



Track has been busy hosting the Jesse James last Saturday then attending meets on Monday & Tuesday already this week. They hope to have one today too.

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Familiar faces move up to middle school

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This year's third grade teachers are on their last year of teaching elementary school. Next year, Mrs. Bly and Mrs.



Mrs. Bly and Ms. Williamson have been working together in the third grade for a handful of years. During that time they have integrated their content, lessons, and presentations, showing how well they can work as a team. They are bringing that collaboration and energy to the middle school next year.

Williamson will begin their years teaching middle schoolers here in Garretson, taking on the challenge of teaching older students.

Q: What are you most excited about?

- AB: "I'm excited about a new challenge, something different"
- AW: "I think change could be refreshing, I'm excited to work with different age group: older students."

Q: What do you think the biggest change will be?

- AB: "I think their biggest change will be just going to bed with the new curriculum. I already know most of the kids so I'm not so worried about that."
- AW: "I think the biggest change similar to that is not teaching every subject every day and just toning on one subject. So I'm kind of excited about that. And it will be different to

not teach all of them."

Q: What made you decide to want to come to middle school?

- AB: "It wasn't even on my radar; I wasn't even thinking about making a change, but Ms. Williamson just brought up the idea of how much fun it would be so I just kept an open mind about it. I went up to Mrs. Stoltenberg a couple times and observed her teaching and I just got excited about it."

- AW: "I have taught middle school once before and I liked the enthusiasm in the age group of the kids and I feel like I love third grade too. I like change and I like trying something new and challenging like a good new challenge."

Q: What are you going to miss about elementary school?

- AB: "I'm definitely going to miss my coworkers down here. I've been working with them for a long time and I've been in my room for a long time so I'm going to miss that."
- AW: "We work with a great group of staff down here but that's kind of the blessing about being in a K-12

After positively impacting students for years in the elementary, Williamson and Bly find new homes

school, even though we won't be in elementary school anymore, I'll still be in the same building. I am also excited to work with the middle school and high school staff."

Q: Did you plan to move to middle school together?

- AB: "Yes, I wouldn't have made the change without Ms. Williamson. Definitely a team move."
- AW: "Yeah we both applied for the open positions and we just hoped that we both would get it. I really like teaching with Angie. I feel like we work really well together and thought this was a great opportunity with science and language arts. We would do some cross-curricular things and would do it together as we did in 3rd grade."

Q: How do you think it will be teaching only one subject rather than all of them like in the elementary?

- AB: "I can just focus on one subject and I'm just going to have to be more creative, varying the different activities."
- AW: "I think that it's one subject but three different levels of one subject. It's not like I teach the same lesson all day long. It's 6th, 7th and 8th so even though it's the same subject, the content will be a little bit different. I also think it will make me invest a little bit more in science."

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Over 16 billion jelly beans are made each year in anticipation of Easter.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: The phrase "don't take this the wrong way" has a 0% success rate...choose your words carefully.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the baby chick cross the road?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What is the best way to make Easter easier?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 15**
- No School—Good Friday
- Monday, April 18**
- No School—Easter Monday
- Tuesday, April 19**
- Golf @ Chester (10:00)
- Track @ Beresford Invite (4:00)
- Wednesday, April 20**
- School Physicals (9:00-1:30)
- Thursday, April 21**
- Band/Choir Trip to Chicago
- Golf @ Flandreau Invite in Brookings at Edgebrook (10:00)
- JH Track @ Garretson (3:00)
- Friday, April 22**
- Band/Choir Trip to Chicago
- Saturday, April 23**
- Band/Choir Trip to Chicago
- Track @ Tom Main Invite (9:30)
- Sunday, April 24**
- Band/Choir Trip to Chicago
- State FFA

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 or through Mrs. Buchholz at school.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 6 Days
Our next break is Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18 for Easter break. School resumes Tuesday, April 19.



