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- Dress Up Themes for activities have been decided. Look on social media for each game's theme. TONIGHT'S FOOTBALL GAME is frat.

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25 years later: Remembering September 11



by **Autumn Genzler**
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Twenty five years ago, on September 11, 2001, the United States experienced the tragic loss of nearly 3,000 innocent people. Terrorists hijacked four airplanes, two attacked the World Trade Center in New York City, one attacked Pentagon in Virginia, and the fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to take control of the aircraft.

However, 9/11 is not just than a date that we learn about in school. It is a memory for people who lived it and where they were, what they were doing and how their lives changed afterward. For many people, the morning started like any other. "I was on the way to the fair in Spencer, Iowa." 92 year old, Richard Thoreson, grandparent of Garretson junior Brielle Weir, said.

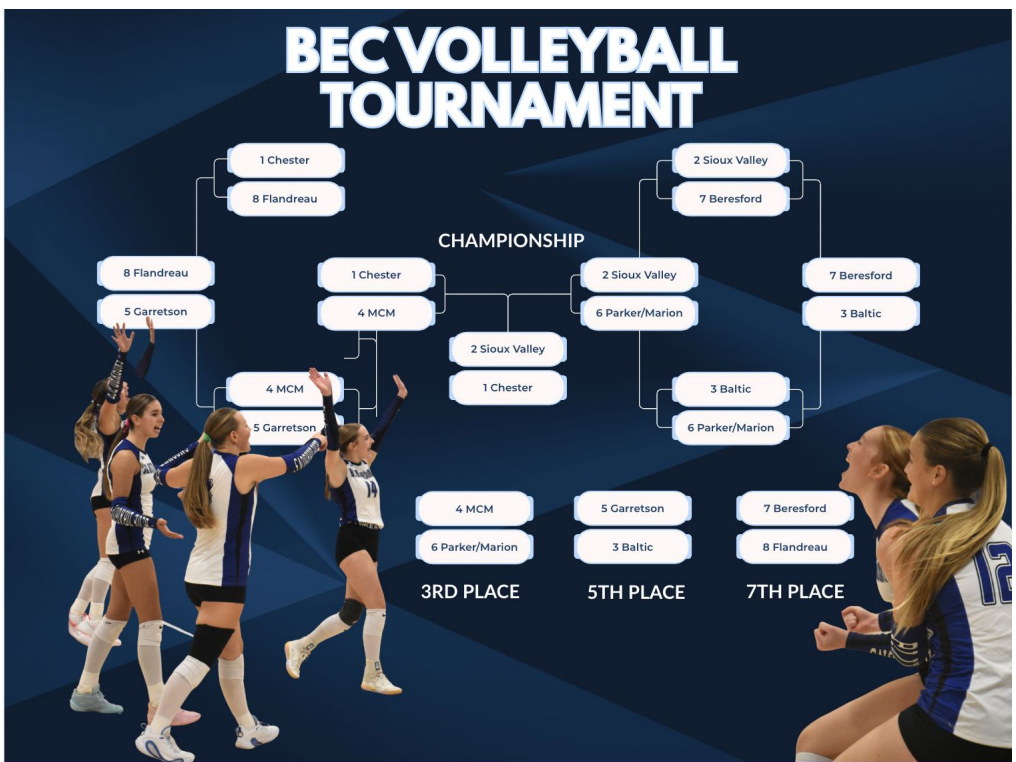
The attacks unfolded rather quickly. At 8:46 in the morning, American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. In seventeen short minutes a second plane, United Airlines Flight 175, hit the South Tower. As news channels began showing images of the burning buildings, millions of Americans watched in confusion and disbelief. "I had the tv on and I had heard about it on the news," shared 90-year-old, Darlene Thoreson.

For younger people, the events were a little more difficult to comprehend. "I was 18 and just starting my college classes. I had heard from a classmate who was sitting next to me who was told by his wife. I was scared, I had just moved to Sioux Falls two months prior. As the day went on, the news spread across the college campus and we all watched it on tv," voiced Cindy Genzler.

Although the attacks happened thousands of miles away from many people, the effects were felt throughout the entire US. Schools, workplaces, airports, and communities all watched the news and tried to understand what was going on.

