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HOMECOMING WEEK WRAPS UP

by Jaxon Koch

The Monday Homecoming game was scooter races. All the classes 7-12 faced each other with 3 rounds. In the first round, when all classes faced off, the junior class took the win, seniors came in second, and the freshmen held third place. The second round featured the juniors, seniors, and freshmen and the juniors took first once again in round two and the seniors came in second. The freshmen fell way behind in the last stretch and were eliminated. The final round matched the last two classes remaining: the juniors and seniors. This round was close with both classes neck and neck, but the juniors faltered on the second partner race and fell far enough behind that they were unable to come back.

Tuesday—Volleyball, teachers vs. royalty. The royalty got off to a good start by scoring 2 points on the teachers.

Coronation

Monday, September 14, the new King and Queen of Homecoming were crowned in a ceremony held in the football stadium to encourage social distancing. Following the introduction of the fall sports teams, Nick Hohn and Jo Boettcher were crowned.



Nick Hohn and Jo Boettcher were crowned Homecoming King and Queen in an outdoor Coronation. Attendants were (from back left): Elly Hohn, Tiah Holzbauer, CC Neugebauer, Kade Bialas, Logan Heidinger, and Landon Sudbeck.

Then the teachers started to pick things up and scored a couple of points for themselves. The game was quite close for a while but the royalty pulled the game out of reach and won the game for day two.

Wednesday--Musical chairs and three partner races.

The three partner races featured all classes 7-12. Blowing off the cups with the balloon was hard for some classes, but the seniors were slowly finding a way to cheat by pushing the cups off themselves. Other classes were catching on and were doing it as well. The knocking of the water bottles and the ping pong shaking was done pretty quickly, but for the third day in a row the seniors came



out on top and won the first game of the day. *Maggie and Baylee fight it out over the last chair in the newest contact sport: Musical Chairs!*

Musical chairs was the next event on day three and was the most competitive and physical of the first three days. People were getting out one by one shoving each other off and pulling the chairs from underneath others. The final two came down to a close match up with a tug of war with the chair. After a long fight the junior class had won.

Thursday-Day four of games was quidditch. The

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game had started out slowly without much scoring. Then the blue team picked things up by scoring a couple points. There was some good passing all around, and some free shots were in there as well which boosted the score. The game was pretty close until it came down to the final game winning point when both teams started to get physical. Pushing and wrestling for the ball became the big thing. Finally the blue team got in range and threw the ball through the hoop to win the game.

Friday-Day five and the final day for all the games. One of the first games was the hotdog-eating contest. The hotdog-eating contest was quite fast paced with all the classes involved with each class having two people. The contest was going for some while, with people eating multiple hotdogs. The seniors of course were cheating by hiding away some of the hotdogs. The junior class called them out on it and that's when the contest was no longer a contest, because no class really won. Each class took

some hotdogs and the contest ended there. The next game was relay races. Each class participated in this as well, with each team having five members.



The race had three stations on a 100yd field. The race was quick with the seniors coming in at first and the freshmen in second and the juniors coming in at third. The next game was dodge ball. The first round was the freshman boys and the junior boys. The juniors took that round by a pretty big margin. The next round was the junior girls vs. the sophomore girls, who had taken the win on round two. The next round was the senior boys vs. the 8th grade boys. That round concluded with the seniors taking the win. The rest of the day was other mini games and ended with the parade and football game.



A collection of Photos from Homecoming week. Smiles, crazy races, and strangely enough-chickens-figured big in this year's festivities.



New music, English/Spanish, Business teachers PHS

by Gordon Seppala

This year we got four new teachers here at Parkston High School. Ms. Teel is the new English teacher who also teaches Spanish I and Spanish II. We also have a new choir teacher, Mr. Chohon, and band teacher, Mr. Campbell. The fourth new staff member teaches business and is also a new football coach--Mr. Smith.

Ms. April Teel grew up in Stickney, South Dakota, and attended Stickney schools. She attended Dakota Wesleyan University to major in English Education with a minor in Spanish. She taught at Sunshine Bible for seven years before going to L.B Williams Elementary school where she taught for one year. She likes to read books and watch black and white movies in her free time. She also likes to spend time with her family.

