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Letter from the editors,

Welcome back to the new school year! New year, means new journalism staff with fresh ideas. We bring you the first edition of the Gehlen-Aire. The journalism team has been working hard so far to bring to you the biggest stories and highlights from first quarter. Sit back, relax, and read about the accomplishments and events this year.

May God’s Light Shine Radiantly Within You

By: Mrs. Schilling

The sweet sound of voices singing this year’s Gospel theme song, “We Belong to You,” by Trevor Thomson, has probably filled you with joy if you’ve been in attendance at one of this year’s school masses.

The song simply states the basis of the 2019-2020 Gospel Value Theme, “We Belong to You.”

This year’s Gospel Value Theme is based on the scripture passage in the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians which says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price.



Therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Students and staff will focus on respect of self, others, and property this year. They will deepen their understanding of why respect is rooted in our values as Christians.

Throughout the school year, students and staff will study each part of the scripture further. The beginning of the school year until November 30, end of Ordinary Time, the focus will be on the passage, “Do you not know that your body is a

temple of the Holy Spirit within you.” During this time, students and staff have focused on the meaning of “temple,” and what it means to be a temple of the Holy Spirit. During the second part of the year, from Advent until mid-February the phrase, “you are not your own...” will be the focus. During that time, students and staff will concentrate on sacrifice through service. Lastly, during the

time between Lent and Easter, the focal point will be on the phrase, “For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.” Students will gain an understanding of what it means to be purchased at a price and how the ultimate sacrifice by Jesus can be experienced through the Eucharist. Each year the student body has the opportunity to live and breathe the words of the Gospel. We are blessed to be part of Gehlen Catholic School.

Student Life

The One Where It Was Homecoming

By: Bergen Vacura

Homecoming 2019 was definitely one to remember. Monday, October 14, was Day 1: Retro Jersey Day. People were all dressed in different team jerseys. We had some old Gehlen uniforms, some NBA jerseys, and even an appearance from Jackie Moon himself! It was a great way to start off a great week.



The seniors pose for retro athlete day!

Tuesday, October 15, was Day 2: New York Fashion day. People showed off their fashion and wore their best New York clothes. There were a lot of girls in dresses and guys wearing nice clothes. Paparazzi was crazy with all the teachers taking pictures of everyone.



Day 3 was Crazy Sock Day. We couldn't go all out because we had mass so we had to be dressed up nice.

Class periods were very short because other than mass we had a 2 hour early out. All kinds of socks were displayed, some examples were Traegen Kramer showing off his Superman socks, which had capes, Allison Ruden's had a fish bowl and a cat trying to climb in, and Sydney Logan was wearing her avocado socks.

Thursday, Day 4, was holiday themed. Each grade got a theme. JH: Easter, Freshman: Thanksgiving, Sophomores: 4th of July, Juniors: Christmas, Seniors: Labor Day, Teachers: Valentine's Day. Teachers were supposed to do President's Day but Mr. Alesch tricked all the students and emailed the teachers telling them to do Valentine's Day. Seniors were supposed to dress up as their dream jobs, and a lot of people wanted to be PE teachers.

Friday was the biggest day out of them all. The theme was Spirit Day which it is every year. The day started off with going to Jay Olympics, where the cheerleaders took charge. The Royalty went to visit the residents at Good Samaritan

and then to visit the children at Guardian Angel. After all those activities were over, the Royalty got ready for coronation. The King Candidates this year were: Jacob Nemmers, Ethan Peters, Micheal Kirby, Caleb Gerloff, and Anthony Vera. The Queen Candidates were: Chloe Bunkers, Valeria Uribe, Kennedy Ruhland, Sydney Logan, and Sydney Livermore. The Emcees were Josie Kolbeck and Bergen Vacura. The Crown Bearers were John Scheitler and Hadley Ellensohn.

The Royalty played "Who Gets The Crown?" In the end, Ethan Peters and Sydney Logan were crowned King and Queen of 2019. The Parade was fun and everyone was ready for the football game. Gehlen was defeated in a hard fought battle against Hinton 16-6. After the game, students went and had a good time on the dance floor. Homecoming 2019 was a blast and I think a lot of students enjoyed the week and wouldn't mind doing it over again. Go Jays!



Sports

The Lady Jays Upset Ranked Teams to Make it to State

By: Chloe Bunkers

The Lady Jays softball team had a good run this year. This year's team was underrated to other opponents. The Jays knew they had a tough road to get to the state tournament, including defeating Whiting, MMCRU, Akron, who they had lost to 0-6 at the beginning of the season, and Westwood, who they had lost 0-12. They beat Whiting easily in three innings with a score of 12-0. It only got tougher after that.

