



Congratulations to XC on a successful season. Preston Bohl and the girls' team extended their season by a week and will run at the state meet in Rapid.

Blue Ink



Last home game for senior Blue Dragons

Garretson goes to the gridiron for the last time in the 2020 regular season



The Blue Dragon senior boys take to the field in the regular season one last time today with their playoff hopes in their hands. They take on the #4 Sioux Valley Cossacks tonight at the Garretson Athletic Complex. The Blue Dragons are currently sitting tied for the last playoff spot, needing a strong performance tonight to edge their way into the post-season. Garretson's senior boys who have served as strong leaders for the team are (backrow) Rzeve Uhlich, Brady DeBates, Josef Zahn, Triston Rekstad, Cody Erickson, Evan Bly, Matthew Rattenborg, (front row) Trevon Cross, Jake Schroeder, Parker Schlenker, and Dominic Abraham. Photo by Angela Bly

by Peyton Hove
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For everyone, there comes a season of lasts. Last first day of school, last homecoming, and last morning practice. For the Garretson Blue Dragon football seniors, their last home game is tonight against the Sioux Valley Cossacks.

Possibly being the last game of the season, a few of the seniors began to reminisce about their football careers. "My favorite memory would have to be just hanging out with the guys, and the relationships I've gained with my teammates and coaches," stated Evan Bly. "Mine would have to be my 52 yard field goal," said Cody Erickson.

"This season has flown by. I remember all the past seniors say it goes by a lot quicker than you think, and I would brush it off because you don't think it does, but it really does fly by," expressed captain Rave Uhlich.

With only eight regular season games, the Blue Dragons are currently 2-5. They've beat the Webster Area Bearcats and the Flandreau Fliers. However, each game this season has started off strong including last week's game against Bridge-water-Emery/Ethan with a score of 6-7 at the end of the first quarter and tied up at 14 with McCook Central/Montrose at halftime week six. Both teams are top ten in our class (11B) and will be a major threat come playoffs.

When asked what they will miss the most, Jake Schroeder responded, "The camaraderie with all my friends out on the field." "The team aspect, and just being around everyone," said Dominic Abraham. Most of the seniors have played together since junior football, and aren't ready for the season to end.

Advice to underclassmen

Dominic Abraham: "It goes quick, don't take it for granted"

Evan Bly: "Get in the weight room early, always put in 100% effort, and don't take plays off even when no one is looking. Also do your job so everyone else does their job and you can have a successful team."

Cody Erickson: "Listen and have fun."

Jake Schroeder: "Know when there is a time for you to step up and be responsible and take ownership of your actions, and know that it's not always a time to dink around. You need to know when it's ok to be

funny, but you need to know when it's time to focus."

Rave Uhlich: "Play your every play like it's your last one."

The rest of Blue Dragon football seniors consists of: Trevon Cross, Brady Debates, Matthew Rattenborg, Triston Rekstad, Parker Schlenker, and Josef Zahn. Even though the Dragons have only won two games this season, they are hopeful to make the playoffs which will start next Thursday. Winning tonight would greatly increase that chance. However, SDHSAA is looking at expanding playoffs to the 17th seed as an alternate team, in case a team contacts COVID, they would replace them and play.

If tonight happened to be their last game Schroeder said, "I'm going to miss it, even though I am a bigger basketball fan; being underneath the lights, playing with my teammates is just something that will be hard to leave behind."



Many of the Blue Dragon seniors have been playing together for years, getting an early start in tackle football, playing in the South Dakota Junior Football program. Also pictured are this year's current juniors.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Can't remember the difference between affect and effect? Use the word impact instead.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why don't vampires have more friends?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.

PROMISES

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 16

- FB v. Sioux Valley (7:00)

Monday, October

- JH/JVFB @ Elk Point-Jefferson (4:00)

- JHVB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (4:00)

- VB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (6:15/7:00)

Tuesday, October 20

- VB @ West Central (4:30/6:00/7:00)

Wednesday, October 21

- End of the 1st Quarter

Thursday, October 22

- FB @ 1st Round Playoffs (TBD)

Saturday, October 24

- Cross Country @ State in Rapid City (1:00-Boys, 2:30-Girls)

Worth Mentioning

Thank you Blue Dragons for continuing to wear your mask properly (covering mouth and nose) and doing your part to keep yourself and others safe as well as keep us in the school. #BlueDragonPride

Congratulations to cross country on their successful season. The harriers ran in the region meet yesterday. Results posted by Mr. Bohl's classroom.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 40 Days

Next break is November 25 through 29 —Thanksgiving break.

JOKE: Because they are a pain in the neck

BRAINTEASER: Broken promises

Screams and thrills giving you chills

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Halloween is getting closer and despite the worries of Covid-19, haunted houses are still opening and allowing for people to come and get scared. They will be enforcing/recommending safety precautions before coming.

