



Blue Ink



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.

Help separate your notebooks by coloring all the end pages a certain colors (this could work for individual notebooks that look the same or the 3 or 5 subject notebooks).

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

Solve this rebus puzzle.

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Answers to joke
and brainteaser
are on the bottom.

Jake Schroeder, Matthew Rattenborg, Evan Bly, Sam Konechne, and Triston Rekstad.

Despite the various differences between this coronation and coronations of the past, this ceremony was successful and provided Garretson students with a new and fun spin on the regular homecoming events. The powderpuff games immediately followed the homecoming coronation.

The royalty court consisted of Lizzie Olson, Mattea Fiegen, Peyton Hove, Kaycie King, Kennedy Buckneberg,



Photo by Mataya Trower

Upcoming Events

- SPIRIT DAY
- Dragon Olympics (9:30)
- MS Kickball (9:45)
- Parade (2:15)
- FB v. Flandreau (7:00)

- Soccer @ Groton (1:00)

Monday, September 11
- VB @ Vermillion
(5:00/6:15/7:30)

- Soccer @ Dakota Valley (5:00)
- JHVB v. Dell Rapids (4:00/5:00)
- VB v. Dell Rapids (5:00/6:15/7:30)

- XC @ Dell Rapids

- Soccer v. SF Christian (5:00)
- JHVB v. Chester (4:00/5:00)
- VB v. Chester (5:00/6:15/7:30)

- FB @ MCM (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS cross country on a successful meet in Chamberlain. Leading the way for the Blue Dragons was Preston Bohl with a second place finish.

Next break is October 9—staff in-service

Pro sports recap



by **Peyton Hove**
staff writer

One of the biggest things in the world right now is the return of major league sports. MLB, NBA, and NFL are all making a comeback since the abrupt stop last March. With the season being a little different with limited/no fans, masks on the sidelines and abbreviated play, all the fans are glad to see their favorite players back in action.

NFL Opening week

The NFL kicked off their season last week on September 10. However, this year most fans are enjoying watching the game from their couch instead of their stadium seats.

The opening Thursday night game was between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Houston Texans. The returning Super Bowl champions gave the limited fans a show, with giving up the first touchdown but eventually finding their stride and defeating the Texans 34-20. KC quarterback Patrick Mahomes, who signed a 10 year \$503 million contract on July 6, 2020(largest contract in sports history) threw for 211 yards and three touchdowns.

Chiefs fan, Jake Schroeder stated, “It was good to see the Chiefs pick up right where they left off and it was a fun game to watch.”

Sunday consisted of 13 games and a good handful of rivals. One thing that took everyone by surprise was Ex-patriots, Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski, started off the season with a loss with their new team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Also “up in comer” quarterback, Joe Burrow (former LSU tiger), ran for a 23-yard touchdown in his NFL debut but ended up losing the game to the Los Angeles Chargers 13-16.

Coming into week two, the Kansas City Chief (1-0) clinched the number one ranking followed by the Baltimore Ravens (1-0) and the New Orleans Saints (1-0).

NBA

On March 11, the NBA came to a halt about one month short of the playoffs due to Covid. During this time the Milwaukee Bucks were leading the Eastern Conference and the Los Angeles Lakers were leading the Western Conference. They resumed play on July 30th, and The Finals will end no later than October 13.

MLB, NFL, and NBA return to play with a few changes



MLB returned to play almost four months after the scheduled opening day. Fans are not in attendance but the races are still intense as the season is shorter and playoffs are expanded

The NBA and Disney agreed to have games played at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World near Orlando, Florida. With no fans. Once the games began, with Covid still being a risk and the Black Lives Matter movement, it was no secret this season was going to be different. ‘

Playoff games began on August 17th, almost 10 months after the start of their season. All games are best of 7. Recently, the Nuggets defeated the Clippers in game seven in the conference semifinals. And number five, Miami Heat, defeated number one, Milwaukee Bucks, in 5 games (4-1).

Conference Finals began Tuesday September 15th for the Boston Celtics and Miami Heat. Miami took the first game in overtime 117-114. The second game ended with ... The LA Lakers and the Denver Nuggets start the Western Conference finals September 18th.

MLB

Just like all pro sports, MLB delayed their start of the season to July 23rd. The MLB shortened their season to 60 games instead of the usual 162.

