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Students Earn Awards at Press Convention

by Hayden Gall

Journalism Newswriting

Excellent:

Category of General:
Brynnley Neuharth

Category of Sports:
Kinley Smith

Category of Editorial:
Jadie Turner
Hayden Gall

Journalistic Photography

Excellent:

Category of Sports:
Brynnley Neuharth
Kinley Smith

Category of School Activity:
Brnnley Neuharth
Charli Jungwirth
Brooklyn Rische

Category of Non-School Activity:
Kendyl Siebrecht
Charli Jungwirth

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Journalism attends Press Convention

by Brynnley Neuharth

Journalism students and their adviser, Mrs. Kaylin Frost, traveled to SDSU for the annual South Dakota High School State Press Convention on Oct. 21.

The staff was awarded an Excellent on both the yearbook and newspaper from the 2023-2024 school year.

Some of the students received Excellent individual awards as well in newswriting and photography. Those students who received an excellent in photography include Brooklyn Rische, Brynnley Neuharth, Kinley Smith, Charli Jungwirth, and

Kendyl Siebrecht. Those who received an excellent in newswriting include Jadie Turner, Brynnley Neuharth, Kinley Smith, and Hayden Gall.

Leaving school at 6am, they arrived on the SDSU campus around 8am for registration. The convention offered a free coffee bar for all students and advisers that attended throughout the day. Just before break-out sessions started, journalists were able to listen to a keynote address from former Miss South Dakota and broadcast journalist for news center in Rapid City, Miranda O'Bryan.

Students also listened to speeches from President of SDSU, Barry Dunn, Dean of SDSU School of Communication and Journalism, Joshua Westwick, as well as Marina Hendricks, Director of South Dakota High School Press Association.

While the girls attended the different workshops provided by this year's convention, adviser Mrs. Kaylin Frost and soon-to-be adviser Ms. Cassandra Bottum attended a meeting/conversation among all the other advisers and schools.

Some of the most popular workshops

attended this year included Designs in 2025, all about designing a yearbook, Photography, which helped give key point tips of when to photograph and when not to, and lastly, Social Media. All the journalists attended the social media workshop as it has become brand new in Redfield for the journalism staff to have an Instagram page.

Some of the other workshops that were included in the press convention were Video, Is AI Ok, and Student Media at SDSU. In total, there were 6 workshops that offered advice on how to better skills as a writer, photographer, videographer, and influencer.

Students ended the day with a panel discussion from SDSU alumni and the presentation of awards.

"It was a lot of fun! I learned new skills and met new people. I can't wait to apply the skills I learned in my future years in journalism!" freshman Aly Gruenwald said.



Journalism Staff. The Journalism staff attended the State Press Convention in Brookings on Oct. 21. Staff include (front) Hannah Schlechter, Aly Gruenwald, Willow Ronneberg, Kayleigh Disbrow, (middle) Brynnley Neuharth, Brooklyn Rische, Jadie Turner, Kendyl Siebrecht, (back) Emily McPhee, Kinley Smith, Hayden Gall, Addisyn Evans and Charli Jungwirth.

Nine Members Inducted into National Honor Society

by Kayleigh Disbrow

On Oct. 21, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held in the auditorium at 7 PM. There were 9 new NHS inductees. They include Karlie Brabant, Brynnley Neuharth, Makayla Schulz, Ella Rude-Petersen, Connor Zens, Jade Englund, Kinley Smith and Cecilia Suchor.

Second year members who directed the ceremony included Jadie Turner, NHS president; Adalyn Stoner, NHS vice president; Brooklyn Rische, NHS secretary and Addisyn

Evans, NHS member. Jaci Hofeman was not present. Mrs. Mara Frederick advises the local chapter.

Mrs. Rita Masat spoke at the ceremony about the honor of being in the society and how successful these students have been during their high school years.

NHS is an organization that recognizes high schoolers who demonstrate good character, leadership, service, and scholarship. Students must have a 3.5 or higher GPA to be eligible for NHS.

