



# Radke resigns as HHS principal

BY EMMA AHLERS

Huron High School will be facing a huge change in the upcoming school year. After five years as vice principal and eight years as principal, Mike Radke is leaving Huron High School.

Radke spoke about his favorite part of being HHS's principal. "My favorite thing about being principal happens just before the graduation ceremony each year. The assistant principal and I get the

best memories are of the students I was able to help. Whether it was helping a student earn their last credit to get to graduation or talking through a difficult situation, I have always been happiest knowing I had a positive impact in the lives of my students."

Many people will remember Radke as a principal, but that was not his only role at HHS; he was a student as well. "I

**"I will miss the people. HHS has the best faculty, staff, and students in South Dakota,"**

wonderful memories of the time I've spent with the people of HHS."

Jennifer Fuchs, a science teacher at Huron High School, had a fond memory to share about Radke, stating, "Mr. Radke was a year behind me in high school. I remember him grilling out for the teacher appreciation luncheon, way back when we were in high school. I do believe there is a picture in an old yearbook with him at the grill. Mr. Radke has a great sense of humor, and I will miss our laughs in staff meetings, and just visiting with him in the hallway."

Currently, it is not known who Radke's replacement will be. The search for candidates for the next principal is underway. Dr. Kraig Steinhoff, superintendent of the Huron School District, explained the timeline of this process: "All applications will go through Dakota Education Consulting. Tom Oster, with Dakota Education Consulting, will recruit applicants, answer questions from the applicants, and forward the applications to me. I will select the finalists to be interviewed and establish an interview team. The interview team will conduct the interviews with me and then complete an anonymous form to rank the candidates. As the Superintendent, I will utilize their information and make the final decision. My recommendation for the next Huron High School principal will be presented to the Board of Education for their approval at the meeting on February 26."



PHOTO BY EMMA AHLERS

graduates lined up in alphabetical order, then we go up and down the line making sure everyone has a blue ribbon, honor cords are straight, and tassels are on the right side. It's our last opportunity with the seniors to congratulate them and share a memory, handshake, or hug."

Radke shared a favorite memory of being a principal and being at Huron High School in general. "...I will always remember the big things like the students running onto the court after the boys basketball team upset the number one team to win ESD or getting chills listening to our choir perform at contest, but my

have so many wonderful memories of hanging in the commons with my friends. My junior year was the first year HHS went to the A/B Block schedule and a scheduling mistake was made, so I ended up with three study halls. We spent a lot of time playing games. The next year the principal added 'Card/parlor games are not permitted in the commons' to the handbook."

"I will miss the people. HHS has the best faculty, staff, and students in South Dakota," Radke expressed after being asked about what he would miss the most from being the principal. "I have many

## Percy Jackson: Book vs TV Series

BY TYLER CRONIN

*Percy Jackson & the Olympians* is a book series published by Rick Riordan in 2005. The first book, *The Lightning Thief* has recently been adapted into a new live action series on the streaming service Disney+.

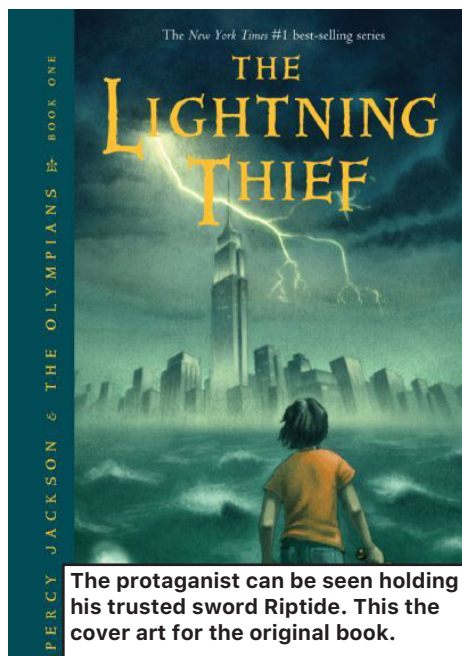
*Percy Jackson & the Olympians* is a set of stories that dives into the mythical adventures of a demigod and his band of friends. Percy's goal is to impress his father Poseidon and he does so in the form of quests which entail anything from slaying monsters to doing favors for the gods.

Many people are very open to this adaptation because they like the attention that their favorite book series is getting. At the same time, many fans are upset with a recent episode not following as closely to the chapter in the original book as they would have liked.

I reached out to HHS junior Alec Pester to gather their opinions on the show. One major critique Pester brought to the table was the length of the fight scenes. I also think the fight scenes need more action. This could possibly be achieved by increasing the amount of fighting by having more than what feels like just three

aggressive sword swings at a time.

Once I heard from sophomore Dylan Riendal, I couldn't agree more when he



The protagonist can be seen holding his trusted sword Riptide. This the cover art for the original book.