Leading the American League are the Tampa Bay Rays, Chicago White Sox, and Oakland Athletics. On the other side the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, and Los Angeles Dodgers are dominating the National League.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were the first team to clinch a playoff spot, this will be their eight consecutive year of making it to the playoffs. The MLB hopes to allow 25% capacity in the postseason. The World Series will be played entirely at the Texas Rangers’ new ballpark in Arlington, Texas. This will be the first World Series played entirely at one site since 1944.

More clubs available to students this school year

Spearheaded by student interest and staff willingness to supervise. Garretson is able to offer more clubs this academic year.

Most clubs and discussion groups meet during the lunch period, making it easy for students to stay true to their other commitments as well (athletics, arts, jobs, academics, and study hall).

Anime Club—Thursdays during lunch, room 214 (new this year, see Mrs. Pliska for more information)

TATU—Tuesdays during lunch, room 214 (see Mrs. Pliska for more information)

Coffee with a Counselor—1st and 3rd Wednesdays during lunch, room 214 (see Mrs. Pliska for more information)

Culture Club—2nd and 4th Wednesday during lunch, room 214 (see Mrs. Pliska for more information)

Film Club—Mondays and Fridays during lunch, Mr. Hughes’ room (see Mr. Hughes for more information)

Oral Interp—Starting soon, much will be online this year (see Ms. Brown for more information)

Homecoming theme, days announced

We are just over two weeks into the school year and homecoming is less than two weeks away already. Things this year are moving fast, and the homecoming festivities are no exception. After online voting for class officers and student council, these grade representatives met and established “A Year to Remember” as the homecoming theme. And 2020 has been a year to remember.

MONDAY: Class Color Day

- Seniors—black
- Juniors—orange
- Sophomores—green
- Freshmen—pink

TUESDAY: Decade Day

- Seniors—’80s
- Juniors—’00s
- Sophomores—’70s
- Freshmen—’60s

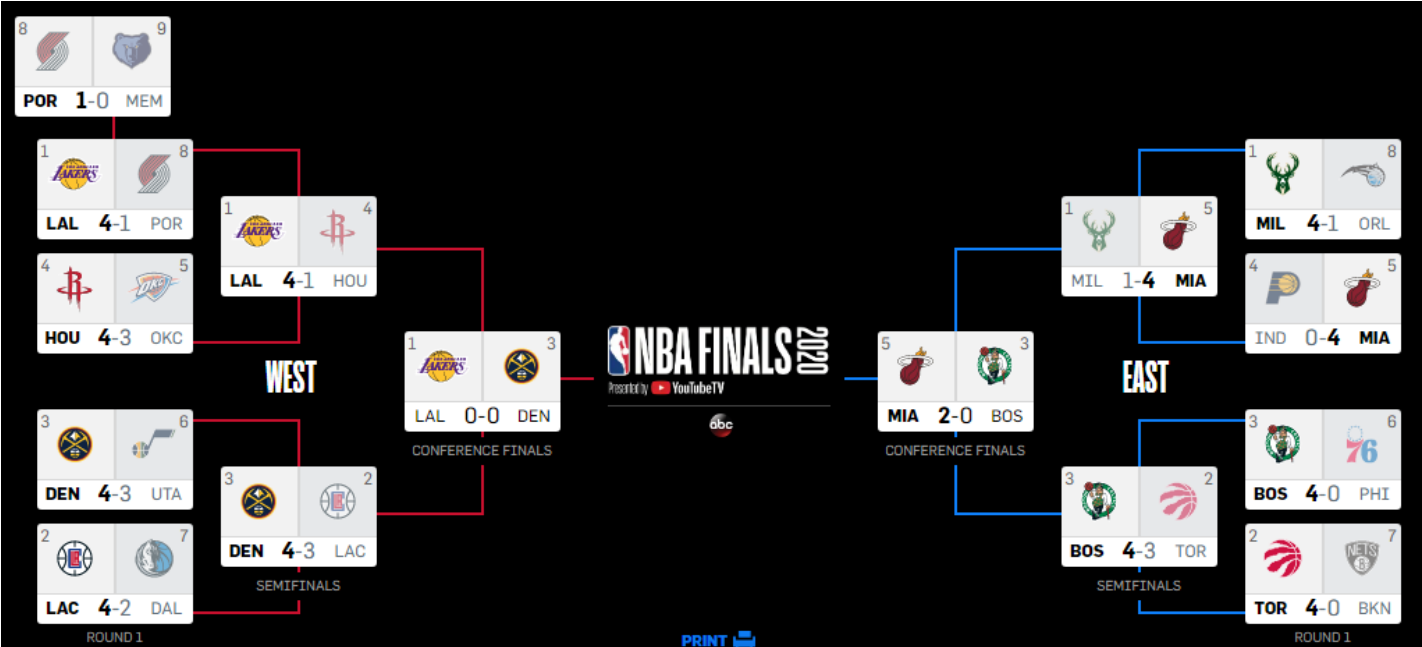
WEDNESDAY: Holiday Day

- Seniors—Halloween
- Juniors—Christmas
- Sophomores—Independence Day
- Freshmen—New Year’s Eve

