



**Benton Bands** are available. If you did not get one of the bands that honors Benton Howe, and still want one, please stop by the office.



# Year in review

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While these last few days may feel like an eternity, the whole school year seemed to fly by. From celebrations to heartaches and shock to excitement, the Garretson school year has been filled with about every emotion imaginable over the course of the 2021-2022 year.

## 1st Quarter

With school starting back up again, there are some upsides to the first quarter like seeing classmates again and which new teachers are coming in. This year we had Mrs. Zell and Mrs. Williamson in the special ed room. Also officially new this year was Ms. Ageson making her home in the fifth grade classroom.

Also at the beginning of the year was homecoming. This is the biggest time of the year where students get to dress up and show off their school spirit. This year was a lot of fun. Crowned this year were homecoming queen Chloe Schleuter and king Adam Hulsher. The seniors came out first in Ruff-n'Tuff and in Powder Puff. And this year we had one of the best Blue Dragon Olympics that the school has had in a long time, capping



off with a riveting karaoke experience.

This year the Garretson soccer team went 2-10-1. The team won against Huron and Worthington and tied Groton. This year's soccer team sadly didn't make the playoffs.



**JOKES:** A milk dud...



The Garretson volleyball team went 29-2 on the season. The girls got second in the conference tournament but won the whole conference by the end of the season and went deep into the playoffs.

The football team went 5-5 for their record this year. This year the gridiron gang also had a new addition to the team with Garretson's first ever female kicker: Jenna VanHolland. VanHolland came in clutch in the first game of the season, kicking multiple PATs including being responsible for their game winning points against Viborg Hurley to open the season.

This year the cross country struggled to put a varsity team together due to multiple injuries throughout the season. However, there is quite a bit of promise with talent coming up the ranks.

## 2nd Quarter

Garretson High School's recap of the second quarter involves state volleyball, the start of wrestling and basketball season, winter break and more.

Starting off strong, the GHS volleyball team went to state for the first time in 24 years! Getting to this point, the team was the #2 seed in their region, behind #1 Sioux Falls Christian, but they were also #2 in the state, behind the same team. Wanting to back up that ranking the girls hit the postseason

They swept through West Central in three straight sets to advance to play Madison, the #3 seed, in the region show-down. The Bulldogs earned the first point of the match, but the Blue Dragons settled in and took down the region competition in three sets, advancing to the SoDak 16.

This is where the girls' strong regular season record helped them out, as they squared off against a scrappy Redfield team.

While the Blue Dragons struggled offensively, their serving kept them in the game, including erasing a 15-20 deficit in set two to come back with a 25-20

win. The Garretson volleyball team qualified for the state tournament with a 3-0 victory over the Redfield Pheasants under the direction of head coach Dennis Northrup.

Garretson played a familiar foe for the first round of state, Elkton-Lake Benton. But while Garretson found themselves in a hole early, they came back to win in 5 sets. They repeated that same 5-set thriller when they played last year's state runners-up, Dakota Valley Panthers, in the semi-final. That win set up a Region 3 showdown for the Class A Championship: #1 Sioux Falls Christian Chargers against #2 Garretson Blue Dragons. The Chargers showed why they were #1 in state with a 3-0 win, but Garretson was happy to come home with second place hardware.

Beginning of November we had an unexpected visit from none other than Ms. South Dakota! Miss South Dakota, Kaitlin O'Neill, came to talk to Garretson 6-12 students about mental health and her personal wellness plan BLOOM. Bloom stands for Balance, Listen, Outlet, Outlook, Move/Meditation. She talked about balancing your schedule, listening inside yourself, outlet was to keep doing what you like, outlook is what you've been doing and what you can change, and move/meditation talked about being physically active but still making time for yourself.



Also in the beginning of November, the school hosted the Veterans Day program. Every year on November 11, Americans celebrate their servicemen's sacrifice for the United States. Garretson in particular has an assembly in the late afternoon to honor South Dakota's Legion 23. This usually has a couple of speakers to tell the tale on how the Legion began over a hundred years ago. The American Legion hosted the annual Garretson Veterans Day assembly on



## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The moon ridiculously drastic temperature changes, averaging 224 degrees Fahrenheit in the day but a -243 at night.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** If you need to remember something important for the next day, take a picture of it and set it as the background of your phone.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you call a cow that doesn't give any milk?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Solve this rebus puzzle:

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, May 13

- JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)

### Saturday, May 14

- 5th-8th Band Solo Contest (8:00)

### Sunday, May 15

- Baseball v. TBD (TBA)

### Monday, May 16

- Golf @ Sioux Valley (9:00)

### Wednesday, May 18

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Have a Great Summer!

### Thursday, May 19

- Track @ Regions in Madison (11:00)

### Saturday, May 21

- Graduation (1:00)

### Monday, May 23

- Golf @ Regions in Hartford (9:00)

## 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.

## COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 5 Days

Our next break is the start of summer:

Wednesday,  
May 18



## Year in review continued

the veterans and their sacrifices. Most of all, it's important to thank the veterans on this eleventh day of the eleventh month for their heroic service.