"National Honor Society is a good way to show your generosity to the community not only through activities we attend as a group but also as an individual. Although service hours are required for the organization the experiences that you gain from this are some that may not be open to other students," second year member Jadie Turner said.

Always Be Prepared

Hurricanes Milton and Helene have hit the communities in the southern states causing citizens to need to prepare for the hardest of times. In our area, we have only had to deal with thunderstorms and tornadoes, but some hurricane preparation ideas can

be used before *any* storm to make sure you are always safe.

Making sure you have non-perishable food and filling up water bottles will ensure that you will have food and water when things get bad.

Some strategies on making sure your home is safe could be sandbagging around your house to help with flooding and boarding up windows so they don't break. Power outages can last long periods of time depending on the damage done by a tornado or by high winds during a severe thunderstorm. Having a generator in case power goes out could be very beneficial during inclement weather. Some of these preparations for weather concerns may be used for people in areas of hurricanes, but they could also be used during storms in our area.



In my own
WORDS

Kendyl Siebrecht, journalism staff



Warm Welcome. (above) Second-year member and vice president of NHS, Adalyn Stoner shakes Hayden Gall's hand, a new member, and gives her the certificate of NHS. Each member is given a pin and a certificate then must sign the book of past NHS members to seal their induction into National Honor Society.



National Honor Society Members.

New and old members of NHS include (front) Karlie Brabant, Brynnley Neuharth, MaKayla Schulz, Cecilia Suchor, (middle) Conner Zens, Hayden Gall, Ella Rude-Peterson, Jayde Englund, (back) Kinley Smith, Addisyn Evans, Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner and Brooklyn Rische.



Forever in the Archives. Junior Hayden Gall signs the book of past National Honor Society members. All members sign the book at the induction ceremony to show their involvement in the group. "National Honor Society is a huge privilege to be a part of. The book was just one way to prove that I was in this group. I am excited for the new opportunities that will open up for me in this organization," junior Hayden Gall stated.

High School Band Participates in Three Marching Competitions

by Charli Jungwirth

The high school band members performed at the Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival on Oct. 2.

The band received a total of 330 points out of 400 on Music Execution. The Marching Execution score was 233 out of 300 possible points.

The band's Overall General Effect score was 207 out of 300.

The Gypsy-Day Parade was held on Oct. 5, where the band traveled to Aberdeen.

The band received a score of 213 of 300 on the Marching Ex-

ecution, and a 325 out of 400 on Music Execution.

The band had a score of 221 out of 300 on Overall General Effect.

The band traveled to Groton on Oct. 11 for the Groton Lake Region Marching Festival.

The band received a total of 200 points out of 300 in Marching Execution. In Music Execution, the band scored 293 out of 400.

The Overall General Effect score was 202 out of 300.

"It is fun to perform what we prac-

tice. I like competing against other schools when it comes to playing music. I enjoy hearing other bands as well as watching them to take tips on how we can improve," Micah Zastrow said.

Band instructor Mr. Justin Desens added, "We had lots of success at our parades this year, improving on scores from past years. We did wonderfully at Roncalli's festival. The scores rank from Weak, Fair, Good, Excellent, and Superior. At Roncalli, our general effect scores were

all Excellents, our Excellent and one our music score were marching saw two Superior score, and all Superiors.



Doing Our Part. Junior Darien Dey and sophomores Brannigan Mortensen and Micah Zastrow play their instruments in sync to replicate the "Barbie Girl" song during the Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Festival.

FBLA Hosts Fall Blood Drive for Over Twenty Years in a Row

by Hayden Gall

Wednesday, Oct. 23, FBLA held their first blood drive of the year. The second blood drive is held in the spring.

Although 41 people volunteered to donate blood, only 30 were able to give, and of those 30 people, 13 of them were first time donors. Altogether 108 lives were saved.

"I like to give blood because I know it is saving someone's life. It is always such a good feeling knowing that I am helping someone become healthier," senior Brynnley Neuharth said.

The option to donate blood was available to students, teachers and com-

munity members.

