



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 1, Number 5

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Many people who read the word yawn or yawning begin to feel the urge to yawn.

**BRAIN TEASER:** Everyday, a cyclist crosses the border between Spain and France carrying a bag. No matter how much custom officials investigate him, they don't know what he is smuggling. Do You?

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What did the blonde say when she saw the Cheerios?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, September 27

- Football @ Alcester-Hudson @ 7:00

#### Saturday, September 28

- Soccer vs. West Central @ 3:00

- Band @ Luverne Festival @ 9:30

- 5/6 Volleyball vs. McCook-Montrose @ 12:00

#### Monday, September 30

- Cross Country @ West Central

- 7/8 Football @ Alcester-Hudson @ 4:00

#### Tuesday, October 1

- Soccer @ SF Christian @ 5:30

- Volleyball vs. Elkton-Lake Benton starting @ 4:00 - 7/8/C/JV/V

#### Wednesday, October 2

- FFA Land Judging Contest

#### Thursday, October 3

- Volleyball vs. Parker starting @ 4:00 - 7/8/C/JV/V

## Petitioning Out

By Teila Carnicle

People are OUTRAGED! The new lunch line rules have all grades disputing about how unfair it is to everyone.

The new lunch line rules are based on attendance. If a student is gone for a school activity, senior experience, or college visits, it does not count against them. However, if a student is gone due to illness or a vacation, those add up to the total absences for their grade. The order is established by taking the total number of periods absent and dividing it by the number of kids in the class. The grade with the lowest ratio is first in line.

This week is the first week in the new "attendance based lunch line." Freshmen ate first, juniors second, sophomores third, and seniors last. This didn't sit well with any student from any grade.

Jesse Brockhouse, a senior, says, "Personally I think it's pointless. Seniors have been first every year so there's no reason to change that." When asked if he thought it was fair he went on to say, "No, we had three years behind the seniors so the underclassmen shouldn't be treated any differently."

Jennie Hegge had the same general idea about the schools new lunch line rules, but she added, "I don't miss school so I shouldn't be punished." Hegge was asked if she thought the

new rule would improve attendance at all and she said, "No, because we can't control if someone doesn't come to school."

People would assume that the freshmen would be happy about the new rule, considering they're at the end no matter what. However, the opposite seems to arise as Aurora Rouzer said, "I think it should be the way it used to be because when we're seniors we would be mad about it too."

Because of the overwhelming displeasure of the new lunch line rules, the students of Garretson High School have taken matters into their own hands by starting a petition to overrule the administration's decision.

Mr. Long, the principal at Garretson High School, said he implemented this new line arrangement because they are always looking for new ways to improve attendance.

He wanted to give the kids an incentive to improve the attendance themselves.

When he was asked about the petition going around, he said, "I think it's a good way to express their opinions, and I will definitely continue to look into this arrangement."

Students want something done immediately. All of Garretson High Schools students have voiced their opinions about the new rule, and all seem to agree it's completely unfair.



## Junior High Fall Sports Teams Show Potential

### Volleyball

The junior high volleyball teams faced off against the Dell Rapids Quarriers and Chester Area Flyers this week.

The young netters played strong and came away with wins for both the teams when playing Dell Rapids last Tuesday.

The seventh grade won in three sets: 25-17, 18-25, 15-7.

The eighth graders also had to take it to three, but came out victorious: 12-25, 26-24, 15-12.

The results were not able to be replicated on Thursday versus Chester. Seventh grade lost 3-25 and 14-25.

Eighth grade followed suit with a 17-25 and 8-25 loss.

They will play next on Tuesday versus Elkton-Lake Benton.

The C-Team and Junior Varsity lost both their matches to Dell Rapids and Chester Area.

### Football

The junior high and junior varsity boys were in action last Saturday at the Chester Area Jamboree.

The previously undefeated junior high team suffered three straight losses dropping their record to 3-3.

Meanwhile, the JV team secured their first win of the season, going 1-2 in the event.

## Cross Country Preparation Pays Off

By Morgan Frewaldt

One may speculate, "How in the world would I prepare for a cross country meet?" Well, Macey Bohl and Brendan Harris are skillful in doing such a thing.