A majority of the ones coming back this year are in Sioux Falls but Garretson is bringing back Hike of Horrors again this year.



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Jaycees Feargrounds

- Location: Haunted House in Sioux Falls – W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
- Contact information: Phone Number +1 605-215-1031 and visit their website to order your tickets online <https://jayceesfeargrounds.com>
- Dates: October 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th (Blackout), 30, and Halloween 31
- Hours: Ticket Window – Opens at 6:45 pm and doors open at 7:00 pm
- Closes: Weekdays – Last ticket sold at 11:30 pm and closes officially at 12:00 am
- New rules dealing with Covid-19: Volunteers are required to wear masks and they highly encourage the public to wear a mask when attending, social distancing will be implemented (6 ft between groups), and will be sending new groups in slower
- Prices: Online General Admission - \$10, Price at the door \$15
- Online Fast Pass - \$15, Price at the door \$20

Fast passes will allow you to go through the line quicker and it's \$5 cheaper to buy your ticket online.

Jaycees Feargrounds is a fundraiser that with each ticket purchased there is a donation that goes back into the Sioux Falls community through Jaycees projects.

- Rating: 4.4-stars
- Terror 29 Haunted House**
- Location: Haunted house in Minnehaha County – 25753 Cottonwood Ave. Sioux Falls
 - Contact information: Phone number – (605)-777-1730 and their website <https://www.terror29.com>



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- Dates & hours: Thursday-7:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- New rules dealing with Covid-19: Face masks required and cleaning between groups happens regularly
- Prices: Halloween RIP Super Pass - \$22

With the RIP super pass, you'll be able to skip the long lines and get into the haunted attraction fast. Limited amount. 3D glasses are included in the ticket price.

- Halloween general admission: \$16
- Addition information: Reserve a time and date and order tickets online to make sure you have a ticket in time and can get in
 - Rating: 4.6 stars



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Twisted Nightmare Haunted House

- Location: New location for 2020 - Downtown Sioux Falls 8th and Railroad. Near Remedy Brewing and Monks Ale House
 - Contact information: Visit their website <https://www.twistednightmare.org>
 - Dates & hours: October 29: 7pm-10pm, October 30: 7pm-Midnight, October 31: 7pm to Midnight, November 1st: 7pm-10pm
 - New rules dealing with Covid-19: A mask covering your mouth and nose is required. They will also have extra cleaning, implement social distancing, etc.
 - Prices: \$12 at the door or \$10 with a canned food donation for Feeding South Dakota
 - Addition information: Fridays and Saturdays tend to be their busiest days so coming earlier or go on Thursday nights would give you a better chance of being able to go in. Groups will consist of 4-6 people and 4-5 tours will be running at a time. If your group is bigger than this, they will try their best to accommodate or split up the group depending on how many.
 - Rating: 4.8 stars
- Hike of Horrors**
- Location: Parking in Garretson Football Complex (go East on Dows Street)
 - Contact information: Phone number - (605)-321-6207
 - Dates & hours: October 23rd-24th and 30th-31st 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
 - Prices: \$10 at the gate
 - Addition information: ½ mile hike



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If you plan on trying to go to all of these options the price will range from \$46 to \$64, depending on your ticket choices.

Remember to be safe, wear a mask, respect the rules of the place you are visiting, and make sure to dress appropriately for the weather. A few of these places take place outside and their lines do as well so it's important to look at the weather broadcast before going. Another tip is to make sure to wear appropriate shoes. Nothing's scarier than trying to run from a scary clown and losing your shoe and having to go back and find it.

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)

Blue Dragon Social Media

Keep in touch with what is happening in the school and with our Blue Dragon athletics. Many have Twitter accounts they use to post messages about results, performance, and give shout outs to our students.

- SCHOOL:**
@GHSBlueDragons
- FOOTBALL:**
@BlueDragonFB
- VOLLEYBALL:**
@BlueDragonVB
- SOCCER:**
@GarretsonSoccer
- BOYS BASKETBALL:**
@BlueDragonBBB
- GIRLS BASKETBALL:**
@BlueDragonHoops
- GOLF:**
@ghs_golf2017



You can also follow the *Blue Ink* on snapchat at ghs_blueink



What to wear
trick-or-treating

A non-
scientific quiz
created by the
journalism
class

1. It's a Saturday night, what are you doing?
A. Go for a walk
B. Hanging out with friends
C. Watching a movie
D. Staying at home
2. What candy best matches your personality?
A. Sour Patch Kids
B. M&Ms
C. Mike & Ikes
D. Snickers
3. What's your favorite holiday?
A. Halloween
B. Christmas
C. New Year's Eve
D. Thanksgiving
4. What's your favorite activity?
A. Racing
B. Basketball
C. Theater
D. Board Games
5. What's your go-to outfit?
A. Flannel
B. Dress/Khakis
C. Jeans w/Jacket
D. Sweats
6. If you were going to watch one Halloween movie tonight, what would it be?
A. Annabelle
B. Hocus Pocus
C. Ghostbusters
D. Nightmare on Elm Street
7. What's your favorite school subject?
A. Science
B. Math
C. English
D. Social Studies

Look on Page 4 for what your ideal Halloween costume should be.