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said the overall show did a great job when pulling scenes from the source material. The show seems fresh while still having

aspects of originality through some of the liberties the writers took

After surveying the students at HHS, it seems that the vast majority of people would like to see a few changes here and there with this show. There were several people that complained about the lack of sass between the characters. In the book series there is a level of attitude that has not gotten a proper portrayal in the show. Very few of those that responded had anything truly negative to say about the show. The only truly negative responses were in regards to the casting choices and how they believe the actors are not giving their favorite characters the screen presence they deserve.

Out of those that responded, a handful of them by said they would change nothing in the show. However, another question lingered: do they prefer the books or the show? Thirty-seven percent responded in preference of the book over the show. Thirteen percent of the respondents said they enjoyed the show more. The other 50% of those who responded said they either enjoyed the show and book equally or didn't like either.

## HHS hot takes



BY MAKEISHA DAVIS

In the age of social media and instant opinions with the click of a button, it's becoming increasingly common to encounter hot takes on various issues.

To start off, what even is a hot take? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a hot take as, "a controversial opinion that has no right or wrong answer," which means it can turn into an endless debate on who is "right", although they are often very biased.

Many students have opinions that they firmly believe, but wouldn't say unless prompted. So, here are the scorching



One out of many of senior Lizzy Heinen's hot takes is that women are smarter than men. "Men don't use their brains when they do anything," she claims, "School? Nope. Sports? Nope. Relationships? Double nope. Women literally have a longer life expectancy because we're smarter."



Davis Osier, a sophomore at HHS, dared to say something that has been debated for centuries. "Pineapple belongs on pizza. It's the best combination of toppings out there," he states, "People who say otherwise are not experimental enough with their taste buds. It's delicious."



## Super Bowl Sunday

### Why Watch?

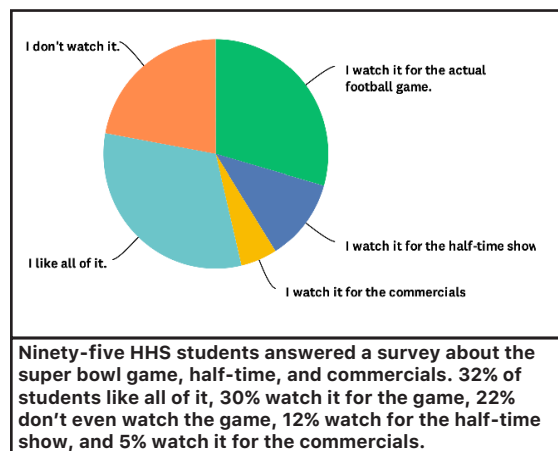
BY KOLTON OGLE

Whether people watch football or not, there are still many reasons why they tune into the Super Bowl. This year's Super Bowl LVIII (58) takes place on February 11. The game alone draws many football fans, but people also tune in for the halftime shows and commercials. The performances and commercials have been a part of the Super Bowl since the first game.

The Super Bowl halftime show is a musical performance by a popular artist. The performances first started with only marching bands, then slowly turned into shows by popular artists. CJ Gainey, a senior, said his favorite halftime show was Rihanna's from Super Bowl LVII (57). Anderson Porisch, a freshman, and Spencer Stahly, a study hall supervisor, both said Super Bowl LVI (56) was their favorite, which included names like Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, 50 Cent, Mary J. Blige, and Kendrick Lamar.

In the upcoming Super Bowl, the halftime show is being performed by Usher, and there are some mixed opinions on the decision. Stahly shared, "... He is an artist my generation has grown up with for the last 15 years. It is hard not to bob your head to the chorus of an Usher song." In contrast, Gainey stated, "I think they could have used a newer artist for the younger audience members."

Super Bowl commercials are another reason why people are drawn in each year. These commercials are made to be more entertaining and appealing to a wide audience. However, with the increase in price each year to air a commercial during the game, some companies just can't afford it or don't want to waste money. Stahly stated, "I have been a commercial guy for as long as I remember ... People say they have gotten worse over the years, but I think the companies do a nice job of coming up with new ideas and trends each year." On the other hand, Gainey stated, "They weren't very appealing last year, compared to the years before."



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**Sophomore Blue Shee's hot take is almost blazing. "Fine arts are better than sports. You can't do sports forever. Like, when you're 70, you won't be able to play most sports, but you could always play an instrument. You could even teach students if you wanted." Do you agree or disagree?**



**This next hot take is personally something I've never seen before. "Don't put ketchup on a hot dog," Craig Jones, a teacher at HHS says. "People in New York won't even give you ketchup as an option. Only mustard, and maybe relish. There is a proper way to make a hot dog."**

responses daring students at HHS shared when asked, "What are your most controversial opinions?"

