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- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- The Tour of Kindness came to Garretson, reinforcing the importance of embracing differences and accepting others for who they are.
- Look for Wellness Wednesday opportunities from Mrs. Pliska

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Gossip

Garretson One-Act performs three times in three days, finishing with Region performance in Canton

Left: The students of the high school gather around Dallas (Brooklyn Trudeau) as she struggles with the new stresses pressured her way by Gossip.

One-Act performs at regions

The Garretson One-Act cast and crew took to the stage this past week, multiple times, in preparation for the Region Competition which

was held in Canton on Tuesday, January 24.

While the cast stated that Tuesday's region performance was

their most complete one yet, they fell just short of their goal of heading to the state competition.

However, Rebekah Roth (Gossip),

Drew Pederson (Tim), Calvin Larson (Andy), and Brooklyn Trudeau (Dallas) all earned Outstanding Performer awards at the region competition.



Scenes from the community performance of Gossip on Sunday, January 22. The cast then performed for third-sixth grade students on Monday, before traveling to region competition in Canton on Tuesday.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER?

Mr. Heumiller- he just gets along with us well
- MAIYA STRAND

Mr. Steckler- he kinda lets us do what we want and he teaches us well
- CODY FACILE

Mr. Heumiller- because science is my favorite subject
- RILEY LAFFERTY-MAACK

Mr. Hughes- he's funny and he's always talking crap
- BROCK BONTE

Mr. Steckler- because he is entertaining
- HUNTER ABRAHAM

Mrs. Gnad- because she is my mom
- JAKOB GNADT

Mr. Steckler- he wakes me up in the morning
- DAVID SANTA CRUZ

Mr. Heumiller- he is funny and I like science
- ALEAH WAGNER

Mr. Hughes- he gives me inspiring quotes
- TREYTON CHESTER

Mrs. G- because she is fun
- SERIE RISTY

Mrs. G- she gives us a free period if we need it
- JORDAN DEWIETT

Mrs. G- she is sweet and chill
- LUCIE FREWALDT

Mr. Bohl- he is a great teacher and he has done a lot for me due my entire life
- BRYN SWATEK

Mrs. Waldner- she is like my vibe and she understands us students better than other teachers
- HOPE WHEELER

Mrs. G- she's awesome and understands us way better than other teachers
- ALYSSA OLSON

Mrs. B- because she is always positive during my first period class
- PEYTON ABRAHAM



Who

See if you can figure out Who this is (above), what this is (below), and where this is (far below)



What

Look in next week's issue for the answers to this Who, What, Where

CHARACTER ON TRACK

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- ✓ Trustworthiness
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Citizenship
- ✓ Kindness

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Where

Online school may be the answer to excessive snow days

Influx of snow has caused multiple snow days, pushing the last day of school to May 23

by **Aleah Wagner**
staff writer

Imagine waking up May 18, the sun shining through your window, stress free, and not a worry in the world. The only thing on your agenda is tanning, swimming, and soaking up the sun. Oop, just kidding, we tacked on extra days due to the winter weather. Now you're stuck in your classroom, wishing you were outside. There's no better feeling than waking up and seeing the text, "Good morning! The Garretson School District will be closed today due to the snow and road conditions," but when we have to tack days onto the end of the year, is that really the best way to spend people's time? What if there was a simple solution for enjoying summer without having to make up snow days: E-learning days.

Implementing it may not be that easy; of course, Guy Johnson and the school board have to agree to the e-learning days. Mr. McGregor stated, "We haven't considered e-learning days since I've been here, but I think I'd be a viable option."

Many students at Garretson would prefer e-learning days over making up days at the end of the year. Teachers and students don't want to come to school after the intended end date. The Garretson School District also knows e-learning could work because they had to do it during covid.

E-learning seems like it would be an easy and simple option to consider, but there may be some more negatives than positives. Mr. Hughes stated, "Some drawbacks would be kids not



The original last day of school for the Garretson school year was scheduled for May 17. However, due to the multiple snow days and lack of other make up day options, the Blue Dragons are now set to get out of school almost a full week later.

staying on task, and not having a day to relax and enjoy their snow day."

Some positives would be not making up snow days, not forgetting material you've learned due to the extended break, and you still get to sleep in without having to make up days at the end of the year.

Just because we have e-learning days, doesn't mean that we wouldn't get our built-in snow days either. We would still have two snow days. Then we could have up to three e-learning days before needing to make up time in May.

