

## Letter from Superintendent

Greetings!! Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving and had time to reflect on all the things in life they are thankful for. As I've stated before, along with many thanks for my family, I am also very thankful for our great staff at the school, as well as, all the community support.

As we approach the winter months, I am reaching out for more parental support in regards to school attendance. I realize that there are various reasons for missing school; however, only a handful are considered "excused" in a school setting. When calling the school, please identify the reason for the absence so it can be coded appropriately. White Lake School is unfortunately in the "norm" with the State regarding school attendance since Covid came along. Here is a short excerpt of an article published by the State emphasizing school attendance:

### ***South Dakota Schools Are Facing a New Epidemic*** ***By SD Department of Education***

*Since the 2018-2019 school year, chronic absenteeism has nearly doubled in South Dakota. Research has proven that missing school increases drop-out rates, hurts student grades and can lead to juvenile delinquency. Not only does this impact a student's education, but they could miss out on lifetime earnings—making approximately \$10,000 less per year than those who receive a high school diploma. All for missing 10%, or two days a month, of school.*

On another note, it was an honor for the school to host our parents and grandparent with lunch during American Education Week. We had great participation. I would like to thank the PTC, lunchroom staff, student council, custodial staff, secretary, and everyone else that played a part in making it a successful event. It is truly awesome when the school and the community can come together and support our kids.

In closing, I hate to mention it, but winter is sure to arrive soon! With that being said, we will be using the Bright Arrow district messaging system again this year for any school related announcements. If you have recently changed your phone number or would rather receive your messages in a different way, please contact the school. Again, thank you for your continued support!

### Upcoming Events:

- |          |                                                           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 30  | Elementary Christmas Concert (7:00pm)                     |
| Dec. 15  | MS/HS Christmas Concert (7:00pm)                          |
| 19       | Semester Tests                                            |
| 20       | Semester Tests                                            |
| 20       | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (Early Dismissal-12:00pm) |
| 21-Jan 2 | NO SCHOOL                                                 |
| Jan. 3   | School Resumes                                            |



# Mrs. Moore's Preschool

## This Month's Activities

November is here and almost gone. It has brought some cold weather with it. We are getting a lot of practice zipping coats and putting on hats and gloves with assistance.

Theme Three in our curriculum was My Community. We got a big piece of white paper and created our own community and neighbor. This group really likes the hands on work that gets us out of our desks. We also talked about the different jobs that are in a community. Then to end the unit we talked about how to keep it nice by picking up litter and recycling. We added four new letters to our growing list; they were G, H, I, and J. In Math, we did some more practice with position words. We talked about distance-like with route is closer or farther to go. We also did some more work with patterns and counting to 10. I also introduced ordinal numbers. In Science, we talked about safety. We also talked about paper, cans, and plastic are things that we can recycle.

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Concert  
7 PM
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – No  
School Christmas Break



Here we are showing off our hats for the Letter Hh.

# Kindergarten November



## Save the Date!

- November 30th—  
Elementary  
Christmas Concert—7:00pm
- December 19th—  
Christmas Caroling at the Nursing Home 1pm
- December 20th—  
Christmas Party Day.
- December 20th—  
Dismissing at Noon

## Here's the Kindergarten Scoop!!

Kindergarten is really enjoying math! They have been working a lot with the teen numbers. They have been showing how to make those numbers by using a group of 10 and adding on what they need. They have still been working a lot with adding and subtracting. It didn't take them long to figure out that subtraction is not their favorite!

In Reading, we have been busy working on key details, retelling and asking and answering questions. We are currently working with a story called, Please Take Me for a Walk!. It is a fiction story about a puppy who dreams about all the things he would like to do on a walk around his neighborhood.

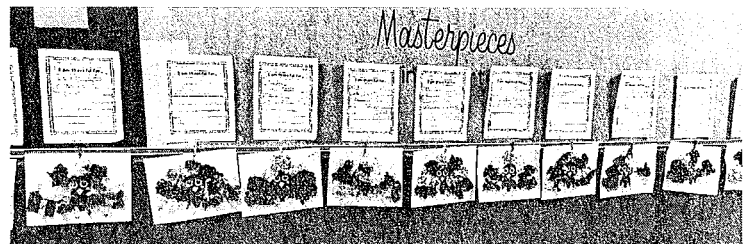
We have working A LOT with our letters lately! We have been blending them together, writing them, stretching them! Who knew you could do so many things with them! Oh yeah, we read them too!

Kindergarten has been spending their time in Social Studies learning about TONS of different things! We have been learning about the United States! We have talked about our symbols, our leaders, voting and our Veterans! We have also taken time to talk about Thanksgiving! Phew!! Busy!