If you are the type of person to push yourself and knuckle down you may want to take Bohl's approach.

The day before a meet she efforts to run more miles, she is self-confident for the meet the next day when she finishes those miles with a good time. Bohl gets the most anxious about starting the race but says, "My teammates in front of me push me." She loves the satisfying feeling after the race when she places well. Running even

more miles is what she wants to do to improve, but when all is said and done, she is confident for state because she believes that herself, along with her teammates, will do marvelously.

Now for all you laid back kids out there, you may want to shadow Brendan Harris' pathway.

Harris simply doesn't prepare for his meets which probably explains why he is "not confident" going in to them. He gets worried for the race but uses his legs to push himself. Frustration kicks in when he gets tired but he enjoys the gratifying feel-

ing of placing.

Though he is on JV he is self-assured in his fellow varsity teammates in the state competition.

Now you have it, how one prepares for a cross country meet.

The girl's team (39 pts) along with the boy's team (36 pts) placed first at the Dells Invitational.

The girls were paced by Haley Sage and Carmen Bohl who placed second and third, respectively. The boys were led by junior Joshua Liester, fourth place, and sophomore Evan Fick, fifth place.

Bravo Cross Country Team!



## A Whole New World

By Katie Giesler

Unless you plan on being a couch potato for the rest of your life, you may need this. If you plan on attending an educational institution after high school, chances are, you'll need this too; and you'll most *definitely* need this skill if you plan on vacationing or even living in a foreign country!

Maybe you have a relative you can't "normally" communicate with... or maybe you're just doing it for the required credits in school. Hey, it looks good on a college application form and a job resume.

But wait. What is "this" that I'm referring to?

Why, learning a second (or third) language of course!

Learning another language is more beneficial than you may think. Not only are you giving your brain a workout, but you're becoming a better you.

By studying a foreign language, a whole new world of opportunities will open its doors for you.

You can travel the world comfortably, knowing that you can effectively communicate with people who may share no cultural or historical similarities with you. You can interact and have good times in an alien place, not feeling scared or intimidated, like you would if you had no way of fluently communicating with those around you.

Learning another language may push you to want to explore and venture the globe-- which can lead to long-lasting friendships with peoples of other cultures and nationalities; it can also give one the chance to see amazing sites like the Eiffel Tower, the Roman coliseum, or the Great Wall of China.

If you do some research, or if you have personal experience with it yourself, most people would say that learning a foreign language helps you learn and understand your own native tongue better.

Whether you take a language course online or go the traditional way in a classroom, you're still picking up a new skill some people would give anything to have.

Garretson offers five different language courses for high school students from which to choose: Spanish, French, German, Chinese, and Latin. Spanish is accessible upstairs with Miss Gaspar, or it is available online while the other four languages are only feasible online.

For me, since I'm currently studying German in school and Korean on my own, on top of trying to master English, I think of studying foreign languages as simply learning new ways to say things. It's just like learning synonyms to my native English words! It's a lot less daunting to think of it like that, and it makes it really fun!

Plus, if you like something, it makes tasks related to the subject a lot easier to do; so if you learn to like learning, school becomes a breeze.

Sophomore Kyrstyn Beck answered a few questions about learning a new language. She's in her first year of the online German course. When I asked her why she chose to take German, she said, "Because I can't roll my tongue for Spanish!"

Beck stated that the most rewarding part about learning a new language was, "The achievement of actually learning a different language... I get the feeling of self-accomplishment; that feels good. It gives me a feeling that I've gone beyond my reach. But it's kind of hard to learn on a computer... I think it'd be better if I had a teacher."

Regardless if there's a teacher present or not, learning a second language can be a valuable tool for oneself for current and future disposal.

Learning two additional languages has taught me self-discipline and values I would not have otherwise learned first hand if I hadn't sparked interest in linguistics. Being curious about other cultures and dialects enough to research and learn about them has opened my eyes and my mind. I believe it has made me a tolerant, more understanding individual.

