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Garretson volleyball (8-1) finished 2nd in the BEC tournament last weekend then took down Flandreau on Tuesday.

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Cody Erickson makes Garretson School history #40 drains longest FG in program history

by Morgan Pierret
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If you didn't attend the football game last Friday, I'm sure you heard the cheering from the stands after Cody Erickson made an impressive field goal. Last Friday, when the Blue Dragons played the Flandreau Fliers, Erickson made a field goal of 52 yards. He now holds the school record, beating the previous record of 37 yards, set by Dan Hansen in 1969.

The current field goal record in South Dakota is 58 yards set by Kevin Hansen on the Sioux Falls Washington team in 1998, and with Erickson's outstanding kick, he is only six yards away from this record. The top four records in South Dakota were set by all AAA schools, and they all took place at the Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls. So, it is very impressive that someone from a B school can go for 52 yards. Erickson said the longest field goal he has made in practice is a 56 yarder, which would put him tied for number two in the record books.

"Going up to the field everyday, putting in two - three hours everyday, kicking balls 24/7, and I used to play soccer." Erickson said this is what made it possible for him to be able to become such a successful player. Before he made this FG, Erickson didn't even think about attending college to play football. He is now looking into it and reconsidering the plans he had for his future.

As exciting as it was for the audience to witness, Erickson was more focused on the next play as he had to kickoff right after. His kick was a great way to end the homecoming week. "I mean it feels amazing. Finally beat the record that I've wanted to beat," said Erickson.



Cody Erickson kicks the field goal late in the fourth quarter, hoping he would make it and beat the school record. Little did he know he was about to go down in Garretson History. Erickson made FG tacked on the last three points of a 31-3 win over the visiting Flandreau Fliers. Watch the kick with the QR code on the bottom of the page, from the Garretson Football Twitter page.

Photo by Angela Bly

Big letdown after last week's fun

by Camas Johnston and
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Homecoming is an exciting event for many children and teens in Garretson school, but due to there not being a fall formal this year due to COVID-19, people had been seeming a bit down. So have we already completed the best part of the first semester or is there more to look forward to?

Freshman Abrianna Doppenberg (AD), experiencing her first homecoming festivities, and senior, Lizzie Olson (LO), relishing her last high school homecoming, shared their thoughts on the let down after last week's fun-filled festivities.

Q: Why do you look forward to homecoming?

AD: I look forward to homecoming because it's a week where I can throw all of my stress away and celebrate with my peers.

LO: I look forward to homecoming because it's a over-all fun week full of activities and it is a nice break from normal school days

Q: How are you going to keep your spirits up as you go through the rest of the school year?



AD: "I'm going to keep my spirits up by learning new things."

Q: What's the next big thing you're looking forward to?

AD: "I'm looking forward to the marching competitions."

Q: What is your favorite part of the school year event or break wise?

AD: "My favorite part of the school year is the beginning because I've been away for so long and I get to see all of my teachers and classmates again."

Q: What do you look forward to most about homecoming?

AD: "I'm look forward to the parade and being able to march in it."

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The word bed is actually shaped like a bed.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:

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?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:

Solve this rebus puzzle.

Answers to
joke and
brainteaser
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Upcoming Events

Friday, September 25

- FB @ MCM (7:00)

Tuesday, September 29

- XC @ Sioux Valley (4:00)

- VB v. Alcester-Hudson

(5:00/6:15/7:30)

Thursday, October 1

- JHVB @ Parker (4:00/5:00)

- VB @ Parker (5:00/6:15/7:30)

Friday, October 2

- FB @ Elk Point-Jefferson (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

MARCHING BAND had their first and only competition of the year in Arlington yesterday, taking first in their division. Congratulations Blue Dragons!

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 21 Days

Next break is October 9 through 12 —staff inservice and Native American Day



Scan this QR code to watch Cody Erickson's record setting field goal

JOKE: A stick

BRAINTEASER: Tense Issues

A homecoming win

Garretson gets back on track with win over Fliers

by Morgan Pierret
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Homecoming week is a very exciting time, and all week students are eagerly counting down the days until the football game on Friday. Winning that game ends the fun week on a good note, which is exactly what the Garretson football team did this year. The boys played the Flandreau Fliers and took them down 31 - 3!

Dylan Kindt, the team's quarterback, passed around the ball frequently, allowing six different guys to make a catch. Kindt also mixed up the plays by throwing the ball and running it, offsetting the fliers defense. "Cooper Long made a couple nice plays early and that got us going. Dominic Abraham and Parker Schlenker accounted for almost 140 years from the fullback spot. We had a lot of good performances from a lot of people", noted coach Long.