Next, they played MMCRU. The Lady Jays came back from 0-1 deficit to go ahead in the fifth inning and win the game with a score of 2-1. The game against Akron was one to remember. The Jays softball team hadn't beat them since 2012. This gave the girls a drive to win. With a minor let up in the 7th inning, the girls were still able to pull off the win with the score of 9-5. Next the Jays traveled to Sloan to face #13 Westwood for the substate game. The Jays started out strong and scored 2 runs in the first inning. Westwood responded in

the third inning and scored a single run. Westwood had a chance to tie the game in the sixth inning when a player hit it out to left. Luckily, Tiffany Woerdehoff snagged the ball and threw it to Addison Weber at home to tag the base runner going home. On the Rebel's last at bat Rylee Schnepf was able to strike out the first two batters and the last batter popped it up to the second basemen, Josie Kolbeck, who made the catch. The Lady Jays were onto state!

The road trip wasn't over yet because the Jays were going to "The Dirty Dodge" as they liked to call it. Jays had to take on the defending state champs, Collins-Maxwell, and #7 Lynnsville-Sully. This was tough competition for the unranked Lady Jays. Although the girls lost both games, they fought a hard battle. The team finished the season with a record of 21-11.

Batting statistics:

Anna Britt: .429, Syd Livermore: .347, Alyssa Kolbeck: .327

Homeruns: Katie Peters 2, Josie Kolbeck: 2, Sydney Livermore: 1, Emily Kellen: 1

Pitching statistics:

Rylee Schnepf: 208K's ERA: 2.18 Record: 21-7, opp BA: .162



Sports

A Game So Great it's Played on a Diamond

By: Dylan Lehmann

The 2019 Gehlen baseball team was young after losing 13 Seniors the year before. The team only had two returning starters this year, so they knew it was going to be an interesting year. The Seniors on the squad were Mitchell Hunt, Drew Paulsen, and Cody Schmit. The team consisted of 3 Juniors, 4 Sophomores, 6 Freshmen, and 2 in 8th grade. The Jays were coached by second year coach Greer Milledge, and first year coaches, Rick Logan and Skyler Wheeler.

It was a tough start to the season but once the team started bonding more they picked up a few important wins including a slug fest against Sioux Central at the beloved Spalding Tournament on Vosburg Field and a big victory over Class 2A Emmetsburg on the same black soil field. In the postseason the Jays picked up a revenge win against Trinity Christian, but fell short to Kingsley Pierson the following week. The team ended the season with a 6-17-0 record and 3-7 in the War Eagle Conference.

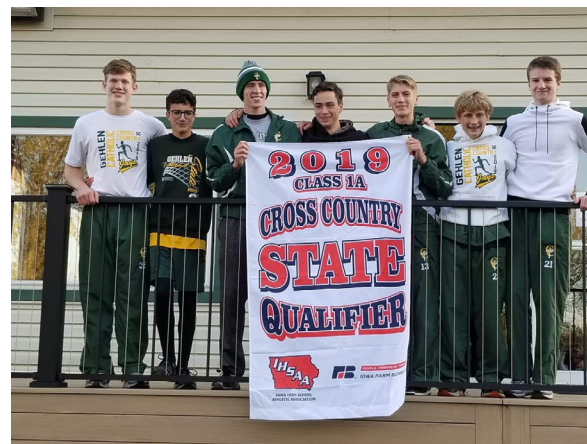


Ticket Punched

By: Madeline Begnoche

This years Cross Country has had a great season! There have been many personal records throughout, and they continue to improve. Lots of great memories have been made during the Cross Country season. Senior, Addison Weber said, "I don't have one specific memory that has been my favorite, I have just enjoyed being with all the people on the team and will always cherish all the memories made. Although the dinners before the meet will always be the best part."

Thursday, October 24 was the District meet in Holstein. Although this marks the end of the girls' season, the boys were Distract Champions! Three Seniors Will Roder, Isaac Vaske, and Carson Tesch all qualified for state individually, and the boy's team will be competing as well. They made their way to Fort Dodge on Friday, November 1st and competed on November 2nd. We hope they will continue to run hard and make the school proud for years to come!