I hope that after reading this editorial, some of you will consider looking into mastering another language as well. Because I know that after I finish German 2 this year, next year, I'm going to try and learn a fourth language: Chinese!



## Dragons Sweep the Quarriers, Fall to the Flyers

By Aaron Dunn

On Tuesday September 24, 2013 the Garretson volleyball team traveled to Dell Rapids to take on the Quarriers. The Dragons came out victorious winning all three sets!

The match got closer with every set they played. Garretson won the first set 25-16, the second 25-19, and the third and final set 25-21. Senior Teila Carnicle had fifteen digs throughout the sets. Seniors Jennie Hegge and Chayce Brinkman helped out with ten (Hegge) and seven (Brinkman) digs. Brink-



man also had eighteen assists and four aces.

Fellow senior Brianna Duerr had one ace and a team leading three blocks. Senior Haley Edmundson had the most kills on the team with seven. She also added in one ace. Sophomores Peyton Heitkamp and Lara Luke helped out their senior teammates with a combined eleven kills, two aces, and Heitkamp had two blocks of her own, Luke had five kills and one ace, Heitkamp had six kills and one ace.

The Lady Dragons played the Chester

Area Flyers yesterday. They played a very competitive match but fell short in each set: 16-25, 13-25, 22-25.

On the offensive side Garretson was led by seniors Teila Carnicle, Brianna Duerr, and Haley Edmundson with seven, six, and four kills respectively.

Defensively Carnicle had 20 digs while Jennie Hegge picked 16. Duerr led with three blocks. Edmundson and sophomores Peyton Heitkamp and Lara Luke all had three apiece.

The girls' next game is Tuesday, October 1 at home against Elkton-Lake Benton.

## Garretson Soccer Loses to Groton, Mitchell

By Wyatt Fink

Get your vuvuzelas out because we just scored a GOAL!

The soccer team played in Groton on Saturday. Groton had 17 shots and scored three goals.

Garretson had zero goals on four shots but had nine saves defensively. Coach Lynch was proud of how the girls played.

The soccer team went to Mitchell on Tuesday and loss six to zero.

Mitchell had 17 shots and six saves.

Garretson had six shots, two were from Junior Lydia Olson and other four were

from Freshmen Kindra Clark and Brandy Greenhoff.

Junior Bailey Willems, an experienced soccer player, noted Garretson's biggest challenge has been, "playing teams that have been playing for a long time and you can see it in the way we play. This is the first year so were still working on the team chemistry and learning how we all play."

She recognized what their strengths are, "We all get along well and have a good communication on the field. Our

passing and ball handling has gotten a lot better since the beginning of the year."

She also noted the most enjoyable part of the first year of soccer, "If you look at where we were at the first day of training camp and compare that to now, I think we have grown as a team. It's been a lot of fun getting to be part of the first soccer team and I'm looking forward to seeing how the rest of the season goes."

The next soccer match is Saturday, September 28, 2013. Home versus West Central.



## On Your Marks, Get Set, March!

By Jennie Hegge

The Garretson Marching Band officially kicked off their marching season yesterday in Arlington, South Dakota! They played "You're a Grand Ole Flag" which was conducted by Mikaela Gilbert, who is the drum major.

To prepare for the marching season, the band, which consisted of grades 7-12, held a week long camp during the summer where they met from 6-8 p.m. to practice their marching and play their new songs. They also meet every Monday through Thursday morning at 7:15 to rehearse.

Marching down the streets of Garretson is their way to show the town how good they really are! For some people, it may also be their alarm clock. Once they hear the band playing, they know it's time to get up for school!

When asking Mikaela Gilbert if she minded morning rehearsals, she said, "Yes, I like my sleep."

Can't blame you on that one! Even though she's not a big fan of those morning rehearsals, she still enjoys band because she likes seeing her friends and being involved. Way to go Gib!

She also went on to tell us the marching band's biggest strength would have to be how coordinated they all are in their marching skills. That sure comes in handy when it comes to the competitions!

Yesterday in



Arlington, there were many bands competing. The judges look for appearance, uniformity, and sound quality when evaluating the bands performances. Garretson had a strong showing, placing first.

