

Regular Schedule

Happening NOW

- Track and Field:** Legion Relays 1 p.m. today in Pierre
- Boys Tennis:** Varsity and JV 4 p.m. today at Watertown High School
- Baseball:** Varsity vs. Watertown 5:30 p.m. today at Harmodon Field 3; JV vs. Yankton 5:30 p.m. today at Harmodon Field 4; freshmen/sophomores vs. Roosevelt 1 p.m. Saturday at Harmodon Field 4
- Grand March:** 8 p.m. Saturday in auditorium
- Senior Prom:** 9 p.m.-midnight Saturday in commons

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, corn
- À la carte lines:** Cheese pizza, bean and cheese burrito, chef salad, sandwiches

Group Meetings

- SMASH Book Club:** Will meet to discuss "The Shinning" fourth period and "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" fifth period today in the library.
- WHS Athletes:** Should plan to attend a student/parent meeting about summer training at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the gym.

Senior Reminders

- Buy:** Prom tickets during lunch periods today in the commons for \$15. Price increases to \$25 at door.
- Sign-Up:** For the year-end party now—follow "Senior Class Party" link at WHSBooster.com.

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Senior Prom like a trip to the circus this Saturday

'Under the Big Top' theme of this year's dance

By Addison Sannes and Taylor Nase

The WHS commons will be like a circus this Saturday as the annual Senior Prom will take place from 9 p.m.-midnight.

Advance tickets have been sold in the commons all week and will continue to be sold today for \$15. The price will increase to \$25 at the door Saturday.

This year's theme is "Under the Big Top."

Faculty adviser Jamie Van Sloten is excited for the circus-like theme.

"The highlight of this year's dance will be the cotton candy," she predicted.

Seniors will need their WHS ID to purchase a ticket and enter the dance. Outside dates need to be

singed-up in advance at the ticket table by today, and need their school's or a state issued ID to enter.

Senior Erin Thompson is a part of the Prom Committee and has been working hard to make this dance come together.

"We've all been working really hard for the past couple of months planning and getting everything ready for the big night," Thompson enthused. "I'm excited to see how everything comes together and I hope everyone has an awesome time."

A professional photographer will also take pictures of seniors and their dates for \$1 a person or a flat rate of \$10 in a large group of 10 or more with fun props to make the photos more interesting.

Seniors first show off at annual Grand March

By Nora VanAartsen and Thayer Smith

The annual Prom Grand March, a fundraiser for the senior class party, will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday in the WHS auditorium.

The Grand March is an event designed to give friends and family the opportunity to see all of the couples walk across the stage and pose for photos in their prom attire. This year's theme is "A Walk of Fame."

Seniors and their dates who participate do not need to purchase a ticket. Admission for all others is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at lunch today or at the door on Saturday. Doors will open to the public at 7 p.m.

"It's a great chance to show off your date, yourself, and your best smile," parent organizer Noreen Feterl said.



College fair part of career day activities Thursday

Photo by Carter Keller
 Junior Isaiah Vinson speaks with Madeleine Ellis, assistant director of admissions from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, at the post-graduation fair held Thursday in the WHS gym. The fair was part of career day activities that included field trips to the Career and Technical Education Academy and Southeast Technical Institute Thursday.



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JROTC celebrates 100 years with flag ceremony

By Peyton Stenzel

This year marks the 100th anniversary of JROTC in the U.S.

To commemorate, WHS cadets will be performing a flag retirement ceremony at 3:15 p.m. today on the football practice field. All Warriors are welcome to attend the ceremony.

To increase all Warriors' knowledge of the U.S. flag, trivia was published in the student announcements this week. When Congress

passed the National Defense Act of 1916, it authorized the Army to loan federal military equipment to high schools and assign military personnel as instructors.

Instructor Rob Burmeister is looking forward to today's event.

"When the U.S. flag becomes worn or torn, it should be 'retired' with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag," Burmeister said.

Girls golf team takes second at Yankton Quad

By Tyler Olmstead

Varsity girls golf team members took second in a quadrangular meet at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course Thursday.

Yankton put four golfers at 92 strokes or better in the meet, leading them to victory. Yankton finished first with a team score of 354, followed by WHS with 403. Harrisburg shot a 415 and Mitchell a 443.

Sophomore Erin Zahn led WHS with an individ-

ual round of 94 for sixth place overall. Senior Kelsie Massman took eighth with a score of 100.

In JV action, Yankton again took first place with a team score of 191. WHS took second with a score of 230, with Harrisburg on their heels at 234 and Mitchell shortly behind at 239. Sophomore Lucy Stverak led WHS with 107.

The varsity will next compete Monday at Wil-low Run.

Left brain stands guard away from home

Science News (TNS)

Away from home, people sleep with one ear open.

In unfamiliar surroundings, part of the left hemisphere keeps watch while the rest of the brain is deeply asleep, scientists report in the April 21 issue of *Current Biology*. The results help explain why the first night in a hotel isn't always restful.

Some aquatic mammals and birds sleep with half a brain at a time, a trick called unihemispheric sleep. Scientists have believed that humans, however, did not show any such asymmetry in their slumber.

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Study coauthor Yuka Sasaki of Brown University in Providence, R.I., and colleagues looked for signs of asymmetry on the first night that young, healthy people came into their sleep lab. Usually, scientists toss the data from the inaugural night because the sleep is so disturbed, Sasaki says. But she and her team thought that some interesting sleep patterns might lurk within that fitful sleep. "It was a little bit of a crazy hunch," she says, "but we did it anyway."

During a deep sleep stage known as slow-wave sleep, a network of nerve cells in the left side of the brain showed less sleep-related activity than the corresponding network on the right side. Those results suggest that the left side of the brain is a lighter sleeper. "It looked like the left hemisphere and the right hemisphere did not show the same degree of sleep," Sasaki says. This imbalance disappeared on the second night of sleep.

Because the experiment tested only the first slow-wave sleep session of the nights, the scientists don't know whether the left hemisphere keeps watch all night long. Further experiments are needed to see if the right side ever takes a turn, Sasaki says.

Reality of being a senior sets in for class of 2016

With prom approaching as one of the many end-of-the-year hoo-rahs signifying that you are a senior, I have stopped to think back to when I was a freshman this week.

I remember being 14 and being excited to finally partake in the student sections and attend the school dances

like it was yesterday. High school student sections have come and gone, and as the last dance sneaks up on us this weekend, I am feeling senti-

mental about the last events and days I will spend at WHS.

One of the things I recall most about being a freshman is the senior class and how I looked up to them. My older brother was a senior that year, and looking back I

remember the seniors being so grown up and put together. Watching the older boys partake in Mr. WHS and hearing them talk about their future plans, they seemed to have it all figured out.

They were leaving for college next year and they seemed so old, mature and ready in my eyes.

But being a senior myself this year, I now realize how wrong I was about it all. Seniors aren't that much older. We don't have it all put together, and most everyone is scared for the future, no matter their age.

Even though we have to make grown-up decisions now, it doesn't mean we are ready to make them. Leaving the comfort of my friends, family and home is not something I am excited to do in the near future.

Seniors, enjoy your last few moments here at the top of WHS, because soon you will face new challenges of the real world, whether you are ready for them or not.

Senior Maddie Wiley is going to be lost without her mom.



Hear me...



Maddie Wiley



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