

# G.T.F. RIGGS HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNOR

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## Riggs Students Come Together to End Suicide

By Jordan Thompson

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. The main goal for many that take place in many activities throughout the month of September all around America is to raise awareness about the epidemic that takes so many people each year. The many resources that are available today are a huge part of helping the suicide epidemic. Today in our society, suicide is a major concern and issue, as suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in teenagers. For 24-35-year-olds, it is the second leading cause. To combat this epidemic, the

Central South Dakota Suicide Prevention Coalition, teamed with Avera, and many volunteers; including Riggs students, and hosted a Walk of Hope at Capital Lake. At the event, many people joined as teams and walked in memory of someone who affected by suicide, including some individuals who have attended our very own school. People who struggle themselves were welcomed with open arms to talk to professionals and to learn more about the many resources that are available. Anyone else can also attend to learn more and support the cause for suicide prevention. Governor 2 Gov-

ernor mentors volunteered and joined with the walk this year. The students helped make the balloon arch, went to elementary schools to decorate bags that were handed out at the walk, help set up, and hand out dog tags with this year's sayings on it, including the following: "Kindness is contagious," "You are enough," and "Take time to do what makes you happy." It is an emotional and important event. Suicide doesn't just affect the victim but the whole community. It affects everyone from friends, to parents, to teachers, to classmates/peers, to people who simply only knew

your name. This walk's message is that there is always hope and that we should all do our part to prevent suicide. Take the time to be a friend to all, no matter how small or large, someone needs you! Be the one to show you care and visit BeThe1SD.com to learn more. If you are struggling, call 1-800-273-TALK or text "icare" to 898211. "Keep the faith; the best is yet to come."



Photo provided by JordanThompson

Participants at Capitol Lake for the suicide walk

## The Musical Groom and His Mathmatical Bride

By Madelyn Nadeau

If you've talked with math teacher Ms. Kjetland, you'll see on her board that she believes "Math is the music of reason." Paying attention to the theory lessons of Mr. Rodd Bauck's choir classes can prove the factual evidence behind this.

However, it takes on a more metaphorical meaning when thinking of Bauck and his lovely wife-to-be, math teacher Megan Vockrodt.

Although Vockrodt is new to expanding upon her career in Pierre, she's no stranger to the town itself. In fact, she actually relates to a majority of the current faculty, such as Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Boutchee, as they had taught

her classes growing up.

"After high school," Vockrodt describes, "I graduated from Northern State University in 2015, and taught math in other elementary schools."

"I believe kids can own their education," she explains. "Your work rests on you, so you should take ownership!"

Needless to say, Vockrodt would certainly not have minded being given an opportunity to teach a history class instead. That being said, she believes the subject of mathematics is highly essential in life, even if it's not the advanced components.

Of course, there's more to the bright-eyed math teacher than what meets the eye. Few examples of her hobbies

range from reading to playing tennis, with a loving mention of spending time with her friends and family. Of course, Vockrodt (soon to be Mrs. Bauck) was an all-state band member for three years. Although her favorite music genres are Christian and country, she maintains a gracious variety of music.

Which, of course, leads to her relationship with Bauck. Both emphasize a relationship that is nothing short of gracious.

Ms. Megan Vockrodt met Mr. Rodd Bauck during pit orchestra for the Pierre Player's production of Hello Dolly. Because talks of marriage had been there, Vockrodt had seen it coming at some point.

Nevertheless, the fateful moment took her by surprise, and they're to be happily wed on October 6th.

"I love having her here [at the school]," says Bauck. "Obviously, we'll be married in a month. With both of us, not one is far away yet we still have our distance. It's not a big change. We haven't really had to "adjust" to working in the same building."

"She is an extremely organized person, and that has been fantastic," he says. "I consider myself organized. I would get home and everything would go on my table, anything that was somewhat important. Sometimes, my table would be a mess. Although the wed-

ding is a private Saturday occasion, the smiles and happy exchanges the following week are sure to be well-deserved for such a lovely duo.

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# Incredible Homecoming

Homecoming. The week is one of the biggest school events in the month of September, students count down the days as soon as the previous homecoming concludes. Homecoming is full of school pride, fun activities, rowdy sporting events, and amusing dress-up days. The

homecoming dress-up days are arguably one of the most anticipated parts of homecoming.