Before giving blood the participant has to fill out a survey about their medical history.

Then, the giver gets their blood pressure and heart rate tested.

After all the testing is done, the participant is ready to donate blood.

While giving blood most students go on their phones and talk to the workers and other blood donors.

"We had another record setting blood drive from our student body and school staff. This community and school has a big heart for donating every year," FBLA adviser Mr. Gregg said.



Double Checking it is Right. Senior Dylan Murray reviews his medical information on a tablet provided by the LifeServe organization. LifeServe is a medical organization based out of Iowa with a branch in Aberdeen.



Donating Blood and Time. Junior Terielee Bonin donates blood over her third hour class period. This was Bonin's first time donating through the FBLA Blooddrive, and she plans to continue with her donation next year.

Seniors Travel to Northern State for Future Career Planning

by Addisyn Evans

On Oct. 9, the senior class traveled to Aberdeen to the Northern State University Wachs Arena for the annual career planning day. Each year, NSU welcomes colleges and businesses to campus to talk with senior and junior students.

22 college booths were present, along with 30 career field booths. Colleges that are present range from big campuses

to small with locations in Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Additionally, several branches of the military were present.

"It is a very good opportunity for you to interact with college representatives and meet people in certain careers that you might be interested in. It is a great time to ask questions and hear real life

experiences," Mr. Brassilio said.

Career fields ranged between medical, law, entertainment and Ag related industries. Students were welcome to ask questions and interact.

"I thought it was good. It was nice to see all the career opportunities as well as see all the possible colleges I could attend," Jackson Sandoz said.



Figuring out the Future. Seniors Taijsa Puok, Jaci Hofeman and Brooklyn Rische make their way around the college booths to help them make a decision toward their education next year.

Students Attend FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference

by Brooklyn Rische

On Oct. 6 and 7, thirteen students attended the FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the Crossroads Hotel and Event Center in Huron, SD.

Members who attended include Adalyn Stoner, Jadie Turner, Brooklyn Rische, Ashley Stroud, MaKayla Schulz, Lily Parisian, Lorena Evans, Emeri Hofeman, Kayleigh Disbrow, Jessie Ratigan, Amelia Sjurseth, Summit Sjurseth and Zoe Zastrow.

During the conference, S. Sjurseth and Zastrow attended the Rookie Training, which was led by the 2024 – 2025 state officer team.

Disbrow is part of the state officer team, as she was elected as the State Jr. High Representative at the 2024 State Leader-

ship Conference in Sioux Falls last year. She and her fellow officers complete many tasks throughout the year and run many workshops at multiple trainings.

"I think our officer team works really well together, which has led to many successful conferences and meetings. At Rookie Training during the Fall Leadership Conference, our workshops all went really well, and I think we all had a lot of fun," Disbrow said.

Stroud, Evans, Parisian, Schulz, Stoner, Rische and Turner all attended Power Training. In power training, they learned many things, one of those being the many types of leaders and how to be a successful leader. Throughout the training they had lessons and Power-

Points and completed many activities.

"FCCLA this year has been going steady, we took 13 kids to Fall Leadership. Kayleigh is our State Jr. Representative so she put on the Rookie Training for younger students beginning their journey in FCCLA. We currently have 3 members part of Leadership Teams and they've been planning their year out for community service," FCCLA advisor Mrs. McCarthy said.

Additionally, three Redfield FCCLA members are on State Leadership Teams who also completed their training at the conference. Hofeman and Ratigan are on the Current Trends Team and A. Sjurseth is on the Advocacy Team.

"We held a booth at Harvest Festival

where we had caramel popcorn and apple cider. That was a lot of fun and hopefully a tradition we can keep going in our community!

We helped with Pink Night along side FFA and FBLA. We made cotton candy and sold ice cream and socks this year again! Proceeds will

be donated to someone in our community battling breast cancer. It's off to a very good start this year," Mrs. McCarthy said.



Bringing in the Style. Seniors Jadie Turner, Adalyn Stoner and Brooklyn Rische took some time after their first night of training to dress in props provided by the FCCLA State Officers for a picture.