Looking ahead, Kindt and Ryan Flanagan said the team needs to work on not turning the ball over and improve on the little things. The second half of the football team's season is a bit tougher than the first half. Kindt said they're going to take it one game at a time and focus on who they play that week to hopefully make it into the playoffs.



The Blue Dragons getting ready to start another play against the Fliers. With the crowd buzzing and the adrenaline pumping the boys were eager to start the next play; they successfully completed the pass and continued to march downfield. Garretson ended up finding the end zone four times, beating Flandreau 31-3. Photo by Angela Bly

With playoffs quickly approaching, the boys need to gain a few more seed points to make it. The top 16 teams qualify for playoffs based off of their seed points. Garretson is currently in 18th for these points. Seed points are based off of wins and loses and the record of the opposing team.

The Blue Dragons travel to McCook Central/Montrose tonight to play the Fighting Cougars. The Cougars are currently ranked seventh in

seed points, and have a record of 3 - 1. Because the Cougars have such a high ranking, the Dragons would get a lot of seed points for beating them. If the Dragons lose, they will get more seed points than they would in the first half of the season, because the Cougars have won ¾ of their games. The game starts tonight at 7:00pm in MCM. Bring your cheering voice and help these boys pull out a win!

XC starting to find their stride

by Camas Johnston
staff writer

This week the cross country team ran in Dell Rapids. Varsity ran a 5K in the sunny warmth of fall, while junior high and junior varsity relished the pristine weather but for a slightly shorter distance.



Preston Bohl tries to leg out a close competitor from Sioux Falls Christian at a meet earlier this year. Bohl took sixth at this meet, coming in behind the Charger runners. Bohl took 1st at the meet earlier this week but noted that SFC was not there in a varsity presence but will be at the region competition.

In the boys cross country, Preston Bohl came in 1st place with a time of 17:46, leading the pack. Also running for the Blue Dragon harriers were Evan Debates (19:40), Devon Leedy (20:45), and Sam Konechne (21:37) JV: Chris Wynia (19:31) JH: Noah Schotzko (12:59).

On the girls side, leading the pack were Kylie Christensen (22:39; 15th), and MaKayla Heesch (22:57; 18th). Rounding the team out were Payton Campbell (23:38), Taylor Benson (24:07), and Adair Hanisch (26:33). JV: Lizzie Olson (19:58), Sarah Welch (25:21), JH: Serie Risty (13:44), and Eliza Potter(16:54).

The Blue Dragon runners only have two more competitions before the Big East Conference and then Region meets. They will travel to Sioux Valley next Tuesday, September 29.

Garretson athletics come up big last night

It was a busy night for the Blue Dragons and their fans. Garretson hosted both Sioux Falls Christian in soccer and Chester in Volleyball.

Kicking off the night at the Garretson Athletic Complex, the soccer team was in a must-win situation in order to keep their playoff hopes alive as only the top six teams make it into the post-season and Garretson entered last night's game in seventh.

Garretson hosted #2 Sioux Falls Christian and the Chargers made their presence known, playing with confidence, and taking a lead into the half, up 1-0.

But the Blue Dragons were not going to yield and end their season early. They played a strong second half, scoring three goals: two off corner kicks and one off of a penalty kick with just minutes left in the game. Ultimately Garretson came out on top 3-2.

That moved Garretson up to the number six spot, the last opening in the playoffs; however, they are not in control of their own destiny. Teams also in the hunt are still playing through next Thursday evening which could shake up the current standings.

Moving indoors to the Dragons' Lair, Garretson and Chester had a repeat of the semi-final Big East Conference game. The Blue Dragons came out on top of the first contest 3-2 and Chester was looking for revenge, but the home team had other plans.

Garretson came out swinging and took an early 6-3 over the Flyers and didn't look back, winning the first set 25-18. Chester, a perennial contender and state qualifier, bounced back with a 25-23 win over the Blue Dragons, but the next two sets belonged to Garretson, winning both 25-18 and ultimately winning the match 3-1.

Garretson was led by junior Lily Ranschau with 27 digs and 18 kills, followed by Aliyah Leedy (19 digs), Jaelyn Benson (12 digs, 21 assists, 4 kills), Maren Bonte (10 digs), Kennedy Buckneberg (8 digs, 10 kills), Logan Bly (9 digs, 9 kills, and Lauren Heesch (7 digs, 6 kills).

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)

Student Interviews

"My favorite part of homecoming this year was being on royalty because it was fun to just leave class for the entire day and do nothing."