Sports

New Year, New Faces

By: Chloe Bunkers



The Gehlen Volleyball team has new faces this year. The team lost five starters last year with only three returners, Sydney Livermore, Rachel Langel, and Chloe Bunkers. All the girls on the team were ready to step up to new positions, especially Langel who was a former right-side hitter. Langel, along with the new freshman, Miyah Whitehard, are the new middle hitters for the Lady Jays. Kate Hill and Alyssa Kolbeck have stepped into the shoes of the left-sides with Rylee Schnepf coming in to help the team out. Livermore is one of the team's right-side in addition with Allison Ruden. Lauren Heying is also an asset to the team by helping out on the right-side. The people assisting the hitters are the two setters, Josie Kolbeck and Sydney Livermore. Chloe Bunkers, the libero, and Abby Ruhland, play middle back and left back respectively. Tiffany Woerdehoff also comes in clutch to assist the back row in times of need.

This year is also Coach Meyer's 40th year of coaching. His "Meyer Madness" has led him to 946 wins, 10 state appearances, and 5 national tournaments. Through these 40 years, he has gained a lot of wisdom. His most important thing he learned was "to always do whatever the libero says." *I also agree with Mr. Meyer on this one.* Meyer also noted that this year there are many new faces which sets the team apart from his past teams. Although the team has new people Meyer still has high standards and pushes the team to their potential. Throughout his coaching career, his favorite memories by far are the really big wins, especially in Cedar Rapids. "I like to watch the entire team and fans celebrate. I get a real kick out of that," Meyer said.

Sydney Livermore, one of the senior leaders, is ready to have "fulls sends" for her senior year. She's most excited for the journey of the Gehlen volleyball team. "Every year we always

focus on the journey and not the destination. So I am excited for all the memories we will make this year." Livermore also mentioned that she loves being a part of the Gehlen volleyball team because of the tradition it has. "The volleyball team's legacy is what motivates the team to do better and push each other to continue the tradition."

The team had high hopes for the post season games. They started with a bye. They then defeated Kinglsey Pierson and George Little Rock in three sets. They played Newell Fonda on November 5th for the substate game. They had everyone on their toes in the 5 set thriller but ended up pulling out the win. The Lady Jays will play Wednesday, November 13, at 8 p.m. in Cedar Rapids. See ya at the Cellular Center!



Sports

Friday Night Lights

By: Bergen Vacura

The 2019-2020 Football team started out the season with a 20-point comeback against Unity Christian. During the half-time pep talk, Coach Schindler told the guys, “don’t panic and we are going to go out in the second half and win this game.” The team must have taken that message to heart because the second half was a complete turn around. Gehlen went on a 27-0 run to win it. The next week the Jays travelled 65 miles down to Onawa to take on the West Monona Spartans. They won 29-12. The Jays dropped the next two games but picked up a forfeit win, 1-0 against MMCRU who didn’t have enough healthy players. After that game off, the Jays won 2 straight over Akron and then ranked #6 team South O’Brien, then had a tough week 8 loss against Hinton bringing their record 5-3.

At the end of the season Ryan Livermore (SO) led the Jays with 1,263 yards on 78 completions. Jacob Nemmers (SR) led the team in rushing yards with 460 yards and 5 touchdowns. Derek VonArb (JR) had 168 yards rushing and one touchdown. Nemmers also lead the team in receiving yards with 476 yards and 4 touchdowns. Ethan Peters (SR) wasn’t far behind with 359 yards and 4 touchdowns. VonArb lead the team with 68.5 tackles and 2 sacks. Cade Walgenbach (SR) had 52 tackles for the Jays. Jeff Augustine (JR) and Ayden Johnson (SR) both had a sack. Peters has 3 interceptions, Nemmers had 2 interceptions, and VonArb had 1. Mitchell Augustine (SO), Evan Steeg (FR), and Walgenbach each had one fumble recovery. Overall, it was a great season for the Jays!