For those who were old enough to remember that day, 9/11 is something they can still picture clearly, even after all these years. "I still remember the whole day. We had a student council meeting that morning. One of the boys had shown up late and we all gave him a hard time but he said to us we had to see what was going on and went and turned on the tv in the back of classroom," remembered Kelsey Buchholz. "I could tell you exactly where I was sitting and how that day at school unfolded."

Twenty five years can feel like a long time, but for the people who remember that day, the memories can still feel close. The stories of those who lived through 9/11 help us understand that history is not just about dates, but that it is also about real people, their experiences, and the memories they hold on to.





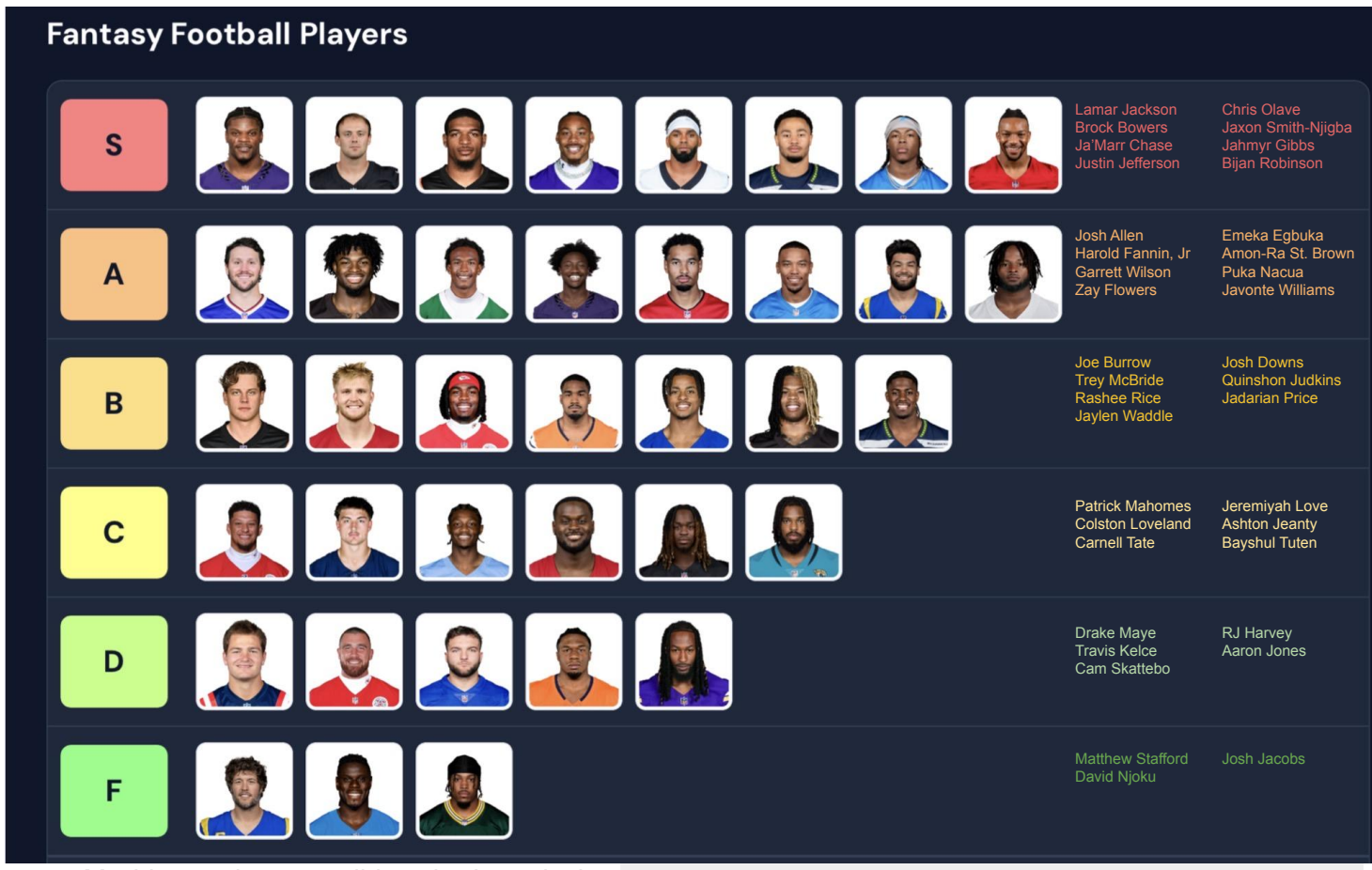
Congratulations

Soccer defeated Vermillion 7-1 on Tuesday. Garretson hosts on Tuesday where the Tanagers look to even the score.