We are starting a brand new unit in Science! We get to learn about animals! We are learning about what animals need to survive, what kind of body covering they have and how they grow and change!



Veteran's Day was a special day! We got the opportunity to take part in an awesome Veteran's Day program! The best part is when we got to join in and used sign language during the Pledge of Allegiance!



Kindergarten and Jr. Kindergarten are a pretty "Thankful" bunch.



David Konechne turned 6 on November 11th!



# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

### This Month's Activities

It is hard to believe that we are almost through November already! Please make sure your child is bringing appropriate attire for recess.

In Phonics, we have been working hard on learning the sounds of digraphs, such as /ch/, /th/, /sh/, and /wh/. We have also been learning when to use "ch" and when to use "-tch".

Math has us working on adding and subtracting to 20. We have also been working on comparing numbers using greater than and less than symbols. We like to remember that the "alligator" opens up for the larger number.

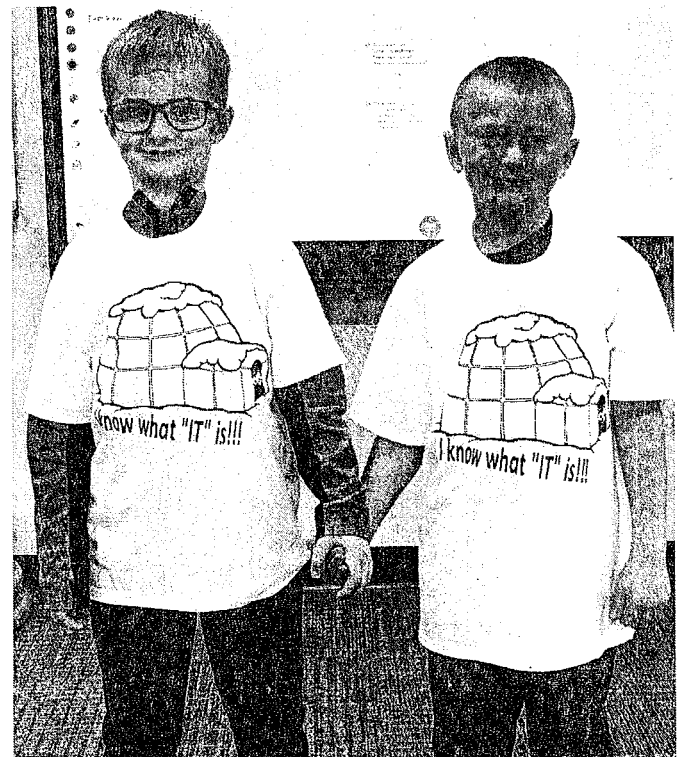
In Language, we have begun working on verbs. We finished writing our descriptive essays and will soon start working on our non-fiction animal stories.

In Social Studies, we finished a unit on how the United States became a country. We discussed the many different symbols and landmarks our country has. We have talked about how we show respect to our flag by saying the Pledge each morning and learning how to say the Pledge in sign language.

In Science, we are beginning a unit on animal traits. We will be looking at many animals and their offspring to recognize the traits that are similar and different.

We did not celebrate any birthdays in November and will not have any to celebrate in December.

- ✚ Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- ✚ Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>: Elementary Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- ✚ Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Early Dismissal
- ✚ Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>- Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Winter Break



Congratulations to Anton and Weston for winning VoWac's "It is in the igloo" contest!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

It is hard to believe we are nearing on half of the school year being complete!

In math, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders continue to add new skills- fractions are the current topic and a LOT of knowledge of fractions is needed to be successful on the Smarter Balance test in the spring! 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will start learning to subtract up to 1,000. Working at home with your child on flash cards to increase their knowledge and fluency of the basic subtraction facts will help! The basic facts are something they will *need* to know.

In English, we finished our study of nouns have moved on to verbs. In social studies, we will soon begin a chapter on the differences in cultures in our own country. We have just finished up part of a science unit on plants- we will continue the unit later in the spring to plant seeds in some different environments using different variables.

In reading we continue to learn and apply reading skills. We just learned about nonfiction text and graphic features by exploring through nonfiction books.

In November, we enjoyed writing notes to our local veterans for Veterans Day.

Every year the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive student dictionaries from the Legion Auxiliary. They were treated to a presentation about their dictionaries and have loved using them since then!



Nov. Birthdays: Lewis Suelflow, Dempsey Gillen

Dates to remember: Nov. 30- Elementary Concert

Dec. 20- Dismiss @ noon

Dec. 21- Jan 2- No School; Christmas break

## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

We are in the season of holidays right now and it's crazy think to think that we are a month away from the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. I guess the saying "Time flies when you are having fun" does apply here! The students have been working hard these past few months and as Thanksgiving passes and Christmas draws near, as well as the winter, it is important to make sure your students are dressed appropriately for our "wonderful" South Dakota weather, whether it is coats, hats, sweatshirts, and gloves.

In math, both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing to strengthen their math skills and applying new concepts to their knowledge. 4th graders are improving upon their multiplication and division facts as well as learning about rounding, finding missing factors, working with two-digit numbers, and relating fractions and decimals. 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about types of triangles, comparing fractions, short division, quadrilaterals, and measuring lengths.

In English, we have been working on different types of nouns and verbs (plural, singular, irregular, word endings, and past/present/future), as well as different kinds of prefixes and suffixes. Students have been doing a nice job with their spelling words so keep practicing with them!

Our last science units have gone over the water cycle, weather, food chains, and ecosystems, with an upcoming one about space. Social studies has seen us go through different regions of the United States and learning about the history and unique things each region has.

Here's to a strong finish towards our first semester in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

December 2023 Activities for White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 GBB vs. Hanson at Alexandria	2 KWLPG Wrestling Tournament at Kimball — 10 AM
3	4 GBB vs. Jones County at Murdo	5 BBB vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton at WL	6	7 BBB vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton at WL	8 GBB at Burke	9 Wrestling Invite at Faulkton — 10 AM
10	11 BBB vs. Freeman at White Lake	12 GBB at Platte	13	14 BB Doubleheader vs. Mitchell Christian at Kimball — 4 pm Wrestling Triangular at Parkston-5:30 pm	15 6-12 Christmas Concert — 7 pm	16 Titan Wrestling Invite at Plankinton — 9:30 AM
17	18 BBB vs. Hanson at Corn Palace	19 BB Doubleheader vs. Chamberlain at Kimball — 4 pm Semester Tests	20 End of Semester Semester Tests Start of Christmas Vacation	21 No School — Christmas Vacation Madison Meier's Senior Project (Blood Drive) in the gym	22 No School — Christmas Vacation	23
24	25 Merry Christmas!!	26 No School — Christmas Vacation	27 No School — Christmas Vacation	28 No School — Christmas Vacation	29 No School — Christmas Vacation	30 MCM Wrestling Tournament at Salem- 9 AM
31						

# January 2024 Activities—White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School—Happy New Year!!!	2 No School—Christmas Vacation	3 School Resumes Start of 2nd Semester	4 GBB at Colome	5 Mid Dakota Monster Wrestling Tournament at Presho	6 Mid Dakota Monster Wrestling Tournament at Presho continues  GBB Sacred Hoops Classic
7	8 BBB at Platte	9 BB Doubleheader at Kimball vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket- 4 pm	10	11 GBB vs. Gregory at WL  Wrestling Quad at Wess Springs—5 pm	12 BBB vs. Corsica/ Stickney at Corsica	13 BBB at Avon—4 pm  TriValley Wrestling Tournament at Colton- 9:30 AM
14	15 No School— Martin Luther King Day	16 GBB at Emery  Wrestling Quad at WL—5 pm	17	18 BBB at Gregory	19 GBB vs. Mt. Vernon/ Plankinton at WL—4 pm  Wrestling Triangular at Winner—4 pm	20
21	22	23 BB Doubleheader at Kimball vs. Bon Homme—4 pm	24	25	26 BBB at Wolsey	27 GBB at Avon—2 pm  Wagner Wrestling Invitational at Wagner —10:00 AM
28	29	30 GBB at Wolsey  BBB vs. Colome at WL	31			



# December 2023 Menu—White Lake School

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Milk and Salad Bar is served with each lunch.  Milk is served with each breakfast.  Menu is subject to change due to unavailability of some products.					Cereal, Muffins, Pears  Pizza Burgers, Baked Beans, Peaches	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Cereal Bar, Orange Juice, Apples  Spaghetti, Breadstick, Carrots, Peaches	Biscuits and Gravy, Oranges  Chicken A La King over Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pineapple, Dinner Roll	Pancake on a Stick, Applesauce  Mr. Ribb Sandwiches, Corn, Apples	Bacon, Egg and Cheese Muffins, Toast, Bananas  Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pineapple	Mini Waffles, Pears, Orange Juice  Tomato Soup or Cheese-burger Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Oranges		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Combread, Apples  Meatball Sub, Peas, Pears	Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich, Applesauce  Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Dinner Roll	Yogurt, Cinnamon Toast, Yogurt, Strawberries or Blueberries  Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Strawberry Cup, Dinner Roll	Pop Tarts, Orange Juice, Oranges  Hamburgers, Sweet Potato Fries, Oranges	Pancakes, Orange Juice, Bananas  Tater Tot Hot Dish, Green Beans, Peaches		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	Coffee Cake, Pears, Orange Juice  Tacos, Corn, Applesauce	Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Peaches  Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Pineapple	Long Johns, Variety of Fruit  Pizza, Green Beans, Variety of Fruit	No School – Christmas Vacation  <b>ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY</b>	No School – Christmas Vacation  <b>YOUR BREAK!!</b>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	No School – MERRY CHRISTMAS	No School – Christmas Vacation	No School – Christmas Vacation	No School – Christmas Vacation	No School – Christmas Vacation		



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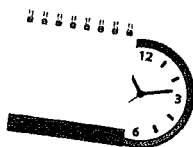
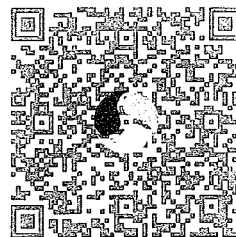
## MADISON MEIER BLOOD DRIVE

White Lake High School

Thursday, December 21

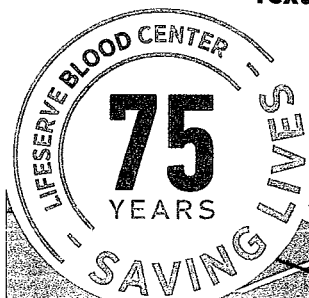
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

White Lake High School  
Gymnasium  
410 E. 4th Street



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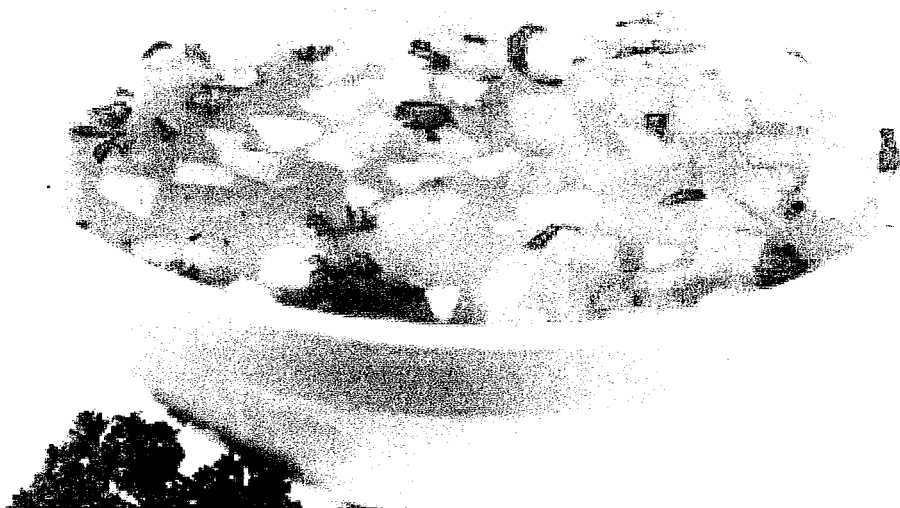
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January 19, 2024



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## Requirements

- Be age 18 or older at time of travel
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- Have a demonstrated interest in science, with the intent of pursuing an advanced degree in a math, science, engineering or technology field

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## WHAT IS HOBY?

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Since 1958, our mission has been to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.



### State Leadership Seminars

Our flagship program welcomes school and community nominated student ambassadors to 3-4 day seminars each spring and summer. Students explore their personal leadership skills and values, and practice those skills while collaborating with diverse groups. They then leverage their new abilities as they apply the value of service leadership to make a positive impact in their communities.



### World Leadership Congress (WLC)

Each summer, the WLC hosts student ambassadors representing all 50 states and 15+ countries in a major U.S. city. This week-long, immersive leadership experience challenges students to think critically, communicate effectively, and act with integrity. The WLC leaves students with a robust global network and the tools to change the world around them.



### Community Leadership Workshops (CLEW)

Community Leadership Workshops are developed by volunteers across the U.S. for 9th grade students as an introduction to leadership education. These one-day workshops jumpstart students' leadership journeys and connect them to peers in their communities.



## LEADERSHIP FOR SERVICE



HOBY Alumni rise to the challenge of serving **100 hours of community service** in the year following their seminar.

Since 1998, HOBY Alumni have contributed over **5,000,000 community service hours**.

These service hours resulted in **\$149,483,504 in economic impact** benefiting our communities.

**HOBY is worldwide! With Alumni and Volunteers from 30+ countries, the HOBY network is vast and ever growing.**

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**86%**

In a pre-seminar survey, just 54% of students agreed that they know how to **create positive change** in their community. By the end of the seminar, that percentage increased to 86%.

**93%**

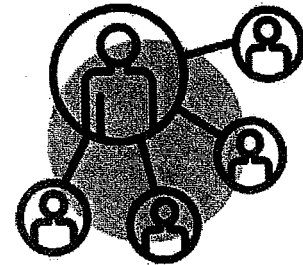
In a pre-seminar survey, just 58% of students agreed that they could identify their own **leadership values**. By the end of the seminar, that percentage increased to 93%.

**95%**

In a pre-seminar survey, just 79% of students agreed that as leaders, they can work with others to identify a **common purpose**. By the end of the seminar, that percentage increased to 95%.

# LEADERS

# HERE



Belonging

Fulfilling

Welcoming

Groundbreaking

Life-changing

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Educational

Eye-opening

Foundational

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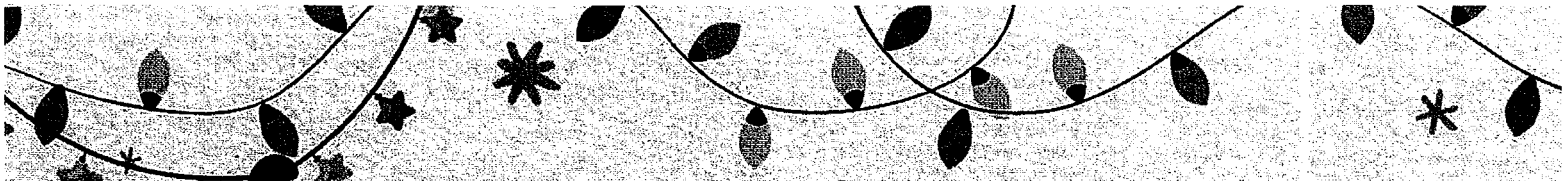
## At HOBY, I discovered...

“...I have the capability to understand myself and others in an entirely different way than I did before.”

“...I can be myself AND be a leader.”

“...I have the power within me to make an impact in my community even though I am just a teenager. I'm so much more than a kid. I can make a difference if I dedicate myself to what I truly believe in.”





WHITE LAKE

# Parade of Lights

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 2ND**

**5-7:00PM**

**DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS  
SOUP SUPPER**

*\*White Lake Senior Center\**

**6:30PM**

**LINE UP STARTS**

*\*White Lake Water Tower\**

**7:30PM**

**PARADE BEGINS**

**City Council serving cocoa  
and cookies following the  
parade**

*\*White Lake Fire Hall\**

*To get signed up*

*Reach out to*

*Kim Ehlers*

*(605-201-0470)*



## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT!!

The City of White Lake would like to invite anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard for the 2024 season to contact the Finance Office for an application.

This may seem early, but if you are not a certified lifeguard you need to plan now to take training to become certified. Many recreation facilities offer training only in December and January.

The City of White Lake will pay for your certification if you work the season for us.

Minimum age requirement to take training is 15.

This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a part time summer job.

Barb Simpson, Finance Officer  
City of White Lake  
PO BOX 37  
White Lake, SD 57383



## KWLPG Wrestling 2023-2024 updated

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Dec. 2	KWLPG Toruney	Kimball	10:00am
Dec. 9	Faulkton Invite	Faulkton	10:00am
Dec. 14	Triangular (Parkston, Burke-Gregory)	Gregory	5:30pm
Dec. 16	Titan Invite	Plankinton	9:30am
Dec. 30	McCook Central Tourney	Salem	9:00am
Jan. 5-6	Mid Dakota Monster	Presho	11:00am
Jan. 11	Quad(Wess. Springs, W-NW, Howard)	Wessington Springs	5:00pm
Jan. 13	Tri-Valley Tourney	Colton	TBA
Jan. 16	Quad(Wagner, MC-M, Redfield)	White Lake	5:00pm
Jan. 19	Triangular (Winner, Philip)	Winner	4:00pm
Jan.25	Quad (KWLPG, Chamberlain, SBA, Ipswich)	SBA	6:00 PM
Jan. 27	Wagner Invite	Wagner	10:00am
Feb. 1	Quad(M-H-H, W-W, Redfield)	Platte	5:30pm
Feb. 3	Big Dakota Conference	Ft. Pierre	TBA
Feb. 10	State Duals	Watertown	TBA
Feb. 17	Region 3B	Parkston	10:00am
Feb. 22-24	STATE	Sioux Falls	TBA

# School Newsletter

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