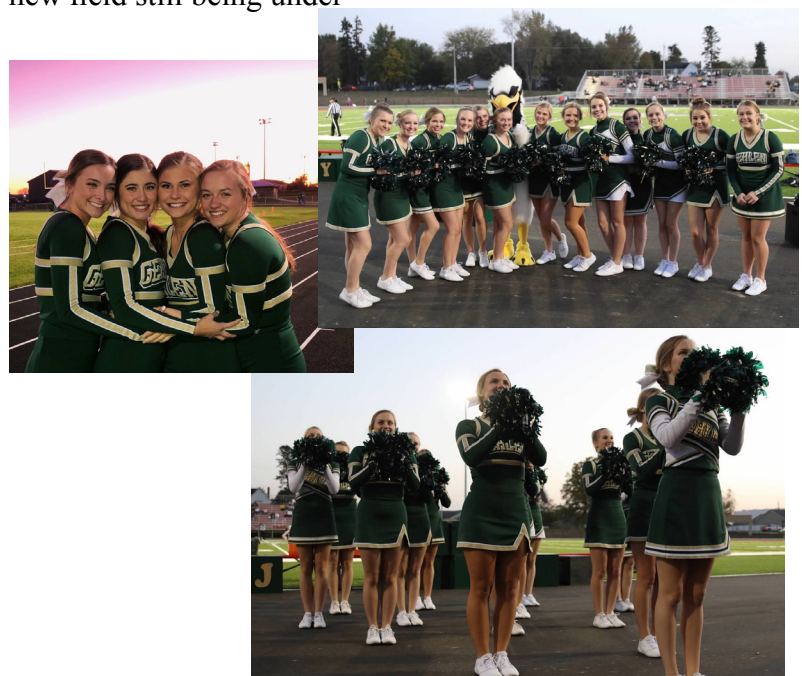
Bring it On!

By: Sydney Logan

“We got spirit, yes we do, we got spirit, how ‘bout you?” This year’s football cheerleading squad is a hard-working and fun-spirited group! It includes Seniors: Sydney Logan, Valeria Uribe, Madeline Begnoche, Kennedy Ruhland, Juniors: Lauren Harpenau, Lillian Kessenich, Jaime Hunt, Emily Klein, Ella Kreber, Sophomores: Madi Mousel, and Emma Bogen, with alternates being Hannah Gries, Lydia Vaske, Leah Langel, and Kaylee Linden. Optional practice started in July, and the cheerleaders have been busy ever since, perfecting the cheers and making posters for around school. With the new field still being under

construction, the cheerleaders traveled to every game to cheer on the boys. On week seven, the cheerleaders were finally able to cheer at the new stadium!

With Homecoming being in October this year, the cheerleaders had more time to prepare for Jays Olympics, learn the homecoming routine, and other activities. This year’s homecoming routine was perfectly performed, and showcased some of the stunts that the cheerleaders have been working on throughout the season. The cheerleaders all had a memorable season and loved getting to cheer on the boys.



Faith Talk

Helping Hands

By: Allison Ruden

On September 12th, members of Christian Leadership Team (CLT), along with Mrs. Schipper, traveled to Buena Vista University (BVU) to receive an award. Last year, Park Place Estates nominated Gehlen Catholic School for the volunteer service award. Gehlen was nominated largely based on the volunteer service of CLT. CLT does off campus service once a week during their class period. Park Place Estates, an assisted living community in LeMars, is one of the places the team visits for off campus service. Tasks include visiting regularly with residents, doing activities, delivering ashes on Ash Wednesday, Advent gift bags around Christmas time, and washing screens or windows.

One aspect that CLT has made known is that they do not serve so that they get attention or to make themselves look better than others. Acts of service are not meant to celebrate the student, but yet to give the student a feeling of graciousness. However, recognition is appreciated

and the team is grateful for receiving this award. The award not only honors last year's team, but also all the teams from years past. CLT is proud of its history of serving others, and looks forward to continuing to serve in years to come.

When the ceremony commenced, everyone was welcomed by Storm Lake Mayor, Mike Porsch and Joshua Merchant, BVU President. As expected, service was discussed, especially in communities across Iowa. The CLT then received their award from Lt. Governor of Iowa Adam Gregg. Individuals as well as groups were recognized for their service. Ceremonies were held throughout Iowa to recognize award recipients. The CLT team was the only school group present at the BVU ceremony to receive an award. Mrs. Schipper and CLT appreciate this award and the recognition they received.



Saving Lives Gallons by Gallons

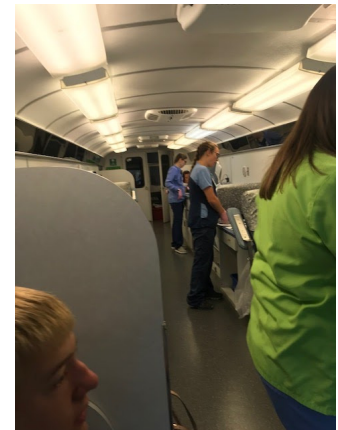
By: Derek Nilles

Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood? Or that 38,000 blood donations are needed every day? This year Gehlen Catholic saved many lives by donating blood. Each person donates about a pint of blood. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. While 38% of the American population is eligible to give blood, only 2% actually donates. People are only able to donate blood every 56 days. This year Gehlen couldn't donate as much as last year because some of the students were not able to donate due to the time span from their previous blood donation.