After surveying the student body, some of the hottest takes shared were that Taylor Swift is highly overrated, and that water is not wet (even though it definitely is). Personally, I can agree that Swift is slightly overrated, but she still has a few good songs. The two opinions competing for the most searing of all the takes are that Hellen Keller was not a real person, and that the internet needs to be completely shut down. Some may say HHS doesn't have many diverse opinions, but these takes beg to differ. What do you think, agree or disagree? Slay or nay?

PHOTOS BY MAKEISHA DAVIS

# Cherry Prom: *go or no?*

BY GAVIN MOEDING

## Pros

Cherry Prom is a semi-formal dance that is held for the enjoyment of the student body. When going to Cherry Prom you get to spend time with friends, take pictures, and enjoy yourself on the dance floor. After a recent Survey Monkey was sent out with the question "Do you find Cherry Prom enjoyable?", it was revealed that the majority of students, 63%, agreed.

The main reason most people go to Cherry Prom is because they get to spend time with their friends. Of 44 responses to the Survey Monkey, over 25% of those people said the best part of Cherry Prom is being able to enjoy themselves with friends. Everyone is busy nowadays with jobs and sports, so any chance you get to be with your friends is really important.

Cherry Prom is also open to every student at HHS. Unlike prom, which is an event mainly for seniors and juniors only, all grades are allowed to attend Cherry Prom. This gives the freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of a dance as well.

Although Cherry Prom can be annoying, I think it's a fun time and a good way to escape the stress and responsibilities of everyday tasks. From school to work, a dance can be just what someone needs to blow off some steam.

## Cons

While some students enjoy Cherry Prom, others find it pointless and lame. From the dance being too noisy, to being boring, there are multiple reasons why students don't enjoy Cherry Prom.

The most common answer in the Survey Monkey as to why people don't find it fun is it just isn't for everyone. Some students don't enjoy the hectic and loud environment and prefer different types of activities.

The lack of food and variety of drinks also drives people away. The only thing served at Cherry Prom is water, and some people would prefer different drinks like soda, or some snacks to hold them over until the end of the dance.

Another reason students don't enjoy Cherry Prom is that not everyone likes the semi-formal aspect to it. Cherry Prom is a semi-formal event, which means you dress up in a shirt and tie or a fancy dress. Dressing up isn't something everybody likes to do, as it requires a lot of preparation, effort, and money that some students don't find to be worth it.

In my opinion, while Cherry Prom is an enjoyable experience, it can be annoying having to dispose so much time and preparation for just a three hour dance.



## Valentine's Day at HHS

Q: What candy would you want for Valentine's Day?

A: "Forget candy I want a love letter from my boyfriend"  
- ANONYMOUS

Q: Are you planning on asking someone to be your Valentine?

A: "\*cough\* Someone should ask me \*cough\* \*cough\*" - ANONYMOUS

Q: How do you plan to spend Valentine's Day?

A: "I'll spend my Valentine's Day with my bros, because they are people who love me. C."  
- LAH DOH SOE

Q: What do you think is the perfect way to be asked to be someone's Valentine?

A: "They gotta beg on their knees"  
- ANTONY SORTO



BY OKAY HTOO

Once again, Valentine's Day dawns over the students at HHS. For some, it can bring about a romantic and special feeling. Others aren't so lucky, as they are reminded of the feeling and regrets the day can entail.

Valentine's Day is essentially a day when lovers express their affection through gifts, greetings, and thoughtful acts. Some sources attribute the origin of Valentine's Day dates back to the festival Romans held every mid-February called Lupercalia. The festival was held to celebrate the coming of spring, fertility rites, and the pairing off of women with men by lottery.

Today, there is no correct way to spend Valentine's Day since it doesn't necessarily have to be with a spouse or significant other. Instead it could be celebrated with the platonic "love" shared amongst friends. It just goes to show that Valentine's isn't just meant for people in relationships and can be for anyone.

However, this doesn't relate to all people. Some dread this annual holiday. After surveying the students at HHS, it seemed like there was one thing a majority of them had in common: being alone on Valentine's Day.

## Weight room: *who, what, when, where, why*

BY CONNER JOHNSEN

The use of the HHS weight room is one of the many privileges high school students possess. In addition to teaching, Michael Scott and Clayton Wahlstrom are the two strength coaches at the high school. Scott opens the weight room in the winter and Wahlstrom opens it in the spring.

The high school weight room is open Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30. Wahlstrom also opens the weight room in the mornings every once in a while for students who don't have time to lift after school. If students can't find the time to lift before or after school, they can sign up for Strength Training classes to learn how to lift properly.

All students are welcome to use the weight room, as long as it is during the designated times. Typically, there are anywhere from 12 to 15 students that use it after school consistently. Wahlstrom is

always open to more students attending. He stated, "Numbers continue to slowly climb but I would like to see more students utilizing the weight room, not only for athletics but for overall wellness."