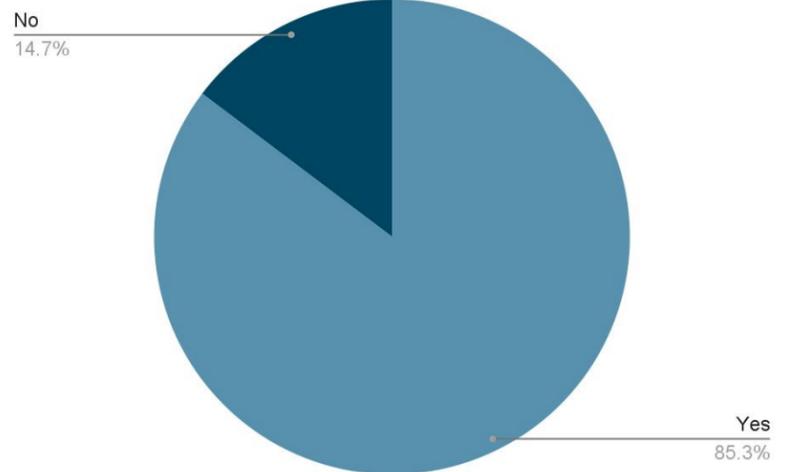
E-learning days would look a little different for elementary and

middle/high school. For the elementary kids, teachers would have to make a packet at the beginning of the year to send out to parents. For Middle/High School, kids would be required to take their iPads home everyday. Teachers would post assignments on Google Classroom.

Multiple schools around the upper midwest area have embraced e-learning, and love it! Tea, Chester and some Minnesota schools are just some of the schools. In an interview with KELOLAND, the Tea Area Principal, Samantha Walder, said, "We received very positive feedback. So, we're going to continue that way with the district-approved plan."

We just have to wait and see how many more snow days we have to pile up at the end of the year. It is too late to do it this year, but would be a great way to prevent having to extend our 2023-2024 school year.

In Favor of E-Learning Days rather than Snow Days at the End of the Year



Senior Spotlight

Marissa Smith

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
TATU

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mr. Hughes and My Friends

FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH:
Orange Chicken

FAVORITE CLASS YOU'VE TAKEN:
Mr. Hughes' Class

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
To go see my family in Colorado



CLASS OF
2023

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 27

- GBB @ BEC Tourney v. (TBD) in Flandreau

Saturday, January 28

- JH BBB @ Sioux Valley (9:00)
- Wrestling @ Wagner Tourney (10:00)
- GBB @ BEC Tourney v. TBD (TBD)

Monday, January 30

- BBB v DR St. Mary's (5:30/6:45)

Tuesday, January 31

- Wrestling Quad in Luverne (5:00)
- JH BBB v. Baltic (4:00)
- BBB v. Baltic (6:00/7:15)

Wednesday, February 1

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00-6:00)

Thursday, February 2

- GBB v. MCM (6:00/7:15)

Friday, February 3

- BBB @ MCM (6:00/7:15)

Worth Mentioning

CONFERENCES are slated for Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8. There will still be the normal early dismissal on those days.

PlayStation vs. Xbox

by Tyler Erickson
staff writer - editorial

PlayStation is the best console. Over 200 million people play video games, 150 of those contribute to the PlayStation community and the rest to the Xbox community. While some may think it is no big deal, the PlayStation/Xbox rivalry has been going on since 2001, fighting over which console is better.

The PlayStation 1 came out seven years before its competitor, then in four more years, Xbox came out with its Xbox 360 to compete with the PlayStation 3. Since then, the PlayStation 4 and 5 have come out, and on the other side, the Xbox one and Xbox series X have been released.

Now that we are getting higher technology, the PlayStation 5 and Xbox series X being the first 5th generation consoles with new games and better graphics, but the differences can go hand in hand, since they aren't too far apart from each other. The PlayStation 4 and Xbox one both start out at 500MB of storage, but can both be switched out with external hard drives which extends their storage to up to over 1 terabyte. But when it comes to games, the PlayStation definitely has a bigger variety of exclusive games like Red Dead Redemption 2, God of War and Ragnarok, The Witcher 3, The Last of Us 2, Uncharted 2, Ghost of Tsushima and many more indies. The Xbox does have a few good Xbox exclusive games as well including Forza, Halo, and Sea of Thieves. Xbox did have the upper hand before June 13th of 2022, since they had a game pass allowing Xbox players to have a list of

games for \$15 a month. But since June 13, PlayStation has added something very similar, where there are subscription levels, determining how many games a player would get.