When I asked Bergen Vacura, one of the blood donors, why he did it he responded with, "I like to think about all the people we help by doing this. It doesn't seem like much, but every time you donate you're saving lives."



Reese Bock ready to give blood



A look inside the Blood Bus



Bergen showing his life saving scar!

Fine Arts

🎵 Noteworthy Marching Band News 🎵

By: Allison Ruden

This year's marching band has had a successful season. Dealing with a new teacher and having a young band can be tough. The band was able to push through these obstacles and had a season worth remembering. This year's show is entitled "Nightwatch" and has three movements, which are the individual pieces of music.

On September 28th, the competition marching band loaded the bus and traveled south to Sioux City for their first competition of the year. Despite having a chilly morning to practice in, the weather warmed up for their performance. Sunburns were included when the day was done. After scoring 56.8 points, the band was able to place 2nd in their class. Judges had several beneficial comments for improvement. Not only did they see the potential, they also saw flashes of excellence throughout the performance. Some of the constructive criticism included comments suggesting the band work on marching and playing together as a whole. Mr. Klaumann, band director, stated, "The band did well overall and sounded well.

All the members performed to the best of their abilities and left everything out on the field. I was proud of their performances and am looking forward to our next ones coming up."

Two weeks later the band was at school early to travel up north. Their first performance of the day was at the State competition at Sheldon High School. The band presented their show successfully but they were not able to achieve one of their seasonal goals. Wanting to receive a I at State, the band just missed their mark, being only 2.4 points away from the benchmark. After eating at Pizza Ranch, the band finished their drive to the Northwestern Field in Orange City for their final production.

After unloading the bus and the trailer, the band

dressed and warmed up their instruments in the school to prepare for their last appearance. Despite having flurries in the air and numb fingers to play with, they were still able to have an exceptional display. Band members were able to finish with first place in their class, as well as best field conductor and best drumline. Mr. Klaumann was honored to have received these awards. Senior, Wyatt Tesch said "It was cool that it was snowing in our performance because it added visual effects of the show. This ties in with our theme "Nightwatch" because the snow was like stars." The senior members were ecstatic to have ended their high school marching band career on such a high note. Although you won't be able to see another marching performance, be sure to catch the band at their Christmas concert on December 18th.



Perfect Harmony

By: Madeline Begnoche

Every year the high school choir attends the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) choir festival. Each year they go to a different Catholic school to sing together. This year the choir went to Kuemper Catholic in Carroll, Iowa. The day was filled with lots of singing and fun! The director this year was Gerald Krupke from Northwest High School. Sydney Logan said, "he was a lot of fun, but did a good job making sure that we knew and understood the music. It was nice how he brought our faith into the day and helped us to connect to it." This year the choirs performed five pieces of music. At the concert, they sang three pieces and then each individual choir performed their own song. Our high school performed the song "Goin' to the Holy City." Allison Ruden said, "I think it was the best we have performed the song." She was proud of the way that the choir came together to make beautiful music. Mrs. Falkena said that this was one of the best CYO days she has been to. "Everyone was prepared pretty well and we got to make music rather than just learning notes and rhythms, which is always awesome." The choir will perform some of these songs one last time at the Turkey Dinner on Sunday, October 27. Please come for dinner and a show!

Extra, Extra Pro-Karters

By: Dylan Lehmann and Derek Nilles

Mario Kart on iPhone and IOS is the new hit game this month. All the kids and even some teachers are playing it! We interviewed many students about this new game and here are some of the responses. When Isaac Vaske was asked what made him mad about the game he responded, “I get mad when I get hit with a shell right before the finish line and lose.” We also asked Tiffany Woerdehoff how many hours a day she played the game.

Tiffany said “Probably an hour, I’m not a big gamer.” Yahir Vanegas said that his favorite racer on the game is Princess Peach. Many teachers like Mrs. Schilling and Mr. Schindler play it as well. Mrs. Schilling says “It’s a great way to kill time and get your mind off of things.” Another tip from her is not to show your elementary students that you play or they will take your phone and play it non stop!



Isaac Vaske in deep focus on Mario Kart



Tiffany Woerdehoff, “I’m so good I can play with my eyes closed!”

Meet the Journalism Team!

