



Thanks for a great start Blue Dragons. We are so glad to be here in person; let's make sure we stay that way. Mask up, wash, sanitize, keep others safe.



Bring back some of these classes

Students wish for more in person options in their academic selections

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The students of Garretson are lacking in real life scenarios. Over the years many classes have departed the school, and more students than ever are going to college without even knowing how to wash their own clothes.

Many students have complained about not knowing how to change a tire or oil in their car, sew patches in your jeans, or even cook or grill hamburgers. Here are some of the classes that have been dropped: mass communications, business law, home ec, web publishing and design, graphic design, creative writing, psychology, film appreciation, calculus, Spanish (in person), and German. Let's take a look at what they all could have had in store for us.

For starters, and probably the most wanted, the Home EC class. Home EC teaches the students who attend the class skills that will help them in everyday life. Such skills may include sewing patches in old clothes, how to reinsert tie strings in sweatpants, basic car maintenance, and cooking skills. This allowed students to be exposed to real life scenarios, that prepare you for after high school, and after college life.

Secondly, mass communications class. Now this isn't just about social media. This is about advertising strate-



Classes come and go based on interest as well as instructors who are available and qualified to teach them. However, there are quite a few classes that used to be in Garretson that are no longer offered, but would be welcomed back greatly by the students.

gies in newspaper ads, radio broadcasts, and television commercials. As a student, you worked to make your own advertising for local businesses. Next, according to Mrs. Buchholz, you had to make your own product and try to make a sales pitch for the product.

Finally, we well know throughout the school that Spanish class has lost its in person availability, which is now moved into being online. Well for a short time we had a German class that a high schooler could take in GHS. This allowed for students to be taught multiple languages at once.

But these may be just some small ideas. Do you remember when everyone learned cursive in elementary school? Why don't we keep learning and using it? Cursive, although we maybe don't think about it, is a needed class because we should all have signatures rather than just printing our name.

Or for how often we are in front of screens, on the iPad or a computer, shouldn't we learn how to type rather than hunting for the letters on the keyboard? Some of these changes need a full class, others could be integrated into what we currently have.

These are just some of the lost classes of Garretson. From just the small talks of Garretson, its known throughout the student body that even some of these classes could and should be brought back for the young adults who simply don't know.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: A chameleon can extend its tongue a distance three times longer than its body.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: You can erase unwanted highlighter marks by dipping a Q-tip in lemon juice.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is crunchy and flies in space?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 3

- FB @ Parkston (7:00)

Monday, September 6

- No School—Labor Day
- Coronation @ Athletic Complex (7:00)
- PowderPuff Football @ Athletic Complex (following coronation)

Tuesday, September 7

- Class Color Day
- Ruff 'n' Tuff @ Dragons Lair (2:00)
- XC @ Jesse James XC Meet in Garretson (4:00)
- Soccer @ West Central (5:00)

Wednesday, September 8

- American Day

Thursday, September 9

- Country vs. Country Club Day
- VB @ BEC in Garretson v. Flandreau (6:00)
- VB @ BEC in Garretson v. TBD (20 minutes after last match)

Friday, September 10

- Spirit Day
- Homecoming Parade (1:30)
- All-Community Pep Rally (following parade)
- FB v. Arlington-Lake Preston (7:00)

Homecoming week is already here

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Homecoming week is right around the corner for the Blue Dragons. In fact it is already next week and there is a lot of chaos going around the school to prep for one of the most anticipated weeks of the year.



Wednesday: USA Day

Thursday: Country/ Country Club Day

- Float building (1:30-3:30)
- Royalty, senior athletes, cheerleaders to Palisades Nursing Home

Friday: Spirit Day

- All-school prep rally at 8:45
- Dragon Olympics at 9:45
- Parade at 1:30—start at Palisades Nursing Home
- Community Prep Rally following parade in school parking lot.

As excited as everyone is for homecoming, the dress up days have some people through the roof.

No school Monday, so Tuesday officially starts the week with Class Color day followed by American Day, Country v. Country Club Day, then Spirit Day. "I think that [the dress up days] are VERY boring and I know that Mr. Long was the one who picked them out and not the cheer-

leaders," stated senior Amber Hulscher.

Homecoming week is next week, September 6 through 10. The theme of the floats for the parade have varied each year. "Last time we did a theme it was BAD because I was a freshman and we didn't know what we were doing," said Hulscher.

This year will be different as the theme is movies and the seniors have already claimed "Up" as their inspiration. But Hulscher has ideas for themes in following years, "I feel like it would be kind of fun if we did like a prom theme and themes we did in the past like someone could do 'Rustic' and another could do 'Under the Sea.'"

With so much to be excited about this week, people are most hyped about the games going on and there have been guess on who they think might win. "I hope we win, that's a hope. Knowing how good the other team is we might not, but I will keep hoping," stated Hulscher.

Monday:

- Coronation (7:00 pm) at Athletic Complex
- PowderPuff football following coronation (Seniors vs. Freshman and Juniors vs. Sophomores; then Winners/Losers play following the first game)

Tuesday: Class Color Day

- Ruff 'N' Tuff VB at 2:00pm in Dragons Lair (New gym)

JOKE: A rocket"chip" (rocketship)

BRAINTEASER: Big bad wolf

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cross Country team as they competed at MCM this week. Preston Bohl was our top finisher, running a time of 18:18, good enough for fourth.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 0 Days When you get out of school today, you've officially made it to the Labor Day weekend. We return to school on Tuesday, September 7.