Grip it and rip it

Golf opens the season with windy weather at home

by **Natalie Kuhnert**
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The Blue Dragons golf team had their first meet on Tuesday, April 12. This was a home meet for the Garretson students at River Ridge Golf Course. These students were nervous and excited for their very first golf meet of 2022. The weather on Tuesday wasn't very ideal for a golf meet primarily due to strong winds but everyone still made it happen despite the not-so-good weather.

Junior Matthew Gilbert said, "I don't want to golf



Matthew Gilbert tees off on hole #4 at River Ridge. While Matthew wasn't able to finish his round due to adverse weather conditions, it was good to get a few strokes of actual play in.

Photo by Grace Hove

with random people because I don't want to embarrass myself."

After the meet Gilbert followed up and said, "I think I did pretty good but could've done better if the weather wasn't so bad."

Freshman Nora Bonte

wasn't too worried about the first meet's results, "Golf is a sport that you're going to use your whole life instead of running, and I need to do something." Bonte said she was excited for the meet and meeting new people, "We get to golf with different schools so that's fun." After playing junior high last year, Bonte said, "This year is way more formal compared to last year and we get to be outside more with people being able to drive out to the course."

Senior Mataya Trower is on her last year of golfing in high school and claimed, "I've been doing golf since middle school. It's just a hobby of mine I like to do with my family and I

thought it would be fun to do it here too." Trower ended her first meet of the year with a score of 55.

Blaine Trower on the other hand did not enjoy his first golf meet and was very excited to be done golfing. B. Trower said, "I don't think I will do very good." Trower also explained, "I do golf to do something, so I don't get talked to by the football coach about doing track."

Overall the first golf meet was either a hit or a miss with some of the Garretson High School students. Some of the students got cut short due to rain and tornado warnings but ended strong. The next golf meet for varsity is Tuesday at Chester.

JOKE: To meet up with her PEEPS.

BRAINTEASER: To just put an "i" where the "t" is

Familiar faces continued

Both third grade teachers make the jump to MS

Q: Do you think you are going to have to be stricter because the kids are older?

- AB: "We've had these kids before so I feel like we already have that relationship with them and that connection. Plus they are a few more years mature. I don't think I'm going to have to be stricter it's just going to be different."

- AW: "To be completely honest, I feel like kids are kids. If you respect them, are kind to them, and show them that you care; they will be willing to learn from you."

Q: Students are going to have iPads with them all the time, what new or different strategies are you going to use in the classroom?

- AB: "I think we're going to have to remind the kids more that they need to come with their school iPads charged and ready to go."

- AW: "In third grade, they're already one-to-one so students already have them, they just put them in the cart but don't take them home. Since they can take them home that'll give us more opportunities to give them homework online."

Q: You previously have only had one grade at a time, now in the middle school you will have three different grade levels to teach. What do you think about that and having to teach the same kids for three years in a row?

- AB: "I have looped before to like 2nd or 3rd several times and 3rd to 4th and it'll kind of be similar to looping to have those same kids year after year after year and then you can pull off the concepts we learned the year before."

Q: Mrs. Mueller has been teaching for 26 years and Mrs. Stoltenberg has been teaching for 40. How do you feel about filling their shoes?

- AW: "I don't feel that I will be filling Mrs. Mueller's shoes. I would just like to walk beside them or behind them for a little while. We both plan on using them as resources for questions that arise and that come up."

- AB: "I agree with Miss Williamson. I'm not trying fill someone's shoes; I'm just trying to pick up where she left off and hopefully I can do what she's been doing the last 40 years some justice and have some fun along the way."

Q: Anything else you'd like to share?

- AW: "I think we're excited for change and we know there's going to be an adjustment. The people in the building are more than willing to help us and are very welcoming and we're excited about that."

Overall these teachers are excited to become middle school teachers. We are wishing them the best of luck for this upcoming year.



Mrs. Bly and Miss Williamson continue to find ways to collaborate and make classes as interesting as possible for all the students they teach.