THURSDAY: Destination Day

- Seniors—Sturgis
- Juniors—Hawaii
- Sophomores—Hollywood
- Freshmen—Texas

FRIDAY: Spirit Day



A noodle has been spotted

New class pet draws attention

by Oliviyah Thornton
staff writer

Garretson High school has yet another new face to welcome and its not human. Mr. Jacob Huemiller, a High school teacher, has adopted a snake for his class pet. The new little addition has caused quite a commotion among students of his class and others. Mixed feelings on loving the snake or being terrified of it has sprung up. The Blue Ink interviewed Mr. Huemiller on why he has added this little friend to his classroom.

Q: What is the name of your snake and why did you choose that name?
A: "His name is Severus Snake and that was, we had a vote in class and we all voted for it and its a Harry Potter character, Severus Snape, but we changed it to snake, and it just seemed fitting."

Q: What kind of snake do you have and what is its age?
A: "Corn snake and it's about 7 years old and they usually live to about that or a little more in the wild but in captivity like this, they can stay alive for 20 years. So, we still got a while."

Q: When did you get the snake and why did you get it?
A: "I got him last weekend, I think September 6th was my gotcha day and cause I wanted a pet for the classroom anyways and I asked one of my friends from college because she has a couple of snakes. I asked her if it was easy to take care of, she said yes and said do I want one of hers and she gave me the snake and the cage for free so it worked out really well."

Q: How have students and staff reacted to your pet snake?
A: "It's about 50/50. About half the people think it is really cool and the other half, people say why is it in here, get it out of here, I'm going to leave this room right now but I think most of the students like it, so that's a good thing."

Q: Did you already know a lot about snakes or has this been a learning process and if so what new things have you learned?
A: "It has been a learning process. With keeping it as a pet, its different, like keeping the lights on for a certain amount of time. I have to keep the bright light on for 10 hours a day, so it thinks its day time and then once its night, I turn it off and turn the red light on, so it keeps the cage warm but he thinks its night time cause the red lights doesn't really say its day time."

