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An Amazing Season

by Megan Schmidt

The regular basketball season has come to an end. The girls team crushed the previous record of 13 wins with a groundbreaking 17 wins. The team was also undefeated at home during the regular season. They worked harder than ever to go as far as they could before the season was over. All eyes were looking at the chance of going to Wells-Fargo Arena for state. Senior Brooklyn Allgood says that they were working to get the three wins to go to state. This year is all about practice. “[We] practiced more [on] Saturdays, Sundays.”

Coach Tig Johnson says that most of the girls have been here for three or four years and understand what he wants. They work hard at keeping an up-tempo game. The players run and press constantly to win against the other team. He says that he “feels good for them,” and “takes pride with



The team huddles around Coach Tig Johnson as he talks about a play during a timeout.



Senior Emma Bowman shoots free throws after being fouled.

how hard they worked over the summer and [at] practice.”

Brooklyn Allgood and Coach Johnson agree that the “best win” and probably the most memorable moment is when the Saydel girls basketball team beat the Nevada Cubs at home. It was like “the nail in the coffin,” according to Allgood. She also said it became “the pinnacle [moment] of what we could do.”

Unfortunately, at their first regional game on February 14, they lost to Roland Story. It was a heartbreaking way to end. But as the basketball team looks back on the season, they will remember how well they did. Many records were broken and goals were met. A wonderful season ladies, and all of Saydel can’t wait for next year!

Wrappin' Up the Season

by Courtney Hill

The 2014-2015 boys basketball season has finally come to an end. The boys had an impressive season, with a final record of 9 wins and 12 losses. Towards the end of the season, the boys went on a three game win streak, two of those wins being in overtime. First, they hosted North Polk at home on January 27. It was a close game to begin with, but late in the first half the Comets were able to go on a 10 -point run to strengthen their lead. The Eagles came back and with the help of a buzzer beating 3-pointer by junior Joe Seuferer at the end of the first half, they were within four points. The whole second half of the game was a close one. The score was tied at 34 at the end of regulation, sending them into overtime. Early on, the Comets scored a three, but the Eagles quickly responded with a basket by senior Zach McBride and another by senior Clayton Sommers, giving the Eagles their first overtime win this season.

The same week, the Eagles hosted Greene County at home in a game that was originally scheduled for a previous date but had to be postponed due to the weather. It was a very back-and-forth battle throughout the whole game. With the clock ticking down, the Eagles went on a 10-point run. However, the Rams were able to come back and tie the score at 49 sending them into overtime once again. The Eagles pulled off another overtime win with the help of McBride's impressive 22-point game. Saydel was also able to pull off another win in their next game against the Colfax-Mingo Tigers. Unfortunately, the Eagles struggled with their last three conference games, losing to Collins-Maxwell/Baxter, South Hamilton, and Perry.

The boys officially finished off their season last week in their district game against Dallas-Center Grimes, hosted at Bondurant-Farrar High School. The boys played strong the whole first quarter, defensively and offensively, but throughout the rest of the half they fell short. During the second half, they played hard and were able to cut the Mustangs lead but it wasn't enough. Saydel fell to DCG 45-63, ending their season.

As for the five seniors on the team, they are sad to see the season end. "We've been playing together for 4-5 years plus, so of course I'm sad to see the season end. But, overall I'm proud of how we played this season. We made a lot of improvements as a team as well as individually. I couldn't have asked for a better team to play alongside during my senior year," explains senior Brandon Hill. Congrats to the boys on their outstanding season, and a special congrats to the five seniors on four greats years!



A Wrap Up on Wrestling

by Hannah Van Houten

As we transition into spring sports, it's time for a little recap on wrestling and the achievements of the 2014-2015 season. As a team, the Saydel wrestlers completed this year with a conference record of 7 wins and only 2 losses. The guys had many successes, but also some tough times along the way.