Students Attend the Annual Career Here Event

by Kendyl Siebrecht

Different local jobs and nearby schooling programs set up in booths in the armory for the Redfield High School students to stop by to help get a better understanding on what they may be interested in doing in the future.

Students rode buses down by grades and had an hour to walk around the armory to visit any booth they might

be interested in seeing more about. Redfield's Simply Charming owner, Cinnamyn Pudwill, gave a speech to students about the steps of starting a business in the Redfield area. Booths gave out merchandise, information on different programs, and job shadow options for different jobs.

Nursing booths brought in simulation dolls and ba-

bies for students to check heart beats, pulses, and hear the digestion in a human body.

Agriculture booths brought in soil samples for students to look at and some booths provided robotic machines to show what they would be working with if they were interested in that field of work.

"It offers a variety of different fields

that kids can look into that are in the local community. It's a good way for students to interact with adults that work in the field and know the process needed when getting schooling and entering different programs. Then kids have options for home town jobs if they are interested in coming back to the Redfield area." student advocate Mr. Brassilio said.



Testing Different Careers. Junior Ella Rude-Peterson intubates a medical mannequin at the medical booth.

Two Local Students Participate in Emergency Drill

by Jadie Turner

Imagine the detrimental effects of a plane coming down for an emergency landing and crashing into a truck on the runway causing a chemical spill.

What protocol would a rural community hospital be required to follow in an event of such improbability?

On Oct. 8, the Redfield Airport, the Community Memorial Hospital and Emergency Management worked together to hold a mock decontamination drill in case of a chemical contamination event.

During the drill the eight actors including students Miley Fey and Lily Parisian had name tags stating what their condition was after the crash. When everything was set and ready in place, the drill started with the truck driver making a call to dispatch. The first to respond was the local officer as he did a basic check on all of the passengers.

Soon after, the firetrucks and ambulances arrived at the airport and the fully suited firefighters and healthcare workers were in



Representing Redfield. Sophomores Miley Fey, Lily Parisian and community members are putting trash bags over their bodies so they could put gowns on underneath.

full hazmat suits to prevent themselves from directly encountering the chemical spill.

The responders worked together to move the victims and get them into plastic bags and take off their clothes to dress in gowns. Once dressed,

they had to make their way over to the decontamination site to take a shower. The actors that were still mobile were allowed to wash themselves while others in more critical conditions were strapped onto backboards.

After all decon-

tamination was complete, they were loaded onto the ambulances to be taken to the hospital to be fully assessed.

When victims arrived at the hospital, a full intake center was set up to address the patients in the ER.

Once all pa-

tients were attended to, the responders had to have their own vitals checked at the hospital.

"I think the experience was worth trying at least once. You got to feel like what it would be like to be in a real accident," Fey said.

Lady Pheasants Battle Through Losses and Find Victories

by Kinley Smith

With one game left in the regular season, the Lady Pheasants' volleyball record stands at 5 wins and 19 losses.

The team traveled Wolsey to tackle the Warbirds on Oct. 28. The Pheasants were defeated in three matches (14-25, 14-25, 15-25).

The Lady Pheasants traveled to Groton on Oct. 25 to take on the Tigers; the Tigers came out on top (18-25, 13-25, 16-25).

The annual Pheasant Volleyball Classic was hosted on Oct. 19. The tournament started with the Pheasants playing the Aberdeen Christian Knights. The Pheasants beat the Knights (21-25, 25-11, 25-19). Later in pool play, the team took on the Battlers from Potter County but lost (25-17, 22-25, 25-27).

While playing for

the third-place title, the Pheasants rematched against the Florence-Henry Falcons earlier in the season. The Lady Pheasants swept the Falcons (25-22, 25-20, 25-19). The team claimed the third-place finish.

The Lady Pheasants hosted the Webster Bearcats on Oct. 18 as the final home game for the Pheasants. The game ended (19-25, 23-25, 19-25).