- Sam Konechne, senior



"Getting to dress up. My favorite day was Friday, the spirit day."

- Ella Frerk, sixth grade

"Definitely powderpuff and being able to play a different sport other than the ones normally allowed for girls. I also liked dress up days. Destination Day was my favorite."

- Alli Gawarecki, freshman



"I missed hanging out with my friends"

- Logan Facile, sophomore, e-learner

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s death impacts country

Justice leaves legacy, known for strong stance on equality

by **Rebekah Roth**
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On September 18, 2020, this last Friday, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) passed away at the age of 87 due to complications with pancreatic cancer. Ginsburg was located in Washington D.C. inside of her home at the time of her death. As she was a member of the Supreme Court, it is crucial to acknowledge her accomplishments and what she did for the country.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born as Joan Ruth Bader on March 15, 1933, in the bureau of Brooklyn in New York. Her parents were Nathan and Celia Bader. Early on in her life, she was exposed to the many inequalities women had faced prevalently during that time.

Ruth Joan Bader was advised to work while attending high school, in hopes to acquire some more money for her younger brother who would eventually use it for his college education. Evidently, Ruth was much more qualified for college than her younger brother, yet because she was a woman many colleges would not accept her, despite her capabilities.

Celia Bader was diagnosed with cancer, and died the day before Ruth’s graduation from James Madison High School in Brooklyn. Her mother was a huge influence on her life, teaching her the importance of education and independence. “My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent,” quoted RBG, much later in life.

Ruth Joan Bader enrolled in Cornell university,

pursuing a bachelor’s degree in government. In 1954, she graduated at the top of her class. That same year, she married Martin D. Ginsburg, another law student, who admired Ruth’s intelligence and motivation. She put a pause to her education advancements to start a family, and had her first child in 1955.

Nearly two years later, Ginsburg attended Harvard Law. Even though her husband, Martin, was diagnosed with cancer during her first year, requiring her to assist him with his studies, this did not prevent her from staying at the top of her class.

Unfortunately, RBG still battled with several more challenges. While focusing on her studies, she also managed the various responsibilities of motherhood. RBG was one of nine women in her 500-person class, and she withstood the ruthless gender-based discrimination from even the highest authorities at Harvard Law.

Martin recovered from cancer and graduated from Harvard, and moved to New York City to work at a law firm. Ruth, on the other hand, finished her last year of law school by transferring to Columbia Law, and graduating in 1959.

Even with RBG’s unprecedented academic record, gender-based discrimination was her worst enemy when it came to finding work in the 1960s. Eventually, U.S. District Judge Edmund L. Palmieri hired Ginsburg as a clerk, and she worked under him for two years. Law firms began to offer her jobs, but only at significantly lower salaries than her male counterparts.

In 1963, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was employed as a professor at Rutgers University Law School, until



Portrait of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg from Wikipedia.
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/76/Ruth_Bader_Ginsburg_2016_portrait.jpg/207px-Ruth_Bader_Ginsburg_2016_portrait.jpg

1972 where she became Columbia Law’s first female tenured professor. During the 1970s she also directed the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to fight against gender discrimination. She argued six landmark cases on gender equality before the U.S. Supreme Court, including one case that involved the Social Security Act which favored women over men.

President Carter elected RBG to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1980. 13 years later, in 1993, President Clinton appointed her to the U.S. Supreme Court, as he wanted someone with the political expertise to contrast the more conservative members.

Beginning her career as a justice, Ginsburg continued to advocate for women’s rights. In United States v. Virginia, in1996, she wrote most of the opinion, informing that qualified women should not be denied the right of admission to Virginia Military Institute. RGB targeted specific areas of gender-based discrimination one at a time. She believed huge social change should come from Congress and other legislatures, but still using the court for guidance.

