THE HIGHLANDER BAGPIPE

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HALLOWEEN PARTIES/PARADES









The elementary did a Halloween parade. There were many different costumes such as witches, police, and dinosaurs. The elementary teachers dressed up as witches for Halloween. The high school staff were Loony Tunes characters. After the costume parade, the elementary had their parties. The classes had snacks and drinks. The first grade class wrapped people as a mummy, and some classes played bingo games. Overall the students and staff enjoyed Halloween at SHS.

Veterans Day Program









The Veterans Day program happened on November 11. The VFW color guard presented the colors at the beginning of the program. Student council president Hope Starwalt led the program. Some patriotic poems were read by Morgan Bauder, Faith Starwalt, Halley Rempfer, and Brooke Schaeffer. Caidence Cap read her Patriot's Pen, and Hope Starwalt read the Voice of Democracy. The band played the National Athem, "God Bless the USA," and "American Pride." Jacob Schaeffer spoke about his time at National Guard basic training this summer, and the 5th grade sang a song. Thank you to the Student Council for organizing this wonderful program.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

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THOMAS FRANKS

THOMAS' FULL NAME IS THOMAS DANIEL ROLAND FRANKS. HE WAS BORN IN YANKTON, SD. HIS SENIOR CLASSES ARE PHYSICS, BUSINESS MATH, GOVERMENT, ENGLISH IV, BIO II, FITNESS AND CONDITIONING, 3D PRINTING, AND PERSONAL FINANCE. FOR EXTRACURRICULARS HE DOES FOOTBALL AND STUDENT COUNCIL. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE IS GOING TO COLLEGE FOR VIDEO GAME DESIGN. FOR ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN HE SAYS, "KEEP UP ON HOMEWORK AND DON'T FALL BEHIND AND HAVE GOOD GRADES."



TENNESSEE IRWIN

TENNESSEE HAYDANN IRWIN WAS BORN IN YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON JULY 1, 2009. HER FAMILY IS HER MOM CHELSI, AND HER SIBLINGS ARE RUGER, KAYLANI, AND LAWSYN. TENNESSEE'S CLASSES ARE GOVERNMENT, INTRO TO DESIGN, BRITISH LITERATURE, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS, INTRO TO HOSPITALITY, AND PRE-SCHOOL AID. HER EXTRA-CURRICULARS ARE VOLLEYBALL, PLAY, 1 YEAR OF ORAL INTERP, AND TRACK . AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, TENNESSEE PLANS TO GO TO COLLEGE AND STUDY PSYCHOLOGY OR RADIOLOGY. HER ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN IS "DON'T PROCRASTINATE AND ENJOY IT BECAUSE IT GOES FAST ."

ACADEMICS

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Government Class Pizza Election

The Government Class had an idea of recreating a presidential election by having their own election of pizzas. They decided on a pizza with one topping, and the other side of the election was a multi-topping pizza. The two sides came to agreements and the side with one topping chose sausage, while the multiple topping side chose dessert. They had to campaign to all the classes. They held their election on Nov. 3rd. The final results were Sausage with 106 popular votes and 29 electoral votes, and dessert with 164 popular votes and 71 electoral votes. Overall, the dessert pizza won the election.



Austen S., Braelyn F., and Hunter C. presenting the suasage pizza speech.



Thomas F. and Hope S. are presenting the dessert pizza speech.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is important because it teaches kids and their families it is important to stay safe and drug free. The theme this year was Make a difference, Be a hero, and Stay drug free.

The 5th grade class dresses up on Monday for Dream big, stay drug free.



SES ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS:
BE A HERO! MAKE A DIFFERENCE, STAY DRUG FREE!
RED RIBBON WEEK 2026

MONDAY 11-2	TUESDAY 11-3	WEDNESDAY 11-4	THURSDAY 11-5	FRIDAY 11-6
RED-y to Kick Off Red Ribbon Week! Show you are ready to be a hero and stay drug free! Wear RED	"Dream Big, Stay Drug Free!" Wear Pajamas	Your Future is Bright Wear Neon or Bright Colors	Be a Hero! Make a Difference, Stay Drug Free! Dress like a superhero or someone who inspires you to make good choices!	"Too Cool for Drugs!" Wear your favorite hat AND sunglasses!

SPORTS

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VOLLEYBALL

On October 26th ,the Lady Highlanders played the Menno Wolves in Menno. In the first set, the Highlanders lost 23-25. In the 2nd set, the Highlanders won 29-27. In the 3rd set, the Highlanders lost 21-25., and in the 4th set, they lost 17-25. It was tough fought game with some close sets. In the regional game against Alcester-Hudson in their first set they lost 15-25. In their 2nd set they lost 10-25 , and in their 3rd set they lost 18-25. It was tough game, but a good season by the Lady Highlanders.





MSBBB

The middle school boys' basketball team has played 3 games so far into their season. The 6th grade team played the Bridgewater-Emery Huskies and lost. On November 9th both teams played the Viborg-Hurly Cougars. The 8th grade team lost 23-20 in a close game. The 6th graders lost their game. On November 19th the Trappers played the Freman Flyers. The 6/7th grade team won and the 8th grade team lost.





MSGBB

The middle school girls' basketball started their season out with a couple of wins. The six grade girls basketball started with a 5 and 1 record. The one loss for the sixth grade team is from Bon Homme. The seventh grade team has a record of 4 and 3. Their two losses were from Wagner, and AC DC. The eighth grade team has a record of 5 and 2. Both of their losses were from Avon.





EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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Oral Interp





THERE WERE 9 PEOPLE THAT COMPETED AT THE WAGNER ORAL INTERP CONTEST. CAIDENCE CAP AND ALODY GRAMKOW DID A DUO TOGEHTER. AVERY FUKS, GRACE MEYER, ANAKIA SAMADAN, AND MEAH JENKINNS DID A READERS' THEATRE. BROOKE SCHAEFFER ALSO DID A NON-ORIGINAL ORATORY. HOPE & FAITH STARWALT DID A DUO TOGETHER AND THEY GOT THIRD PLACE.

THERE WAS 12 PEOPLE THAT WENT TO DISTRICTS. THE PEOPLE THAT WENT TO DISTRICTS WERE CAIDENCE CAP IN POETRY. SUTTON BUEBER, JILLIAN STARK, DYLAN DVORAK, AND DREW VITEK DID A READERS, THEATRE TOGEHTER. AVERY FUKS DID STORY-TELLING, HOPE & FAITH STARWALT DID A DUO TOGETHER, AND ALODY GRAMKOW DID HUMOROUS. BROOKE SCHAEFFER DID A NON-ORIGNAL ORATORY. THEY PERFORMED WELL AND SOME BARELY MISSED MOVING ON TO REGIONS.

THERE WERE 15 PEOPLE THAT COMPETED AT BON HOMME. THERE WAS A DUO WITH CAIDENCE CAP & ALODY GRAMKOW. COLTAN ROUBIDEAUX DID HUMOROUS, AND SO DID CHARLOTTE TRIPLETTE. CAIDENCE CAP ALSO DID POETRY. AVERY FUKS, MEAH JENKINS, GRACE MEYER, AND ANIKA SAMADAN DID A READERS' THEATRE. TWO OTHER GROUPS DID READERS' THEATER: ETHAN MEHLHAFF, GRAYSON SMITH, AYDDEN TRAUTMANN, AND SUTTON BUEBER, JILLIAN STARK, DYLAN DVORAK, DREW VITEK. AVERY FUKS DID STORY TELLING. THEY ALL GOT RIBBIONS.

Band

THE SCOTLAND BAND WENT TO THREE DIFFERENT PLACES FOR MARCHING BAND. THEY WENT TO BERESFORD,
YANKTON, AND MENNO. THEY GOT 4TH IN YANKTON AND 3RD FOR BOTH OF THE OTHERS. THE SCOTLAND BAND HAS A NEW BAND TEACHER AND HER NAME IS MRS. COOPER. THE NEXT BAND PERFORMANCE IS ON DECEMBER 11TH FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.





FFA National Convetion

The Scotland FFA went to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 99th National FFA Convention & Expo, October 21–24.
There were 9 people that went to Indiana: Hope Starwalt, Faith Starwalt, Thomas Franks, Morgan Bauder, Chloe Loomis, Reagan Challand, Brooke Shaeffer, Elijah Meyer, Halley Rempfer, and Ms. Emily Namminga. They had fun and enjoyed their time while there. They also went to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.







Do you decorate for Christmas before or after Thanksgiving?

Some people start Decorating for Christmas before Thanksgiving because they love Christmas, but should they not skip over Thanksgiving?



Emersyn- after- because it's too early



Gatlin- before- my parents work at Christmas time



Lyken-after- because when he has family over for Thanksgiving the Christmas tree is in the way



Keira- after- because my dad doesn't let us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FFA Christmas Party has been moved to Dec 1st

Early Dismissal on Dec 9th @ 1:30 pm

Elementary Christmas Parties on the 18th of Dec @ 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Music Concerts

Elementary and MS vocal- Dec 4 @ 7 pm

Band-Dec 11 @ 7 pm

Early Dismissal on Dec 18th @2:30 pm

Christmas Break

No school Dec 21-Jan 4

Winter Sports Pictures in Menno on Monday, December 14th. Use the following link to order: https://marksphotoimages.accessmyevent.com/trapperwinter26



CALENDAR



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December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FFA Christmas party	2 FFA Chapter Meeting	3 MS BBB @ Salem at 4pm MS GBB vs Bon Homme @ Scotland at 4pm	4 Muffins with Mom at 7:50am State Oral Interp @ Pierre Elementary & MS Christmas Concert at 7pm	5 State Oral Interp @ Pierre MS BBB @ Freeman @ 8:30am MS GBB @ Canistota @ 8:30am WR @ Kimball @ 10am
6 FFA STATE LDEs Rapid City	7 FFA STATE LDEs Rapid City MS/JV WR @ Parkston @ 4:30pm	8 GBB vs Bridgewater-Emery @ Scotland at 6:15pm	9 FFA Fruit Delivery Early Dismissal at 1:30pm	10 BB DH @ Tripp at 4pm	11 Band Christmas concert at 7pm	12 JV BBB Tournament @ Centerville WR @ Gregory @ 9:30am
13	14 Winter Sports Picture Day at Menno School Board Meeting	15 MS Drama Performance at 2pm MS BBB @ Tyndall @ 3:30 pm	16	17 Semester Tests MS GBB @ Parker @ 4pm MS BBB @ Parker @ 5:45pm	18 End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Semster Tests Elem Christmas Parties 1:15-2:15pm Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm BB DH @ Alexandria @ 4pm	19 WR @ Plankinton @ 9:30am
20	21 WR MS/JV @ Salem @ 3pm	22 BB DH @ Platte @ 5:15 pm	23	24 **NO SCHOOL (CHRISTMAS BREAK)**	25	26
27	28	29 MS BBB vs Alcester-Hudson @ Menno at 2pm BB DH vs Alcester-Hudson @ Menno at 3pm	30 **NO SCHOOL (CHRISTMAS BREAK)**	31		

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