Summertime activities

by Addi Kratochvil
staff writer

With the school year coming to a wrap and summer approaching which comes to a lot of freedom. When we're all planning our summer out with sleeping in, working, seeing friends and so much more. We all have those days that seem like you have nothing to do, so here are a few things you can do with friends, family or even yourself.

THINGS TO DO BY YOURSELF

- HIKING

~ if you want to stay close to home you can go to the Palisades.

~ if you want to venture out to more state parks you could go to Oak Wood in Bruce, South Dakota or Blue Mound outside of Luverne, Minnesota.

- WORKING

You could be like Preston Bohl and want to make money all summer long. There are lots of different part time jobs available for you.

~mowing lawns

~state park

~life guarding

~ babysitting/nannying

- PADDLEBOARDING

You can go paddle boarding so you don't have to worry about people knocking you off of your board

~Go to Flow and Paddle by Lake Lorraine in Sioux Falls, so you can rent boards

~If you have your own board you can also go to any state park and paddle board.

FAMILY

With summer coming that may mean a lot more time with your annoying siblings and your not-so-hip parents, but also leads to a lot of time to make lifelong memories with them while you're still in school. The same goes for teachers embracing their extra time with their children.

~ Kevin Steckler is excited to go to his son's wedding in late July.

~ Heidi Costello's family is going to Colorado.

~ Jason Bohl's family is hoping to go in the river and going to the Black Hills to hike.

FRIENDS

Most teenagers plan on seeing friends every single day of summer but we all get bored with doing the same thing over and over.

~Lay out with your friends and listen to music while you tan, you can also get stickers to get cool tan lines. Don't forget the sunscreen!!

~Go to different Ice cream parlors and try new ice cream flavors.

~Go to different pools in our area such as Wild Water West, Garretson pool, Brandon pool and so many more!

~ But mostly I think everyone should follow in Caleb Westerbur's steps and focus on just being "smart and responsible this summer!"