Dressing up for homecoming is pretty black and white when it comes to the students of Riggs. Basically, it's either go all out and shave half your head to look like a balding man or treat

it like any other school day and ignore the chaos. Taking part in the dress up days aren't required, but it definitely makes homecoming more entertaining for everyone. Now, I'm not here to lecture you on school spirit and participation, but dress-

## EDITORIAL

ing up for homecoming is a tradition and one that Riggs has dominated for years. In other words, the Halloween week of September has passed and the commitment I saw was nothing short of impressive. It seemed like almost everyone took the dress up days as a challenge. There was not a single day that you didn't

see at least one person who took a simple concept above and beyond.

The four classes showed their class pride on Monday with class color. The seniors, juniors, and sophomores all created unique class shirts, while the freshmen class tie-dyed their shirts. Hippies sported ukuleles and bellbottoms, old men and women hobbled around on walkers and canes, and superheroes and villains battled for best dressed. Creativity was hardly lacking throughout the week. Not only were the costumes executed with extreme dedication, but the interpretations of what the dress up days meant took a different kind of thinking.

Many students from all grades went all out on the dress up days. Several seniors were portrayed as the "best dress", while some other tried to top one another during the homecoming week. A few personal favorite was the Donald Trump costume that allowed for everyone to make his or her own decisions about whether or not he was a hero or a villain, and Batman costume that featured a leather jacket, batman mask, and many other features that resembled the superhero. Students with all different likes and dislikes were able to find common ground through all the homecoming dress-up days.

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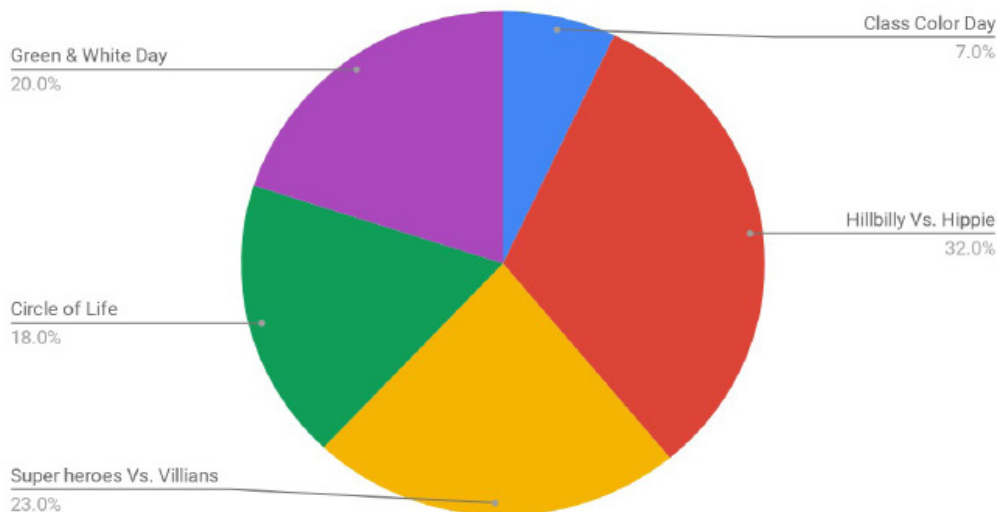


### What's hot and what's not this month

...to Friday night football.  
...to HOMECOMING WEEK:)  
...to our bomb volleyball and football crowds  
...to powderpuff game  
...to rowdy football games  
...to quizlet  
...to cool weather  
...to team bonding  
...to leaves slightly changing  
...to good pictures  
...to all the homecoming candidates  
...to sparknotes  
...to funny dress up days  
...to good fall clothes  
...to pumkin spice everything soon #basic

...to tons of homework  
...to natural disasters  
...to waking up early  
...to Skyhigh not working :(  
...to bad wifi  
...to windy days  
...to blurry pictures  
...to freezing classrooms  
...to bipolar weather  
...to bad mixtapes  
...to make up work  
...to test and quizzes  
...to college applications  
...to college and future stress  
...to petty drama  
...to breaking your phone  
...to body odor  
...to kids not cheering at sporting events

### Homecoming Poll





## President Trump Visits South Dakota

President Donald Trump made his first visit to the Mount Rushmore state as president, before the state heads to the polls to cast their vote for several key positions. Election day for South Dakota is coming up sooner than most think. November 6, 2018, is the official election day. Early voting has already started in South Dakota. Former President Barack Obama visited South Dakota in May of 2015. President Trump came to South Dakota Friday, September 6th to the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls to support Republican Kristi Noem. Noem is running for governor this fall; whom the president endorsed. Trump was also promoting Republican voting. The event certainly wasn't cheap to attend. Each ticket to get into the event were five hundred dollars each, one thousand dollars per couple. There was also an opportunity to get a photograph taken with the president, the tickets were five thousand per couple. All money from ticket sales went to support Noem's campaign.