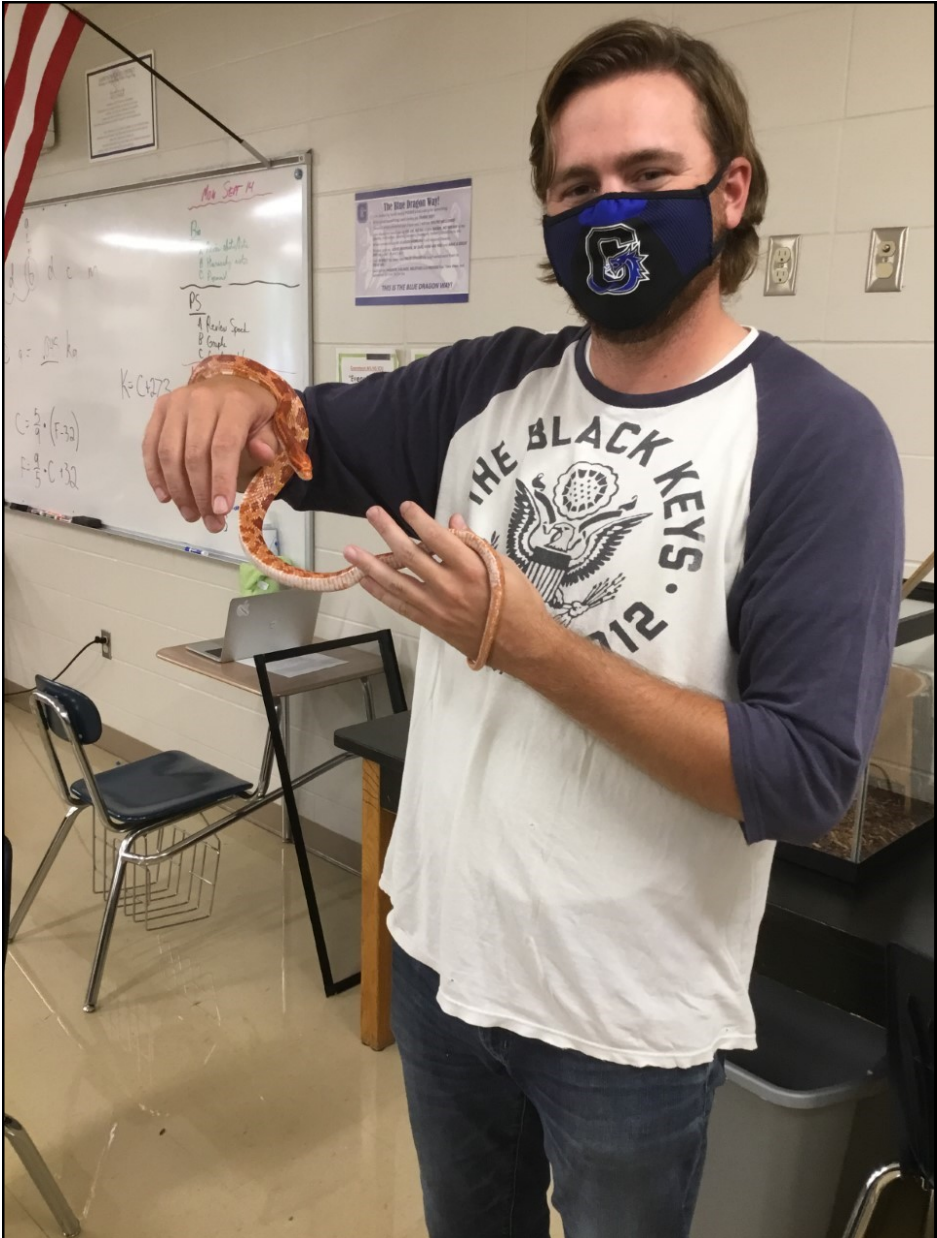
Q: What do you feed your snake to keep it healthy and does it have a favorite treat?
A: "All he eats are mice, so I feed him mice. There frozen and then I have to thaw them and make it kind of alive and then he eats it whole like a snake does. It's pretty cool to see but yeah he doesn't really have treats, he just eats mice. He likes mice."

Q: Do you plan on getting a new snake/pet?
A: "I don't think so, as long as he's alive, I think it will be enough. I might try to make his cage more juggle looking, get some actual plants up there, make it look a little more like a habitat but yeah probably not another pet."

Q: Do you ever bring your snake home? And if so, how does your cat react to the new snake?
A: "I took him home first before I brought him here and Ivy was not happy-she wasn't mad or anything but she was very curious and kind of a little scared of it. Whenever it moved, she would kind of jump and run away."

Q: What's your relationship like with your snake?
A: "Pretty good so far. He hasn't bitten me yet so that's a plus. There is a chance he might if you reach down in there because he might think it's a mouse and he might try to eat it but even if they do bite you, it doesn't hurt. It's supposed to feel like a paper cut so, yeah, it has been good. I've held him a couple of times, let a couple of students pet it. He seems to like it so far."

Welcome to Garretson High school, Severus Snake.



Mr. Huemiller introduced the newest Blue Dragon to his classes last week and Severus Snake has been a hot topic of conversation. Severus lives in a comfy terrarium in the science room where he is ogled by students throughout the day.

Photo by Oliviyah Thornton



Mr. Huemiller has taken Severus Snake out of his terrarium a few times to allow students to touch him. However, he warns students to not stick their fingers in the terrarium as "Severus may think you are a mouse and bite you." Severus has been very docile though and students have enjoyed the extra classmate.

