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Seniors finish their careers

Halle Kroeplin
With the basketball seasons over, the seniors look back at their careers and how they started.

"Pirate Hoops! Play Hard! Smart! Together! Box Out!" Mr. Ring, the girls' basketball coach, wrote on the board each game day. The five seniors were Brianna Beckler, Halle Kroeplin, Natalie Leisinger, Rebecca Buchholz, and Zoe Tvedt. Brianna Beckler said, "Basketball has helped me grow as a person and develop qualities that will stick with me for the rest of my life. It changed me for the better and I will never forget my experience and everything I learned."

Favorite memories for the seniors were winning an upset to make it into the 281 Championship, or just attending summer team camps with the coaches. Though the season had its ups and downs, the seniors will always remember the fun times they had. With every bus ride, locker room jam sessions, and win, the girls stayed together as a team.

Boys' basketball and cheer also came to an end. The only senior on the basketball team was Thomas Semmler. He was cheered on by the senior cheerleaders Shantay Werdel, Samantha Hoffman, and Tyra Flaaen. One of Thomas's favorite memories is going to Remington Paynter's house for boy's night. Shantay Werdel said, "I will miss my coach. She has made this sport something I will love forever." All the cheerleaders said cheering has helped them become a confident and more outgoing person. What Thomas will miss the most are his teammates and the crazy atmosphere they created.

Some seniors basketball careers started eight years ago, and some are not finished. Some cheerleaders have cheered their whole high school career. Whether they were playing the sport, or cheering for it, the long, fun road is now over. They have hung up their shoes, and finished their years as a Highmore-Harrold Pirate basketball player or cheerleader.

The game that has been sweeping across the world

Geremi Roshau

Recently people around the world have been obsessed with a game called Fortnite. Fortnite has been out since 2014, but recently they added a new game mode: Battle Royale. Battle Royale is popular because it is free and there is a range of 96 to 99 people trying to kill you. The game mode that has been out since 2014 is called Save the World. Save the World is where you build a base and defend against relentless zombies every night. You can play Save the World with up to three other people. Fortnite's second game mode is Battle Royale. Battle Royale is a game where there are 100 people that fight to the death. There can only be one winner depending on the game mode. There are three different game modes in Battle Royale solo, duo, and squad. When in solo there can only be one winner, in duo you and your partner can win, and in squad you and your teammates can win. In Battle Royale you can make your character look different; you can have different emotes (actions) and you can change your glider and pickaxe.

When you start a game in the Battle Royale mode, you are in a flying bus and you have to skydive to get to the ground. When you get close to the ground your glider deploys so you can safely reach the ground. You use your pickaxe to break objects to either get wood, brick, or metal. Each material has a different level of damage that it can sustain, with wood being



the weakest and metal being the strongest. Once you gathered the required materials you can build walls, floors, ramps, and pyramids. You can also find traps around the map which you can use to destroy your opponents. You can download Fortnite on Xbox one, PlayStation 4, and on a computer.

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Parkland shooting triggers student protests

Veronica Knippling

Seventeen students and staff were killed February 14 in a mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As a result, many survivors have been standing up and speaking out about the situation they've been put in.

When Nikolas Cruz opened fire on the school, students were struck with terror. Students all across the world had access to footage of the shooting happening right outside classrooms. Across the nation, students, for the first time, truly witnessed the experiences of students who are victims of school shootings. A student from Highmore-Harrold High School stated:

"Because these kids videoed the shooting and the action, it just hit me harder. I've never seen it like that. It really makes an impact on you



Snow Days

Taylor Chavez
The students and staff at Highmore high school had two snow days March 5 and March 6 and several kids were excited about the news. The roads were really bad and no travel was advised. Most kids were stuck inside.

Junior, Kassidy Dyer said "On Monday I went to work. Tuesday I watched Netflix and did a face mask." Sylvia Rodriguez, a sophomore, said she cleaned the house and slept like a "bear." Mrs. Bergeson said "I baked an apple pie and a loaf of bread. I also played a lot of solitaire on my kindle and cleaned out a freezer."

Since the school had three built in snow days this year, students and staff will not have to make them up at the end of the year.



Season of reflection

Lainey Aasby
This year's Lenten season started February 14 on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter, March 31. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. Many students in the Highmore-Harrold School District take a Lenten sacrifice to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's Journey into the desert for 40 days.