Claire Rydberg  
POLITICS

It's not only election day for South Dakota in November. Midterm elections are happening all over the country. President Trump has been going around America participating in rallies and fundraisers, to promote the so-called "Red Wave." To Donald Trump and many other political leaders it is very important that Republicans get elected across the country. Republicans currently have the majority in the U.S. House and Senate. With midterm elections coming up, it leaves many of those seats vulnerable. Midterm elections will affect the rest of Trump's term and the future of our country. It's important for EVERYONE to get out and vote. Do research on all of the candidates and bills that will be on the ballot. Vote for what YOU think will be the best for our country and that put South Dakota and America first. Make sure to exercise your right and get out and vote!

## Catch the Trends of September

Welcome to September's edition of The Governor newspaper! School is in "fall swing" (haha.....) now, and we are here to share all the new trends with you! From clothes to activities, we have your back. It's the awkward stage of summer/fall where it's chilly in the morning and you feel like you will actually melt by the afternoon. Not to mention the school is always freeeezing. Our solution is sweaters! They can dress outfits up, can be taken on and off depending on the temp of a room, and come in every style and color you can think of. If you're like many and just feel like wearing sweats and a hoodie every day because

comfort > everything (I see you, seniors), there are great alternatives to feel a bit cuter without sacrificing any comfort. First, trade those shapeless, plain sweats for a cute pair of joggers or fleece leggings! They come in some many cute styles and colors for whatever your aesthetic is. Then graphic tees

Jordan and Sabrina  
TRENDS

(surprisingly Walmart has some cute MTV and Bob Ross ones) and cute crews work great for tops. These little things take the same amount of effort, with double the compliments. People LOVE a comfy, effortless look. Add a cute, short, simple

necklace and bracelets to add flare to any outfit! Fun socks are also HUGE right now.

For activities, we recommend taking advantage of our limited football games! After beating the #1 team on homecoming, it just goes to show how student support can make all the

difference! For those weekends without games, Netflix, as always, is an option. It can be social or solitary depending on how you're feeling. Netflix has a good, full selection right now. Trending right now are two new teen movies called, "To All the Boys

I've Loved Before," and "Sierra Burgess is a Loser" for those who have seen, "The Kissing Booth" 20 too many times already. If that's not your style, they have added a wide selection of new and old blockbusters. You can find movies from, "The Breakfast Club," to "Another Cinderella Story." If you want to make some new friends, it's not too late to join extracurriculars! There are the classics like sports, oral interp, art club, FBLA, Nerdvana, and more; however, new activities are on the horizon including our new Spanish club and Teen Science Cafe! 'Til next month, have a spectacular September. #peaceandlove

## Update Your Playlist for September

September has brought many new songs to many playlists, but it has also made some older songs become more popular. Some newer songs have started taking the places of older songs on the charts. Eminem, who released his new album, has risen to the top. "Killshot" by Eminem has taken over number 1 on the iTunes charts. Avril Lavigne is also making a potential comeback with her new song "Head Above Water." "Thunderclouds" by LSD feat. Sia, Diplo, & Labrinth has also

become very popular with its contrasting musical qualities. "I Love It" by Kanye West & Lil Pump is another newer song that can partially thank its entertaining music video for its increasing popularity.

Carly Bowman  
MUSIC

Some older songs have also been gaining popularity in September. For example, "Magic in the Hamptons" by Social House feat. Lil Yachty was actually released in June but has had some extreme popularity this

month in Pierre. Also, Khalid's popularity continues to grow, with songs "Eastside" by Benny Blanco, Halsey, & Khalid and "Love Lies" by Khalid feat. Normani from the movie Love, Simon. Another song that has gone viral recently is "Mo Bamba", the song that was created by a 16-year-old rapper was released in June of 2017 but just started become one of the most popular rap/hip-hop songs of September 2018. Lastly, "Natural" by Imagine Dragons is holding up the alternative

genre this month. We will be back next edition to keep your playlist up-to-date!

TOP SONGS OF  
SEPTEMBER 2018

1. "In My Feelings- Drake
2. Girls Like You- Maroon 5 feat. Cardi B
3. I Like It- Cardi B, Bad Bunny, & J Balvin
4. Better Now- Post Malone
5. Lucid Dreams- Juice WRLD



Go Big Green!

Incredible Homecoming 2018

#GovsNation

By Carly Bowman

The T.F. Riggs Emerald Regiment Marching Band has had a very successful season so far! To begin the busy homecoming week, the band played at the coronation ceremony. Then marched in the homecoming parade the following evening. Also, of course their annual marching show performance at halftime of the homecoming football game. Their halftime performance was one of their most impressive homecoming performances. During the halftime performance, they played the songs “Summon the Heroes” by John Williams arr. Jay Bocook and “The Avengers” by Alan Silvestri arr. Brown & Rapp to match the homecoming theme of “Superheroes” this year. They have been practicing quite a lot, with at least three morning practices per week, and they even had morning practices almost every day for a couple weeks before their homecoming performance. The band is looking forward to their two marching competitions in Chamberlain and Yankton, and they will perform their marching show once more in Pierre at halftime of the home football game against Aberdeen Central on Thursday, October 19. Make sure to follow along and keep up with the Emerald Regiment as they will continue to showcase their hard work!



Picture by Todd Thompson Photography

The Emerald Regiment preforms at halftime of the homecoming football game.



Picture by Bob Gill

Members of the senior class pose on class color day.



Varsity football cheerleaders help at the spirit breakfast. Photo by Bob Gill



The class of 2020 pose by holding up '20. Photo provided by Phil Adam



Riggs students admire the poster made in the main lobby. Photo provided by Phil Adam



Picture by Bob Gill

Frank Becker and Tess Erwin pose as homecoming king and queen.

By: Sophia Stueven

Homecoming, like most high school traditions, leaves students bubbling with anticipation for the week's events. On Monday, community members crowd in the theater or around their home TV's to watch one of the most anticipated events of the week: coronation. The sideline cheerleaders provided pep and entertainment while everybody settled into their seats. This year's mistresses of ceremonies were Madelyn Nadeau and Sophia Stueven. Sports teams as well as other high school programs updated the community about their season's progress. The dance team performed an energizing hip-hop routine. The chamber choir performed the song "Be True to Your School" by the Beach Boys, getting the audience ready for the spirited weeks to come. Yet, the most anticipated of all coronation activities, even over Coach Steele's speech and "fitness demonstration", is the crowning of the Governor and Lady Governor. The senior class selected Carly Bowman, Tess Erwin, Abigail Foster, Halle Gronlund, and Emily Mikkelsen for lady governor; Frank Becker, Tucker Berens, Gage Gehring, Jack Maher, and Dmitri Mutchelknaus for the governor. Each of the candidates are outstanding leaders, role models, and represent T.F. Riggs in a positive manner. Frank Becker and Tess Erwin were crowned as the Governor and Lady Governor and each was presented with a \$50 gift card to the Branding Iron Bistro. Everyone in the audience and on stage left with a smile to watch their new homecoming king and queen light the burning of the letters. It was a perfect start off to a great homecoming. Congrats to all homecoming royalty, fall sports and programs for representing our school in an outstanding way!



## Boys and Girls Soccer Update

By Bailey Wagner

As homecoming comes to an end, your head is still stuck on football. Although, as the soccer playoffs are just around the corner, it is time to switch gears and start thinking about futbol!

The Lady Governors had an amazing regular season with a record of 10-1-1. Last year's state championship holders only had a single loss

against Rapid City Stevens on their record last year. Although, the Lady Gobs are proud to say they renewed themselves this year and beat the Rapid City team 2-0 in a shutout. This year the Lady Gobs had a disappointing loss to the Yankton Gazelles with a score of 0-3. However, our team is hoping to take back our pride in the

upcoming rounds that include: playoffs, quarterfinals, semifinals, and the championship match.

On the other hand, The Governors soccer team has not had the same luck. With a record of 2-9-1, the boys have still been working their hearts out. Late in this year's season, the Governor's faced the then top-ranked team in

the state, the Sioux Falls Roosevelt Rough Riders. The game was tied at 0-0 until the last 10 minutes when the other team got a lucky shot in. The ending score was 0-1, although it shows that the Pierre Governors' record does not show their skill level. They can hold their own against one of the top teams in the state.

This year the

championship game, for both boys and girls, will be at Sioux Park in Rapid City on October 13. We will not know who the participating teams will be until October 9, when the semifinal round eliminates the last of the teams. We hope to be able to send our Gobs and Lady Gobs soccer teams, and we hope to see you there cheering them on!

## Lady Gobs Volleyball Prepares for Upcoming Matches

By Natalie Mohr and Addy Smith

The Lady Gobs volleyball team has been on the go this past month with 10 games already under their belt. The Lady Gobs' first regular season game took place in Rapid City against the Rapid City Central Cobblers. The team's outstanding performance set a positive tone for the season. The Lady Gobs came out with a victory in three sets with the scores (25-16), (25-12), and (25-12).

One of the most recent games played by the team was against the number eight seed, Aberdeen. On September 20th, the Lady Gobs traveled to Aberdeen to face the Golden Eagles for their homecoming match. Going into the game, the Lady Gobs did not have the favorable outcome, but this only motivated them to play harder. Each member of the team contributed their best abilities on the court, which lead to

an upset victory with the scores of (25-23), (25-17), and (28-26). While the scores were close at certain points in the game, the team fed off of each other's strengths resulting in the best performance of the Lady Gobs this far in the season.

Following the win over Aberdeen, the Lady Gobs hosted the number four seed, Mitchell, on September 22nd, for an ESD match up.

The team played hard and competed with Mitchell but in the end, fell short. After the game against Mitchell the Lady Gobs traveled to Brandon to take on the Brandon Valley Lynx. The game was back and fourth, but the Lady Gobs came out with the win 3-1.

The Lady Gobs' have a record of 6-5 with about half of their season left. The Lady Gobs have a busy upcoming week with games against Yankton, and O'Gorman. Best of luck to the Lady Gobs



Photo By Kailee Schultz

### Girls Soccer

**Last game:** 2-0 win @ Brookings  
**Next game:** Playoffs 10/2  
**Record:** 10-1-1



### Boys Soccer

**Last Game:** 0-8 loss @ Brookings  
**Next Game:** Playoffs 10/2  
**Record:** 2-9-1

### Cheer and Dance

**Last Competition:** @ O'Gorman Invite  
**Next Competition:** @ Brandon Valley Invite

## Football

**Last game:** 28-0 win @ Brookings

**Next game:** @ Sturgis 9/28

**Record:** 4-1

## Girls Tennis

**Last match:** Pierre Invite

**Next match:** ESD meet @ Brookings

## Boys Golf

**Last Meet:** @ Watertown Invite

**Next Meet:** ESD meet @ Huron

## Volleyball

**Last Game:** 0-3 loss VS Mitchell

**Next game:** VS Yankton 9/28

**Record:** 5-5



# GO GOVS!

Compiled by Phil Adam

## Govs Football off to Strong Start

By Phil Adam

The Governor Football Team is off to a strong start to the 2018 season. The defending ESD and 11AA Champions has won three straight games after losing in their season opener. The high caliber offense has led the team to a strong start. The Govs' offense is averaging over 34 points per game. The Govs first win of the season was a 28-17 win at Yankton where the Govs came

from behind to beat the Bucks. After picking up their first win of the season, they continued the momentum as they played Douglas in Box Elder. The Govs dominated the game from start to finish as they beat the Patriots 69-7. Coming off the dominating performance against Douglas the team was set to play Huron for homecoming. The Govs offense and stout defense was too much for the Tigers to han-

dle as the Govs beat the ESD rival 34-7. Quarterback Garrett Stout had an outstanding game as he threw for almost 400 yards, ran for over 100 yards, and had four touchdowns against Huron. The following week the team traveled to Brookings as they played the Bobcats for their homecoming game. With a balanced running and passing attack and tough defense the Governors shutout the Bobcats 28-0.

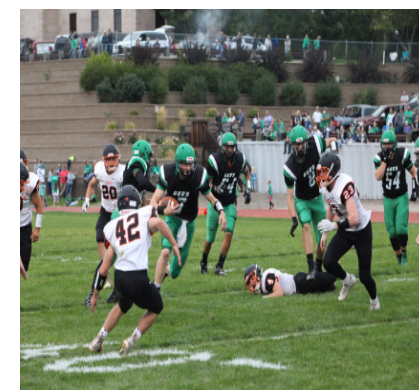


Photo by Bob Gill

**Garrett Stout runs down field during the homecoming football game.**

## Competitive Dance Season Update

By Hattie Shaffer

The Lady Govs Competitive Dance Team has started the season off very strong. With only 4 returning members, the team has had great success. At the first competition, they placed in the top 7 with all three dances. In the next competition, after only one practice, the jazz team improved their score by 11.5 points, taking 5th. The third competition was in Pierre. In their home territory, the Lady Governors snatched Overall 2nd. The team increased their hip-hop points by 9 points. The

dance team then made the long haul to Yankton. Even though the girls were tired from the long day, they pushed through to a respectable 9th place overall finish. Taking a third-place finish in hip-hop in Brookings is the dance teams most recent success. They beat two of the major ESD schools, Sioux Falls and Rapid. The team then traveled to Huron and placed 5th in hip-hop. The team is working very hard to improve all their routines before the last four competitions.

## Cross Country Starts Season Strong

By Ruth Howard

This year, the girls' cross country team consists of nine girls, all returning runners. The season has started off great for this small but fast team. There have been three meets already, all of which the girls have done well in. The Pierre Invitational was the first meet of the season, and the varsity girls did great, earning fifth, sixth, and seventh places by Jessica Lutmer, Deni Zeeb, and Hunter Martell respectively. In the Augustana Twilight, the largest meet so far, the girls did not place as a team,

however, they ran very well. The varsity girls' team placed second at the Aberdeen Invite, with Jessica Lutmer in seventh, Kyla Keyes in eighth, and Hunter Martell in ninth. Overall, the girls do a very good job running together and supporting each other. The Govs and Lady Govs Cross Country Teams will be back in action as they travel to Watertown for the Watertown Invite. They hope to continue the great start to this season.



Bachelor of the Month



Photo By Jordan Thompson

Frank Becker, 12

Personality:

Friendly

Hair Color: Black

Eye Color:

Brown

**Favorite thing about yourself?**

My dancing skills

**Pursue of be Pursued?**

Be pursued

**Final words?**  
“Peace out”

**Favorite pick-up line?**

“I’m not actually this tall. I’m sitting on my wallet.”

**Favorite Movie?**  
*Elf*

**Favorite Song?**  
“Why” by NF

**Ideal date?**  
Dinner at the Silver Spur

Bachelorette of the Month



Photo By Jordan Thompson

Tess Erwin, 12

Personality:

Shy and sarcastic

Eye Color:

Pool blue

Hair Color:

Mocha violet

**Favorite thing about yourself?**

I get along with everyone

**Favorite Movie?**  
*Moana*

**Pursue or Be Pursued?**

Be pursued.

**Final Words?**

“Can you put some chicken nuggs on my grave?”

**Favorite pick-up line?**

Do you have a bandaid, because I think I scraped my knee falling for you.

**Ideal date?**  
Eating pasta in a car while watching a thunderstorm

**Favorite song?**  
“Kill Jill”

Oral Interp Preview

By Eryn Louis

The start of the Oral Interpretation season begins with the first meeting when the team comes together and shares their literature with one another. This year, advisor Ms. Boone wants her students to come back up from their deep thoughts and think more concrete. This season, however, the teams returns several key members who consistently places very high for the team. The team this year will not be going to Lead-Deadwood competition, which has been a tradition for several years now. The first meet of the season will be October 13th, at Sturgis. Many students have already begun preparing for the season and the Terp team will be as prepared as ever. As a way of preparing, the interp team is putting on a ‘mock meet.’ A mock meet is when the team performs and critiques one another, as if it’s an actual meet. This is usu-

ally for Novice members, but a few Varsity are choosing to be involved for extra criticism. Multiple members of the team have been using free time to work with people of the best in their category. The whole team is dedicated to making this year their best year. Good luck this season!



September Sibling Rivalry

Kaitlyn (11) and Olivia (9) Swenson

**Q: Who is the favorite child?**

K: For sure me. Honestly, I don’t have that much competition.

O: Neither of us. Ava is the favorite and she knows it. Kaitlyn and I are both tied for third.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about each other?**

K: She is always down for a sister sleepover.

O: She is always supportive and tries to give me good advice. Sometimes the advice is bad, but it’s the thought that counts.

**Q: What do you fight about the most?**

K: She always steals my NEW clothes before I even get a chance to wear them.

O: We usually fight about who is smarter, but there is really no competition... I’m a genius.

**Q: Who wins most of the fights?**

K: Olivia, but only because I let her think she is stronger than me... It’s good for her self-esteem.

O: I let Kaitlyn think she wins, she’s a softy. She has a big mouth... All bark, no bite. I let her get a few punches in, but as soon as I start swinging, she runs.