Fantasy football sees rush for running back

Draft rooms look different this year with surplus of WR and lack of RB



by **Colton Buchholz**
staff writer - editorial

With the 2026 fantasy football season here, managers are looking for the players who could help them win their leagues and the players who could end up being disappointing picks.

This season, I think one of the biggest things to pay attention to is the difference between the running back and wide receiver positions. Running back rooms are relatively thin, meaning there are fewer reliable players who can consistently produce fantasy points. Wide receiver, on the other hand, has a lot more depth, with many players capable of putting up strong numbers.

Because of this, I think fantasy managers should be careful about reaching for running backs while taking advantage of the depth at wide receiver.

My breakout pick this season is Chris Olave of the New Orleans Saints. Olave has already shown that he can be a reliable and explosive fantasy receiver, but I think he has the potential to take another step forward in 2026. With his speed, route-running, and ability to make big plays, he has the skill set to become one of the top wide receivers in fantasy football. Since wide receiver is such a deep position this year, getting a player like Olave who has both a high floor and the potential for an even bigger season could give fantasy managers an advantage.

My biggest bust candidate is Jeremiyah Love of the Arizona Cardinals. Love has plenty of talent and could eventually become a great NFL running back, but I think fantasy managers could be expecting too much from him right away. As a rookie, he still has to adjust to the speed and physicality of the NFL and prove that he can handle a consistent workload. The fact that running back is a thin position could also cause managers to draft Love higher because they are worried about running out of reliable options. That could make him a risky pick if his production does not match his draft position.

Overall, I think the best approach to fantasy football this season is to take the depth at wide receiver while being smart about the limited number of good running backs. There are plenty of wide receivers who can provide value throughout your fantasy draft, so managers do not necessarily need to reach for the position early. Running backs are harder to replace, making opportunity for more depth harder especially in later rounds of the draft. For my team, I would rather target the high end receivers instead of simply drafting a player because the position does not have as much depth.





Above: Cade Risty takes advantage of a strong offensive line and uses the gap to gain good yards as the Blue Dragons push downfield.
Below: Ty VanHolland flies in for the tackle, stopping the Hanson charge. Garretson came away with the one possession victory, 37-30.



This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 11
- Tailgate Supper (5:00-7:00)
- FB v. Bon Homme (7:00)

Saturday, September 12
- JH/JV Football @ Canistota Jamboree (9:00)
- XC @ Luverne (9:30)
- VB @ BEC Tourney in Parker v. TBD (TBD)

Monday, September 14
- XC @ Viborg-Hurley (10:00)
- Family Music Night @ Dragons' Lair (6:00)

Tuesday, September 15
- Picture Day
- Soccer v. Vermillion (6:00)
- JH VB @ Flandreau (4:00)
- VB @ Flandreau (5:00/6:00/7:15)

Thursday, September 17
- XC @ Chamberlain (2:00)
- JH VB @ Parker/Marion in Parker (4:00)
- VB @ Parker/Marion in Parker (5:00/6:00/7:15)
- Soccer v. West Central (6:00)

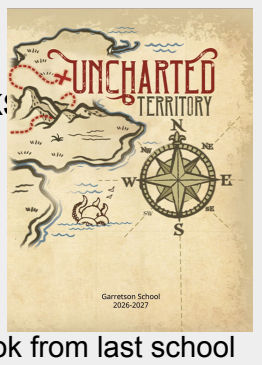
Friday, September 18
- JH Football @ Estelline/Hendricks in Estelline (4:30)
- Football @ Estelline/Hendricks (7:00)

Saturday, September 19
- JH Football @ Hanson Jamboree (9:00)