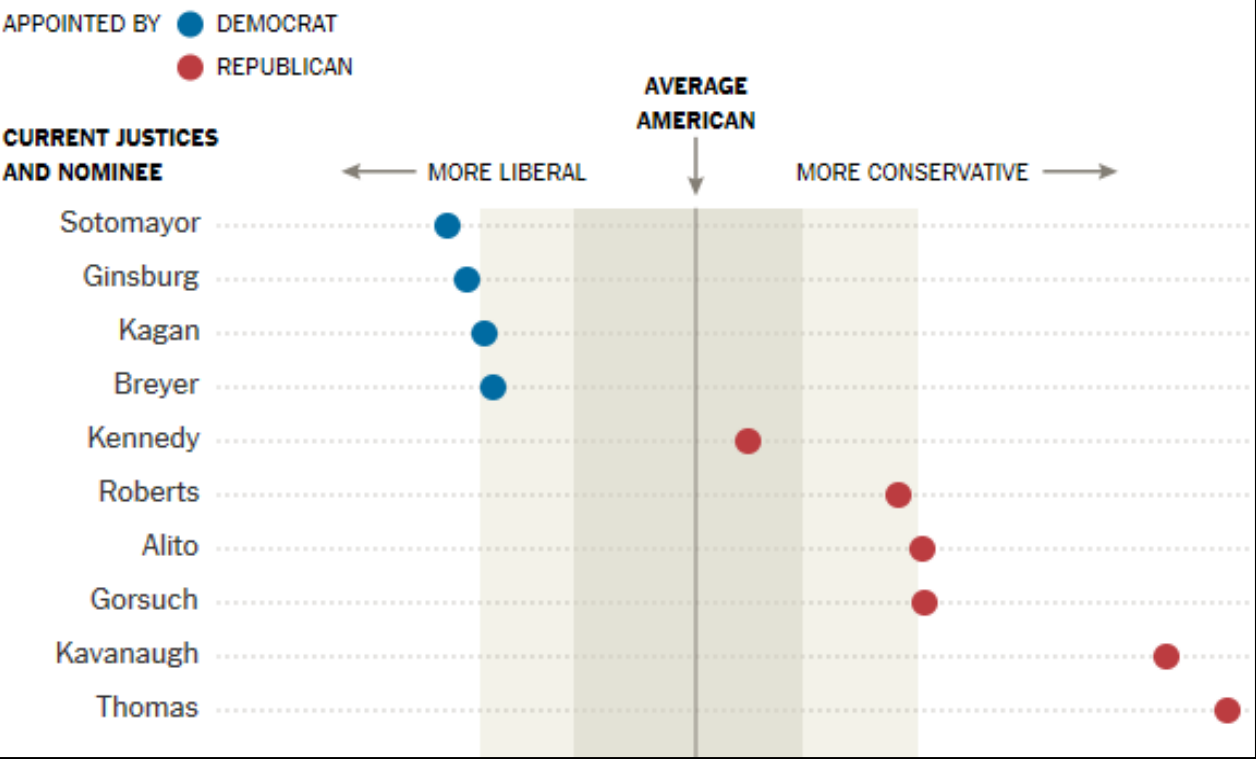
In Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., where a female employee was being paid substantially less than her male coworkers of the same position, RGB and President Obama worked together to pass his first piece of legislation he signed, which was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

Even when Ginsburg was undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer, surgery for colon cancer, and the tragic loss of her husband Martin D. Ginsburg in 2010, she did not miss a day of oral arguments until 2018. RBG proved that she was not to have her judicial capabilities doubted, as she was one of the most devoted questioners on the bench.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg largely impacted this country, not only by being a member of the Supreme Court, but by progressing women’s rights and attacking gender-based discrimination Many are left to speculate who will replace the honorable justice, when such procedures will taken place, and if the new member will be just as qualified. Regardless, Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s memory will go down in history.

Americans vs. the Supreme Court

How current and recent justices rank on an ideological spectrum compared with Americans overall.



With Justice Ginsburg’s death and a sitting republican president who is expected to nominate another conservative justice. That will give the Supreme Court a strong conservative power over the liberal viewpoint, 6-3.. This will be President Trump’s second nomination to the Supreme Court. He nominated Justice Brett Kavanaugh in 2018.
Graph from the New York Times article “The Chart that Shows the Supreme Court will be out of Step with the Country” by Stephen Jessee and Neil Malhorta, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/12/opinion/kavanaugh-supreme-court-right.html>

Getting ready for college

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
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It’s that time of year where juniors start thinking about for college, career paths, and tests coming up this

year. Ms. Pliska has been meeting with the class of 2022 for the past two weeks to help prepare them for their futures.

Going off sophomore year, juniors revisited SD MyLife, a website used to help narrow down a list of different career paths and how they can reach those careers. It consists of multiple-choice questions to help determine what their skills and per-

sonality mostly match with.

Between SD MyLife and CCA SD, juniors were able to explore different colleges located in the state.

Usually, they would get to meet South Dakota’s college representatives and take a day off of school but due to COVID-19, they were forced use the website CCA SD to meet these people on a zoom call instead of meeting in person. It was informa-

tional but juniors felt that they got left out since they were unable to go and visit with them and didn’t really get the full experience.