The marching band would love some support from the community! If you don't know when they march, here is their schedule:

- Saturday, September 28: Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne @ 9:30
- Friday, October 4: Lake Area Marching Band Festival in Chester @ 9:30
- Saturday, October 5: Sioux Falls Festival of Bands @ 9:00
- Friday, October 11: Sioux Valley Parade @ 10:00

We wish the best of luck to all the members of the marching band!

## Junior Class Attends Planning Day

By Joshua Liester

After always being told that they had plenty of time before college, the juniors at Garretson are slowly starting to realize that it isn't that far away.

On Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> the junior class took a trip to the Elmen Center at the Augustana campus in Sioux Falls for the Sioux Falls College Planning Day.

The purpose of the day is for students to start looking into different college options. There were colleges and universities there from South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming to show students the opportunities available at their school.

Guidance counselor Mrs. Danielson, feels the day is important to get students to start thinking about their plans for after high school.

"It's a good opportunity for exploring post-secondary options," stated Danielson. "It allows students to look at not only four-year options, but also technical schools and the military."

Jera Sands is one of the many juniors who attended the planning day.

"I plan on going to Stewarts School," said Sands. "I am really into doing hair and nails." She also stated that she was both nervous and excited about going to college.

Junior Aaron Dunn said his dream job would be to play in the MLB, but if that doesn't pan out, he has his eyes set on becoming an architect and going to South Dakota State University or the University of Nebraska.

Breana Gersting said, "I plan on going



into mechanical engineering, but don't know where I am going to go to school yet. Today was helpful in my search."

Tony Weiland, Mara VanDeBerg, and Ryan Garcia were also questioned about their college plans and, like most other juniors, are still up in the air about what they want to do after high school.

All agreed though, that this event helped them start the process of finding the right school.

## Senior Spotlight

**MIKAELA GILBERT**

**Activities:** Softball, School plays, Band, Choir

**Favorite Memory:** Band trip in Chicago

**What are you going to miss the most?** Messing around in class

**Future Plans:** Attend SDSU for nursing

**Senior Project:** Putting on a play



**JEREMY MEINDERS**

**Activities:** Schwegin' out

**Favorite Memory:** Our senior prank we're going to do May, 17 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the teacher's parking lot

**What are you going to miss the most?** Schwegin' out

**Future Plans:** Going to join the South Dakota Coast



## First PRIDE Award Recipient Announced

Ron and Lori Luke and the Garretson Food Center have always been willing to step forward to donate time and services to the school district and community.

In addition to the grocery store and

catering services, GFC works hard to employ Garretson students, provide free products for several Garretson School activities throughout the year including the annual hot dog feed after the Powder Puff

football game.

Lori has organized and instructed the "Good News Club" for several years.

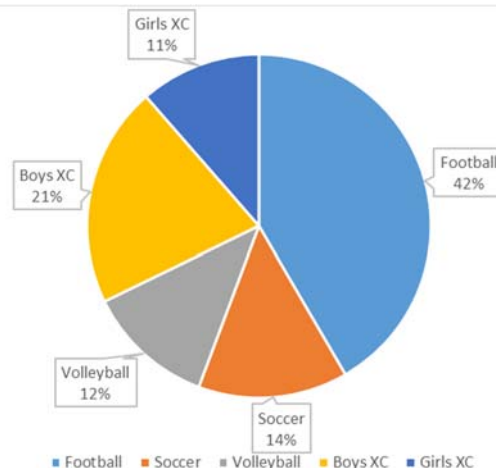
Thanks Ron, Lori and GFC for all you do for our school and community.

## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked since we are halfway through the seasons, which fall sports team had the best chance to get to their respective state tournament.



Stop by room 210 starting on Monday to vote in next week's



## Sixth Grade Volleyball

The fifth and sixth grade volleyball teams played at Dell Rapids last Saturday.

The sixth graders split with the Quarriers. Garretson lost the first match 20-25, 22-25, and 13-25.

The Blue Dragons came back in the second match to win in two: 25-22, 25-10



**ANSWERS:**

**Brain Teaser:** Bicycles

**Joke:** OMG! Donut seeds!