Word scramble

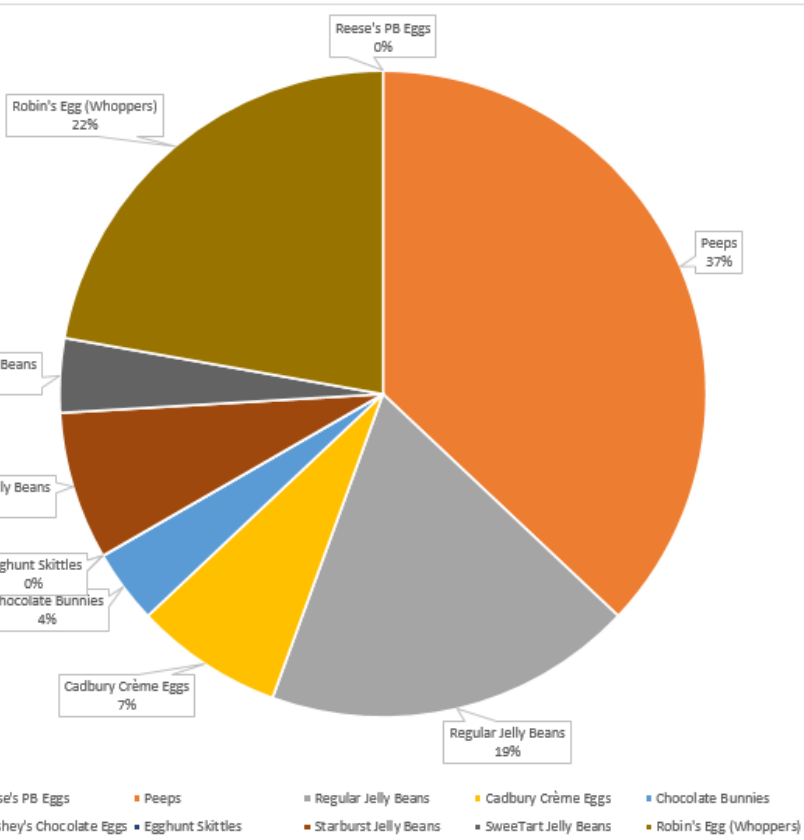
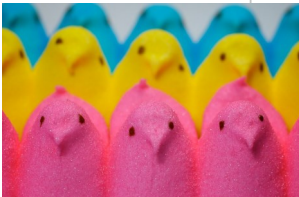
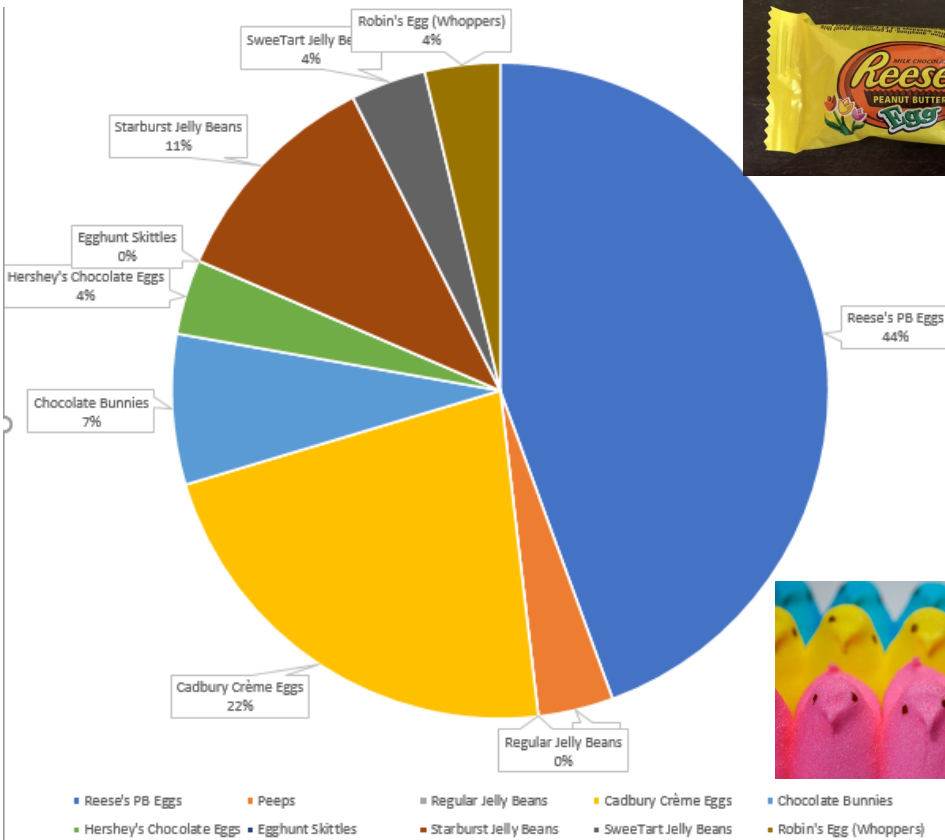
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5. dyacn
7. leyjl eban
9. nusyn
3. askbte
6. nuybn
8. psirgn
10. wroefl



Best and Worst Easter Candy

Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs take top honors while Peeps and Robin Eggs are least favorite



Word Scramble: 1: Easter, 2: eggs, 3: basket, 4: hunt, 5: candy, 6: bunny, 7: jelly bean, 8: spring, 9: sunny, 10: flower

We can do better, be better

Bullying doesn't have to happen

by **Madison Prellwitz**
staff writer—editorial

“With age comes wisdom” a quote said by our insightful Andres Stensland. Bullying is something that occurs EVERYWHERE. No matter where you are, bullying is present.

GHS students were questioned on how they feel about bullying. “On a scale of 1-10 I would say our school manages bullying about a 5,” mentioned Senior Morgan Pierret. “I haven’t ever really been bullied but I know people who have and I know sometimes it gets resolved and sometimes it doesn’t,” said Pierret.