The weight room is offered to students for a couple of reasons: one being athletic training, and the other being the overall betterment of students' health and well-being. "The weight room provides a unique environment, not only to work on one's physical being, but also to expand on their social skills and build a positive self image," explained Wahlstrom.

Many students also use the Nordby Center to remain active. When asked what the main differences are between the facilities, Wahlstrom replied, "The biggest difference between the two is that the HHS weight room is free to students and staff. The Nordby has more variety when it comes to equipment and types of



**Saw Ah Thaw, senior, is lifting after school. He shows up to lift for about an hour Monday through Thursday.**

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCOTT

exercise to choose from, but both are great places to work on physical, mental, and social health."

## CrossFit lifestyle creates community

BY JACKSON RENO

CrossFit is not only a sport, but a way to get into shape whilst having fun, making new friends, and having a forever second family. To start off, Crossfit is most commonly described as "cheating reps" or "only for athletes." This, however, is not correct. CrossFit is an opportunity to find new ways of being functionally fit for everyday activities.

CrossFit Solveig is the local Huron gym. One of CrossFit Solveig's members and coaches has very impactful words about CrossFit: "To me CrossFit is all about the community. That sounds kinda' cliché I know, but it has helped me form some of the most meaningful relationships in my life..." CrossFit is more than getting fit or getting stronger; it brings people together and creates life long friendships.

Another member, HHS senior Ah Lar Sar, loves being able to workout with his friends and having fun with a quick, intense workout. However, Sar doesn't

like the longer workouts because they are very difficult. He strives for that morale boosting feeling after a good workout.



**HHS students are seen working out at the local Crossfit gym, CrossFit Solveig. These students are always warmly welcomed into the gym and have a great time bettering themselves.**

PHOTO BY TRENT FRANCOM

There are also many opportunities to compete in CrossFit. When asked whether or not she likes competitions, HHS junior

Jillian Reno replied, "I love the feeling of being able to compete with my friends in a competitive but friendly environment." Most recently, Reno, along with many members at CrossFit Solveig, competed in Omaha, Nebraska.

CrossFit Solveig's goal is to provide a family and a safe place for people to workout and better themselves. Crossfit Solveig's owner Katie Reno says, "To me, CrossFit is not just a workout...It is a community that builds each other up and helps support people through the good and bad in life." Katie joined CrossFit expecting it just to be a workout class, however, she was gifted with a new family and a forever place to call home.

People have misconceptions about CrossFit; they see CrossFit athletes doing crazy things like jumping on boxes or standing on their heads. However, CrossFit is really a place to find a home and better yourself physically and emotionally.



# Basketball fan attendance shrinking

BY CONNER JOHNSEN

Fan attendance has had dwindling numbers in Huron sports within the past few years. Basketball is no exception to this trend. In the past, the Huron student section was 70-80% full for home games; now it seems to be shrinking every year.

When Terry Rotert, HHS Athletic Director, was asked why he thinks the numbers are declining, he replied, "It seems kids are a little busier with jobs today than maybe 10-20 years ago. Even with work, kids in the past would come to cheer on their classmates and friends at a higher rate than they do today."

Rotert recalls the '03-'04 boys basketball season when fans crowded the arena for home games. These games

averaged around 3,000 fans and the games against Pierre, Aberdeen Central, and Mitchell had around 4,000 fans. "That kind of support wills teams to victory. Those crowds also get kids excited to be part of a winning tradition," said Rotert.

Huron isn't the only school that has this problem. "It's the same in every community. When a team wins at a high level, fans show up. When teams are struggling, fans do not show up. It's very unfortunate because struggling teams work just as hard and deserve to have great fan support," commented Rotert.

Anderson Porisch, HHS freshman, is one of the boys basketball players. "When the arena is filled with fans it is much more

fun to play in and the excitement of the game rises," commented Porisch. Even with the added pressure of more eyes watching the players, Porisch would like to see more fans attending games, saying, "It helps to hurt the opposing teams and it really helps us gain momentum, which is a huge factor during basketball games."

Fan attendance has not only declined over a long period of time, but also in just a season. "I would say fan attendance has decreased from the Mitchell game until now. I know the rivalry brings in more people, but the home games haven't been as packed since the start of the year," explained Porisch.

# Gymnasts advance to state meet

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

As gymnastics season comes to an end, most gymnasts strive for a spot in the state tournament, but qualifying can be complicated.

Head gymnastics coach, Julie King explains, "[The] top 8 teams at the ESD meet will qualify for state as a team." King went on to say if an individual wants to qualify for state, then they must score a 9.2 on floor, 8.7 on bars, 8.9 on beam, or a 9.0 on vault three times throughout the season. If they accomplish this, they qualify for state in that event. Another possible way for an individual to qualify is by being in the top 40 competitors at the ESD meet.