Blue Dragon athletics stay busy over the week

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We are only two weeks into the school year and have already experienced history for Garretson sports including: soccer destroying in their most recent game, volleyball dominating a whole tournament, and the first female kicker. Every team has had games in the past week and all played real hard for the results.



Anna Jones goes up for one of her two kills last night against rival Baltic Bulldogs. Jones and the Blue Dragons swept Baltic in three straight sets: 25-10, 25-9, 25-11.

Photo by Addi Hove

Soccer

The most recent soccer game was won by our Garretson girls soccer team (2-4) who won with an astonishing 8-0 final over Worthington.

"We had about a week break which I think really helped us get this win and hopefully we can bring this momentum into the next game against West Central," said Raegen Altman.

Soccer returns at West Central on Tuesday, September 7. JV starts at 4:00 pm and Varsity follows at 6:00.

Volleyball

In the most recent tournament, Garretson came out first. This is the first time in over a decade that they came out as champions in Canton. Hopefully they use this momentum for their next tournament.

Statistics for the Canton Tourney were as follows: Lily Ranschau 27 kills, 14 digs; Logan Bly 18 kills, Kaylin Koch 15 kills Alli Gawarecki 12 kills, 22 digs, 6 aces; Lexi Gawarecki 18 digs; Jaelyn Benson 27 assists, 14 digs, 6 aces.

Garretson took care of business against Baltic last night, convincingly sweeping the Bulldogs in three straight sets: 25-10, 25-9, 25-11.

Seeded number two for the Big East Conference tournament next week, Garretson faces Flandreau and, if won, moves to the winner between Sioux Valley and McCook Central/Montrose. First game starts at 6:00.



Junior running back Hunter Abraham (#20) stiff arms Hanson's Hayden Schroeder (#86) as he scurries for a first down. While Abraham and the Garretson offense were able to march downfield, they struggled to punch it in in the red zone, losing 14-24.

Football

After multiple delays, the game posted for Saturday was played Monday afternoon. Even after all the delays Garretson and Hanson still had to wait for another delay because of distant lighting.

Hanson took an early lead with 8-0 and by halftime the score was 16-6 with Hanson in the lead. The two teams played an even second half but couldn't pull past the 10 point lead of the first half. Hanson took down the Blue Dragons 24-14.

Garretson is back in action tonight travelling to Parkston, who is also 1-1 on the season, for a 7:00 kickoff as the two teams battle for their second win of the season.

Would you rather...

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...have more money or more fame?
...be rich but depressed or poor and happy?

...be the best player on the team but always lose or be the worst player but always win?
...only be able to whisper or be loud the rest of your life?

Table talk questions

...live under water or in the sky?
...live in the 1890s or the 1990s?
...be super strong or super fast?

This day in history...

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For the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 4

This week, instead of Tips & Tricks, we, at the *Blue Ink*, thought we would share some historic events that happened over the interchange from August to September.

August 30: President John F. Kennedy is the first president to have a hotline from the White House directly to the Soviet Kremlin. This came as a solution for often delayed and encrypted communications during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Although the crisis ended peacefully in mid-1963, concerns of future misunderstandings led to an improved system.

August 31: The first solar-powered automobile, called the Sunmobile, is demonstrated by William G. Cobb at the GM Powerama auto show in Chicago in 1955. Still, over a half-century late, a solar car hasn't met the market anywhere.

September 1: The *RMS Titanic* is found 13,000 feet below sea level. The wreck was found by a joint U.S.-French expedition led by Robert D. Ballard in 1985. The *Titanic* was found roughly 400 miles east of Newfoundland with the help of an unmanned submersible named *Argo*. No they didn't find Jack.

September 2: Japan Surrenders to the U.S.A. ending WWII. This unconditional surrender came into effect after the United States bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and when the

Soviets declared war on Japan. The ceremony took place on the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay. Over 250 Allied warships were also in Tokyo Bay while the ceremony was held. Eight other signatures were made from eight different countries, besides the U.S.

September 3: The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783 marking the end of the American Revolution. This allowed the American Colonies to become formally known as the United States of America. The terms allowed expansion west to the Mississippi River, and north to south from the Great Lakes to Florida, nearly doubling the new nation's size. Lastly, the treaty was ratified by Congress on the January 14, 1784.

September 4: The president, Harry S. Truman, makes the first television program broadcast to the nation. The broadcast was mainly about Truman's acceptance of a treaty that ended the U.S.'s involvement in post-war Japan. Truman's speech was spread throughout the country by a state-of-the-art microwave television technology, which hardly exists in today's television technology.

There you go, five facts, five events that happened on this day in history.

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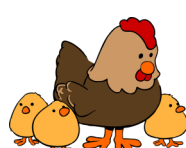
It's not too late to snag a keepsake of your memories and experiences from last school year

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Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks

Current Count



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BREAKFAST

Monday, Sept 6: No School—Whatever you feel like making yourself
Tuesday, Sept 7: Muffin Top & Yogurt or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Wednesday, Sept 8: Bacon and Egg Breakfast Pizza or Warm Apple Frudel
Thursday, Sept 2: Pancake and Sausage or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Friday, Sept 10: Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

LUNCH

Monday, Sept 6: No School—Whatever you feel like making yourself
Tuesday, Sept 7: Loaded Hash Browns or Popcorn Chicken
Wednesday, Sept 8: Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich
Thursday, Sept 9: Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken or Breaded Beef Patty
Friday, Sept 10: Mozzarella Bosco Sticks or Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet