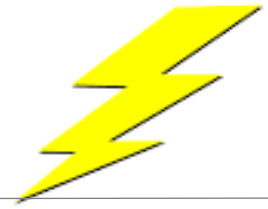


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CHARGER CHATTER



Hamlin Education Center

Homecoming



New Teacher Spotlights



Ms. Schlotterbeck is a middle and high school Agriculture teacher. She is also the FFA advisor. Schlotterbeck has taught as a substitute teacher for many years, but this is her first year as a teacher. The most important person in her life is her mother, she is a teacher, farmer's wife, full-time mom, and a soon-to-be grandma! Ms. Schlotterbeck has learned many life lessons from her mom as well as skills, shaping who she is today. She loves to spend time with her family, going golfing, relaxing, watching movies, and traveling to new places. Ms. Schlotterbeck loves being a Charger because of the environment and her friends and family have gone here too!

Mr. Christie teaches 6th grade science, 7th grade social studies and 8th grade health. This is his first year teaching, although he has been a sub for about four years. Mr. Christie has been a wrestling coach for four years and a football coach for one year. Some of Mr. Christie's hobbies are playing video games, watching sports, playing with his dog and reading. Hamlin has been treating him well, there are really good kids, coaches and teachers and they have all been welcoming to him.



911

(Inside or outside job?)

Yes: 18

No: 20

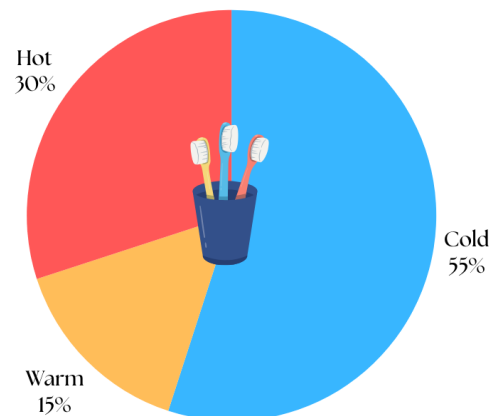
Quotes:

"Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence." - Mr. Abraham

**"Run life; don't let it run you."
- Nolan Hilliard**

**"If you're not first, you're last."
- Aiden Abraham**

Do You Brush Your Teeth With Hot or Cold Water?



Senior Spotlight: Weslie Hersey

Weslie Paul Hersey was born on October 9th, 2006. He has six siblings. The most influential person in his life is his dad. He shows him how to do everything and makes sure it is done right. The most embarrassing moment for Weslie was on October 19th of 2020; he ran into his dad's "big, beautiful, yellow" bus with his dirt bike. His greatest accomplishment is that he is graduating early. If he could change one school rule it would be that tardies wouldn't be tolerated whatsoever. Weslie's advice to his younger self would be, "Quit cho belly achen and just do it." In his free time Weslie likes to hunt and fish. He will always remember the rules becoming more and more strict with cell phones: attendance, etc. His plans for after high school are to work full time as a Welder and hopefully start a family someday.



Senior Spotlight: Abby Berg

Abby Lynn Berg was born on September 11th, 2006. She has seven siblings, Levi, Connor, Devan, Malia, Brielle, Cole, and Ivey. The most influential person in her life is her mom; she stands up for what's right and wrong, she is very understanding and is Abby's biggest role model. Her most embarrassing moment was when she went in the ditch in front of school. Her greatest accomplishment is graduating early. If she could change one school rule it would be that all seniors can leave school when they have enough classes and credits (in their day). Her advice to her younger self is, "Everything will work out. Find things that make you happy and hold on to them." She spends her free time at Holly's, her sister-in-law's, house, and if she's not there you can find her in her bed. She will always remember Mrs. Shultz from high school. "She was the biggest help. Anytime I needed help, she was there for me. I will never forget her kindness she showed me." She will always remember throwing up the first day of her dental internship because the needle was too big for her liking. Her plans for after high school are: moving away to either Kalispell or Washington. She wants to become a dental assistant after she moves and eventually get married and have children.



Senior Spotlight: Aili Leonardi



Aili Leonardi was born on May 24th, 2007. She has two siblings, Jonathan and Meadow. The most influential person in her life is her grandma. Her most embarrassing moment was when she went to put perfume on before choir and all the boys said it smelt very strong. Her greatest accomplishment is Girl's State Lieutenant Governor. If she could change one school rule it would be to make computers optional. Her advice to her younger self is, "Please, pay attention." In her free time she works or hangs out with her friends. She will always remember Marissa Bowdon and when Paola said, "Spanish Quis." (???) Her plans for after high school are to go to SDSU for Nursing and Mt. Marty for nurse anesthetist.

Senior Spotlight: Jayla Pekkala

Jayla Rose Pekkala was born on June 12th, 2007. She has eight siblings and the most influential people in her life are her parents. Her most embarrassing moment was when she peed her pants in kindergarten and had to wear "HIDEOUS" camo pants to school. Her advice to her younger self is, "That side part was not it." In her free time she calls her boyfriend, cleans and bakes. She will always remember Talayna Marie and Mrs. Jacobson from high school. She will also always remember "The day you kissed my lips light as a feather." (Makenzie knows what she's talking about.) Her plans for after high school are to work and get married.



Journalism Class:

Reviews

Seatbelts

South Dakota Codified Laws 32-37-1.1 “Any operator of any passenger vehicle transporting a child under five years of age on the streets and highways of this state shall properly secure the child in a child passenger restraint system according to its manufacturer's instructions.”

32-37-1.2 “Any operator of a passenger vehicle operated on a public street or highway in this state transporting a passenger who is at least five and under eighteen years of age shall assure that the passenger is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system.”

32-37-1.3 “Any passenger of any passenger vehicle operated on a public street or highway in this state, who is at least fourteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system,”

In the state of South Dakota, laws regarding seat belts are listed in the South Dakota Codified Laws in sections 32-37-1.1 through 32-37-1.3. The first law listed in this states that the operator of a vehicle transporting a child under five is responsible for properly securing the child in a Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Safety Standard approved seat. The law also states that the operator is responsible for anyone under age eighteen to be fastened in a seatbelt. These laws have been implemented purely for the safety of the citizens. Though many complain of the slight inconvenience of buckling, it is a simple step that could possibly save lives. It is fair that the operator of the vehicle is responsible for any passenger under eighteen, to be properly buckled up. It is especially important to ensure young children are properly buckled, because they are too young to understand the consequences themselves. Violating any of these laws is considered negligence or assumption of risk. To avoid these consequences is very simple, just buckle up, and be sure your passengers do too. Applying these laws to my life has been very simple and has never caused problems in my daily life. Once I established the habit of fastening the seat belt, it became a simple part of driving. When I transport my younger siblings or nieces and nephews, I understand that it is my responsibility to be sure they are buckled correctly. Even when they protest, I know that it is vital to their safety to buckle them correctly. The seat belt laws in South Dakota have been very simple for me to follow. Due to the dangerous possibilities that can occur when driving, it is beneficial to the citizens that the South Dakota seat belt laws remain in place. People of all ages should wear a seatbelt while driving at all times. We fully support the laws in place regarding seatbelts in the state of South Dakota.

Should seniors have their phones in class?

Seniors in Hamlin High School should be allowed to have their phones in class. With them being the ages of 17-18 they should be given the choice to responsibly use their phones in classes. With them nearing the end of their high school career they should be able to have self-control on how long they spend on their phone. When going to college they will be able to have their phones and this just gives them time to responsibly learn how to control them. If the kids start to show irresponsibility and failing classes, the teachers can then step in to guide the students. Students that are taking dual credit classes should be allowed to have their phones. When studying for dual credits, some students find it easiest to study on their phones. Sometimes students have so many tabs open on their computer it is easiest if they use their phone to have one of the reading tabs open on their phones. Some students also need their phones in school for work. Their boss might need to contact them for work purposes. If the student is higher up in their job, people from work may need to contact them while they are in school. In the end we think it's necessary that high school students, especially seniors, have their phones on them. As us being seniors we realize how much we need our phones in class. We also realize it'll help us prepare for the real world when we are given the freedom to use our phones at our own risk.

Graduating Early

Graduating from high school early can give students an advantage in giving them a head start on future careers. Some young people find out that completing high school a year early lets them continue their plans more easily than waiting until the end of their senior year. Understanding the pros and cons of graduating early can help you decide whether this path is right for you. The hardest part is the two English classes you must take your junior year. It is also hard to say goodbye to your classmates if you leave five months early. But you will still be able to spend time with them when they get out of school. You must leave behind many people you will never see again. The only thing you will have are memories, so make the most of your days at school. Graduating early lets students plan future careers decisions better. When you have a couple extra months to figure out your plans you can choose a career path that better goes with your skill set and interests. By graduating early, you can start working full-time or part-time and save money to pay for education or the trips you want to take. This allows students to better their future and be set up while their friends are still finishing school. There are more jobs available to high school graduates with a diploma. You have to be dedicated and try your hardest. In conclusion it's fair to say graduating early is worth it.