Seventh grader Gunner Brueggeman gave up all cereal for lent. "I enjoy cereal a lot and it's one of my main meals in a day so giving it up was a big sacrifice. Lent means giving up something you enjoy because Jesus gave his life for us and lent helps show my faith." Tucker McCauley a seventh grader gave up ice cream and popcorn for Lent. McCauley highly enjoys ice cream and popcorn so it was tough for him to give it up.

The Lenten season is in full swing at the Highmore-Harrold School District, students are fasting and not eating meat on Friday. Our school doesn't have optional meals so every student observes abstaining from meat at lunch on Fridays. Veronica Knippling commented, "This isn't a problem though, we get pizza more often!"

Thanks to our amazing cooks and staff, Lent has been a relatively easy task to participate in, and they have made sure to accommodate to every student, no matter what their personal beliefs are. Lent has been challenging for many students this year, but a good lesson on sacrifice nonetheless. Happy Lent!

Dear Pete (The Pirate)

Dear Pete,
How can I help my grades?
Sincerely,
Stressed Student

Dear Stressed Student,
When asked why they were protesting at their local legislative offices and the Capitol in Tallahassee, Alfonso Erickson and many other students stated, "This is for every single kid who fears for their life. This is more than Parkland. This is more than Florida. This is more than the United States. This is something serious. It is about human lives." Students all across the nation participated in a walkout on February 20 in support of the Florida students working together to get their legislature to hear their pleas on varying issues.

Even though this shooting took place so far away, it still has impacted many kids in our own high school. Many students have expressed their concerns and fears and while there are many sides to this story, these people truly are scared. They're encouraging change, and their lives will never be the same.

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Should pineapple go on pizza?
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Hungry Student

Dear Hungry Student,
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Winter Olympics held Feb. 9-25

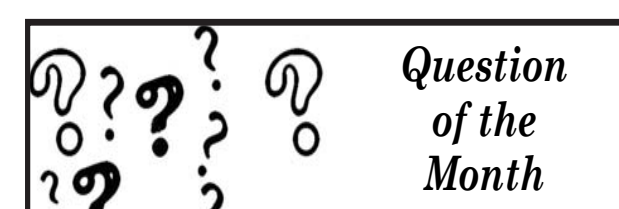
Shelby Isburg
The Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIII Olympic Winter Games, were held in PyeongChang, South Korea, Feb. 9 through Feb. 25. This is the first time that South Korea has hosted the Winter Olympics and was the second Olympics held in the country overall after the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul. The games featured 102 events in 15 sports, with the addition of "big air" snowboarding, mass start speed, skating, mixed double curling, and mixed team alpine skiing. Norway led the total medal tally with 39, followed by Germany's 31, and Canada's 29. Germany and Norway were tied for the most gold medals won; both

won 14 golds. Host nation South Korea won its most medals, with 17, at any Winter Olympics. Olympians from the United States won six bronze, eight silver, and nine gold. Our first gold was won by 17-year-old Redmond Gerard in Men's Snowboarding Slopestyle Final. Other gold winners were Jamie Anderson, Women's Snowboarding Slopestyle; Jessica Diggins and Kikkan Randall, Women's Cross-Country Skiing; Chloe Kim, Women's Snowboarding Halfpipe; Mikaela Shiffrin, Women's Giant Slalom; David Wise, Men's Halfpipe; Shaun White, Men's Snowboarding Halfpipe; our Team USA, Women's Hockey; Team USA, Men's Curling.

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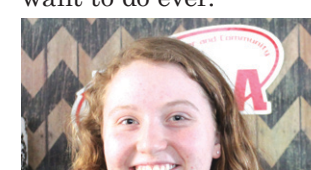
Question of the Month

If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why?

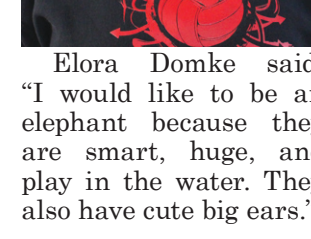
Kassidy Dyer



Halle Kroeplin said, "I want to be a cat because all they do is eat and sleep and that's all I want to do ever."



Elora Domke said, "I would like to be an elephant because they are smart, huge, and play in the water. They also have cute big ears."



Peyton McDonnell said, "I would be a turtle because they don't have to worry about anything and they have a really long life."

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