Juniors will continue to explore different career paths and colleges and try to figure out what they want to do with there lives. They also have to start prepping for the upcoming ACT, SAT, and other tests that are offered to them.

For unity or hate?

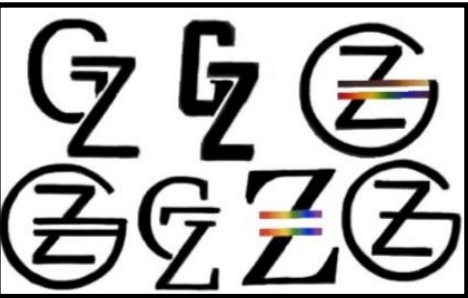
by **Oliviya Thornton**
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A recent trend on Tiktok has quickly flooded people’s For You Page (FYP). A tiktokker released a video recommending that Generation Z all get matching tattoos that would represent unity and rebellion. A capital Z with a line through the middle. Not realizing that the video she had just released, had an association with the Nazi symbol.

@smoothavacado had good intentions but failed on the execution which a user with the handle @kcmbry quickly pointed out. She explained in her video that the symbol, @smoothavacado, had recommended is similar to a Nazi symbol. The symbol she was referring to was the Wolfsangel and has been used in various groups over hundreds of years. The only difference between the two is that the modern Nazi symbol is a backward Z while the version that is being used for the Generation Z tattoos is a regular English Z letter.

After receiving comments and few duets from people informing @smoothavacado about what she was popularizing, she made her account private after making videos responding to what she has learned. She didn’t know the symbol had anything to do with Nazis and she truly just wanted to make a tattoo that meant unity and love.

Since then Tiktok users have been at a disagreement between getting the tattoo or not. Some make videos explaining to younger users that they shouldn’t get the tattoo and educating them on why. While others have still shown interest in getting it. There is one more side that many in this whole drama of Tiktok forget to mention or look at. The countless videos of users making different designs to try and get away from being affiliated with Nazi organizations.



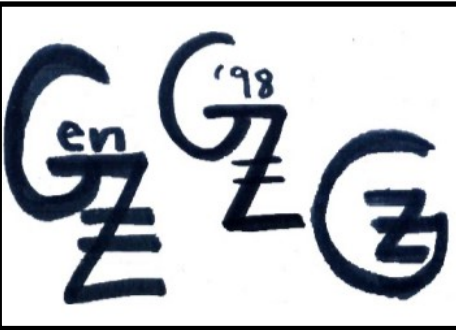
Different ideas made by @13aller and they have their own website on products you can buy with the Generation Z symbol. The link can be found on their Tiktok account.

Changes that have been made are instead of one line going through, there should be two with space in between making it an equal sign instead. Users like @itsgruyere, @c_claire, and @13aller are creating different and new ideas to try and make it so people can still get a tattoo that represents Generations Z since the Z is a core part of the tattoo and it would be hard to step away from it. Many recommend getting a Z but make it special and unique. Some have added snakes, flowers, making the two lines rainbows for LGBTQ+, and @itsgruyere made designs on implementing the G and for the ones who already got the tattoo @snowflakesmsher is showing ways of getting it covered up but still staying true to the Generation Z tattoo.

The tattoo had good intentions, and people still want to get it, so now with being more educated on how it could be seen in a bad light, there is plenty of people out there trying to change it so people who want and like the tattoo can still get it.



The first image released for the tattoo design resembles a Nazi symbol belonging to the Wolfsangel. It was scratched once more information about it was released and shown what it was associated with.



A few ideas made by @c_claire for people who already got the tattoo and want a cover up.

Senior Spotlight

Rave Uhlich

Activities Involved In:
Football, Basketball, Golf, NHS

Best Part of Senior Year:
Not being in a straight leg brace on the side-lines for football this year, and hopefully not doing stats for basketball again.



What Will You Miss Most: Class Fires
Plans for Next Year: Attend Lake Area Tech for Med/Fire Rescue

Marching band goes to first and last competition



by **Dustyn Winterton**
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On Thursday the GHS marching band team went to Arlington, SD for their first and only marching band competition this year. The competition invited schools from around the tri state area. The marching band competition is split into different divisions.

The other team that were meant to go up against was Sioux Valley but they pulled out from the competition last minute. Garretson’s band team got first in their division. The marching band team did the same routine they did for homecoming while adding a few turns and fancy moves.



Blue Ink Birthday Shout Outs

Happy birthday to the following Blue Dragons!
- **Kylie Christensen**, freshman (Sept. 26) - Favorite birthday gift: Money and clothes; Favorite birthday tradition: Hanging out with family

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