Throughout the season, the wrestlers competed in many meets at home and away including duals, triangulars, and quad duals. A win against the rival team, Prairie City-Monroe, was the first win at home for the Saydel Wrestlers. One of only two conference losses came about at a quad dual in Colfax-Mingo against the Roland Story Norsemen, losing a close 48-42. Overall, the team is pleased with their accomplishments this year, and not only showed some skill during the weeks at meets, but also on the weekends at tournaments.

At tournaments, wrestlers have an opportunity to wrestle up to 5 times and can earn places, which also rack up team points giving the team a ranking overall. When asked what his favorite memory was, junior Dylan Coffin replied with, "Perry, because it was my first time getting first place at a tournament, and [Coach] Zander and I worked hard and were both excited." Dual tournaments are a bit different, where the whole team wrestles against another wrestling team to see who can come on top with team points. Dual tournaments at Ames, Waukee, and Roland Story are remembered for the hard work and dedication against some teams the Eagles normally wouldn't compete with, but also showing how much you can improve in just a couple weeks of hard practice. Other important tournaments this year were conference, sectionals, districts, and state.

The conference tournament was hosted by Gilbert and gave wrestlers an opportunity to wrestle opponents from the nine other schools in our conference. Individually, the team had two conference champions: senior Grant Sherman 152, and junior Dylan Coffin 160, as well as four runners-up. Sectionals came two weeks later, which gave the Eagles five guys on their way to districts: champion senior Grant Sherman 152, and runners-up freshman Klayton Keller 106, junior Oscar Ruiz 132, senior Austin Moen 138, and junior Dylan Coffin 160. At districts only three Saydel wrestlers placed in the top two in their weight class, helping them advance to the state tournament held at Wells Fargo.

Senior Austin Moen's first match at state was a loss to senior Spencer Wray of Creston who ended up getting second place in the 2A – 138 pound weight class. A loss to senior Ryan Muller of Mount Vernon was Moen's last match as a Saydel Eagle. Austin Moen ended his wrestling season at state with a final record of 41-9. Junior Dylan Coffin started off his journey at the state tournament with a win over Estherville Lincoln Central's junior, Kelly Clabaugh. Coffin's final match was a loss to junior Jake Juhl of Independence. Dylan completed this season with a record of 41-8. Senior Grant Sherman, returning state placer, won his first two matches at state to sophomore Graeson Dall of Solon and junior Bryce Leshen of Albia. Sherman's third match was a loss to the 2A – 152 weight class state champion, senior Chase Straw of Independence. Grant finished his season with a win to Grinnell's senior Garret Jay, allowing him to finish with third place. Grant Sherman finished his senior year with a record of 50-2, his two losses both being to opponents who were ranked number one (Straw of Independence and senior Josh Davis of East Des Moines).

Overall, coaches and wrestlers were pleased with the 2014-15 season. The team not only continued to improve, but also grew closer to each other throughout the season. What started as just teammates has turned into endless memories and inside jokes, as well as a bond that will never be broken. There are high hopes to see the wrestlers continue to improve and put in the work they need to in order to get the results they want. Here's to a great wrestling season, and a hardworking offseason to come!

Austin Moen 138



Grant Sherman 152

Dylan Coffin 160



Go Eagles!

MEET YOUR TEACHER:

Mr. Antle

by Katie Coy

Saydel's math department has undergone several major changes this year. The curriculum has been rearranged, and is continuing to be rearranged, and a few teachers and substitutes have come and gone. This semester, Saydel High School hired Mr. Zach Antle as a mathematics teacher.

Mr. Antle was a student teacher with Mr. Shawn Pavlik.

What classes do you teach?

"Geometry, Consumer Math, and the Essentials of Algebra 1.5, which is taught between Algebra 1 and Algebra 2."

How long have you been

teaching/student teaching? "This is my first year of teaching. I student taught for 16 weeks, eight weeks here and eight weeks at Prairie Ridge Middle School in Ankeny."