Mr. Hayes Chohon grew up in Ainsworth, Nebraska. He went to Black Hills State University and majored in musical education. In his free time Mr. Chohon likes to go golfing with friends and family. He also likes to watch sports at home when he isn't busy. He also likes to go fishing with friends and family. This is his first job at Parkston

High School where he teaches vocal music.

Mr. Trenor Campbell grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He went to Augustana State University and has a major in musical education. In his free time Mr. Campbell likes to golf with friends and he enjoys watching all sports. He likes to play video games with friends. His first teaching job is here at Parkston High School for band.

Mr. Peyton Smith grew up in Alexandria, South Dakota, and attended Hanson



Ms. Teel at her desk while she is working out strategies for in-person and distance learning.

schools. He went to the University of South Dakota and earned a bachelor in Business and a masters in sports management. He was a full time substitute teacher at Sioux Falls Roosevelt for three years before coming to Parkston High School and becoming an assistant coach. He is also the new business teacher. In his free time he likes to go to his cabin by the lake and watch sports. He plays baseball for the Alexandria Angels during the summer. He also likes to do fantasy football with friends and family.



Mr. Chohon and Mr. Campbell at work in the Music office. Below: Mr. Smith at a meeting.



Mask Fatigue?

When you feel irritated by the need to wear a mask, remember, we are all just trying to keep each other healthy and in school. We aren't the only ones challenged:

- A wildland firefighter carries a 45 pound pack as he or she works on the fireline, often for 12 hours straight
- A nurse in a covid ward wears a gown, eye protection (goggles or face shield), N95 face mask, or respirator for an entire 8+ hour shift.
- A soldier has to be able to carry up to 100 pounds in ammo, rations, and water as well as other gear.

If you get stressed, spend time remembering that there are still some really great things to enjoy in our world. Go for a walk. Watch something that makes you laugh deep and long. Get silly with your friends (but stay safe). You can still make memories--even while wearing masks! And if you have family or friends fighting fires, working in health care, or serving in the armed forces--tell them how much we appreciate what they do!

SPORTS

Volleyball team steps out with strong first half of season

by Emma Scharber

This year's volleyball season has started off great. So far Parkston has played 10 games, winning seven of them and losing three. The first game this season was in Mount Vernon/Plankinton on August 25. This game was won by Parkston with scores of 25-23 in the first game, 25-20 in the second game, and 25-21 in the last game.

The second game this season was also won by Parkston. The team played Tripp-Delmont/Armour on August 27, with the scores being 17-25 in the first game, 21-25 in the second game, 25-21 in the third game, and 21-25 in the fourth game. Parkston's third game was also a win. This game was played on August 29 against Arlington with the scores being 13-25 in the first game, 27-25 in the second game, 25-23 in the third game, 14-25 in the fourth game, and 15-7 in the fifth game. Unfortunately the fourth game this year was lost. This game was against Avon and was on September 1 with the scores being 24-26 in the first game, 25-22 in the second game, 25-16 in the third game, 27-29 in the fourth game, and 2-15 in the fifth game.

The fifth game this year was a win and was played against Hanson on September 3. The scores for this game were 12-25 in the first game, 10-25 in the second game, and 23-25 in the third game. The sixth game this year was also a win against Andes Central/Dakota Christian played on September 8. The scores for this game were 25-20 in the first game, 25-17 in the second game, and 25-16 in the third game.

September 10, the seventh game was played to another win against Chamberlain, and the scores for this game were 24-26 in the first game, 13-25 in the second game, and 18-25 in the third game.

The eighth game played this year was unfortunately lost and was played against Corsica-Stickney on September 15. The scores for this game were 25-23 in the first game, 24-26 in the second game, 19-25 in the third game, 25-17 in the fourth game, and 11-15 in the fifth

game. The ninth game this year was another win. Played against Lennox with the scores being 25-21 in the first game, 21-25 in the second game, 20-25 in the third game, 25-18 in the fourth game, and 11-15 in the fifth game. The tenth game this year was another unfortunate loss.

This game was played against Tea Area with the scores being 20-25 in the first game, 13-25 in the second game, and 22-25 in the third game.



September 11, the girls took on Avon in a tough match.



Faith Oakley returns a volley against Avon.

