures and how people live around the world.

There was also a second part to the long project; a tasting day! This tasting day was for students to bring in different foods found from all the countries they went to, and basically, have a party!



Photos courtesy of Erin Dahmes

Some of the foods eaten were lefse, gingerbread, wassail, pepparkakor, apple bars, old fashion candy, jan hagel cookies, and other various items parents signed up for. Almost all of the students interviewed said that the tasting day was their favorite part of the assignment!

All in all, the students seemed to have really enjoyed taking "trips" all around the globe. The kids had smiles on their faces as they recalled what they learned, and looked hopeful to travel some day, too.



## Preparation Leads to Success for Wrestlers

By Jesse Brockhouse

As you may know, the Blue Dragons' wrestling team made their way to Sioux Falls over Christmas break to compete in the Floyd Farrand Wrestling Tournament at Lincoln High School. Although they did not place high as a team, five wrestlers placed. Among these five is Junior Tait Johnson.

Johnson was originally ranked 7<sup>th</sup>, but finished at a strong 5<sup>th</sup> place. Exceeding these expectations influenced many people to wonder what his motive is to do better every match. "I worked hard to get better

and maintain my weight," commented Johnson.

Knowing everyone has their weaknesses and strengths, Johnson determined that his shots and shot defense were in need of some improvement but controlling opponents on top and escaping on bottom are his best assets.

If Johnson could go back and change anything or do something differently he commented "At the end of my Sturgis match, I gave up five points with ten sec-

onds left."

His drive to compete with these other wrestlers left him with one conclusion for being the ultimate motivation to be the best, "Winning."

Also joining Johnson in the placings were sophomore Jacob Fitzgerald (7<sup>th</sup>), sophomore Brady Schleuter (8<sup>th</sup>), junior Tristen Wagner (8<sup>th</sup>), and senior Tyler Willems (7<sup>th</sup>).

## Bohl Receives PRIDE Award for Outstanding Work and Commitment

Jason Bohl is currently in his 21st year working in the Garretson School District. He is the middle school math teacher and the head coach for cross country, wrestling and boys track.

Mr. Bohl is always willing to do whatever is asked to help improve the Garretson Schools or Garretson community.

Mr. Bohl is an effective math instructor

who works to find ways to help his students succeed in math.

His 2013 cross country teams had their best years in school history with the girls team taking home their third first-place finish in the last 5 years. The boys squad finished in third place this year which was good enough to give Garretson the "Combined Team" championship.

The above are just a few of the reasons why Mr. Bohl is worthy of recognition as Garretson's December PRIDE Award recipient.



## Senior Spotlight

**TEILA CARNICLE**

**Activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track

**Favorite Memory:** Attending an all females pool function in Minneapolis

**What are you going to miss the most?** Sports

**Future Plans:** Active Duty Marine

**Senior Project:** Running a half marathon



**JESSE BROCKHOUSE**

**Activities:** Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track, Golf

**Favorite Memory:** Winning State Baseball

**What are you going to miss the most?** Sports

**Future Plans:** Attend SDSU for Construction Management

**Senior Project:** Building a storage shed



## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what their favorite thing about the holiday break was.

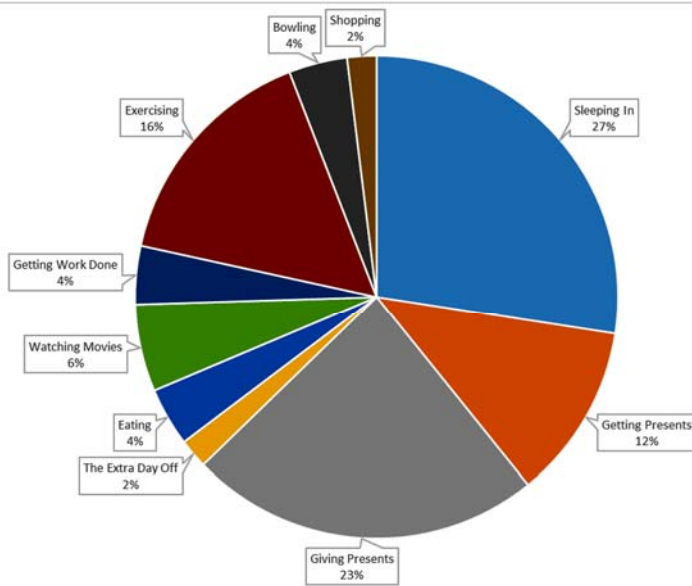


Stop by Mrs. Buchholz's or Mr. Hughes' rooms on Monday to vote in next week's student opinion poll. The polls will be located inside the rooms.

**ANSWERS:**

**Brain Teaser:** A Towel

**Joke:** He was seeing spots.



■ Sleeping In ■ Getting Presents ■ Giving Presents ■ The Extra Day Off ■ Eating ■ Watching Movies ■ Getting Work Done ■ Exercising ■ Bowling ■ Shopping