Photo by Oliviyah Thornton



Word Search

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Homecoming

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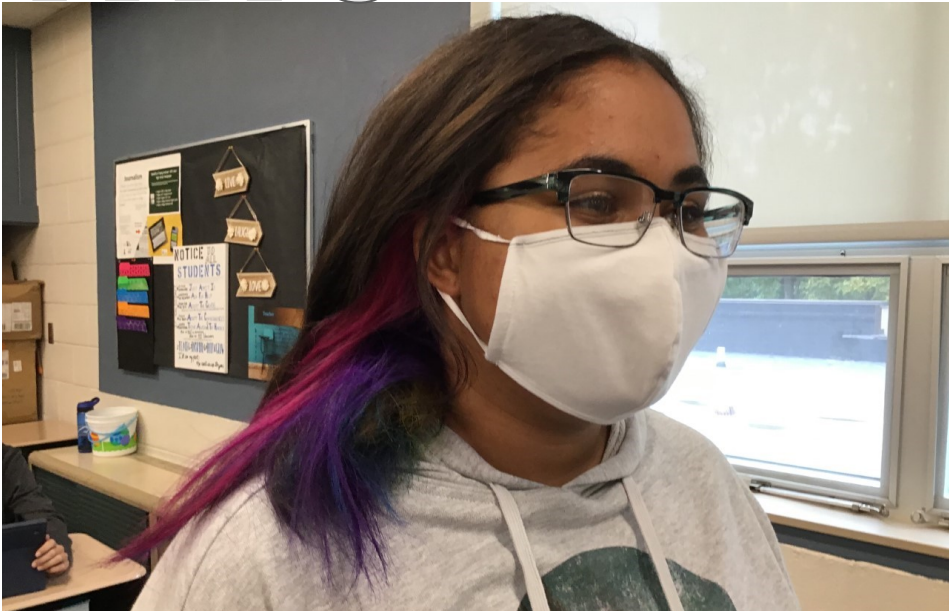
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Garretson Guessing Game

Answers to last week



Rainbow hair—Oliviya Thornton, junior



Striped pattern—the mask of the minion on the middle school bulletin board



In Use Sign—by the darkroom in the elementary computer lab

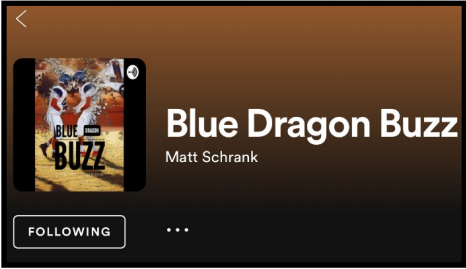


Breaking down multimedia

by Morgan Pierret
staff writer

I’m sure by now you’ve seen at least one of the many YouTube videos the multimedia students have put out, or listened to their new podcast, or even seen one of their sports edits around the school. The multimedia class is taught by Mr. Schrank and he has 13 students in his class. In this class, the students learn how to better use and understand technology by editing pictures and videos. “My class does anything from editing pictures for events coming up, to recording videos for YouTube, to now building a podcast. Just kind of anything that gets information out to students and blue dragon supporters” stated Mr. Schrank.

Multimedia is a fun and expressive class that challenges students to put their creativity to the test by using technology. During class the students “pitch” ideas to each other for upcoming YouTube videos or other new things they wish to create. “My favorite part of multimedia is probably the classmates and the teacher. They just make the environment more fun and it’s just easier to get work done”, explained Matthew Gilbert, the idea



man and video editor.

Last year’s multimedia class came up with the idea to start a YouTube channel. Mr. Schrank said he hopes his class can get out one creative and entertaining YouTube video per week after this week. The class is now working on a few videos, including, a tour of the school to see the ins and outs of some rooms you might’ve never seen before, test testing food blindfolded, and they’re going to bring back videos with students in them by asking some questions. You can find these videos when you search Garretson Tech on YouTube.

The multimedia class makes a variety of different videos, according to Mr. Schrank, “A lot of our ideas are just funny and silly ideas so we’re trying to comb through some of those bad ones. It kinda depends what’s going on in the school. If there’s something going on in the school we’ll go with that theme.”

One new thing the multimeditians are doing this year is a podcast. It’s called the Blue Dragon Buzz, and there are currently two episodes out. On this podcast they play some games and have different segments where they talk about a variety of things from sports to controversial things happening in the school. Mr. Schrank noted, “You can find it on all of your podcast platforms. Personally I listen to all my stuff on apple podcasts but it’s also on Spotify, so just go to any podcast platform and search Blue Dragon Buzz”

Blue Ink Birthday Shout Outs

- Happy birthday to the following Blue Dragons!
- **Aiden Johnson**, sixth grade (Sept. 18) - Favorite birthday gift: Dragon Quest Builders 2 because it was from my grandma
 - **Kaelyn Braun**, eighth grade (Sept. 20) - Favorite birthday gift: Front row tickets to Garth Brooks because I got to go with my grandma

If you want a birthday shout out—complete the google form sent out to you at the beginning of September