On Oct. 15 the Pheasants took on the Warner Monarchs. The game ended in favor of the Monarchs (18-25, 9-25, 7-25).

On the annual Pink Night on Oct. 10 the Pheasants hosted the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones. The Pheasants were defeated (19-25, 9-25, 19-25).

The girls battled the Northwestern Wildcats on Oct. 1,

ending in a loss in three sets (12-25, 9-25, 12-25).

On Sept. 26, the Pheasants hosted the Milbank Bulldogs in a conference match. The game resulted in a loss for the Pheasants (18-25, 20-25, 25-15, 25-17). Contributing to the battle against the Bulldogs was Gracie Boothe with nine kills, Kinley Smith with one solo and two assisted blocks, and Hayden Gall contributing 18 assists.

"I believe that the team is improving and battling through these tough games by picking each other up after every single point, holding each other accountable when we make mistakes, and staying mentally tough. It is important to stay positive and play as a team when we face these hard opponents," sophomore Layla Hardie said

about the season so far.

The match against the Miller Rustlers on the Pheasants' home court led to a loss for the Pheasants (20-25, 22-25, 13-25).

The Lady Pheasants traveled to play the Britton-Hecla Braves on Sept. 19, the game ended in favor of the Braves (23-25, 14-25, 16-25). Charli Jungwirth led the team with 15 digs and Gall with 12 digs, close behind Jungwirth's defensive effort.

On their home court, the Pheasants took on the Mount-Vernon-Plankinton Titans, but ended up with a loss in three sets (19-25, 21-25, 11-25). Sophomores Kendyl Siebrecht and Layla Hardie accounted for two serving aces each.

The Pheasants will travel to Tiospa Zina on Oct. 29.



Setting Over.

Sophomore Kendyl Siebrecht serves the ball against the Webster Bearcats. Siebrecht has 22 serving aces for the season.



Going for the Kill.

Junior Ceci Suchor shoots up for the ball in hopes of a kill as her teammates watch to see what happens.

Football Team Ends Challenging Season with a Record of 0-8

by Charli Jungwirth

On Oct. 11 the Redfield Pheasants hosted the last football game of the season. They played against the Florence-Henry Falcons. This game was also parents' and senior night for the Redfield Pheasants.

Before the game started, the team ran out onto the field behind the motorcycle and the senior football players lined up in the endzone while their parents went down to meet them there.

Before their names were announced, the senior football players and cheerleaders were each given a pheasant donated by Colin Klebsch to release as an annual tradition for the seniors. After they and the parents' names got called, the announcer of the game, Bob Tiff, counted down from 3 and they let the pheasants fly.

The game ended as a loss for the Pheasants against the Fal-

cons with a score of 7-42 at the end of the 4th quarter.

"We upperclassmen had some games when it was hard to stay positive, and we tried throughout the whole season along with motivating the younger kids to keep their heads up as well. This season was a hard one because it didn't go as we wanted it to, but we all had fun and kept our heads up the whole way," senior Camden Murray



Running the Ball.

Quarterback Ethan Falk hands the ball to Jackson Sandoz to gain a few yards while the linemen block to clear a path for Sandoz to sneak through.

Senior Spotlight

Logan Siebrecht is the son of Kelly and Amber



Siebrecht. He has two siblings, Kendyl (16) and Braylee (13). His hobbies include fishing, hunting, napping, going to the gym, and watching UFC fights. The class that Logan has

enjoyed the most during high school is the math classes because he is good at it. One of his favorite memories is when he was tackled by Camden Murray which resulted in a concussion. After high school, Logan plans to attend South Dakota State University for Civil Engineering.

Two things that he wants to do in his life is visit a small island and jump from a plane to go skydiving.

Adalyn Stoner is the daughter of Cody and Shelby



Stoner. She has three siblings, Owin (10), Emsley (8), and Aden (3). Throughout high school, Addy has been involved in Student Council (4), FBLA

(4), FCCLA (2), NHS (2), and

cheer (2). The class that she enjoyed the most at RHS was chemistry because Mrs. Fredrick made it a really fun class and it sparked her interest in pharmacy. Some of her hobbies include hanging out with friends and family, kayaking, listening to music, and going to the lake. After high school, Addy plans to obtain a major in pharmaceuticals at SDSU. A motto that guides her through life is "Trust the timing".

Jackson Sandoz is the son of Saisha and Matt Sandoz.



He has six siblings, Maxson, Bruno, Boomer, Terri, Lola, and Luann. He has been involved in track (6) and football (3).

Jackson enjoys track the most because he is able to excel in it.

Some of his hobbies include playing video games and basketball. The class that he enjoyed the most at RHS was chemistry because it was fun for him to learn about new things in the class. After high school, Jackson plans on attending the School of Mines in Rapid City and get a degree in chemical engineering. Words of advice to underclassmen is, "Don't slack off". Three things that Jackson wants to do in his life is travel to every U.S. state, make a billion dollars, and go skydiving.

Cross Country Runners End Season at Regions

by Jadie Turner

As the end of the fall sports is near approaching, the cross country team finished their season on Oct. 16 with Regions held in Webster.

Running in the girls varsity race with times was Jadie Turner (26:13.67), Lydia Jungwirth (24:41.97), Saige Jungwirth (24:26.42) and Aly Gruenwald (23:30.87).

To finish their season in the boys' varsity race Maddon Odland ran a time of 23:51.95 and Payton Moore finished in 20:56.11. Running in the JV race they combined girls

and boys and Emma Fugman was the only runner finishing in 20:35.74.

The previous week the team ran the same 5k course in Webster at the Northeastern Conference meet. Running for varsity girls were Turner (26:48.76), Ronneberg (26:16.86), S. Jungwirth (24:47.19), L. Jungwirth (24:22.17) and Gruenwald (23:12.06).

In the varsity boys race, the Pheasant runners were Odland (24:35.21), Carson Peterson (23:49.63) and Moore (22:39.23).

On Oct. 5, the team

had an additional meet added onto their schedule held at the golf course in Highmore.

Running for the varsity girls were S. Jungwirth (23:27.30), L. Jungwirth (24:29.09), Ronneberg (24:41.46) and Turner (26:08.10).

For varsity boys Moore ran a time of 21:02.65 with Odland following to finish with 23:41.25.

To wrap up their first season, the 6th graders competed in the 2,500 meter run. For the boys, William McPhee ran with a time of 13:32.28 and Scylas Schulz

finished in 14:53.94. The girls that ran in their last meet of the season were Davynn Bucholz (14:18.52), Tory Betten (14:12.26), Aniston Whitley (12:24.99), Ava McMahon (12:07.69) and Harper Schade (11:35.32).

Other meets the team competed in were the Miller, Deuel and Roncalli Invationals. The athletes also sold yard signs to gain money for the upcoming years.

"I thought that the cross-country season went well. It was fun and the it went really fast," Moore said.

Two Members of the Boys Golf Team Advance to State Meet in Mitchell

by Addisyn Evans

Zastrow and Zens traveled to Hartford on Sun, Oct. 6, to compete the next morning in the State tournament. The meet occurred over the course of two days where the boys golfed 18 holes each day. In total the boys played 36 holes.

On day one Zens shot a 95 and Zastrow a 98. Zens ended day two with a 103 and Zastrow a 114. Overall, Zens shot a 198 taking 77th place and Zastrow took 88th place with a 212. On Sept. 23, varsity golfers traveled to Mitchell to golf on the course before

the region meet. The five golfers were Micah Zastrow, Conner Zens, Creighton Bowar, Collin Dean and Jackson Rude.

On Sept. 30, those five boys returned to Mitchell to compete to place in the top 55 percent of golfers. With 31 golfers competing, the top 17 would advance to the state tournament in Hartford on Oct. 7-8.

Zastrow took 10th place, shooting an 87, with Zens one stroke behind shooting an 88. Both qualified for the state meet. Bowar landed two placings short, shooting a 96. Dean shot a 100, and Rude



State Bound. Sophomore Micah Zastrow and junior Conner Zens show off their medals they received after qualifying for the state golf tournament. The qualifying course was played at Mitchell where only 17 golfers would move on to the state tournament.

a 107, ending their season.

"I went into the tournament thinking I would shoot lower than what I did; however, I still qualified. It was a

very satisfying feeling considering it was my first year on the team. I am very excited to attend the state meet with my fellow teammate," Conner Zens said.

Aug./Sept. Students of the Month

by Hannah Schlechter

Grade 12: Jackson Sandoz



Jackson Sandoz

Jackson Sandoz is the son of Saisha and Matt Sandoz. He has four siblings: Maxson (17), Boomer (10), Bruno (7), Luann (24) and Terri Akin (25). He also has two dogs (Rod and Conrad). Jackson works at Subway and likes working there because he says it's easy. Some of his hobbies include playing video games and basketball. Jackson's favorite class is dual credit chem 106 because he likes that it is a college class. Along with basketball, Jackson also plays football and track. His favorite movie is *Stepbrothers*, his favorite TV show is *Breaking Bad*. Some advice he gives to underclassmen is to "try hard your freshman year."

Grade 11: Ian Jungwirth



Ian Jungwirth

Ian Jungwirth is the son of Michael and Tonja Jungwirth. He has two siblings: John (22) and Amelia (20). He has one dog (Vik-too) and two cats (Gemini and Thunder). Ian works at Dairy Queen and likes working in the kitchen. Ian's hobbies consist of drawing, music, comics, and games. His most challenging class is Algebra 11. He says, "it challenges me the most because of remembering the equations and formulas." He overcomes this by asking for help from other classmates. Ian's advice to underclassmen is to not take things head on, but to take them slow and at your own pace. Ian's favorite season is fall because he likes the cool air.

Grade 10: Layla Hardie



Layla Hardie

Layla Hardie is the daughter of Jaime and Matt Mogen and Shane Hardie. She has two siblings: Mason (12) and Leo (7). She has one dog (Harvey). Layla's hobbies are reading, shopping, hanging out with friends, and organizing/cleaning. Her favorite class is chemistry because, "I enjoy doing all of the fun labs, and experiments." Activities Layla is involved in are volleyball, basketball, fastpitch softball, FBLA, FFA, Matchbox volleyball, and church youth group. Layla's most challenging class is Spanish; to overcome this she looks through her vocab words often and studies for all the final tests.

Grade 9: Aly Gruenwald



Aly Gruenwald

Aly Gruenwald is the daughter of Christopher and Jessica Gruenwald, and Katlyn and Jeff Shossow. She has four siblings: Connor Gruenwald (16), Nathan Hughs (13), Molly Peterson (15) and Mason Peterson (9). She has two cats (Chedder Biscuit and Binx) and some fish. Aly's activities she is involved in include cross-country, track, dance, drama, band, journalism, and oral interpretation. Advice she gives to underclassmen: "People say middle school doesn't matter, but it does. If you don't pay attention because you don't care it will only be harder for you in the future, so do your homework and listen to your teachers."

Grade 8: Ryker Bowles



Ryker Bowles

Ryker Bowles is the son of Amy Johnson. He has two siblings: Kaden (18) and Makayla (6). Ryker's favorite class is Social Studies because he enjoys learning about our country's history. His favorite season is spring because it is a good temperature and it's during his birthday.

Grade 7: Saige Jungwirth



Saige Jungwirth

Saige Jungwirth is the daughter of Keri and Anthony Jungwirth. She has two siblings: Charli (15) and Trey (6). Her favorite movie is *The Fox and the Hound*, and her favorite TV show is *Outer Banks*. Saige's hobbies include running and playing games and sports.

Grade 6: Cruz Kimlicka



Cruz Kimlicka

Cruz Kimlicka is the son of Jeremiah and Sara Kimlicka. He has one sibling: Curry (9). Cruz's hobbies consist of swimming, water sports, hunting, fishing, and building Legos. His most challenging class is math, where he says, "if only the problems solved themselves."