By: Valeria Uribe

Our journalism team is excited to kick off this year with many fresh ideas! We have made many appearances at football, volleyball, and cross country meets taking pictures of the teams, coaches, and fans so far! Our staff members include Dylan Lehmann (lil bop), Derek Nilles (DNil), Bergen Vacura (Berg), Sydney Logan (Squid), Allison Ruden (Schmal), Madeline Begnoche (Beg of nachos), Valeria Uribe (Staci), Chloe Bunkers (Chlo\$), Peyton Rochford (Peyters), and Mrs. Schilling (Schillin like a Villain). As you can tell our team loves to have fun but we are ready to get down to business with the 2019-2020 yearbook and newspaper. Give the

journalism staff some love and follow us on instagram @gehlenjournalism to see sneak peaks! We are so excited and ready to give you all the best news!

REASONS WE JOINED THE JOURNALISM TEAM!

DNil: “There was an intro to business test on Friday and I didn’t want to take it ...also I heard you might get to go to lunch early!”

Squid: “Thought it would be fun and I love writing stories!”

Lil Bop: “I didn’t even know this was a class... thought I signed up for health, but I love it!”

Berg: “Some of my friends were taking this class and it seemed fun!”

Chlo\$: “I wanted to join because a lot of my friends

were. I’m glad I did because it’s a really fun class!”

Staci: “I heard that the class was really fun by many people! I also wanted to join because I like taking pictures and editing them in a cool way!”

Peyters: “Sounded like it would be fun and interesting.”

Schmal: “This seemed like a better class for me than intro. I’m really glad I switched because this is so much more fun!”

Beg of Nachos: “Ever since I was a freshman I wanted to be in journalism. I thought it would be a fun class to take.”

Schillin like a Villian: First off, I’m paid to be here. :o) Honestly though, I am so excited to have a larger class of students in Journalism

this year! While we have A LOT to do, we definitely have A LOT of good times too. This class may push some students to step out of their comfort zone, but it also gives them a more well-rounded English background.



Wanna know the yearbook theme?

The picture above is a hint of the theme. The first person to send the correct theme to Journalism@gehlenatholic.org gets \$5 off their yearbook!

Elementary

World's Finest Chocolate

By: Valeria Uribe

On Friday September 20th, the elementary had their annual kickoff to celebrate the 2019 World's Finest Chocolate Sales. The theme this year was the Gehlen Catholic Games of Games, based off of Ellen's Games of Games. The games tested the students' and teachers' knowledge of chocolate and their athletic abilities. Mrs. Patty Hatting, the host, introduced the first game of musical chairs. Interestingly, the contestants had to be blindfolded and crawl around to find their chairs. Landon Kneip was the contestant that was seated and answered all the questions about World's Finest Chocolate correctly! The next game that was introduced was called Know or Danger. Either the contestants knew the question or they were in danger of becoming a "chocolate bar." Mrs. Nussbaum was unable to answer the questions correctly so she was covered with water, chocolate syrup, and rice krispies. Mrs Bickford said "Mrs. Nussbaum was definitely the highlight of the kickoff the kids enjoyed seeing her get turned into a candybar." The last game they played was Guess that Candy Bar. In this game two new flavors were introduced, Wafer and Dark Chocolate Bars.

Mrs. Christoffel smelled and chewed her way to a victory. The most exciting part of the kickoff were the big prizes: an iPad, Wireless Earbuds, and a \$100 cash prize.

During the chocolate sales, teachers tried to keep the students motivated to keep selling chocolate throughout the weeks. The elementary had drawings for kids who brought money in every day. Therefore everyone had an opportunity to win a prize. The junior high had bench marks every week. These benchmarks included jean days, comfy days, and a fellowship day during JAYS.

These motivations proved to work because by the end of the chocolate sales they sold \$59,933 (more than the original goal of \$45,000). The top five sellers were: Olivia Mitchell, Mylee Langel, Bentley Sitzmann, Ayden Langel, and Kyler Langel. The top selling classes from Kindergarten - 2nd grade were: Mrs. Lehmann's 1st grade class and Mrs. Shoup's 2nd grade class. The top selling classes from 3rd grade-6th grade were: Mrs. Herbst's 4th grade class and Mrs. Neary's 6th grade class.

Lastly the top class for the junior high was Mrs. Kellen's. As a reward for their hard work, elementary and junior high get a day off of school!

For the money that was raised, 50% of the profit will be used for the current year budget and the remainder will provide for classroom supplies, teacher materials, textbooks, and future purchases of materials for Kindergarten-8th grade. Thank you to all who helped the kids get closer to their goal!