State gymnastics looks a little different compared to other sports' state competitions. For example, they have a team day and a day for the individuals. "You don't prepare for a state meet, you prepare for a season and improve as the season progresses toward the state meet," King stated.

Huron has three girls competing in the state meet this Saturday (1/10), as individuals. Senior Eastyn Eichstadt qualified on vault, junior Cameron Ruth-Styer on vault and bars, and finally sophomore Ellie Puterbaugh on vault and beam.

These girls all qualified by making it in the top 40 competitors at the ESD meet. The ESD meet took place on Saturday, January 27, where the whole gymnastics team spent all of Saturday competing.

The girls left on Thursday for scheduled team practices, then will spend Friday watching other teams compete. Following this the girls will compete Saturday in the evening session. During the first session the "A" schools will be competing.



The girls look forward to competing at the state meet. As Cameron Ruth-Styer and Eastyn Eichstadt return to state, Ellie Puterbaugh will be competing for the first time.

PHOTO BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

# Pursuing music after high school

BY GRADY BOTT

Many students in HHS are very talented and musical. We have a large choir, orchestra, and band. However, some of these students go above and beyond, taking an interest in a career in the arts rather than just for fun or credits in high school.

One of these students who has excelled in choir in particular is Tessa Goglin, a senior in concert choir and drama club. Goglin applied for AMDA, the American Musical Dramatic Academy in New York City.

The audition process is long and difficult. She first had to attend zoom meetings to learn about the application process.

Next, she had to pick a solo piece and a monologue to perform in front of a coach from AMDA. The solo piece that

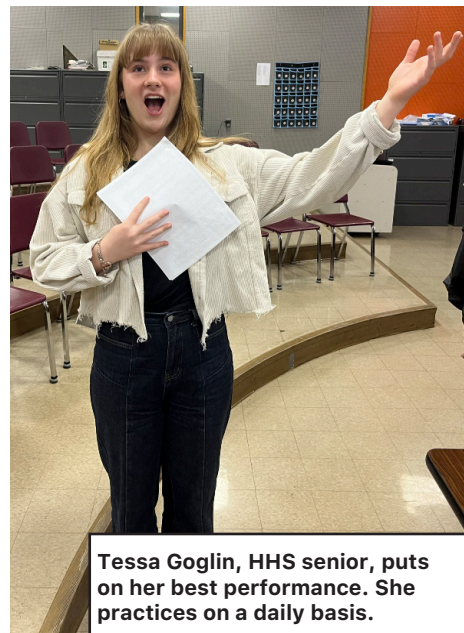
she chose was "Home" from *Beetlejuice*.

The monologue that she chose was from the movie *Cruella*. She chose the scene in front of fountain talking to her mom.

When asked why she chose the pieces Tessa said, "The idea was to have two contrasting pieces... relating to the character's dead mother...on one hand, the song is full of hope for Lydia having a better future, but the monologue is the opposite because Cruella turns evil, unlike Lydia in *Beetlejuice*."

The coach critiqued her solo, telling her things to improve and evaluating how she took these critiques.

Goglin recently found out that she was accepted into the American Musical Dramatic Academy. She plans to attend AMDA starting fall of 2024 and will begin living her dream of becoming an actress.



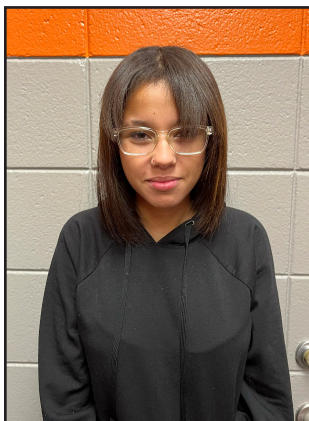
Tessa Goglin, HHS senior, puts on her best performance. She practices on a daily basis.

# Students share favorite music

BY GRADY BOTT AND MARISOL DUBON

Music is a very important part of a teenager's life. It can help express emotions and it allows students to show others a unique side of themselves. HHS students listen to a wide variety of music throughout the day, so four students from each grade level were asked to share the music that they listen to on a daily basis and why.

Name: Gylvanna Esmurria  
Grade: Freshman  
Genre: Reggaeton



"...It's relatable and makes me feel better whenever I'm feeling sad or having a bad day."

Name: Khunnaphat Muepae  
Grade: Sophomore  
Genre: Motivational Music



"...I don't have many people to rely on, so music really helps me."

Name: Moo Chri Paw  
Grade: Junior  
Genre: Pop



"I like listening to pop music because it helps me focus better."

Name: Olaf Kruse  
Grade: Senior  
Genre: Pop, art rock, and post punk



"I love listening to people pour their hearts out on all...types of music, especially weirder and more experimental tones."



