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Sickest Summer Strategy

By Austin Lentsch

Just semester tests, graduation, and we've made it fam. Summer 2k16 about to heat up, and just like every other year up to this point, it's going to be the best one yet. That is, if you follow a simple set of rules. I know the whole point of summer is that there is no responsibility, but actually, you have the responsibility of making this the sickest summer it can possibly be;)

1) Go wakeboarding (or tubing if you can't take the pressure:). Just get out on the water yo, because the

whole point of summer is swimming and stuff, literally watch any movie about summer ever and you'll realize that summer contentment directly correlates to time spent in the water.

2) Read a book in an aesthetic setting. Just think, whenever the main character in a movie is reading, it's always on a bench overlooking a really quaint park or a waterfall or something. Go to the dam, find the benches out on Lewis & Clark Trail.

3) Go on a crazy trip with some friends. Remember last summer when you talked about driving out to Madison

Square Garden in New York to catch a concert with one of your friends? You planned afterward that you would take a cruise down the Eastern seaboard and just go beachin'? Maybe you didn't have that conversation, but now is the time for it. Just make sure to do it this time.

4) Don't shy away from 4:00 a.m. Dam Runs or the 24 miles in 24 hours challenge.

5) Talk about things that matter. Small minds talk about people, mediocre minds talk about events, and great minds talk about ideas. The company you spend your time with is more

important than what you do during that time;)

No matter what you do this summer, just go for it. Take it from someone who does a lot of paperwork and spends a lot of time at a desk doing "work." All of that blurs together. Do things over the next couple of months that stand out. Make memories, and tell stories. Especially if you ever want to emcee for events, you need lots of personal anecdotes, so if you want a really clinical reason to have fun, there you go;)

It's been an adventure writing for y'all over the last

several years, and I wish you luck in the future with all of your endeavors fam. Catch ya on the whip side, Aus10 out kids.

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Getting High School Down to a Science

By Joanna Hancock

As the temperature begins to rise, and colors begin to cascade through yards and parks, the ticking of the clock grows louder and louder. A chant is heard pouring out of every classroom at T.F. Riggs, slowly escalating in volume until it becomes a battle cry: Summer. Summer. Summer. For the seniors, it's the last time they will burst through the doors of Riggs into the sticky summer air. It's a little bittersweet. At this point, most seniors think they've got high school down to a science. So in light of that, here's everything you need to know about how to squeeze everything you can out of the rest of your high school career.

The first step to anything is to be open to it. Kids that close themselves off from the world will undoubtedly find themselves isolated from activities, and that's a hard place to come back from. Because whether we like it or not, the first impression is often the only impression. Leaving yourself open to new things and new experiences will guarantee that you won't get stuck in a place you don't want to be. So go explore the many opportunities at Riggs. Take a class that's a little different, go out for a new sport, start a club. It sounds cheesy, but it's true. High school is what you make of it

Let's get something straight, grades are not everything. You've heard people say it the

entirety of your academic life, and I'm here to tell you that it is absolutely true. Sure, it's a good idea to put in effort to ensure that you have a viable future, but if you're staying up until the wee hours of the morning studying for a test, then maybe you should rethink how well you know the material in the first place. Don't burn yourself out. Relax. Everybody slips from time to time. You will be okay. In addition, grades do not always reflect how smart you are. There's a stigma that the kids with high grades are the smartest, and while that idea has some statistical backing, I'm sure, grades inevitably reflect how much effort you're willing to put in. There are many kids who

are mediocre at best in certain subjects, but they work hard to understand. So whether it's accepting that you're just not stellar at pre-calculus, or having to work unreasonably hard to keep an A in AP chemistry, remember that grades are only one piece of your academic pie.

The last piece of advice many seniors would offer up to underclassmen is very simple. Be nice to each other. While high school is a time of glory for some, many can't wait to pack up and get the heck out of dodge. You're trapped in a building all day (even when it's beautiful outside), people are judgmental, homework is annoying, some teachers really push your buttons, and as if it couldn't get any worse, you

have to ask to go to the bathroom. High school sometimes takes the life (and dignity) right out of you, the only comfort being that your peers are right there with you, complaining about the same things you do. To quote a classic movie from our childhood, "we're all in this together". The way you treat the people in your grade has a direct correlation to your experience at Riggs.

In short, you get out of high school what you choose to put into it. It could be a great four years that you look back on with fondness, or a time of constant struggle. Everyone walks a different path, but we do so side by side. Our parallel lines form the grid of a strong senior class. Will yours?

Farewell Riggs, It's Been Fun

Wow, this is my last time writing for you guys; that's insane. I already gave advice last month, so for my final editorial I'm going to say my thankyou.

Thankyou T. F. Riggs for being a truly superior high school and giving me an education I wouldn't have even dreamt of getting in such a small town.

Thank you to the fantastic teachers I have had the last four years. You guys have taught me so much about everything from calculus to life. Thanks for putting up with all my weird comments and my argumentative nature. Thanks for truly caring about me. I wasn't just a job to you; I was a person and I mattered. You made high school suck a lot less than it would have otherwise.

Thankyou to Mrs.

Brown from me and all the other seniors. I would not have gotten through the last four years without you and I will never be able to thank you enough for everything you have done for me. You are one of the most amazing people I have ever known and it is a honor to have you in my life.

Mick, you've put up with a lot from me in the seven semesters you've had me for. I know I push your buttons sometimes, but thank you for loving me anyway. You are one of the most inspirational people I have ever met and honestly when I think of success I think of you.

Schwartz, you are an amazing human being and teacher. You are pretty much my all-time favorite teacher and I'm thankful for the time I

got to spend with you the last two years. I'd just like to thank you first of all for being such an amazing teacher, but also for caring so much about me as a person. You read all of my articles, you go to watch me at activities, and you are always interested in what's going on in my life. You care about me as a person and you have made me love math again after

EDITORIAL

I pretty much gave up on it.

You rock Schwartz.

Finally, I have to thank our paper staff. Thank you to each of you who contributes to the paper; I appreciate all the time and effort you put in. Thank you, Kip, for being a fantastic advisor and putting in so much work to get this thing out every month. It was great

to get to work with you. And thankyou to Nathan for being the best co-editor a girl could ask for. There is no one I would rather have worked with and I am grateful to get to call you a friend. Signing out for the last time, Marcella

Thank you T.F. Riggs High School for providing me with not just an education but also a family. Moving is never easy, but moving to Pierre the summer between 8th and 9th grade was more difficult than I expected. I walked in my first day of school knowing next to nobody. Luckily, the rest of my graduating class was also beginning the high school journey at the same time. Almost all of you have introduced yourself at some point over the past four years and have become not just friends, but a second family. We have

all grown together in my time here, and next year a new group of freshman (Class of 2020) will begin their high school journey. So, for those of you returning next year, I encourage you to make the incoming freshman feel welcome and make their transition to high school easy. Now to my graduating class, although I never grew up with any of you in elementary school or saw those awkward middle school phases, I truly feel as though I have become part of the Pierre family over the past four years. So as we all graduate and move on to our next stage of life, whether that is college, the military, or the workforce, find those people that truly made a difference in your life and stay close with them as you go your separate ways in these next few months. -Nathan

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News bites, local and worldwide

A lot has happened in these first weeks of May. Beyoncé released an extremely controversial album titled 'Lemonade', speculators find evidence that Prince may have died because of a drug addiction, and Captain America: Civil War finally came to theaters, making 182 million dollars opening weekend.

On Friday, May 6th, 26-year-old professional soccer player Patrick Ekeng from Cameroon (West Africa) collapsed during a game in Bucharest, Romania. He was

rushed to the hospital, only to be proclaimed dead. Local media has announced that he suffered from a heart attack, but did not receive any first aid at the stadium.

North Korea is holding the first meeting of North Korea's Workers' Party since 1980. Kim Jong-un is expected to talk about his nuclear plans. Foreign reporters have been let into the country for this event, but are not allowed in the building where the meetings are being held.

The Fort McMurray

wildfire in Alberta, Canada has been ablaze for over 2 weeks now. Over 80,000 people have been evacuated, and residents still living in Alberta are being told not to drink the water. This fire is so large that they believe it could burn for months. 1,600+ homes and business have been destroyed, and they are expected billions of dollars in damage. Luckily, there have been no reported deaths related to the fires. South of Alberta, Colorado experienced over 15 tornadoes on the weekend of May 7th.

Nyquist won the Kentucky Derby in Louisville on Saturday, May 7th. This horse is the first undefeated winner since 2008, and the 8th in history. Nyquist's team believes that anything is possible, and is staying optimistic about winning the Triple Crown.

Female West Point cadets are in danger of being banned because of a photo they took in military dress. The picture has all the cadets standing solemnly in their uniforms, holding up the raised fist from the Black Power Movement in the

60's. Beyoncé brought back this gesture when she performed at Super Bowl this past February.

Sadiq Khan was sworn in on May 7th as the first Muslim mayor of London. He won 58.6% of the votes, beating out his opponent Zac Goldsmith. The former London mayor Boris Johnson congratulated Khan on his win, and has wished him luck and success.

John Kasich and Ted Cruz's attempt at stopping Donald Trump has officially failed. Both Cruz and Kasich

dropped out of the presidential race after Trump took Indiana on May 3rd. Trump is now the presumptive GOP nominee, and he plans to invest over a billion dollars into his campaign for president. Some Republicans have burned their voter registration cards in protest of Trump. As for the democrats, Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are still duking it out. Clinton is now up to 1,683 delegates with 522 super delegates. Sanders is falling behind, with 1,362 delegates and only 39 super delegates.

Reflections on the 2015-2016 year

As the school year comes to a close, many of you are studying for your last tests, finishing final projects, and preparing for summer. Although most of us try so hard to move on from this year, and look towards the future, it is important to reflect on who you are today, how you got to where you are, and what you have learned. There are so many things to learn in high school, far more than just academics alone, and many of the lessons learned are shared among almost every student.

One of the biggest things I learned this year is time management. As students get older, it is more common to deal with having a job, bigger loads of school work, more responsibilities outside of class, including sports and music. Extra-curriculars can be extremely time consuming, and when you partake in several activities, it may be hard to manage your time wisely. In addition, at some point in your high school career, you may learn that you should take every opportunity you come across. Whether it is

traveling somewhere new, taking a new class, trying a new sport, or applying for different applications. Opportunities can come in the smallest forms, so it is imperative to recognize one when it comes along.

Also this year, many of us learned to never take a life for granted. Before you know it, circumstances change, so always give extra love to your friends and your

family, and be kind to others you may not know as well. Lastly, dealing with haters happens on the daily for everyone. But as you have probably realized, literally no one has time for that. Learn to take all that hate and use it to fuel your fire. Let it fuel you to work harder, be better, and succeed. But don't necessarily hold a grudge, because we don't have time for that either. Rise above.

So as the school year ends, and summer commences, take what you have learned these past months and use it to make a better you.

Emily Kist

REFLECTIONS

Farewell Fashionistas

Dear Readers, First of all, to those of you who have inquired or peeked at our column over this past school year, whether it was every month or only once, thank you. We are by no means experts in any field, but we sure do love giving advice. We hope you were able to take something away from our column, even if it was just a smile.

Now on to the very last advice of the 2015-2016 school year from Carrie and Charlotte.

In the very famous words of the High School Musical 2 cast, "What time is it?": "It's summertime!" Congratulations students--you have made it! It's now time to kick back and enjoy the warm sunshine.

Unfortunately though, summer isn't

just sitting on a beach tanning (don't we wish it was!). Many of us actually have to work. Kind of a downer, right? Well, as Shapray famously said "I want fabulous, it is my simple request." With these simple steps a fabulous summer is attainable.

Number one: Make the most out of the rays.

One thing that many people love about summer is the warm weather. Force yourself to get outside and enjoy the sun. It will make your days brighter (no pun intended). Take a break and go enjoy the river or the nearest hiking trail.

Number two: Summer is suppose to be

fun. Summer is when we have no school and a bunch of time to do as we please. Take advantage of this! Go to a concert, a beach party, a road trip, or do whatever makes you happy. There is no better time to enjoy these activities. Step back from

those textbooks and school stress and just enjoy your next three months. School will be here before you know it. Let the sun be your guide.

Number three: We couldn't write a column, specifically our last column without some kind of fashion advice. So don't forget to play up your summer vibes with fashionable clothing.

xoxo Carrie and Charlotte
Your Common Counsel Couple
ADVICE

Thank you, Riggs

There are only two words that come to mind when I think of what I want to say in my last ever column for The Governor: Thank you. How could I possibly put into words all that T.F. Riggs has done for me? This school has given me the best high school experience a person could have. I've made great friends, learned from some of the best teachers, lost my voice multiple times thanks to countless sporting events, joined activities I

never thought I would have, and so many other awesome things that I can't fit into this short column. So, to commemorate the people who have helped

me make it this far, I have a far too short list of thank yous. To start, I want to say thank you to Carrie Bradshaw. Sarah Jessica Parker's character in SATC is the person who inspired me to start writing this

column because what's cooler than a successful woman who writes for a living? Without Carrie, this column would have never existed. Next, I'd like to thank all of the people on the newspaper staff for their hard

work every month to put this paper out, especially Marcella and Mr. Kippley. You guys are the greatest. Thank you to all of the fantastic educators here for blessing the students with your knowledge not only of the textbooks, but of the world and our sur-

roundings. You all are the backbone to our success. Thank you to my amazing friends for always sticking around. I think I'll keep you guys for a while. Lastly, thank you to the rest of Riggs. The students, administrators, and the building itself. I have so many memories that will last a lifetime that all started when I walked in the doors freshman year. I don't take a single second of my time here for granted. So, this is it. Signing off after two wonderful years, I thank you. Yours always, Riggs. -Macy

Don't overthink your outfits. Just grab and go. Effortless style is totally in during the warmer months and it is just that, effortless. So reach for those cute shorts and tank tops. Slip on your sandals and take a dip in your favorite swimsuit. Throw on the shades and head out on your next summer adventure. As our time with you comes to a close this year, we would like to wish you the best. Have a splendid summer and 2016-2017 school year. Don't forget what we have taught you. Remember that you are you and that is the best way to be! This isn't goodbye, it's just a "see you later." Stay fabulous, friends!

Macy Halverson



Most Likely To Become President: Marcella Lees and Austin Lentsch
Loudest Individual: Miranda Rockwood
Most Likely to Become a Professional Musician: Ryan Sheldon and Joanna Hancock
Cutest Couple as well as BFF Goals-Male/Male: #Jaustin--James Barnett and Austin Lentsch
BFF Goals-Male/Female: Nathan Bader plus any female
BFF Goals-Female/Female: Macy Halverson and Mariah Fuchs



Quietest Individuals: Ashley Wilson and Cortney Dowling
Most Inspirational Individual: Murdoch Word and Madison Sutton
Cutest Couple that Never Happened: #Halverquinn--Macy Halverson and Quinn Reimers
#Rockbush--Miranda Rockwood and Clay Bush
Power Couple: Kathryn Bartlett and Layne Hohn
Most Likely to Become a Professional Actor: Kristjan Nixon and Joanna Hancock
Most Likely to Lead a Naked Donut Run: Murdoch



Senior



Awards



What Are Our Plans?

In State

Augustana University

Cortney Dowling
Sarah Haberman
Jebben Keyes
Peter Sanchez
Canaan Smith

Black Hills State University

Samantha Claussen
Mitchell Gragg
Jocelyn Gray
Burkelee Kenefick-Aschoff
Kristi Maxfield
Dylan McQuiston
McKenna Middletent
Katherine Neyhart
Katherine Nielson
Samantha Paul
Colin Powell
Courtne Marie Ritter
Randy Talks
Samantha Trinneer

Capital University Center

Darcy Pretty Weasel

Dakota State University

Joshua Carlon
Max Gors
Kimberly Grambihler
Dakota Gregg
Zayn Snyder
Austin Weiss

Dakota Wesleyan University

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Layne Hohn
Derek Leiferman

Headlines Academy

Rian Cadwell

Lake Area Technical

MarkJay Gutierrez
Skyler Leesman
Wyatt Trapp

Mitchell Tech School

Brandon Berscheid
Jacob Bly
Brennen Brueggeman
Kaidyn Eaton
William Huff
Brandon Hughes
Scott Kubal
Maxwell Longman
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MaKenna Menning
Matthew Pease
Bailey Peterson
Lucas Schmidt
Maisee Sorenson

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Allison Bruce
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Theron Singleton
Seth Snyder
Murdoch Word

South Dakota State University

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Jonalyn Beastrom
Hannah Becker
Auston Buchholtz
Emma Carbonneau
Corey Clements
Alan GarciaDeAlba
Mariah Heiss

Kaitlyn Magee
Nicholas Mahowald
Seth McKinley
Madison McLaury
Torri McVey
Morgan Merriman
Rylie Miller
Seth Neal

Nealey Pokorny
Reece Poppen
Quinn Reimers
Maxwell Reinke
Nathan Remmich
Emily Rice
Kayla Rounds
Cody Ryckman

Erin Severyn
Kallie Stout
Julia Stueven
Ashley Theobald
Joshua Voigt

Isaiah Watson
McKenzie Wernsmann
Nicholas Wiebe
Streyle Williams

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Kolby Beynon
Marshall Beynon
Sierra Briggs
Tria Dennis
Hanna Dunn
Daniel Ellenbecker
Austin Kelly
Madison Smith

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Abigail Trevino
Ashley Wilson

University of South Dakota

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Hallie Dunn
Mariah Fuchs
Renee Gallagher
Nicole Gednalske
Jennifer Gillaspie
Macy Halverson
Katy Honeywell
Brevin Kaiser
Jordyn Lemieux
Trey Livermont
Madisyn Neibauer
Brittany Samuelson
Madison Siebrasse
Mikayla Thomas
Hanna Tounsley

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Carleton College

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Harvard College-Massachusetts

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Montana State University

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Haley Ketteler

Mount Mercy University-Iowa

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Emerson Mechaley
Sierra Nelson
Bailey Regynski

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Oklahoma Panhandle State

Tanegai Zilverberg

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TyAnn Herman

Ryan Mikkelsen

Emily Peterson

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Caelan Fergel

University of Wyoming

Meghan Buscher

Walla Walla University-Washington

Garrett Vizcarra

Military

Air Force

Spencer Heilman

Stephen Rae

Army

DeQuari Jennings

Shaina Seidel

Marines

Nicholas Marbach

Unspecified

Miranda Brodkorb

Employment

LeAnne Bear Heels

Caleb Bryant

Alexander Buechler

Kiana Chapman

Andrew Dodge

April Fiddler

Ashton Hoffman

Michael Howard

Kaitlyn Klave

Kaitlyn McRoberts

Dayza Nelson

Eric Nugent

Drew Plooster

Brady Roseland

Shae Schreiber

Tyson Shangreaux

Desirae Snodgrass

Morgan Thorn

Hailey Thumser

Keely Vincent

Alex Wester

LeAndra White Buffalo

Unknown

Talia Noisy Hawk

Govs Finish Up Another Winning Year

By Nathan Bader

Over the past few years, Pierre has become accustomed to being a powerhouse in both the Eastern South Dakota Conference and in Class AA as a whole and the 2015-2016 sports seasons have been no exception. Throughout the year, the Governors and Lady Govs have competed and found success in nearly every sport.

The fall sports season began in late August with football dominating the headlines. The football season would become a record-breaking year for the Governors. They reached the state championship game for the second three in three years on the back of stellar defensive play and senior leadership. The Governors lost a heartbreaking game at the Dakota Dome against Yankton on a failed two-point conversion attempt. After the season finished, however, three of the Governor football players signed on to play football in college. At a shared ceremony, Brevin Kaiser, quarterback/defensive back, Layne Hohn, running back/linebacker, and Zach Strand, wide receiver/defensive back, signed to play at the University of South Dakota, Dakota Wesleyan, and University of Sioux Falls respectively. The biggest news of the offseason for the Governors football program came when head coach Jayson Poppinga announced his resignation from teaching and coaching positions at T.F. Riggs. Poppinga will be moving to Sioux Falls where he has accepted a position to be the next head football coach at O'Gorman High School where he will also teach science. On the greens, the boys' golf team found their way to a fifth place finish with a total team score of 649.

The winter season for the Governors was accompanied by another championship season by the Gov-

ernors' wrestling team. It was the fourth state championship for the Governors in five years. The wrestlers qualified wrestlers for the state meet at every weight class. At the state meet, three wrestlers winning their weight class led the Governors. Jebben Keyes won at 132 lbs. for his third consecutive title. Twin brothers Will and Lincoln Turman won titles at 106 and 113 lbs. The team fell just short of the top total points total at a single state meet, but felt that a state championship was an adequate way to cap the season. The boys' basketball team found success on the hardwood as they won the district tournament and finished fourth at the state tournament held at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

The spring has gone well for the Governors and Lady Govs. The track and field teams competed at what is arguably the biggest meet on their schedule when they competed at Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls on May 6-7. On the boys' side, Max Reinke threw his way to a third place finish in the shotput with a throw of 53'7" and the 4x800 relay finished third in Class AA. On the girls' side, Cortney Dowling continued her stellar track career with a 2nd place finish in the 200m special event at Howard Wood. The track teams have their state meet on May 27-28 in Sioux Falls. Tennis' state meet is May 19-21 in Rapid City. The girls' golf state meet is June 6-7 at Lakeview Golf Course in Mitchell.

As a whole, the 2015-2016 sports season has been an eventful time for the Governors and Lady Govs. Multiple titles across multiple sports has become the norm in Pierre and there seems to be no way to stop it. So fans, keep making a ruckus! Athletes, keep winning! And Pierre, as always, bleed green!

Teacher of the Month -- Elizabeth Vogt, English

Who is your Favorite author?

Asking me to pick a favorite author is like asking me which is my favorite son—I love them all in different ways. But Shakespeare and Harper Lee are definitely in my “family.”

What is your favorite season?

Fall is my favorite because I love the crisp weather, the beautiful colors of turning leaves, the sight of crops being harvested, the smell of burning leaves, the fun of Halloween, and fall's finale of Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday.

What or who inspired you to become a teacher?

Two people inspired me to be a teacher. The first was my junior high school English teacher, John Kern. I learned to love the study of English in his classes, and his classes were fun and challenging. The second was my own mother, who was my high school English teacher. She was an excellent teacher of writing for me, and she helped me to survive my first few years of teaching. Over the years she has been a great mentor for me.

Fine Arts Wrap Up for Year

By Arden Koenecke and Amanda Pugh

It has been an exciting year for Riggs Fine Arts students. Whether it's band, choir, oral interpretation, or drama, everyone has been working hard and staying busy. One way band and choir students have kept busy is by preparing for their concerts. These concerts had some creative themes, including folk music, TV shows, and Christmas around the world. Besides their annual concerts, band and choir students have had many opportunities to share their talents with the school as well as with the community. A few of these events were small and large group contest, choral festival, and the big band dance. Not only did students participate in these events, they also worked together and formed friendships that will last a lifetime. “My favorite part of being in band this year has been seeing how all the band kids come together as a family and how much we all learn throughout the year!” said Emily Nielson, 11. The band is already setting their goals for next year, as well. “I want to keep building our numbers and building our sound. We are starting to have a characteristic, solid foundation of sound (very balanced/blended) and I want to build that further,” said director Ms. McKeithan, “I also want to build a more 6-12 ‘band program family’ by having high school students work more with the middle school students.”

All of this fall, our oral interpretation team traveled to various towns throughout the state. Sophomore Judah McKinley said: “My favorite meet was the one at DSU because it was the biggest meet we attended, and by far had the most competition.” One theme among the terp team stays the same among the seasons: Togetherness. In reference to performing at the state meet, Claire Mohr most remembers this: “I kid you not there were about 80 people there. But the good thing was, it included my family, Ms. Boone, Kevin, Ms. Hoff and my friends so it wasn't terrible when I saw familiar faces.” This tight knit group of students wins together, loses together, laughs together, cries together. Catch the terp team in action next fall.

