FIND ME IN THE PAPER

- 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

- Enjoy your extended weekend Blue Dragons!

JOKE OF THE DAY

- Why did the student eat his homework?
  - Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

August 21, 2026
Volume 14, Issue 1
Garretson High School
Garretson, SD

GARRETSON
BLUE DRAGONS

Blue Ink





Above: Mrs. Bos greets the middle schoolers right before class starts on Thursday morning.

Between Kindergarten signing last week, open house on Tuesday, and everyone back in the building yesterday; Garretson School District has been buzzing with excitement and energy for the 2026-2027 school year.

On Thursday students met new teachers, administration, and classmates, as well as new features in the school such as a redone old gym floor and fresh paint in the hallways.

New year begins with renewed energy and excitement

What is are you most excited for this school year?

"Hanging out with my friends because I didn't get to see them all summer."
- Olive S., 7th Grade

"I foresee a lot of positive changes happening, and I'm super excited about that. That's good. And I'm super excited about the senior class."
- Mrs. Costello, Staff

"Being a sophomore next year because it's closer to graduation."
- James S,. Freshman

"I'm excited for the people."
- Dylan A., Sophomore

"I'm most excited for sports because I get to watch them with my friends."
- Cora N., Freshman

"Being a sophomore next year because it's one year closer to being done with school."
- Layne H., Freshman

"Nothing because I don't like school."
- Colton C., 7th Grade

"I am most extied for FFA because we get to learn a lot of new things and make new friends."
- Jordyn G., Sophomore

"Homecoming, I like the football game."
- Zach H., Sophomore

"I'm excited that numbers are up. Both choirs are in the 40s; that's amazing! I'm also excited to do more music therapy with students because I got my degree in that ."
- Mrs. Schweitzer, Choir

"Homecoming because it just starts the year off good."
- Taylynn L., Freshman

"Being at the front of the lunch line,"
- Caylix B., 8th Grade

What are you going to miss now that summer is over?

"Being able to sleep in."
- Layne H., Freshman

"I will miss my afternoon naps, definitely. As much as I appreciate routine, I like that little bit of freedom, but my kids are still here with me every day, so I'm good."
- Mrs. Costello, Staff

"2 o'clock nap time. I felt it already this week. Every time 2 o'clock hits, I feel like I need to go lay down and take a nap...and gaming with my friends too."
- Mr. Heumiller, Science

"I'm going to miss seeing my friends all day long and sleeping in."
- Cora N., Freshman

"Sleeping in."
- Amelie K., Freshman

"Staying home because school is boring."
- Colton C., 7th grade

"Freedome and not being able to do whatever you want."
- Dylan A., Sophomore

"Sleeping in and having free time."
- Jordyn G., Sophomore

"Going to the lake because I like going to the lake."
- Olive S., 7th Grade

"Spending time with my son, Grayson."
- Mrs. Schweitzer, Choir

"Sleeping in."
- Taylynn L., Freshman

"Hanging out with my friends all day."
- Caylix B., 6th Grade

"Hanging out with the old people at work."
- Emma W., Senior

August 21, 2026 I ISSUE NUMBER 14-001

Class of 2027



Most excited...

"Having multiple teachers."
- Coyer B., 6th Grade

"All the fun senior activities and events."
- Chloe H., Senior

"Homecoming; it's fun. You get to play games, so…."
- Miles S., Sophomore

"Football because I didn't get to play last year because I got hurt."
- Mason S., Sophomore

Miss from summer...