Among Us is among
the students

by **Dustyn Winterton**
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Recently a game called Among Us has started gaining attraction. Among Us is a game where you are either a crew mate or an imposter. The game was originally released on June 15, 2018 but didn't gain traction till late 2020. Although the game is popular in the U.S. the game is more popular in Mexico and South Korea.

As the crewmate you have to finish tasks around the ship whilst not getting killed by the imposter. If you get killed by the imposter you can still do tasks but cannot participate in the discussion. There are two ways of winning as the crewmate as the crewmate. You and the other crewmates have to either finish all of your tasks or figure out who the imposter is.

When asked about strategies to win Tayson Swatek said, "wait to do visual tasks till somebody is around", Jayse Miller said another strategy is to watch the cameras. Dylan Kindt said another strategie is, "stay with a group of three the you're less likely to get killed". Some other things you could do is if you think a crewmate is suspicious then when there doing a task watch them do it if when they are finished and the task bar doesn't move they are probably an imposter.

As the imposter your job is to eliminate all of the crewmates sneakily so that they can't figure out who it is. As the imposter there is another way to win, if you sabotage certain aspects of the ship it will cause a timer to appear. If the part of the ship is not fixed before the timer counts down then the impost-er wins.

As the imposter a way to not look suspicious is to fake tasks but be careful cause if somebody's watching and it's taking you awhile to do the task or when you finish the task bar doesn't move they might get more suspicious. Also when they are voting make sure you have an alibi for where you were when the body is killed.



Is Halloween
2020 cancelled?

Fear of the
unknown
calls Hallow-
een tradition
into question

by **Rebekah Roth**
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released their unconventional recommendations on the protocol for this year's upcoming Halloween. The CDC has advised against traditional trick-or-treating, indoor costume parties, and indoor haunted houses, as they are classified as high-risk activities that could quickly spread COVID-19.

In response to these suggestions, many towns, cities, and counties have organized special Halloween celebrations that keep social distancing precautions in mind. This includes Garretson, which has provided other entertaining events for Halloween, such as the Hike of Horrors and a Trunk-n-Treat on Halloween night.

So far, there aren't any restrictions against participating in activities like trick-or-treating in Garretson. Reportedly, many students in Garretson school still plan on keeping up with their usual Halloween traditions, but may possibly be attending the additional events as well.

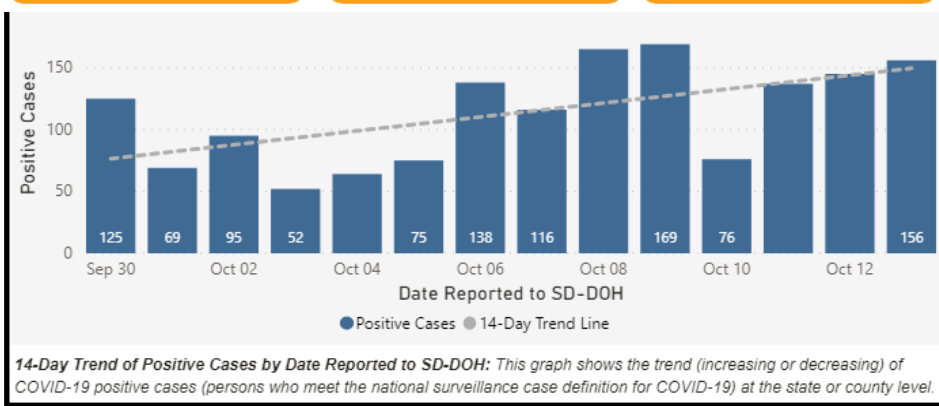
However, there are a multitude of Halloween activities that are much more suitable for a safer approach. These options consist of activities such as pumpkin carving, baking Halloween treats, having virtual costume parties, watching horror movies, and much more. Regardless of what you partake in this Halloween season, there are plenty of ways to have a fun, entertaining celebration.



