

This week the paper came out on April Fool's Day. Read the issue carefully and see if you can figure out which articles are for real and which one's are just pulling your leg. We'll reveal the answers next week.

# Blue Ink



## Open lunch for all a possibility?

Garretson weighs options of giving entire high school open lunch privileges

by Addison Kratochvil  
staff writer

Do you ever think it's unfair that the seniors get to leave at lunch and have the time to take a break from school and possibly focus on themselves? Seniors have a lot of privileges that may seem unfair but all that they have are earned by staying off ICU and keeping their grades above a D and F which seems to be very achievable.

Because this seems so doable, Garretson School has decided to open lunch to all high school students that are eligible with grades, having an iPad paid for, guardians consent, and being responsible with your time. This may lead to better overall mental health and students wanting to do better in school so they can have the open lunch privilege as well.



An open lunch gives students more options to what they eat instead of what the school provides. The time given should be used responsibly, which means that you should either run home, a friend's house or pick up an order from one of the restaurants in town if you decide to not stay and eat lunch at the school.

Due to the fluctuating amount of kids coming up in high school which

may cause overcrowding in the lunchroom. All students that are eligible can go home even if they don't have a license.

Students can leave to go home or get food with classmates, when leaving for lunch everyone must be back to school when the following class starts; if not students will get their privileges revoked. This also includes throughout the day, if someone get three tardies, they get detention and lunch privileges taken away.

The school wants all students to feel like they aren't forced to leave for lunch; all students will still have the free lunch option if they choose to stay. This will start after Easter break which gives students time to go talk to teachers about getting their grades up and get permissions from their parents. This is an earned privilege and can be taken away at any time but it is worth testing out for the last month of school.

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Every step you take uses 200 different muscles in the body.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** The color yellow decreases the production of melatonin (the hormone that makes you sleepy. So surrounding yourself with yellow helps you stay focused.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why do fish live in salt water?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, April 2**  
- Prom with Grand March (7:00)

**Tuesday, April 5**  
- Track @ West Central Invite in Hartford (4:00)

**Thursday, April 7**  
- JH Track @ Flandreau Invite (4:00)

**Friday, April 8**  
- Golf @ SD Golf Classic in Mitchell (10:30)

**Saturday, April 9**  
- Track @ Jesse James Invite in Garretson (9:30)

### Worth Mentioning

**YEARBOOKS** are now available for purchase for the 2021-2022 school year. Order yours now! Just \$30. You can place your order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) or through Mrs. Buchholz at school.

**SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE:** In addition to the awards listed in last week's issue, Honorable Mention Awards were given to the following GMS students: Serie Risty, Gracie Fiegen, Brooklyn Trudeau, Michael Hanisch, Reece Connelly, Carter Siemonsma, Jayda Snedeker, Chloe Hermanson, Austin Graff, Alyssa Garcia, Madison Waltman, Collin Olson, and Emma Wolf.

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days**  
Our next break is Friday, April 15

## Garretson on the move

by Adi Fink  
staff writer



Garretson has always talked about the possibility of moving to Class B in athletics. After every enrollment count that determines where schools fall, Garretson typically sits at the bottom of the list for Class A, meaning we're one of the smallest 'A' schools in the state.

Due to declining enrollment and smaller class sizes like the current sophomores, who have 26 class members, and the current eighth graders who have 32 in their grade, Garretson is eligible to make this shift down to class B this next school year.

Most of the athletic schedules will look the same for Garretson sports as the Big East Conference is already a mix of Class A and Class B schools for boys and girls.

Mr. Schrank thinks this will be good for our school. "I grew up in a Class B school and so I feel I am really familiar with the teams in Class B." Schrank also noted that he knows many of the coaches so game planning and prep will feel really similar.

Garretson students have always been competitive.

That's just how most of us grew up. Playing sports and putting all of our

heart and soul to win. That's normal because no one likes to lose. "And moving the class B won't hurt us," said Mr. Bohl. But we still have the same competitive drive.

Garretson would probably end up in Region 4B based on our location but our schedules wouldn't change too much because we play many of the same teams as we do if we were still in 'A'. And the competition will be just as strong because region 4B features teams such as Chester and Colman-Egan for VB, C-E for GBB, DRSM for BBB, and Howard for Wrestling. Moving to class B will help Garretson play schools the same size as us but also still have a competition we did when we were in class A.

Mr. Schrank continued that this will be good for our school. "We will be more competitive in the Class B classification and I think that's evident as we are a 9 AA football team then we are compared to 11 B."

This could be good for our school but I guess we'll have to wait and find out until next year.

## Ups and downs

by Madison Prellwitz  
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On Saturday, March 26, a 14-year-old tragically died after falling off an amusement park ride in Orlando, Florida.