"The freedom."
- Zach H., Sophomore

"Sleeping in."
- Coyer B., 6th Grade

"Staying at home because I like to play video games."
- Mason S., Sophomore

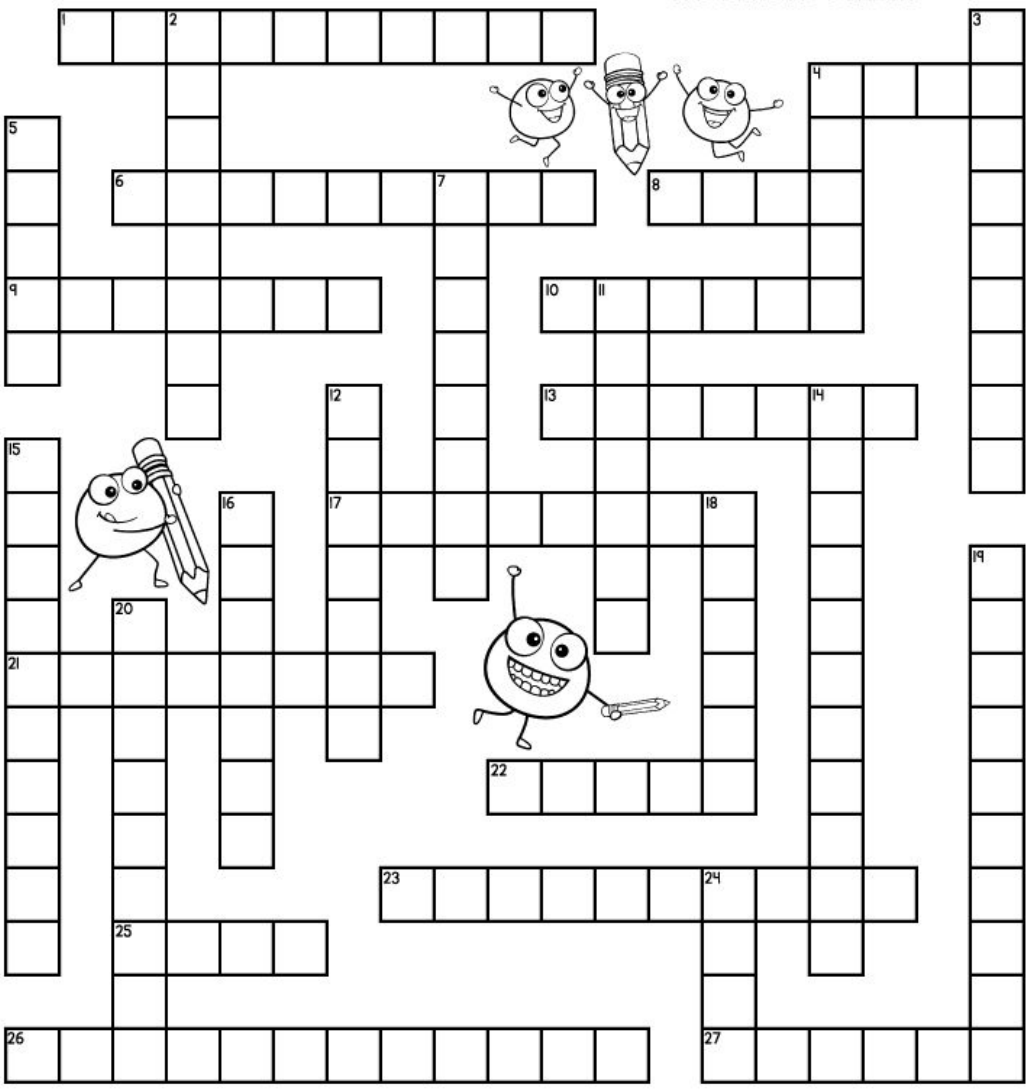
GARRETSON
BLUE DRAGONS

Chain Link

Figure out the next word in the sequence. The previous word connects to the next.

EXAMPLE:	SCHOOL	CLASS	ATLANTA	CHICKEN
SAY	B _ _ _	C _ _ _ _	G _ _ _ _ _ _	L _ _ _ _ _
CHEESE				
STICK	B _ _ _ _ _	C _ _	P _ _ _ _	K _ _
MAN				
DOWN	D _ _ _ _ _	W _ _ _	T _ _ _	R _ _ _
TOWN				
HALL	S _ _ _	A _ _ _ _	B _ _ _ _ _	B _ _ _
WAY				

