

# The Viking



Edmore Public School  
November 2017

Greetings Edmore Patrons:

It appears that our fall season was short-lived and winter is settling in on the prairie. I am sure parents are digging out the winter clothing for their children and trips are being made to pick up larger sizes of boots and coats. Please reinforce to your child that winter clothing is required on the buses. A stalled bus can get cold in a short period of time and help can be at least 30 minutes away.

S.O.S.

Each year Edmore joins the Small Organized Schools (SOS) organization. This organization has 145 members and has two primary functions: To lobby for public education during legislative sessions and to provide training and services for staff and students. These opportunities include staff training and student courses. As can be expected, costs for these services are reduced when an organization comprised of 145 schools are involved thus making the membership fee a bargain for the Edmore district.

North Dakota School Boards Convention

This year the majority of our school board members attended the fall school board convention. This convention was packed with informative speakers and breakout sessions. It would be very tough for a board member to attend the conference and not glean some useful information that could be applied in their local school district. This year the two keynote speakers were Rocky Bleier, starting running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers during the 1970's. Rocky's talked of his challenges of returning from the Vietnam war as a wounded veteran and his challenge to gain his starting position back with the Steelers. He then talked about the importance of perseverance in order to obtain one's goals.

The second keynote speaker was Dr. John Draper. John's message included the misinformation that continues to be in the media that portrays how poorly public education is performing in the America. John listed opinion polls that reflect that individuals rate their local school as doing a great job but rate nationally, we are doing a poor job. He stated, "we can be efficient with things but we need to be effective with people". Over the years I have listened to conversation of trying to apply assembly-line efficiency models to public education. When you are manufacturing innate objects this may have an application but when working with humans this model has far less application to developing the "whole child". In fact, latest efficiency models are moving away from the assembly-line model and moving to "work teams" as they are proving to be more productive and value the worker as a human rather than a cog in a wheel.

In Edmore, we have small class sizes. We focus on individual student needs and the whole child. Our efficiencies are not the same as a Fargo school but we don't accept failure and focus on developing responsible citizens, prepared for the post-secondary world. This may come at an increased cost but we believe the cost is worth the product.

Next time you hear someone criticizing public education, please take time to let them know that we may not be a perfect organization but we are doing a great job with your child.

Thanks and stay warm as we approach the winter season.

Frank Schill



Greetings-

I love the month of November because it reminds me to be Thankful. I am **thankful** for my job, one that allows me to share my love of education with others. I am **thankful** for the wonderful staff we have at EPS; the teachers, cooks, paras, and Sunny do so much to enrich our students' lives and help the kids grow into intelligent, responsible, young citizens. I am **thankful** for the students, who I consider to be "my kids". They are truly a joy to be around as they challenge me, worry me, push me, joke with me, and solidify the reason I went back to school and got my education degree. They are truly what it is all about!

We just finished the state science assessment. The students in grades 4, 8 and 11 all took the test and we should get the results in the spring. Our students have been very busy the first 2 months and there is artwork/projects showcasing their learning throughout the hallways—come take a look. Student-led conferences will also have been completed this week. The kids have done an excellent job preparing and are ready to show their parents what they are working on in their classrooms.

**Sporting events** - Our cross country track girls completed their season by competing in the state cross country meet this past weekend in Valley City. A big shout out to Sara Hodek, Abby Mack, and Helena Mack for working hard this past season and giving it their all. Also, our football team will be playing in their last round of playoffs this Saturday in Velva hoping to gain a berth to the state football match in Fargo on November 10<sup>th</sup>. You've got this Nathan Lorenz and Holden Mack!! Thank you for bringing us many years of fun football watching to our senior, Nathan Lorenz! Volleyball is also nearing playoffs and we are pretty excited and hopeful for post play action there as well! Keep giving it your all Callie Ronningen and Morgan Freije! Thanks to Jacy Harpestad, Tayler Lorenz, and Madi Knoke for also playing this year! Callie also set some milestones in volleyball this year—CONGRATS!

**Academic Competitions** - We have some academic challenges coming up in the month of November. Our JH team (8<sup>th</sup> grade) is competing in Grafton on November 7<sup>th</sup> and our HS team will be competing on November 14<sup>th</sup>. I will update with how we do next month.

**Dates to Remember** – No school November 10<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Break November 23&24, Christmas program on December 7<sup>th</sup>. YIKES—it is almost Christmas Break!

This month we also have the AdvancEd team coming. This is part of our accreditation/improvement process and we are pretty excited to show the team what great things are happening at Edmore Public School. We will share their findings and results next month as well.

Again, please feel free to stop by, call, or email with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Education,

Diane Martinson, Principal

EDMORE HONOR ROLL

1st QUARTER  
October 27, 2017

**SENIORS**

**"A"**

Tanner Aanstad  
Leandre Kalhagen

**JUNIORS**

**"A"**

Sara Hodek  
Haylee Linstad  
Ethan Sampson

**SOPHOMORES**

**"A"**

Callie Ronningen

**"B"**

Austin Jenniges  
MiKara Johanson

**"B"**

Holden Mack

**"B"**

Jadyn Harpestad  
Mason Horner  
Wyatt Knoke  
Denae Trottier

**FRESHMEN**

**"A"**

Heather Okeson

**8th GRADE**

**"A"**

Morgan Freije  
Keenan Kalhagen  
Tayler Lorenz

**7th GRADE**

**"A"**

Madi Knoke  
Ethan Okeson

**"B"**

Nicole Voeller

**"B"**

Helena Mack  
Jackson Skaar

**"B"**

# Students of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter



(L-R) Mrs. Martinson, Heather Okeson, Sara Hodek, Ethan Okeson, Felecia Osienger & Mr. Schill

Each quarter the faculty chooses Students of the Quarter based on certain criteria.

Congratulations to the following students.

**Heather Okeson.....Citizenship Student of the Quarter**

**Ethan Okeson.....Most Improved Student of the Quarter**

**Sara Hodek.....Distinguished Student of the Quarter**

**Felecia Osienger.....Elementary Student of the Quarter**



# Nelson's Pumpkin Patch

Emerado, North Dakota





# Edmore Fire Department

Edmore, North Dakota

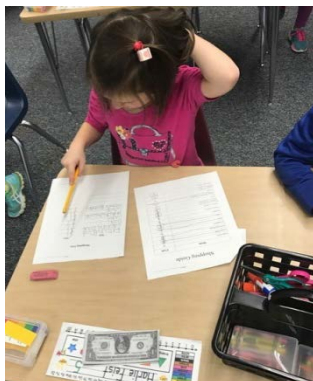


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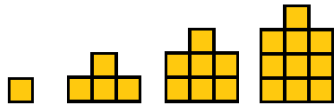
## Hands-On Learning

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students learned to differentiate between wants and needs during a social studies activity. They were given a list of items with various prices ranging from \$1 to \$5. With a total of \$10 to spend, they needed to decide what to buy using the money they were given.

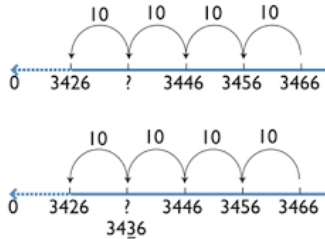


# FIFTH GRADE

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Nonnumeric and Numeric Patterns



Matter is made up of particles too small to be seen without a microscope



October Joy Break-Edmore's First Ever 'All Over' Tournament



Nelson's Pumpkin Patch







**NO SCHOOL**  
November 10  
November 23  
November 24

**State Football**  
November 10

**State Volleyball**  
November 16-18

**Christmas  
Concert**  
December 7

\*The tissue supply is getting low; any donations would be greatly appreciated. \*

# FACS CLASSROOM NEWS

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## FACS/HEALTH CLASSROOM NEWS!

The Happy Happy Henry's  
Viking Family Library Photo



## HARD AT WORK



7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders  
collaborating on a  
classroom demonstration  
for health

## IND. LIVING

Topics discussed:

- Taxes & 1040EZ forms
- Life's unexpected events
- Bank Accounts

## HEALTH CLASSES

Topics Discussed  
this past month:

- Advocating for health
- Human development and learning environments
- Cyber safety

## FACS I

Topics Discussed so far:

- Managing responsibilities
- Communicating with others in order to establish and maintain healthy relationships

## HARD AT WORK



6<sup>th</sup> graders hard at work making projects to advocate healthy topics to others to greater influences health choices.

## FCCLA!



DISTRICT 3 FCCLA MEETING TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 25 AT LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE.  
THE FOCUS THIS YEAR: CAREERS – THE STUDENTS GOT TOURS OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS AND LEARNED ABOUT WHAT THE COLLEGE HAS TO OFFER  
MIKARA JOHANSON SERVED AS DISTRICT VP OF MEMBERSHIP AND SARA HODEK GOT INDUCTED AS THE NEW DISTRICT VP OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

# Counseling NEWS

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## ACT

The ACT is a test that is given to all Juniors in the state of North Dakota in the spring.

There are several online resources for the students to access and a lot of information to help prepare for the test.

Visit: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html> for test preparation ideas, question of the day, and more resources!

## What's Happened This Past Month

Classroom guidance in the elementary: making good choices, responsibilities, and Red Ribbon Week (anti drug awareness campaign)

High School Lessons included communication, stress management, a rescheduled ASVAB for the juniors, and College Application Month for the Srs.



Seniors got one free ND college application because our school participates in College Application Month sponsored by the Bank of North Dakota. LtoR FtoB: Tanner Aanstad, MiKara Johanson, Leandre Kalhagen, Nathan Lorenz, and Austin Jenniges. Not pictured: Kristina Byrant

## Quick Tip

You can't control others, but you can control yourself. Make smart choices and choose behavior that helps you achieve the best you.

## What's Coming Up in Counseling

\*Seniors will be working on scholarships and filling out housing applications for the schools they have applied to, Jrs. will be meeting for ACT preparation, and underclassmen will be working on career interests.

\*There are a few things that are in the works for working with students next semester. If you have any ideas about career or social concepts you would like your student to learn about. Feel free to contact me @ katie.henry@k12.nd.us

Contact Mrs. Henry at any time for any needs!



English Updates by Ms. Tezel

Wow! Did anyone else feel like they blinked and quarter one was finished? As a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, students read 72 books this first quarter and I'm excited to see how many they can read as we continue through the school year!

In class, all students are finishing up their passion projects to prepare for presentations next week. Students chose something they were passionate about to research and are responsible for sharing their learning with the rest of their class. How students present is 100% up to them, so I'm excited to see what creativity transpires in the English room.

Almost all of our students participated in a project called One Pagers, which we turned into One Pumpkin-ers...perhaps you've seen them gracing the halls of Edmore Public School? Students had to share a summary of the book they're reading for fun (or have recently finished), as well as two quotes, what they believe the author's purpose was for writing the book, and two illustrations that demonstrate major themes or symbols in the book. Mr. Weber generously donated pumpkins for each student use for their One Pumpkin-ers, and three individuals, not from our community, donated over 100 different colored sharpies for students to use. I am so grateful for the generosity of our donors.

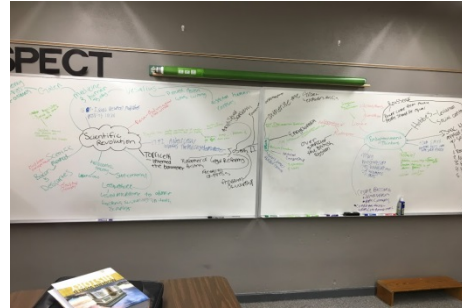
Now that Halloween is officially behind us, it seems like we're going to blink again and it'll be Christmas break. There are many exciting things in the works for English class and I cannot wait to see how much the students will grow!

On a slightly unrelated side-note: The 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing the book "Holes" after Christmas break and we would like to do this book as a community read. What this means is that if you're interested, you will receive a copy to read and be invited into the classroom throughout the novel to discuss the book with the students and work on projects relating to the book. Any adult in the community is welcome to partake (not just parents/siblings of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders). We will be sending more information out as we get closer, but if this sounds like something you would enjoy, please let me know so that I can make sure to get enough copies for everyone. The 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders have English from 2:40-3:30, so this would be the time when we would occasionally meet. By expressing interest, you aren't not locked into anything and can say "no" when the time comes. You are also not obligated to come to any activities throughout the reading period. We just love the idea of our community coming together and reading the same novel, at the same time.

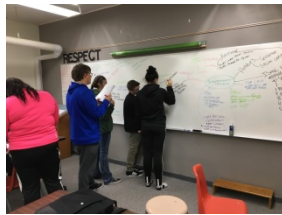


# Sophomores Showcase Standard

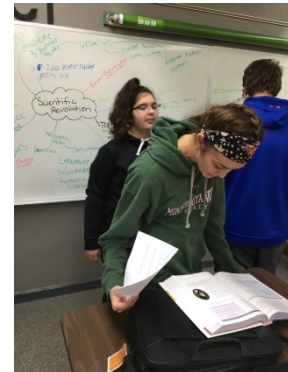
*By: Mrs. Raechel Newgard*



Sophomores just finished the standard 9-12.2.12 (Analyze the ideas, events and global impacts of the Renaissance, Reformation, Scientific Revolution, and the Enlightenment) earlier this month. In order to showcase their learning, students put together a mind map. Essentially, they drew out our learning on the board, reviewed the information, made connections, and had great discussion about the lasting effects. One of the students really enjoyed learning about the Reformation because he felt it connected to another part of his life, not just to school. Many of the students found relevance in the ideas of the



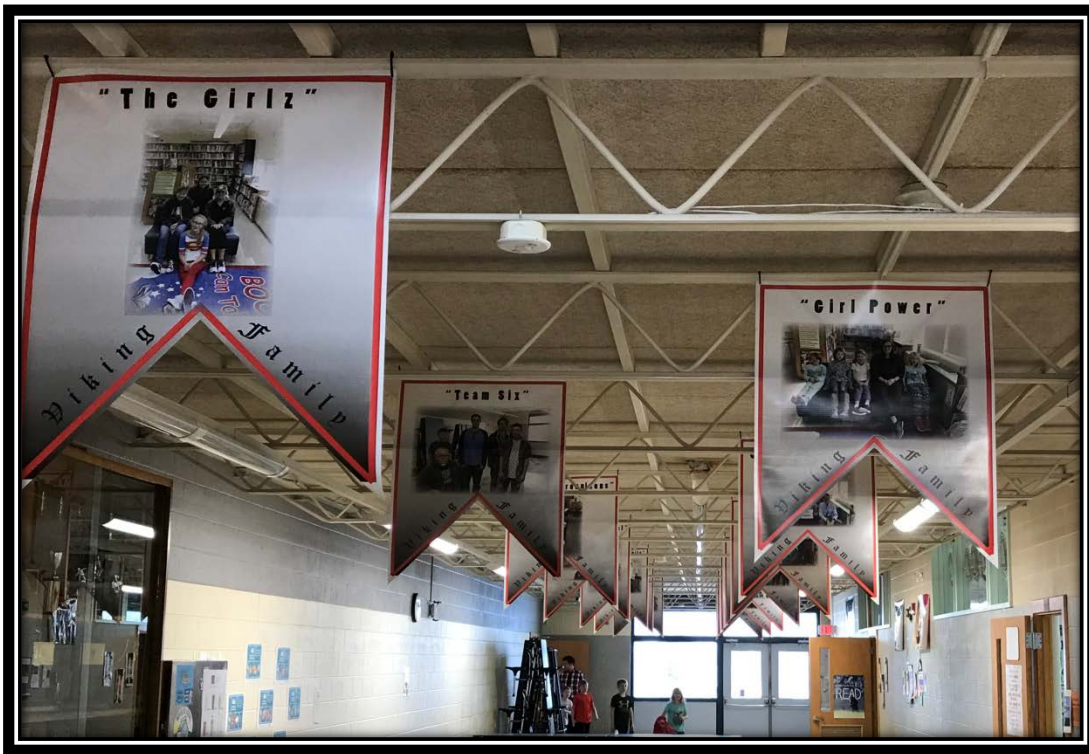
enlightenment thinkers. There was a definite connection between our government and the ideas of the enlightenment thinkers. We discussed how those ideas can still be applied to our learning today. Learning about the past can be a challenge. The sophomore class have really pushed themselves



and made world history relevant.

This month we are moving on to standard 9-12.2.15 (Analyze the global causes, course, and consequences of World War I). We start with background knowledge and build from there. Some groups of kids know a lot about events like the World Wars, while other students have very little familiarity with the topic. This is one of the reasons teaching is different every year with every group of students. Once we have established the background on the topic, we build on it. The goal at the end of the unit is to be able to *show* learning – that can be done through tests, quizzes, papers, projects, discussions, or even mind maps. Learning comes in all shapes and sizes, this is why we use so many forms of assessment.

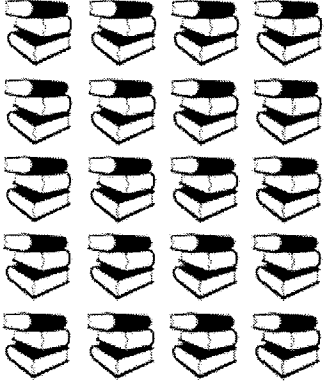






# VIKING FAMILIES

When you come into the school you will notice new décor lining the lunchroom ceiling! It is our Viking Family Banners. This is something new we have introduced this year. Each staff member has been assigned a “family of students.” We work on building one another up, supporting, and just connecting with others who we would not typically be with. We focus on setting goals that positively impact the individual, the family, and the community. The kids and staff have had a blast planning citizenship activities; we even raised \$300 for hurricane victims! It really has boosted the family atmosphere in the halls. We have also noticed a real “competitive streak” in our families in trying to outdo one another in “giving back” to the world around us.