# State One-Acts blasts “back” to past

BY LILY HALTER

The State One-Act Play Festival took place on February 1-3 in Brandon. The Huron High School drama club took their show *A Trip to the Moon*. The show takes place in 1969 and mainly discusses the moon landing, along with the social issues of the time, such as Civil Rights, women's suffrage, and the Vietnam War. Before leaving for Brandon, director Molly Perry said, “I like this show, I like the content. I think we have a good shot with this piece.”

At Brandon, the competition was tough, but the show got a superior for technical theatre, and Kaiden Caudell, Antony Sorto, Jonah Beck, and Samantha Swanson recieved individual superiors.

Perry prepared the actors and tech for the tough competition by having a lot of run-throughs. “We have lots of rehearsals, do lots of modeling and blocking, along with practicing articulation.”

Senior Samantha Swanson, who played a woman who applies at NASA, but is



PHOTO BY ABBY HALTER

denied at first because she's a woman, said, “When I first read the script I instantly fell in love with the part, as she was such a powerful, leading female character who defied the odds. I feel like I can relate to this charcter, as so many people tell you ‘You can't do this’ and you're like, ‘Watch me.’”

The theatre department now prepares for the spring musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* with auditions in March.

## ~Theatre Etiquette~

- Be quiet during the performance
- Do not use the flash while taking pictures
- Clap and laugh only when appropriate
- Turn your phone on silent
- Do not leave during the performance

# Jazz band grooves into competition season

BY LOGAN GERRITS

Now that the new semester has started, members of the Huron High School jazz band have started preparing for their competitions.

Their new music is much more challenging and technical because they need to impress at upcoming judged jazz band events. In the next couple of months, there will be competitions in both Mitchell and Sioux Falls. Despite both being jazz band competitions, they each have a very distinct way of being ran.

In Mitchell, members will perform on a stage in front of a panel of judges, with the other bands watching. After the performance, the judges will speak to the bands individually and tell them what they liked and what could be improved in the form of a clinic. The judges then assign the bands a grade based on various

criteria.

Sioux Falls, on the other hand, has bands perform in a smaller room in front

**“It is fun to see how the students shine when they perform, especially when they have solos and their creativity shows.”**

of a panel of judges. Once everyone has performed, the bands are given placements within the AA class.

Jazz band director James Stueckrath enjoys competitions quite a bit. When

asked how it feels to go the events as a director, Stueckrath said, “I don't get too stressed about the jazz events. I find these events more fun than anything.”

Each of these events are very formal too. Band members dress up like they would for a concert. Everyone is expected o uphold a standard of etiquette since they are representing their schools.

Senior Sean Meyers has been playing drums for the jazz band for three years. When asked about the mood of jazz band competitions, he said “The vibe is similar to most concerts. Having fun but some anticipation to try and do good at the competition.” Meyers also stated, “It is fun to be a part of because we get to play jazz band at a difference place with a different audience and for judges to help us improve.”



## Educators Rising prepares for first competition

BY CHASEY CHRISTENSEN

There are many groups and clubs at HHS that focus on “career clusters.” A new group called Educators Rising became an official club this past year. The club is designed to promote the field of education.

Educators Rising has plans to participate in competitions. At the competitions, individuals, duos, or groups enter lesson plans, interactive bulletin boards, children’s stories, or speeches.

On January 24, the club traveled to the University of Sioux Falls for practice rounds. Green Ta Bah and her partner Samantha Swanson wrote and presented a children’s book titled “The Lonely Ghost.”

On February 28, they will compete in

the state competition at Northern State University. If the girls win, they advance to the national level in Washington D.C.

Advisor Brandi Fitzgerald is excited for her club to evolve. “With it being in its first year, right now we are just trying to figure things out. We have been having meetings to learn about education in general, plan a couple fundraisers, and then also start looking at some ways to give back to the education field in our community. On National Substitute Day we wrote thank you notes for all the subs in the district and gave them all gift cards to local coffee shops. We want to do little things to show people in education our appreciation.”



**Antony Sorto and Samantha Swanson show a judge their music tri-fold. Each group presented something different.**

PHOTO BY BRANDI FITZGERALD

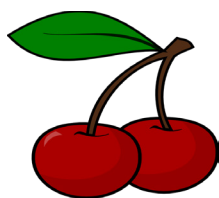
## NHS plans Cherry Prom

BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT

Cherry Prom is a semi-formal dance that has been an HHS tradition for many years. The event is quite popular amongst students, as all grades are invited to attend.

Although most might know what Cherry Prom is, not many students know who plans the event or what goes into bringing it to life.

National Honor Society, or “NHS,” is the club in charge of planning Cherry Prom annually. This February, 50 senior NHS members will work together to organize the dance. Members will have to participate in several tasks before the event such as advertising, selling tickets, and signing people up for pictures.