BACK TO SCHOOL
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS
1. school before middle school
4. what you do with a book
6. another word for high school level
8. honor ___
9. school after high school
10. 11th grade student
13. paper you get when you finish school
17. tool used to cut paper
21. math with shapes and angles
22. school singing group
23. record of who is at school
25. speaking exam
26. classroom talk with visual aids
27. winter, spring, summer, or fall

DOWN
2. did very well in school
3. entry pass for a school or event
4. tool for measuring
5. meal you eat at noon
7. related to school & learning
11. school outfit
12. subject about past events
14. subject with numbers
15. homework task
16. subject with experiments
18. 12th grade student
19. ceremony for finishing school
20. 10th grade student
24. painting, acting, music, etc.

Tree Valley Academy

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 21
- Football v. Baltic (7:00)
- Parents Night for XC & FB (6:30)

Saturday, August 22
- Soccer @ West Central (10:00)

Monday, August 24
- JH Football v. Colman-Egan (4:00)
- JV Football v. Colman-Egan (5:00)

Tuesday, August 25
- JH VB @ Tri-Valley (4:00)
- VB @ Tri-Valley (5:30/6:15/7:00)

Thursday, August 27
- XC @ Beresford (10:00)
- Soccer v. Groton (4:30)
- VB v. Beresford (6:00/7:15)

Friday, August 28
- FB @ Bridgewater-Emery (7:00)

Saturday, August 29
- JH FB @ Alcester-Hudson Jamboree (9:00)
- JV FB @ Alcester-Hudson Jamboree (9:00)

Worth Mentioning

WELCOME BACK to the building. It is so good to have you here! Let's make it our best year yet!

SCHEDULE CHANGES are allowed through Wednesday, August 26. Please see Mrs. Matthews or Mr. McGregor with questions.

What are you most excited for this FB season?

"I'm most excited for the season opener at home against Baltic; there's been a lot of talk going on."
- Aiden J., Senior

"I'm most excited for Baltic this first game of the year as it is a very big rivalry and Garretson hasn't won a home opener in a long time."
- Jack A., Senior

"I'm really excited to see the growth the team has made since last year, we have a lot of experience with 12 seniors and that experience will pay off with a successful season."
- Coach Hughes

I'm most excited for just the season in general, who we have, all the work that they put in, it should be a fun year.
- Coach Moehlenbrink

What have you done to prepare for this season?

"Our team prepared over the summer through Coach Hughes' Summer workout, open field, and football camps."
- Aiden J., Senior

" I've been training with the quarterbacks this offseason as well as lifting as a team to prepare."
- Jack A., Senior

"The boys have been practicing hard, they spent the entire summer working out and getting themselves ready to go. I think they're in a good place and now it's time to go on the field and prove it."
- Coach Hughes

"We've been focusing on the fine details, seniors have been doing a great job with leading, getting the younger kids in the weight room and we're starting to see results."
- Coach Moehlenbrink

What are this year's team expectations?

"As for expectations, only the best, have to win it all, and push ourselves and teammates to the absolute limit.
- Aiden J., Sophomore

"My expectations for this team is to make the state championship!"
- Jack A., Senior

"My expectations are that they're going to improve from last year, I think if we play to our capabilities and things we can do then the sky is the limit, but you know they have to play the game and execute what they can do."
- Coach Hughes

"My expectations are to have fun but also make people realize the hard work that they've put in."
- Coach Moehlenbrink

Is there anything the fans need to know?

"Fans need to know that we aren't the same Garretson team from recent memory, I've never seen a team put in more work and effort in than this one, this year. "
- Aiden J., Senior

" The fans need to know that this isn't the same old Garretson team they are use to."
- Jack A., Senior

"It'll be a fun season so show up."
- Coach Moehlenbrink

"I think the fans need to know to come out and be excited to watch the brand new football we're gonna play and the boys who are gonna play it. There should be plenty of things to cheer on and we can entertain them, have a successful year, and make fans happy.

What do you think your favorite class will be and why?