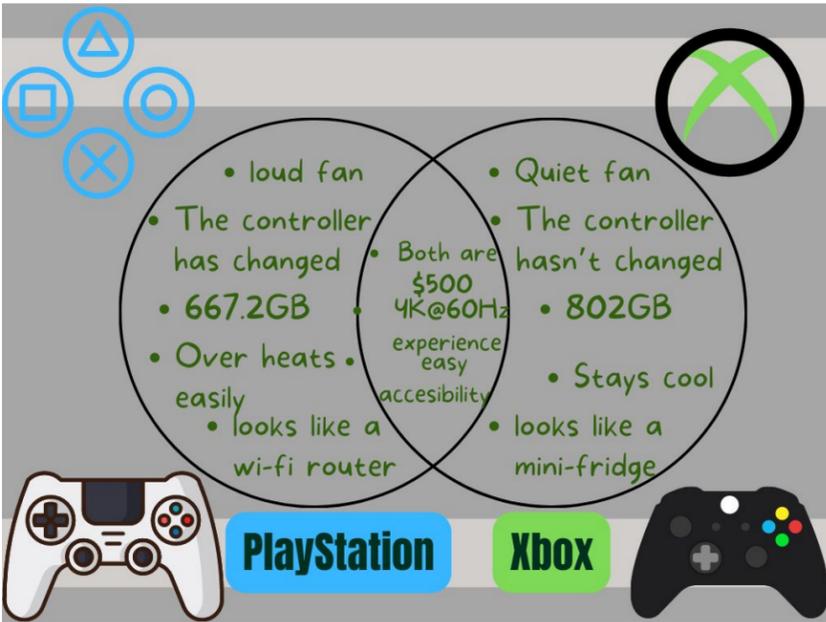
When it comes to stats, both have 8-core CPUs from AMD, but the Xbox's are clocked at 3.8GHz while the PlayStation 5s are 3.5GHz, which isn't very noticeable but can be seen a little bit. Both consoles also use AMD graphics processors, with the Xbox's providing 12 teraflops of power to the PlayStation 5s 10.28 teraflops. But with the PlayStation 5, It allows different storage sizes in store from 128 GB up to 1 TB with the Xbox Series X only allowing the 825 GB option.

When it comes to other people's opinions on the Xbox series X, YouTuber Garrett Lindsay said, "The fan is surprisingly very quiet considering the fan is huge to cool the system down. The backwards compatibility is also very reliable allowing you to play really old games such as Star Wars: The Old Republic and Assassins Creed. Coming back to the game pass, you get more games for a cheaper price. But switching to the PS5 reviews, the new technology dual sense controller has given players a new feeling with a motion sensor, microphones built into the controller, and adaptive triggers."

Mr. Himiller and Joshua Gilbert were asked what they liked best about their PlayStations. Mr. Himiller said, "I like the exclusive games, the way it looks, the feeling of the controller, and the way it sounds."

Gilbert said, "I like the controller more, and the home screen is a lot better."

Which do you like more?



LADY DRAGONS

Garretson Vs D.R.S.M.

Stats:
Most Points:
Sydney Olson-19
Jordyn Williams-9
Kylie Christensen-5

Rebounding:
Kylie Christensen-7
Adi Fink-7
Logan Bly -5

Steals:
Jordyn Williams-3
Logan Bly-2

Both teams come together after the game and pray.

The Lady Dragons took down the Beresford Watchdogs 46-43 last night and will play #1 Flandreau tonight in the second round of the BEC Tourney at 7:30 in Flandreau.

The final round of the Big East Conference will be on Saturday in Sioux Valley. The Blue Dragons' opponent is yet to be determined.

Photos by Angela Bly

The Blue Dragons

Garretson Blue Dragons VS Flandreau Fliers
Tuesday, January 24

Most Points:
Sam Schleuter -12
Ian Buettner -10
Blaine tower -8

Points by Quarter

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Flandreau | Garretson |
| 12 - 1st - 12 | |
| 10 - 2nd - 10 | |
| 17 - 3rd - 10 | |
| 3 - 4th - 9 | |
| 42 - Total - 41 | |

Most Assists:
Sam Schleuter-4
Ian Buettner-3
Dylan Jessen -2
ARamsey Schweitzer-2

Most Rebounds
Sam Schleuter-2
Dylan Jessen-2
Ramsey Schweitzer-2
Matthew Gilbert-2

Photos by Harper Andera

GARRETSON WRESTLING TRI

PARKSTON & LINCOLN
Tuesday, January 24

Notable Performances

- Jaden Richter 2-0
- Brock Bonte 2-0
- Hunter Abraham 1-1
- Caleb Westerbur 2-0
- Cole Schleuter 2-0
- Drew Pederson 1-0
- David Santa Cruz 1-1

The wrestling team will have their next competition on Saturday. They travel to Wagner for an all-day tournament.