COVID-19 numbers rise
throughout the state

Data taken from the South Dakota Department of Health—updated as of Thursday, Oct 15

New Total Cases Today	New Confirmed Cases	New Probable Cases
797	700	97
Currently Hospitalized	Active Cases	Recovered Cases
304	7,132	23,576
Total Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Probable Cases
31,012	30,220	792



14-Day Trend of Positive Cases by Date Reported to SD-DOH: This graph shows the trend (increasing or decreasing) of COVID-19 positive cases (persons who meet the national surveillance case definition for COVID-19) at the state or county level.

The entire state of South Dakota has seen an average uptick in numbers of positive cases, and Minnehaha county is no exception. Their two-week trend liner is steeper than the entire state's, noting more people are becoming sick from the coronavirus. Data from the South Dakota Department of Health

Morgan Wallen faces serious consequences after not following COVID protocols

by Morgan Pierret
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If you’ve been on TikTok or Twitter in the past week, you’ve probably heard about the drama surrounding Morgan Wallen. But, for those of you who don’t know about the drama, Wallen was not following the CDC’s social distancing guidelines the weekend of October 3. Because of his actions, Wallen was uninvited from Saturday Night Live, where he was supposed to perform.

The decisions made by Wallen the night of October 3 left him with some undeniable consequences. He was seen roaming the streets of Alabama partying with college students after he attended the Alabama-Texas A&M football game. Wallen was featured in many TikToks that night, including videos of him partying maskless in crowded bars, drinking, kissing multiple women, taking pictures with fans, riding in the back seat of someone’s car, and playing guitar in a tightly packed indoor gathering at a fans house.

Wallen was supposed to perform on Saturday Night Live the evening of October 10, but because of his actions he was not able to. Wallen being dropped from the show was something many critics saw coming.

Logan Bly expressed her opinion on the cancelation of Wallen’s performance, “I think it’s a good thing because it shows that SNL cares about who they are promoting on their show, but I also think it would’ve been a cool opportunity for him.”

Receiving a lot of backlash, Wallen decided to upload an apology video onto his instagram. Wallen said he agreed with SNL’s decision, but he also said that Lorne Michaels, SNL’s creator, told him that he could possibly make an appearance on the show at a later time.

In his apology video, he also said, “On a more personal note, I think I have some growing up to do. I think I’ve lost myself a little bit. I’ve tried to find joy in the wrong places and it’s left me with less joy. So, I’m going to go try to work on that. I’m going to take a step back from the spotlight for a little while, and go work on myself.”

Although he is getting a lot of hate right now, his fans are still sending him works of encouragement which he says is not going unnoticed. “I don’t think that people should be backlashing him, because other people his age are going out and doing stuff so I don’t understand why people are getting mad at him for that”, said Maren Bonte.

Wallen is a 27 year old American country music singer and songwriter. He first became noticed in 2014 when he went on the hit show The Voice. Since then, Wallen has put out ten hit songs and two number one hits, “Whiskey Glasses” and “7 Summers”.



Morgan Wallen takes a shot while a fan records him, this is one of the many TikToks Wallen was seen in that night. He wore gator facemask around his neck, but was not wearing it properly the majority of the night.
Photo via a screenshot from post by @ashleighludlam on TikTok

Senior Spotlight *Trevon Cross*



Activities Involved In:
Football, Wrestling, FFA, 4-H

Best Part of Senior Year:
Not being in Dells...

What Will You Miss Most:
Friends

Plans for Next Year:
Basic Training for the Air Force



Quiz Results

What should your Halloween costume be?

If you got mostly A, you should be a **SCARY CLOWN**. Not that you enjoy frightening other people, but you enjoy the thrills that come with horror movies, haunted houses, and all other scare parts of Halloween. You are all about this holiday and everything that goes with it.

If you got mostly B, you should be a **PRINCESS** or a **SUPERHERO**. You enjoy the sweeter, tamer parts of Halloween: the decorating, the trick-or-treating with friends, but are fine with ignoring the really scary parts. However, you love to be around people and embrace the situations that you are in.

If you got mostly C, put your focuses on being a **TV or MOVIE CHARACTER**. You love to be the center of attention and make people laugh. Why not turn that into a Halloween costume? You aren’t afraid to put yourself out there and love to immerse yourself in your favorite TV show, activity, or friendships. Your commitment is what sets you apart from others.

If you got mostly D, throw on that sheet and go as a **GHOST** to your Halloween events. While you enjoy Halloween and the events that go with it, you don’t stress about all the details. Just take it easy, keep it simple, and enjoy the holiday.



Blue Ink Birthday Shout Outs

Happy birthday to the following Blue Dragons!
- **Madden Lardy**, senior, (Oct. 16) - Favorite birthday gift: “My Volkswagen Beetle my grandma gave to me for my 13th birthday.

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



Game day dress up themes

Tuesday: VB @ West Central—JERSEY NIGHT