Many heard of this brutal accident, sending prayers to the family and friends of the young boy. Investigations done on this revealed that it was simply because the boy was not securely latched into his seat because the workers didn't check it, causing him to fall.

After this incident it is rumored that amusement parks may shut down this ride and possibly others that can cause such an accident. True or not, are others willing to take such a risk and continue to enjoy the fun of these attractions?

Junior Sam Schleuter stated, "Yes, I do think they are dangerous, but I take the risk anyways." Despite this occurrence, Schleuter said that he would absolutely continue to go on rides.

Opposite of Schleuter, sophomore Carsten Rozeboom claimed, "No, I don't think they're dangerous because they're fun." But Rozeboom did agree, "I would continue to go on the rides."

So should amusement park rides be shut down just because of this accident? There have been other accidents on rides that have resulted in serious injury or even death, why would we wait till now to shut them down?

If you think about it, if one person died from something, should that be a reason for it to be shutdown or banned? For example more than 38,000 people die each year from car accidents, does that mean we take away the ability to drive for everyone?

# An eventful night at the Oscars... *The slap heard 'round the world*

by **Natalie Kuhnert**  
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The 2022 Oscars were very eventful for more than just the awards being handed out. Will Smith slapped Chris Rock for making a joke about his wife concerning her hair. Smith was laughing at first then looked at his wife and saw she wasn't laughing so he decided to take action.

There are a lot of people that didn't watch the Oscars but still heard about the incident. Mr. Hughes said, "I really didn't watch the Oscar awards; I got a text message from my friend telling me about the Will Smith - Chris Rock incident." The many people who didn't watch the awards shortly heard about it after it blew up on the internet.

Will Smith decided to walk up and slap Chris Rock after he made a joke about his wife calling her G.I. Jane because of her hair. Pinkett Smith has alopecia, a medical condition that causes people to lose their hair. Before this incident at the Oscars, Pinkett Smith has kept her condition quiet to the public.

Mr. Heumiller watched the awards and saw what happened that night. Heumiller claimed, "Violence is never the right thing and he obviously overacted, we make jokes sometimes they poke into other people and he crossed the line that he didn't know was there and he overreacted."

Junior Autumn Gaspar said, "The Oscars were very eventful and I'm glad I watched them." Gaspar thought Smith's apology was not sincere by saying "Absolutely not". And just because Will Smith is an



actor and has many fans he did what was in his best interest by apologizing but, he did not apologize directly to Chris Rock.

Will Smith got the Oscar later that night for best actor for his role in *King Richard* but also received a standing ovation from those in attendance at the awards show. Many people think that he should be revoked of his award for his actions that night.

The board of the Academy Awards is deciding his punishment but hasn't come out with one yet.

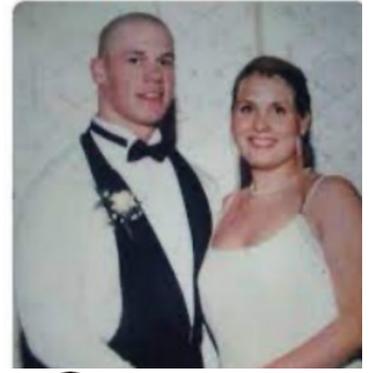
Chris Rock made a comment before moving on at his comedy show a few days later saying that he is still processing what happened and that he will talk about it later and claimed "It will be serious and funny."

This year's Oscar awards is definitely one that everyone will remember with the events that happened. Will Smith made an apology. Was it sincere? Who knows.



# Memes of the month

When You Decide To Order Your Prom Dress Online. *Poor girl went to prom by herself 😭*



## Senior Spotlight

*Dylan Kindt*



**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Golf

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**

Buster and Sports

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Attend SDSU for Ag Business

**CLASS OF 2022**



## Senior Spotlight

*Lily Ranschau*

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track
- National Honor Society Youth Group
- FCA
- Honor Roll

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**

Seeing my younger classmen friends in the hallways and playing sports with them

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Attend Dakota Wesleyan University to major in nursing and play volleyball



## Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

*The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:*

*Menus subject to change*

**Current Count**



58

**BREAKFAST**

**Monday, Apr 4:** Waffles or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

**Tuesday, Apr 5:** Muffin Top & Yogurt or Cini Minis or Iced Long John

**Wednesday, Apr 6:** Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza or Warm Apple Frudel

**Thursday, Apr 7:** Pancake & Sausage Links or Cini Minis or Long John

**Friday, Apr 8:** Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Mini Bagels

**LUNCH**

**Monday, Apr 4:** Beef Goulash with Breadstick or Pancake Sausage Bites

**Tuesday, Apr 5:** Loaded Hash Browns or Popcorn Chicken Bites

**Wednesday, Apr 6:** Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich

**Thursday, Apr 7:** Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet or Hot Ham & Cheese

**Friday, Apr 8:** Mozzarella Bosco Sticks or Hot Turkey & Swiss Melt