Along with Pierret, junior Jenna Wastell gives the school a 4 out of 10 on how they manage bullying. “A lot of kids have been bullied and no one does anything about it,” claimed Wastell.

This junior also said, “I have been bullied since I moved here in seventh grade and regardless of what I do or say it doesn’t stop.”

Agreeing with Wastell, freshman Andres Stensland stated our school doesn’t handle bullying well. “I see

it all the time,” said Stensland. “I don’t always get bullied but when I do I tend to just walk away.”

Although this is a huge problem in our society, is there any way to make it better?

Freshman Maci Rotert had an idea that many could agree with. “If everyone would just be nice to each other, it wouldn’t be as big of a problem as it is.”

Pierret, Wastell, Stensland, and Rotert all agree they would hope bullying would get better as time goes on but it won’t happen without some sort of change in action whether from students, staff, or both. Sometimes bullying happens with our own friends and family. Will that ever change?

Myself included, have been picked on since I was little for noticeable reasons. Honestly going through this for so long I’ve personally just learned to live with it, it is what it is and you shouldn’t have to change the way you are for someone else.

Although words hurt, deep down each and everyone of us is stronger than words that come out of others mouths.

Legion Essay/Poem winners recognized

Elementary through high school earns honors



The local winners of the American Legion Auxiliary essay and poem contests received their certificates and cash prizes earlier this week. The poem topic this year was “Smile” and the essay was “How can we support families who provide care for their Veterans?” Winners this year were (back row) Alli Gawarecki (essay—2nd), Jordyn Williams (essay—3rd), Erin Steen (essay—1st), Blaine Trower (essay—1st), (front row) Xavier Rodengen (poem—3rd), Hailey Anderson (poem—1st), Charlie Ockenga (poem—2nd), Brooklyn Schwebach (essay—2nd), Thor Zell (essay—1st), and Colton Buchholz (essay—3rd, poem—1st). Giving out the awards this year was Garretson’s ALA representative, Denise Schmidt. Erin Steen’s essay also won the district contest and moved on to the state competition in June.

March Madness pride pool

Best and worst brackets recognized

After brackets busted with big teams going out early including #2 Kentucky in the first round. This year’s pool was up for grabs.

Junior Grace Hove took top honors correctly predicting Kansas to win it all. This earned her the certificate and the 100 Grand! Second place went to Isaiah Coburn and third was a tie between Drew Pederson and Caylix Buchholz. Dylan Jessen rounded out the pool with his busted bracket earning him Whoppers for last place.



Senior Spotlight

Sami Kruger



CLASS OF 2022

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:	WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:	PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Band	My friends, privs, and getting woken up be Mr. Steckler	Attend Lake Area Tech for dental assisting

Senior Spotlight

Cadyn Ockenga



ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Football
Basketball
Baseball
Track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mr. Heumiller’s guided notes in Anatomy

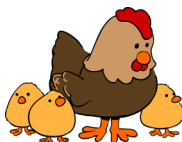
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend the University of Nebraska for forensic science



Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:
Menus subject to change

Current Count



BREAKFAST
Monday, Apr 18: No school today. Make yourself something delicious.
Tuesday, Apr 19: Egg & Cheese Biscuit or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Wednesday, Apr 20: Pancake & Sausage Links or Warm Apple Frudel
Thursday, Apr 21: Chocolate Chip Round or Cini Minis or Iced Long Johns
Friday, Apr 22: Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

LUNCH
Monday, Apr 18: No school today. Make yourself something delicious.
Tuesday, Apr 19: Lasagna with Garlic Breadstick or Mini Corn Dogs
Wednesday, Apr 20: Homestyle Chicken Chili or Breaded Steak Fries
Thursday, Apr 19: Italian Dunkers or Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Friday, Apr 20: Cheesy Garlic French Bread Pizza or Scalloped Potatoes & Ham