Another Ag-citing Tour

By: Sydney Logan

Mrs. Hatting's and Mrs. Herbst's fourth grade classes took a field trip to learn more about agriculture on Thursday, September 12. The "Agricultural Tour" was sponsored by the Le Mars Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, and many other businesses in town. They visited four different farms: sheep, beef, hog, and dairy. They left at 8:45 a.m. and toured the farms until 12:15 p.m., when they had lunch at West Floyd Park. When talking to Ella Ruhland and Bria Schietler, they said that the sheep farm was their favorite and that 175 sheep are sheared a day! Their favorite activity from the day was watching someone milk a cow. The fourth graders had so much fun learning more about agriculture, which is a big part of Iowa's culture.

New Faces



Mr. Klaumann is a new teacher at Gehlen this year, taking over the band department. Having just graduated from Concordia University, this is his first year teaching. His favorite part about Gehlen so far is the students. Mr. Klaumann says that he has had lots of fun. His favorite school lunch is chicken alfredo, which we all can agree with. He likes to listen to Christian, classic rock, and jazz music, and likes to travel. His favorite instruments are percussion and flute.



Vittorio Balestrazzi is a sixteen year old new student at Gehlen Catholic. He is from Sicily, Italy. His parents are Francesco and Licia. He has a younger sister named Violetta and his best friend from back home is Paolo. He is a part of the state qualifying cross country team. Hamburgers are his favorite American food. The most difficult transition moving here was dinner at 6 p.m. Vittorio's favorite part about Gehlen is the P.E. class.



Mrs. Prichard is the new Spanish teacher for this school year. She has taught for 13 years. Previously she has been at Bishop Heelan, Tripoli, and Bishop Neumann. She loves all the students here at Gehlen and is always happy and energetic to see them. She enjoys eating at the salad bar for lunch. Outside of school she likes to spend time with family and listen to rap and hip hop music.



Guillermo Martinez Batlle is from Barcelona, Spain. He is a sophomore and is 15 years old. Guillermo has one brother named Nacho who is 13 years old. His parents names are Beatrit Batlle and Alejandro Martinez. Guillermo's favorite part about Gehlen is the football team. Guillermo never kicked an American football before he came to America, but he plays soccer back home so it wasn't very hard for him to get the hang of it. In only his second day of kicking field goals, Guillermo nailed a 45 yard field goal! His favorite food in America is corn dogs.



Mrs. Landhuis taught at George Little Rock and Hubbard Radcliffe for a total of eight years. As a new teacher at Gehlen, she enjoys how everyone is so welcoming and how each class period is started with prayer. Her favorite school lunch so far is the baked potato from the salad bar. She enjoys spending time with all her grandkids, exercising, and binge watching Netflix. She also enjoys listening to Christian Contemporary with a little bit of 80's thrown in!



Felix (Wu Yanze) is a junior here at Gehlen Catholic. His parents names are Wu Junwei (father) and Wang Lingli (mother) and is an only child. His best friends from China are Liu Junhang and Wang Shi. The most difficult transition from China to America has been trying to understand the teacher's spoken content in class. His favorite American food is fried chicken and he loves going to all the sports games. He competed with the Marching Band at Dutchman, Starfest, and State.



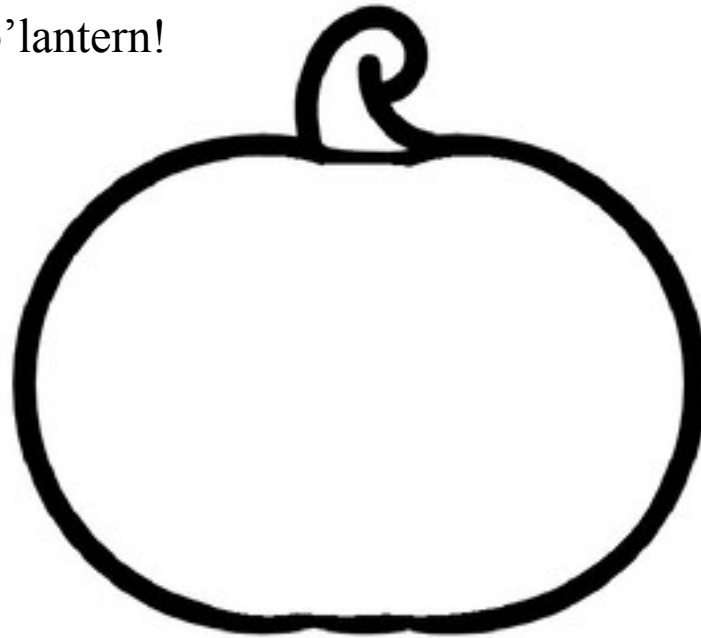
Mr. Engebretson is the elementary PE teacher. He has been a teacher for 37 ½ years. He taught Algebra at Fallon, Nebraska and taught different math classes at LeMars Community. His favorite thing about Gehlen so far is the energy of his students, and he also enjoys not having to grade papers. Mr. Engebretson's favorite meal so far is a salad with cottage cheese or chicken alfredo. He listens to contemporary Christian music and enjoys working out, reading, any type of skiing, and singing karaoke.