"Reading because Mrs. Ageson is chill."
- Colton C., 7th Grade

"Science because it is chill."
- Dylan A., Sophomore

"I think my favorite class is going to be science because I just think it will be something fun to learn."
- Cora N., Freshman

"None of them."
- Chloe H., Senior

"Band because I like playing the trombone."
- Caylix B., 8th Grade

"Honestly, I think Food Science will be my favorite because we get to experiment with different things."
- Jordyn G., Sophomore

"Probably Choir because I love the sweatshirts and it's easy."
- Taylynn L., Freshman

"Physical Science because I like the teacher."
- Layne H., Freshman

"Art because I've never done art. I have never been good at it and I want to see how good I can do.."
- Zach H., Sophomore

"Multimedia because the first day was lit."
- Mason S., Sophomore

"Reading because of Mrs. Ageson."
- Olive S., 7th Grade

"Study Hall…privs. I also like the new computers teacher"
- Ella F., Senior

Mrs. Gnadt because she does Blookets."
- Coyer B., 6th Grade

"My favorite class is probably going to be Spanish because it's funny."
- Miles S., Sophomore

"Mr. Hughes' because it's fun."
- James S., Freshman

"My favorite class is going to be last hour because I get to spend it every day with Zach Hermanson."
- Mrs. Costello, Staff

"Yearbook; I think it will be a really fun class."
- Amelie K., Freshman

"I'll say high school cause I just got done teaching them and they're a really awesome group; I think we're going to make a lot of good music this year."
- Mrs. Schweitzer, Choir



What is the furthest you have traveled this summer?

"Texas because that is where my baby cousin was."
- Colton C., 7th Grade

"We traveled a lot for baseball; we were all over South Dakota. We did go down to Nebraska."
- Mrs. Costello, Staff

"I didn't travel this summer."
- Cora N., Freshman

"This summer I went to the Black Hills just for vacation."
- Jordyn G., Sophomore

"Kansas City for the Royals game."
- Caylix B., 8th Grade

"Probably Omaha to see my uncle."
- Taylynn L., Freshman

"I traveled to Virginia to see some family."
- Amelie K., Freshman

"Goly."
- Lance L., Sophomore

"I went to South Carolina for a funeral."
- Olive S., 7th Grade

"We went out to the Hills once; my uncle was out there and we went golfing."
- Zach H., Sophomore

"Aberdeen for state trap."
- Layne H., Freshman

"Not very far: Spearfish, South Dakota, for visiting family."
- Mr. Heumiller, Science

"Texas."
- Dylan A., Sophomore

"Going to the lake because I like going to the lake."
- Olive S., 7th Grade

"I went to Nebraska to see my sister and I went to Alexandria on a friends' trip."
- Mrs. Schweitzer, Choir

"Split Rock; I went swimming a lot."
- Mason S., Sophomore

"I think Florida for a vacation."
- Miles S., Sophomore

"Kansas City for the Phillies 4th of July Game."
- Coyer B., 6th Grade





The football team greeted students coming off the bus for the first day of school.

Left: As students were dropped off the bus, they went through the gauntlet of football players wishing them good luck on the first day of school

GARRETSON
BLUE DRAGONS





Soccer opens season with win, drops next two

Blue Dragon soccer wins first game against Belle Fourche 6-1, then falls to St. Thomas More (6-1) and Lennox (2-1)





Soccer opened up their season with three home games.

They started with Belle Fourche last Friday and looked solid from the start, scoring three goals in the first half and then doubling it up in the second half. The Broncs also snuck in a goal of their own in the second half. However, the Blue Dragons were too much as they opened up their season with a 6-1 win at home.

The next day they played St. Thomas More who were looking to make Garretson split with their West River foes. STM flipped the score on the Blue Dragons from the night before, winning 6-1 and dropping Garretson to a .500 record.

The third game was against Lennox earlier this week. The Orioles are in their inaugural season. While Garretson took the early 1-0 lead going into half, the second half belonged to the visitors as Lennox scored their first ever goals and notched their very first program win, 2-1.

Garretson's next game is tomorrow against West Central.