NHS members also have many jobs during the dance including selling water, marking hands, taking tickets, and running the station dedicated to voting for Cherry Prom king and queen.

National Honor Society raises funds through ticket sales. The money goes towards scholarships, pins, and stoles for NHS members.

Vanya Munce, NHS advisor, stated that there was an attendance of approximately 300 students at Cherry Prom last year. “We raised around \$3,000.”

National Honor Society hopes to surpass last year’s attendance at Cherry Prom. The dance takes place from 9pm to 12am on Sunday, February 18.

*Tickets are required for admission and are on sale now.*

## Winter Blast approaches fast

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

Student Council is once again planning Winter Blast. This event gives students something to look forward to during the winter months. Nolan Stahly, sophomore Student Council representative, states, “We are doing the usual stuff. We are doing dress-up days all week. We are also doing a pep rally where we do cheers and fun games. We also do Match-O-Matics to see who students match up with in the school.”

Students get to participate in Winter Blast, but what goes into planning it? Student Council has multiple meetings prior to Winter Blast where members work out the details

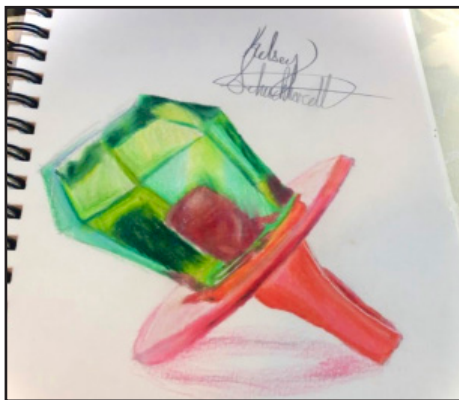
of the event. “There are many things that go into planning for Winter Blast including creating committees inside of Student Council for the different activities and also creating new and fun ideas for the week.” Stahly explains.

Student Council prepares many events throughout the year. Planning these events for students is not easy, as a lot of thought goes into each idea. “I would say it is decently stressful. There are a lot of things that go into preparing for Winter Blast and it does take time. It doesn’t compare to homecoming though.” Stahly explains.

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# Showcasing artistic talent at HHS

BY ANNECLAIRE RUBISH



Kelsey Schuchhardt says about her art, "I drew this picture of a watermelon Ring Pop during quarantine in 2020 because I was bored and I like ring pops. I used Prismacolor pencils to color my drawing."



Emma Ahlers's drawing is displayed above. She says, "Foxes are one of my favorite animals, and I just wanted to draw a fox one random day during Christmas break. It was drawn with colored pencils on black paper."



Roger Htoo explains his artwork above. He says, "It's a fish wearing fish nets, because I thought it would be funny."

Although Huron High School is home to many talented artists, they tend to go largely unnoticed. This article hopes to change that by highlighting the many incredibly creative pieces done by the students and staff within this school.

Anyone interested in learning more about art can enroll in any of classes offered. An alternative option to classes is Art Club. Contact Mrs. Lavallee at

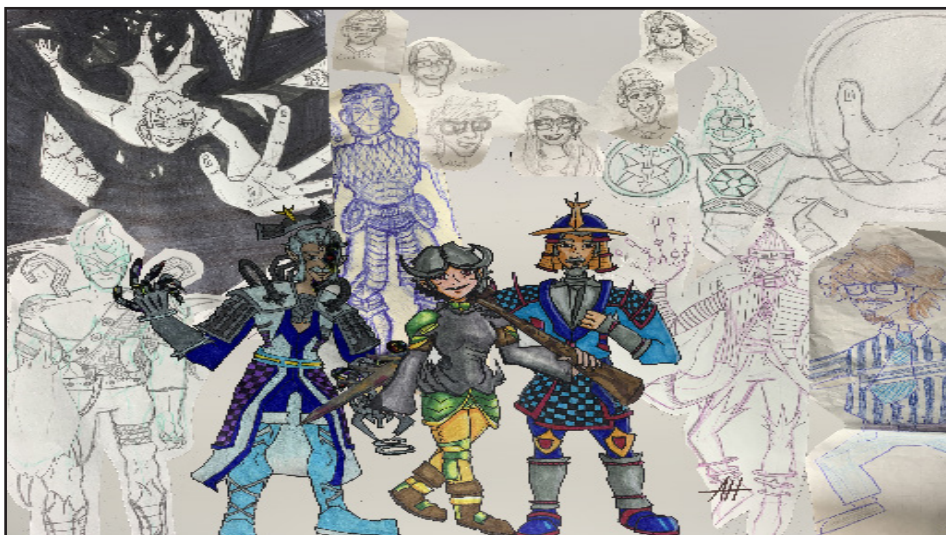
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Green Ta Bah gives insight about her picture above, "The cowboy drawing came from a dream I had a while back. I like drawing my dreams from time to time."