Not just band and choir students were busy, though. Aspiring actors and actresses had several opportunities to perform at Riggs. In November, the cast of Shrek the Musical brought the beloved movie Shrek to life, adding a new dimension to the characters. Band students also had a chance to use their talents in the pit orchestra that accompanied the musical. In February, drama students performed 2 one-act plays, and then performed one of them again at the state one-act competition in Sioux Falls. Just last week, the drama group came together for one last performance of the '15-'16 school year. “The spring play had plenty of actors that made rehearsals fun, and the payoff even more so,” said sophomore Sami Gortmaker.

Another close group that will be parting at the end of the year is the choir. With over 30 seniors leaving the department after graduation, it's safe to say that we have many that will be dearly missed. “Throughout the year, we've spent more time singing together than I've spent with any sports team I've been a part of, and so we get to be pretty great friends,” said senior Austin Lentsch, referring to the chamber choir, “It makes moving onto college pretty tough.” Even though the end of the year will be difficult, there are many happy memories to look back on, as well. “My favorite memory would be when I make up dances for choir songs by myself or with other people!” remarked senior Murdoch Word. The choir shared many victories this year, bringing home many superiors at both small and large group contests.

Bachelor of the Month



Seth McKinley, 12

Personality:

The type that doesn't have a good answer for personality question for bachlor of the month

Eye Color:

Blue

Hair Color:

Brown

What do you look for in a significant other?

Nice personality and being level-headed .

Pet Peeve?

People who put ketchup on their fries instead of dipping the fries in the ketchup

Ideal date?

Pick up some BK lounge and a Lord of the Rings marathon at my house afterwards!

Pursue or be pursued?

Be pursued.

Favorite movie?

Lord of the Rings

Final words?

It was worth livin' like Larry

Pick up line:

Did it hurt... when you fell from Cloud City on Bespin?

Celebrity Crush:

Daisy Ridley

Bachelorette of the Month



Marcella Lees, 12

Personality:

Motivated and funny

Eye Color:

Green/blue

Hair Color:

Chocolate

Biggest Flaw?

Too damn perfect for my own good

Biggest pet peeve?

When people don't do their job

Favorite Pick up Line?

Are you my appendix? Because I have a funny feeling in my stomach that makes me think I should take you out.

Ideal first date?

A day at an amusement park.

What do you look for in a significant other?

Intelligence and humor. My dad also has to like him.

Pursue or Be Pursued?

Be pursued

Final words?

End quote

Favorite movie?

The Cat in the Hat (The one with Mike Myers as The Cat)

What is your favorite quirk?

I know more Star Wars trivia than anyone could ever possibly want and can quote Monty Python like no other.

Celebrity Crush:

Emma Watson! I'm in love.



What's hot and what's not this month

...To school being done
...To grad parties
...To endless grad food
...To Mother's Day
...To track, tennis, baseball and golf! Go Gobs!
...To nice weather
...To baseball season!
...To the start of summer movie blockbusters
...To getting back on the river
...To planning for summer vacays
...To all the rain
...To energy drinks
...To Meghan Trainor's new album
...To the 2015-2016 Governor staff

...To semester tests
...To the seniors leaving
...To summer jobs
...To sunburns
...To AP tests
...To activities being over
...To teachers moving
...To pulling all nighters
...To organizing grad parties
...To saying goodbye for the summer
...To Dandelion Wine
...To cleaning out lockers
...To guys who wear too many bro-tanks
...To school wifi
...To cramming for finals
...To couple day before semester tests tests #Mick

May Sibling Rivalry

Claire (10) & Austin (12) Lentsch

Q: Does music help to bond you?

A: Austin: "We're both kind of running around doing our own thing but we get to get together for chamber occasionally."

Q: What is the best thing about being in high school together?

A: Austin: "I don't have to drive to the middle school to drop her off. And we get to sing together." Claire: "I like seeing him try and sometimes succeed."

Q: Do you two feel like you hang out more with each other, or more with your younger siblings?

A: Claire: "More with each other, definitely."