Later in the month of November, Garretson FFA members, Sarah Welch, Drew Pederson, and Jenna VanHolland did something that only one other Garretson FFA team has done in recent years, advance to nationals. This crew qualified in Market Plan. The team will compete during the National Convention in the fall of 2022.

Right before winter break, at the end of November we had our thanksgiving break. We had multiple Garretson students tell us what they were most looking forward to for Thanksgiving break. Green bean casserole." - Mataya T, senior "Oreo fluff two million percent...nothing else- Maverick H, junior. "I'm excited to eat the special snacks that my grandma makes." - Harrison K, kindergarten. "Mashed potatoes" - Olivia M, senior "I'm really looking forward to having the buns that my grandma makes because they are really good and sweet." - Hope W, eighth grade "Turkey." - Gabe J, senior

### 3rd Quarter

Once the third quarter hits almost everyone wants it to be summer break, we all miss the warm weather. Third quarter also means that we need to get back into the swing of things after Christmas break.

Girls basketball (13-9) this year had some really big accomplishments with the girls varsity team coming in first place in the BEC tournament. The junior girls shared their recipe for success and took the third grade girls under their wing. They coached the third graders to win first place at their own tournament.

The boys basketball team (9-12) had

some good games which most people will remember the boys playing, the Baltic Watchdogs winning the game by 32 points. The boys did well enough to host the first playoff game in over a decade.

Wrestling this year made history with the first girls on the wrestling team being Hanna Horvath and Hannah Frewaldt. Then Horvath took it a step further being the first female from Garretson to ever make it to state. She was joined by Preston Bohl, Jayse Miller and Braxten Rozeboom representing the Blue Dragons on the mat at state. The wrestling team had a good season overall, led by seniors Jayse Miller, Braxten Rozeboom, and Gabe Johnson. Also shout out to the girls who went to the long wrestling days to cheer on our boys and girls, especially senior Amber Hulscher.

The Science Fair was a huge success with Emma Wolf earning grand champion, also Carter Siemonsma and Alyssa Garcia got the judges' attention enough to be awarded top honors for the Garretson Science Fair.

The one act play put on a play about how good and bad may just be your perspective on the situation, they covered the story "The Big Bad Wolf." With Drew Pederson as the judge while the cast put up trials from other fairy tales. Even though they did not make it to state, the elementary kids and school staff loved it!

### 4th Quarter

4th quarter started on March 16, and started out with the anniversary of COVID-19, it had been two years since COVID shut down schools nationwide. This is also when the gas prices started skyrocketing due to loss of imports to get oil.

Superintendent Johnson brought in Bobby Jones, an inspirational speaker to speak wise words to the Garretson students, focusing on the big picture. Many were touched by his inspiration words and what he went through growing up.

March Madness took off and Garretson did something to get the students involved and have a little competition. Garretson had a March Madness Pride



## Senior Spotlight Braxten Rozeboom

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**  
Wrestling  
Baseball  
FFA



**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**  
Steck jumping on desks

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**  
Attend Lake Area Tech for diesel mechanics

**CLASS OF 2022**



Pool; Grace Hove was the winner, poor Dylan Jensen came in last.

Prom took place on April 2 and had the magical theme of enchanted garden that the class of 2023 came up with and put together so the class of 2022 could enjoy their last prom.

Mrs. Muller and Mrs. Stoltzenberg are retiring after this school year and many students and colleagues are very sad to see them go but are hoping they enjoy their retirement as well.

The Garretson community lost one of their own Benton

Howe: Benton made a huge impact on everyone's life that he knew and everyone was very sad to see him go but have continued to find ways to keep his memory alive.

Garretson boys golf won the BEC tournament and continue playing past the end of school. The girls' team has also seen their share of success midway through their season. The state tournament is at the beginning of June.

Baseball is (2-3) with wins against Tri-Valley and Hanson.

Track runners that went to the Howard Wood track meet on May 5-6 include Lily Ranschau, Raegen Altman, Kylie Christensen, Jordyn Williamson Preston Bohl, Sam Schleuter, Collin Olson, and Carter Siemonsma. We are very proud of these students for making it to one of the bigger meets that Garretson is included in. State Track and Field will happen around Memorial Day

Overall this school year has been a success for many students and the school is very proud of how far everyone has come. Next year brings many new opportunities for many different people. A lot has happened this year and Garretson hopes to see everyone come back next year.

## Senior Spotlight

*Justin Stoterau*



**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**  
FFA

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:**  
Steck jumping on desks and being very hyper and loud

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**  
Work

**CLASS OF 2022**



## Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

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

*Current Count*



**68**

**BREAKFAST**  
**Monday, May 16:** Waffles or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

**Tuesday, May 17:** Muffin Top with Yogurt or Cini Minis or Iced Long John

**Wednesday, May 18:** Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza or Warm Apple Frudel

**Thursday, May 19:** Summer starts: Make yourself something delicious

**Friday, May 20:** Summer starts: Make yourself something delicious

**LUNCH**  
**Monday, May 16:** Beef Goulash or French Toast Sticks

**Tuesday, May 17:** Loaded Hash Browns or Popcorn Chicken Bites

**Wednesday, May 18:** Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich

**Thursday, May 19:** Summer starts: Make yourself something delicious

**Friday, May 20:** Summer starts: Make yourself something delicious