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
		
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.</p>		
<p><b>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</b></p>		

How important is reading? Would you like to be exposed or have your child exposed to 1.8 million words a year? Common sense would say and research has found that good readers naturally spend more time in daily reading. Exposure to reading is important in developing vocabulary for fluency and comprehension.

Students who scored 90% better than their peers on reading tests, read for more than 20 minutes a day- exposing them to 1.8 million words a year.

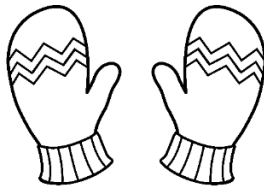
Students who scored at fifty percentile, read on average only 4.6 minutes a day- exposing them to 282,000 words per year.

Students in the ten percentile for reading, read less than 1 minute per day- exposing them to 8,000 words per year. (It would take them one year to read as many words as what a good reader would read in two days.)

**READING AT HOME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!!**

# Winter Dress Checklist

The cold temperatures are here! A little snow is here! Please help your children dress warm for school. All students should have gloves, hats, boots and snow pants to play outside and to ride the buses.





# November 2017

# Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <b>caramel rolls, fruit &amp; juice</b> vegetable & chicken rice soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce	<b>2</b> <b>yogurt, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> baked potato, chili, broccoli cheese, ham, salad, sauce & bread	<b>3</b> <b>cereal, fruit &amp; juice</b> French dip, sweet potato fries, salad & fruit	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>French toast sticks, fruit &amp; juice</b> chicken nuggets, rotini, pretzels, salad & sauce	<b>7</b> <b>HB eggs, toast, juice &amp; fruit</b> chili, caramel rolls, crackers, salad & sauce	<b>8</b> <b>oatmeal, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> mac & cheese hotdish, carrots, dinner rolls, salad & fruit	<b>9</b> <b>cereal, fruit &amp; juice</b> soft shell tacos, corn, shredded cheese & lettuce, salad, sauce & rice pudding	<b>10</b> No School	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>omelets, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> pizza, green beans, salad & sauce	<b>14</b> <b>pancakes, fruit &amp; juice</b> hot ham & cheese, roasted potatoes, salad & fruit	<b>15</b> <b>cereal, fruit &amp; juice</b> <b>Thanksgiving meal:</b> turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberries, stuffing, salad & fruit cup	<b>16</b> <b>muffins, fruit &amp; juice</b> tomato soup, grilled cheese, crackers, salad & sauce	<b>17</b> <b>yogurt, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> chicken hot dish, carrots, dinner roll, salad & fruit	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>oatmeal, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> chicken burgers, chips, beans, salad & fruit	<b>21</b> <b>cereal, fruit &amp; juice</b> taco salad, shredded lettuce & cheese, corn, salad, sauce & Spanish rice	<b>22</b> <b>omelets, toast, juice &amp; fruit</b> knoephla soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce	<b>23</b> No School	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>muffins, fruit &amp; juice</b> hot dogs, French fries, salad, beans & fruit	<b>28</b> <b>HB eggs, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> chicken noodle soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce	<b>29</b> <b>oatmeal, toast, fruit &amp; juice</b> scalloped potatoes with ham, carrots, bread, salad & sauce	<b>30</b> <b>yogurt, toast, juice &amp; fruit</b> wraps, macaroni salad, pretzels, salad & fruit		

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# Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <b>Early Out 1:30</b>  <b>Parent-Teacher</b> <b>Student Led</b> <b>Conferences</b>	<b>2</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> BBB @ Langdon vs Pembina County North 5:15	<b>3</b> Football Pep Rally @ LHS 2:05-2:35	<b>4</b> -V FB @ Velva 2:00 -5 & 6 BBB @ Starkweather Jamboree -Close-Up Fundraiser @ Double Deuce 3:00- 8:00 Pulled pork sandwiches, beans & chips \$8
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5 & 6 BBB @ Edmore vs PR 5:00  V VB Regionals @ Devils Lake	<b>7</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> BBB @ Langdon vs Walhalla 5:00 6 <sup>th</sup> BBB @ Langdon vs D/V/E 6:00 →	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> V VB Regionals @ Devils Lake  5 & 6 BBB @ Munich vs Ojibwa 5:00	<b>10</b>  <b>No</b> <b>School</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> GBB Practice Starts	<b>14</b> 5 & 6 BBB @ Starkweather vs North Star 4:30	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> V VB State @ Fargo →	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  5 & 6 BBB @ Rock Lake Jamboree
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 & 8 GBB @ Ojibwa 4:30  BBB Practice Starts	<b>28</b> C, JV & V GBB @ Langdon vs Grafton 4:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		