What did you have to do to transition from being a student teacher to becoming a full-time independent teacher? "Learning the things that no one taught you, like how to organize

everything in your room to fulfill student needs, and it requires a lot more planning."

What are some of the biggest challenges you've encountered in your teaching career so far? "Overcoming the age gap between my students and myself, because there isn't much of one."

How are you adjusting to having multiple classes a day, teaching by yourself? "It is getting easier day-by-day. It was weird at first teaching independently. I felt like I was still a student teacher but no one was in the room watching me."

Why did you pick Saydel?

What about your student teaching experience made you want to come back? "I felt like I had more to offer than just teaching. I can help make a difference in many students' lives. I know what it is like to go from nothing to being successful and I want to help other students do that as well."

What things are you excited about in your upcoming years as a teacher? "I am excited to have the curriculum totally planned out by the end of this year so that the upcoming years are consistent."

What is the most exciting part about teaching kids this age? "It's nice to see them grow in every aspect of their life throughout high school, whether that is in academics, or extracurricular activities."

Where do you see your teaching career going in the next several years? "I would [hope to] be in an administrative position one day."

Mr. Antle is excited to see where his teaching career leads him throughout his time at Saydel. One piece of advice he has for students taking his classes is to do their homework and ask questions! If you're considering a math class with Mr. Antle, now is the time to sign up!

Running with the Law

Saydel Students Join Sheriff Explorers Program *by Nick Dolan*



Above: Senior Sergio Hernandez and junior Breck Briley. Inset: Senior Jack Lande.

Sergio Hernandez has stories he could tell about his experiences as Chief of the Polk County Sheriff Explorers unit, but that's classified information. He says "pulling someone over is the most exciting thing, whenever you're on a ride-along." Chief Hernandez, along with Lieutenant Breck Briley and Deputy Jack Lande, are the three Saydel students involved in the program, which has 21 members total from schools across Polk County.

Lt. Briley describes the program as "learning and training with cops. We have done trainings with police officers in the past that we would have to be doing if we were actual police officers, such as doing ride-alongs, defense tactics, writing police reports, etc."

Her job as lieutenant entails "doing the attendance, making sure people turn papers in for ride-alongs and coming up with ideas." Lt. Briley's good ideas are moved up to Sergio, who gives them to Sergeant Rullman, the Polk County officer who supervises the program.

As deputy, Jack Lande "attends all the meetings and does the required ride-alongs," which are also his favorite part of the program. Deputy Lande encourages "anyone who's interested in a criminal justice field, and doesn't have a record" to join the program.

Police Explorers is ongoing and is held on the second Saturday of every month for 2-3 hours. Topics covered include radio procedure, report writing, search and seizure, firearms, and more. Students aged 15 to 21 (or 14 as long as you've passed the eighth grade) are welcome. You can ask Sergio or Breck for more info, or go down to the Polk County Sheriff's office on NE 14th.

Concerts, Contests, and Jazz, Oh My!

by Megan Schmidt



The Jazz I Band performs a song.

must be asked by their teacher. It's a way of saying that the teacher thinks they are working hard and wants them to be challenged even more. Michaela Bobenhouse says, "...show [them] that you have the skills." Once the teacher knows what the student can do, there are so many bands and choirs for these students to be involved in. There are contests, jazz bands, concerts, and many more.

Vocal Fusion did something that Saydel choir has never done before. They went to State Vocal Jazz on February 9. There they earned an overall II ranking from the three judges. There are also many honor bands and choirs that are held at Wartburg. The Real Men Sing honor choir is for high school boys all over the Midwest. Meister-singer Honor Choir and Honor Band are also held at Wartburg.

Even if students aren't in an honor choir or band, they are in solo/ensemble. Claire Kayser, freshman says, "I take private lessons for my flute and vocal[s] and I practice at least fifteen minutes a day." Solo/Ensemble is where students do a solo or are in a small group and they perform in front of a judge and their peers.

Music kids are just getting warmed up for this year. There is a lot more practice and it is a lot more serious as contest is coming up according to Claire Kayser. Support your music students as they prepare for contest!

Winter is slowly turning to spring and that is when students' minds wander to prom, graduation, and the upcoming summer. Except for the music kids. They are thinking about the upcoming contest performance and all the music that goes with it. Senior Michaela Bobenhouse says that they are "learning the music and basics, then we will go into more detail." There are also the honor bands and choirs that many students go to, and then they have to learn new music along with the music they already have.

If a student wants to be in honor band or choir, they



Sophomore Shelby Weber plays flute while the choir sings.

Speech

by Sam Bullock

Competitive Acting

Do you enjoy acting? Sadly, at Saydel, we do not have a drama class, but we do have speech. One might ask, “What is speech?” or “Why would I want to be a part of an extracurricular activity where someone gives speeches? That sounds boring.” But what one might not know is that speech isn’t about giving speeches. Actually, speech is competitive acting. In speech, there are many categories, such as improvisation, one act play, radio, short film, musical theatre, and many more. There are two seasons in which one could participate.

The first season is called large group. In this season there are three competitions in which one may compete. The first one is called districts. At this competition everyone competes against everyone else in their category. At districts, competitors are judged by one judge, and at the end of the performance the judge will give the performers feedback. Then they will have to wait until the judge is on break to see if they have moved on to state. There are three different ratings a group can earn. If a group earns a three, this means they are disqualified. If a group earns a two this means they were good but they don’t move on. Finally, if a group earns a one rating, this means they get to move on to the next competition (state). The next competition is two weeks after districts. This year, in speech, Saydel had four teams compete at districts: two short films, an improv group, and a musical theatre group.

Three of those groups got a one rating and moved on to the state competition. This competition is fairly similar to districts. Instead of having one judge, at state the performers will have three judges, but other than that everything else is the same. Sadly, Saydel didn’t have anyone move onto all-state, which is the final step in speech. Saydel’s improv group and short film both got a II from all three judges, but Saydel’s musical theatre group got a I, another I, and a II. Those ratings gave them the opportunity to move on, but sadly they didn’t get the judges’ recommendation which was needed to show off their performance at all-state.

All-state is not like state or districts. All-state isn’t a competition, instead it showcases the best of the best acts. It is the most difficult part of speech, and according to Mrs. Cammy Newton Saydel hasn’t had someone go on to all-state since 2010. Although no one went on to all-state in large group this year, Saydel can always try again next year.



Juniors Angela Pitt and Victoria Trulove practicing



Freshmen Abbie Primrose, Cody Boozel, senior Max Kayser, and sophomore Andrea Seals practice some improv.

The individual season has already begun, but no one from Saydel is competing. Individual is very similar to large group. In this season, there are a few different categories from large group, but other than that it is the same. During the individual season there is the same competition levels and judging so it is just as difficult to move on.

Even though speech competitions are almost over, some Saydel speech groups are still practicing. During Saydel’s Variety Night some speech groups will be performing such as the musical theatre group who will be performing *For Good* from *Wicked*. Junior Victoria Trulove said, “We may tweak a few things here and there [before Variety Night], but all in all, we are going to keep it how it is now. Although getting to this point took a lot of work, toward the beginning we just sang the words and did very little movement. Yet as we continued to practice, we took the words to a deeper meaning and had help with our acting and staging.

Now I believe we are no longer just performing this song, we are living it.”

Even if you did not participate in speech this year, you will get a taste of their performances during Variety Night, so come and see Saydel’s speech team perform!

EARLY GRADUATION!!!

As each school year begins, many seniors anticipate the blessed day of graduation in the spring, and some juniors begin dreaming of their day to graduate. Luckily, for some seniors, and on rare occasions juniors, that day can come a little bit quicker, a semester faster to be exact.

Saydel High School currently offers early graduation for seniors who have completed all 48 required credits by the end of their first semester. In some instances, juniors have also been able to graduate at the end of their junior year if they have completed all of the required credits as well. Early graduation continues to be a debated topic among students and staff. No two situations are the same for a student, varying the reasons and outcomes of graduating early.

In order to graduate early a student must have completed the following requirements: nine English credits, six Science credits, two Physical Education credits, one Advisory credit, two US History credits, one US Government credit, one Health credit, two Technology credits, two World History credits,

by Katie Coy

one Financial Literacy credit, six Math credits, and 15 electives credits. They must also fill out a request for early graduation form, available in the guidance office, and turn it in by a set date, usually towards the end of November.

Something to keep in mind when requesting an early graduation: students who graduate early cannot participate in after-school activities, including all sports, clubs, drama, speech, and music. Students must also remember that if they are taking one of their last required credits in the semester they plan to graduate, they must receive the credit in order to graduate early. If a student fails a class, the request will be void and they will be expected to attend second semester.

Nicole Axtell, a senior who graduated early this year has agreed to shed some light on the situation and share her experience. "I didn't know I could [graduate early] until I went and talked to Ms. Larson." Nicole decided to graduate early because she felt ready to move on to the next phase of life.

She knew that in order to do this, she had to keep her grades up and finish her credits.

During this semester Nicole is working in Ankeny at Bark Avenue, which she really enjoys. She has also been working on commission art as well. In order to stay on track, Nicole looked at colleges and did college visits during her junior year and already has her college decisions made.

One piece of advice Nicole has for those thinking about graduating early is to focus on schoolwork and be prepared before your senior year so that you're not rushing to get all of your required credits done. She also recommends working or taking college classes after early graduation instead of wasting time and not saving money until the next year.

Graduating early can be a great option for many students who are ready to graduate and begin their college or working career. Just remember that it requires a lot of dedication and commitment as well as some planning to make sure that everything is squared away. Guidance is always open to answering any questions about early graduation as well!

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School Start Date Struggles

by Nick Dolan

In the middle of February it can be hard to think about summer break without longing for a beach or a morning to sleep in. However, decisions are being made while snow is on the ground which will impact the upcoming summer break.

When school boards are deciding how to plan next year's schedule, they almost always choose to start school in late August. The law says that schools must start after September 1 unless they get a waiver from the Department of Education. Until now, these waivers have been granted automatically; anyone who asks for one gets one.

But the Iowa Department of Education, under the direction of Dr. Brad Buck (former Saydel superintendent) and with heavy influence from Governor Terry Branstad, recently announced it would no longer automatically accept these waivers.

Director Buck wrote in an open letter: "Moving forward, the director [...] will only consider a school or school district's request for a waiver of the school start date if the school or school district has adequately demonstrated that starting on or after the earliest start date specified [September 1] would have a significant negative educational impact."

What qualifies as a "significant negative educational impact"? Saydel Superintendent Douglas Wheeler cited three negative impacts of a September start date—timing on AP Testing, PSEO, and athletics—but said that "all of those things were in the not-acceptable-as-a-reason-for-waiver category. In order to get the waiver, you have to prove with data a 'significant negative educational impact' on your students if you want to start early. [...] Us superintendents talk back and forth, asking 'have you found any research that can support it?' and the answer is 'no, no research proving detriment.'"

Mr. Wheeler continued: "Some people would say, 'Where's the sound educational research that shows benefits for starting *after* Labor Day?' They're asking us to provide something they can't provide either. That's a good summary statement."

Governor Branstad is pretty unabashed about his motive for insisting on an earlier start date: the tourism industry. Start dates in August have the potential to interfere with the Iowa State Fair (although Saydel's never have). As early as June of 2013 Branstad was saying he believes "the present policy has been too lax and has not been fair to the tourism industry in Iowa," and sent an assertive letter to Director Buck just days before Director Buck sent his letter to school districts.

Mr. Wheeler had an interesting point of view. "One of the things that concerns me overall—and this is just an my opinion—is that teenagers are already the most exploited work force in the United States. Does that make sense? You know, it really does seem like a move in different areas of the state so that they can keep that less expensive labor longer. And my whole job is to help students have opportunities where in their lives they don't *have* to work that seasonal labor, or have opportunities for higher-paying or more successful jobs, and so I think at the end of the day education should trump that. [...] So it does bother me that it's all about tourism."

The Saydel calendar committee, headed by Mr. Wheeler, had planned to start school on August 25, the first Tuesday after the fair. If the current policy holds, the committee will have to rewrite its calendar to accommodate.

There have been stirrings of compromise; a subcommittee in the Iowa House of Representatives expressed support for a bill which would move the mandated start date back to August 23 (a date which, as Mr. Wheeler notes, is "the latest [the Fair] can end"). This would leave Saydel's calendar unaffected. The bill is expected to be voted on soon.

The calendar committee will take their proposal to the school board in March, hoping for compromise before then.



Look Good For Less

Prom Edition

by Hannah Van Houten

Prom is just around the corner, which means junior and senior girls are on the hunt for that perfect dress. For some, this is fun. For others, this is dreadful –especially after taking a look at the price tag! This year there are many places that have free or inexpensive dresses to offer for girls who may not be able to afford one at full price.

Before going out and buying a dress, be sure to check on swap pages such as the “Ankeny Community Swap & Meet” or “Des Moines Area Prom Dresses for Sale” Facebook pages, or even Craigslist. When trying on or purchasing a dress, be sure to do it in a safe public place and have a parent with you. Something Blue and Worn are a couple of upscale consignment shops located in Ankeny. When in doubt, reasonably priced dresses are available around this time of year at Stuff Etc. or Goodwill.

Free dresses are harder to come across, but are still out there for those who may need one at no charge. The Glass Slipper is a dress donating business held out of a church in Des Moines. The Neveln Center in Ankeny is hosting a dress giveaway March 9-14 and Saydel is a school able to receive from the giveaway. A final option for a very inexpensive and easy way to find a prom dress would be to ask around and borrow from a friend, classmate, older sibling, or family member. Don’t let the price of a dress keep you from enjoying your special prom night!

***Something Blue Address: 221 South-west 3rd Street, Ankeny, IA 50023**

Phone number: (515) 339-7006

***Worn Address: 1805 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny, IA 50021**

Phone number: (515) 965-5312

***Stuff Etc. Address: 906 E 1st St, Ankeny, IA 50021**

Phone number: (515) 964-4444

***Goodwill Address: 509 N Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny, IA 50023**

Phone number: (515) 963-0209

***The Glass Slipper Address: 3100 Easton Blvd Des Moines, IA 50313**

Phone number: (515) 205-3848

***The Neveln Center Address: 406 SW School St. Ankeny, IA 50023**

Phone number: (515) 289-3960

Dress Giveaway Dates & Times: March 9th-14th, (Monday-Friday: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon)

How To: Survive the Last 3 Months of School

by Hannah Van Houten

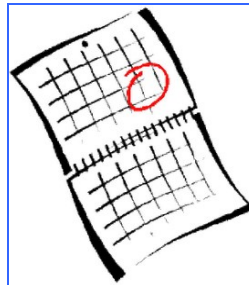
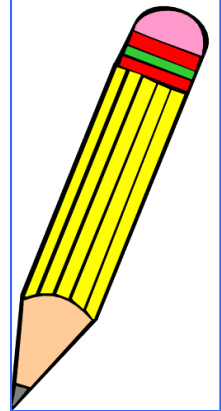
As the end of the year approaches, it becomes harder for students to push through and survive the struggle of the last few months of school. In order to make it through these strenuous months before we are able to enjoy summer, there are a few steps which need to be completed to make it through school. Follow these tips and you will be on the right track to a successful semester, and an even better summer break!

Stay organized. It's a lot easier to be successful in school when you can find everything you need to succeed. Keep books, papers, projects, and assignments in a safe place so you can find them and are able to turn them in on time.

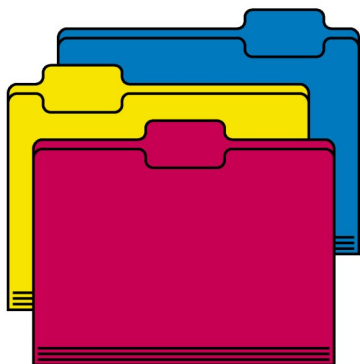
Enjoy weekends and spend free time wisely. Make time for friends, family, and relaxation. Be sure to work on homework throughout the weekend so you're not cramming it all in on a Sunday night. Take into consideration that spring break is coming up soon; get homework done and out of the way as soon as you can so you can

enjoy your break.

Learn to prioritize. Do assignments in order of due dates. Complete short assignments due the next day before working on long-term projects.



Worry about grades and assignments now. Do not procrastinate. Rather than waiting until a couple days before semester is over to finally start caring about your grade and question those missing assignments, do weekly (or daily) checks on grades and assignments to make sure everything is turned in and up to date!



Take a look at your calendar and what's ahead. It's March 3rd meaning there are only 53 days of school left until summer.

But remember, don't count the days, make the days count!

Hot Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 12 ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/4 cups light brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 8 ounces semisweet baking chocolate, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 16 large marshmallows, cut in half

Instructions

1. In a medium saucepan, over medium heat, melt the butter and the 12 ounces of semisweet chocolate chips. Stir constantly until just melted. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes to slightly cool.
2. In a large bowl, combine the brown sugar, eggs and vanilla. Beat with an electric hand-mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in the cooled chocolate mixture until combined.
3. Add the cocoa powder, flour, baking powder and salt. Mix on low speed until combined. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours.
4. Preheat oven to 325° degrees. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Scoop and drop the cookie dough by the tablespoon onto the prepared cookie sheets. You should fit 12 cookies per sheet, making sure to space them at least 2 inches apart.
5. Bake cookies for 12 minutes. Remove cookies from oven and place one piece of chocolate on the center top of each cookie, and then top each chocolate with one half marshmallow. Place cookies back in oven and bake another 4 minutes.
6. Remove pan and let cookies cool at least 5 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.



Biggest Fan & Most School Spirit Award

by Hannah Van Houten



Senior Clayton Sommers was voted Biggest Fan and Most School Spirit. Clayton has participated in football (captain), basketball (captain), track, baseball, Homecoming Court 2014, band, and choir here at Saydel. His favorite things about Saydel are how “everyone is like a family” and “everybody knows everybody.”

“I’m just a guy with a lot of school spirit.” - Clayton Sommers

Senior Clayton Sommers



Thanks to all who participated in the survey!

Mark your calendar!

by Courtney Hill

The 2014-2015 school year is flying by, and before you know it, school will be out and summer will finally be here! But before that can happen, there are a few things that have to be taken care of first. There are lots of important dates coming up that you might need to know about, so make sure you mark your calendar!

- Thursday, February 26 / Tuesday, March 3 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, March 12 – End of 3rd quarter
- Friday, March 13--Friday, March 20 – No School/ Spring Break
- Thursday, March 26 – National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10 – Iowa Assessment Testing
- Friday, April 10 – Variety Night
- Saturday, May 2 - Prom
- Wednesday, May 13 – Senior Awards Night
- Wednesday, May 13/Thursday, May 14 – Senior Semester Tests
- Sunday, May 17 – Graduation Ceremony
- Tuesday, May 26 - Last day of School