By: Peyton Rochford

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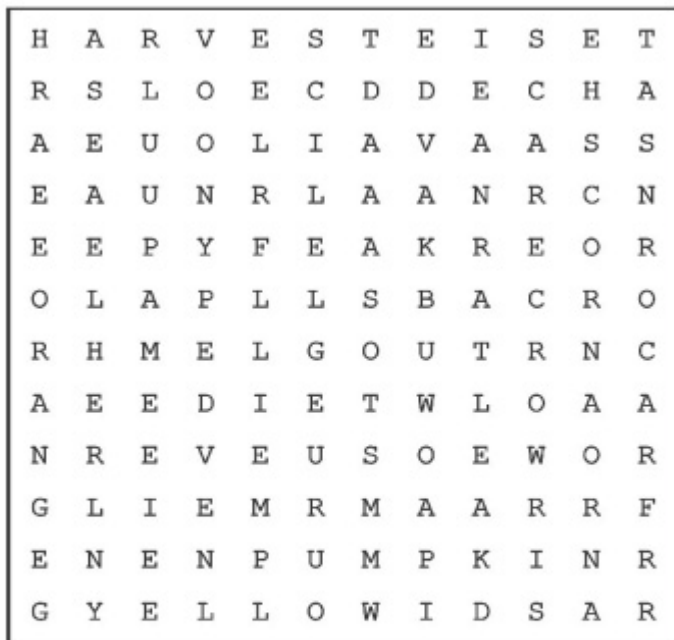
Fun Fall Activities

Draw your own jack o'lantern!



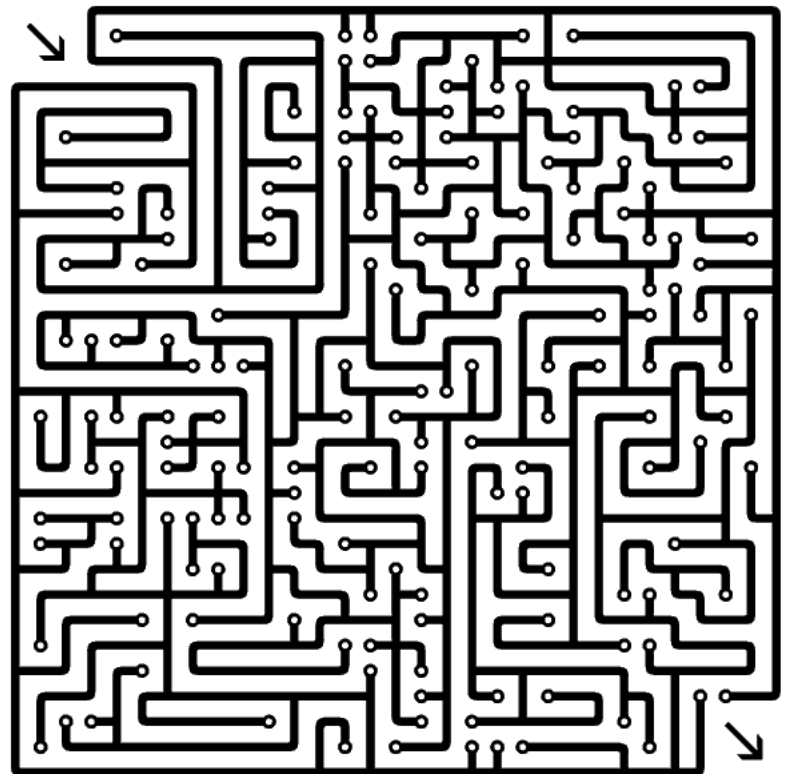
FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



WORDS TO FIND:

- pumpkin
- yellow
- scarecrow
- autumn
- leaves
- sunflower
- acorns
- corn
- harvest
- apples
- hayride
- red
- Thanksgiving
- football
- orange



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