Golf season approaches end

by Carter Kalda

Parkston started the golf year with qualifying rounds, which allowed each individual to earn their spot on the team. After roughly three days, the team had their rankings set with Payton Koehn starting as the number one golfer, followed by Quinn Bormann, Matt Ehler, John Akre, Jaxson Scheetz and Spencer Albrecht. The Parkston varsity golf team practices mostly in Mitchell, at Lakeview Golf Course. The JV usually practices in Parkston.

Parkston traveled to the Rocky Run Golf Course in Dell Rapids where they took on several tough teams including Vermillion and Tea Area. Parkston placed 6th with a team score of 342—only 21 strokes behind the champion team of Vermillion. As for the individuals, Quinn Bormann came in 8th shooting 36 and 43, for a final score of 79. Payton Koehn followed with a score of 83. Matt Ehler and Jon Akre both posted 90's for the 342 team score. The two scores that were not counted were a 105 from Jaxson Scheetz and a 117 from Spencer Albrecht.

Parkston then traveled to the Charger Invite where they faced some of the same teams with some exceptions including Lennox. Parkston placed 12th shooting a 372. Payton Koehn came in 10th shooting an 80. Quinn Bormann followed up with an 85 and Jon Akre, a 103. Finally, Jaxson Scheetz shot a 104 and Spencer Albrecht's final score was 114. Lennox won the tournament shooting a 323.

Parkston heads to Mitchell on Monday, September 28th, for the regional golf tournament where they will compete for a chance to head to state. Parkston must be one of the top two teams in order to head to state. High School State Golf is a two day tournament that will take place in Hot Springs, South Dakota.



Quinn Bormann and Payton Koehn on the green. Below: Matt Ehler takes a practice shot.



Above: The team warms up with practice strokes. Left: Jon Akre watches the ball after he taps it on the green.



Football season looking great!

by Chase Heisinger

September 11, 2020, Parkston's football rival, Bon Homme, came onto their home turf for another rivalry game between the two teams. In this game, Cole Prunty ran a 99.5 yard touchdown in the first quarter to set the pace for the rest of the game. After a back and forth fight for all four quarters, Parkston came out on top winning the game 32-27 in a hard-fought victory.

The previous week they traveled to KWL and battled through four quarters to win the game 32-18. Cole Prunty had 3-5, 26 yds, 0 tds with 20 car, 199 yds, 2 tds. Brayden Jervik 1 rec, 34 yds, 0 tds. Max Scott led the team in tackles with 7.5tkls with Ethan Poore in second with 7tkls.

Their first game of the 2020 season was against Wolsey Wessington and they, unfortunately, lost that game 34-19 with a hard fight throughout the entire game.

In the Homecoming game, Parkston played TDA AC/DC in a great game for the Trojans. The Trojans battled their way through the game and came out victorious in a 27-8 game outcome. Cole Prunty was 6-9, 62 yds, 3 tds with 14 carries for 206 yds, 1 td. Max Scott with 4 rec, 46 yds, 2 tds.

The Trojans are on a roll this year with a three game win streak. They are better than they have been in the past few years, which means they have a shot at going to state and winning Parkston a title.

Friday, September 25, the Trojans faced off against the Gregore Gorillas. The Trojans won a hard fought victory of 20-14. This was a huge victory for Parkston because it is the first time that Gregory has lost on their home field since 2015.



The Trojans celebrate a touchdown just inches into the endzone during.



The boys team just seconds after the beginning of the race.

Cross Country runners keep up the pace throughout season

by Noah Mahoney

September 24 and 25, the Varsity Cross Country team traveled to Rapid City for the Rapid City XC Invitational. They left on Thursday, September 24, at noon then when they got to Rapid they had a practice. After the practice the team went to Coach Whitesell's parents house for supper. On Friday September 25, they ran the meet at Heart Ranch.

The results were: Varsity girls- Lindsey Roth 4th; Varsity Boys- Evan Bartelt 28th; JV Girls- Leah Klock 4th, Taryn Lentsch 31st, Paige Kabeiseman 36th, Kayleigh Royston 37th; JV Boys- David Brock 5th, Gage Hohn 10th, Kory Storm 11th, Parker Hanselman 19th, Noah Mahoney 38th.



Noah Mahoney during the race near Rapid City.

Cross Country Photos courtesy of Kurt Whitesell