Orin McDermaid drew the above picture in September 2023. They said, "It's a self portrait and remake of a picture I made three years ago."



Mr. Heagley comments on the inspiration for his drawings featured to the left. "Truly, my inspiration for sketching originates from profound love of doodling during my high school and college years, and having someone willing to teach me."



# Celebrating Galentine's Day

BY CADENCE KOGEL

While many have heard of the classic tradition "Friendsgiving", not many have heard of the trending holiday some HHS students celebrate called Galentine's Day.

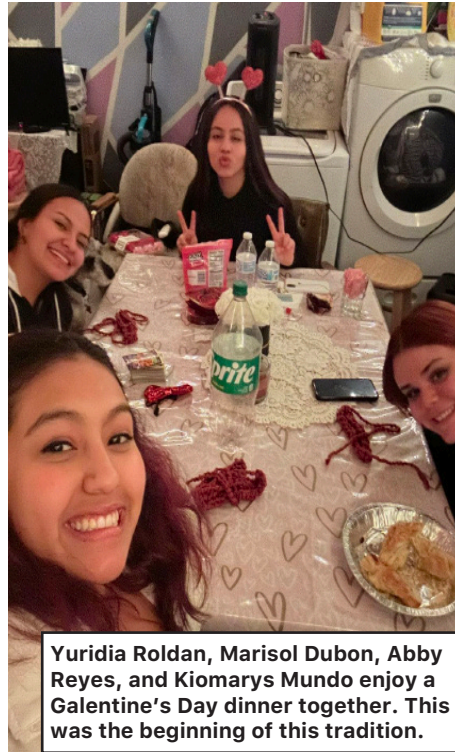
Galentine's Day is the celebration of women coming together and celebrating their friendship. HHS senior Yuridia Roldan is a fan of this holiday, stating "It looks like a whole bunch of girl friends coming together with a whole bunch of food."

In order to make Galentine's happen, it takes a lot of planning and working around everyone's schedule.

Since senior Marisol Dubon is in charge of her group's Galentines dinner, she attempts to have Galentine's the weekend before Valentine's Day, this year she sent out a Google form to the groupchat with multiple questions ranging from what is your favorite snack to what's your favorite card game.

This group of ladies started celebrating Galentine's last year in 2023. They got the idea from a TikTok video.

Not only is Galentine's Day a fun way to spend time with your closest girl friends,



**PHOTO BY YURIDIA ROLDAN**  
but it is also a rather inexpensive holiday. Dubon asks everyone to bring something

so that she's not left with purchasing everything. Last year, Roldan brought cookies to the celebration and many of the other girls bought other foods, snacks, and drinks.

Junior Kiomarys Mundo also partakes in this celebration. Last year, she helped by making desserts and helping decorate. This year she plans on making chicken alfredo pasta as well as bringing dessert.

When asked how she would convince someone who doesn't celebrate to celebrate the holiday, she responded, "...by telling them how important it is to enjoy time with your friends and have fun and get together because in any minute you guys will be seniors graduating and going out to be your own person so enjoy every moment you have now so when life gets real you have that to look back to and laugh at the memories."

Although it isn't as common, boys also have the option to celebrate this holiday. Their version of the holiday is sometimes referred to as Palentine's Day.

## From student to substitute

*HHS Alumni return to take on different roles*

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

A lot of HHS alumni have been returning to substitute. Some say they enjoy the pay, while others say they enjoy working with high school students.

Betty Donovan graduated in 2022. When asked about why she subbed, she said, "I love it, it's good money, seeing all of the different kids is awesome. Some of them are so sweet, while others are little menaces."

Donovan also talked about relating to high schoolers the best. Personally

though, Donovan likes elementary students because they have their own unique honest opinions and because their conversations are more interesting.

Delaney Kouf graduated in 2022 too, and Heather Reyes, junior, had her as a substitute and loved her. She liked how Kouf wasn't afraid to tell the students to do their work. She was direct, but also kind to everyone at the same time. Reyes said, "She knew what was going on, like she had been in German class before,

and explained what we were doing very thoroughly."

Kouf subs for many reasons, such as when she's asked to come personally by a teacher or to catch up with the staff she has not seen since she graduated. She likes to see what has changed and what has not.

Kouf enjoys subbing because it gives her practice to know what it will be like for her teaching. She closed with, "I enjoy it because it's interactive, fun, and different every time!"

## Bachelor and Bachelorette: HHS Edition

BY ASPEN WHITE AND KAYELEIGH BOWDEN

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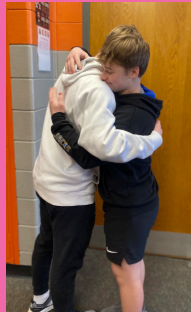
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