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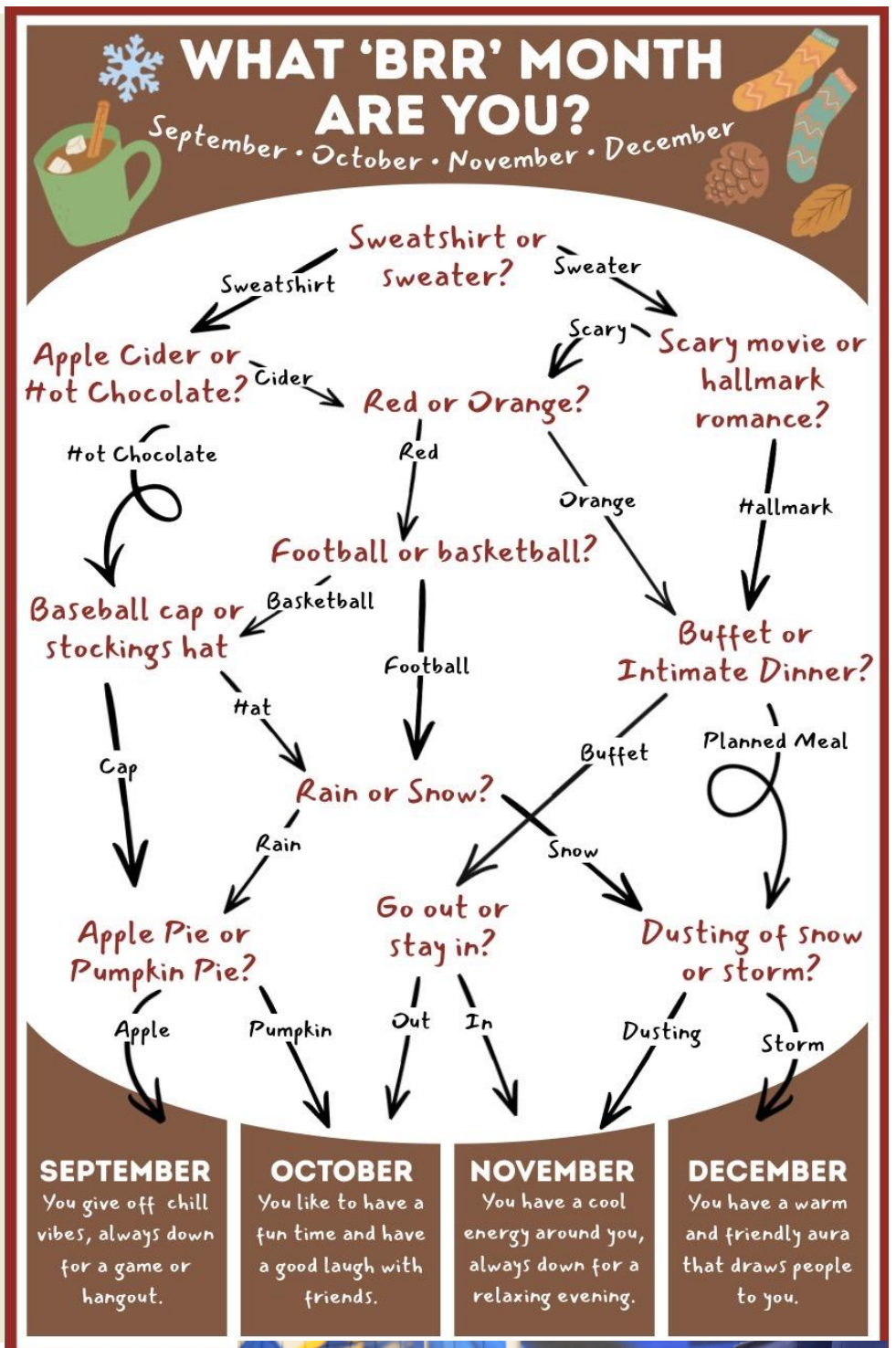
GRADE CHECKS are in effect. Please make sure you are staying on top of your assignments Blue Dragons.

ACE AWARDS are back! Thanks for continuing to show your positive attitude, character, and effort. And who knows, maybe you'll get a little extra something for it as well.



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Snaps from homecoming week















