

H/C CHARGER CHATTER

Upcoming Events

12/15 - MS/HS Concert 7pm in Multi purpose Gym
 12/16 - DHBB @ Flandreau
 GJV @ 4:00
 BJV @ 5:00
 Varsity GBB @ 6:00
 Varsity BBB to follow
 12/17 - FCA @ 7:30 am
 Early Graduation @ 3:00 in Multi purpose
 12/18 - NEC Wrestling @ CWL 4 pm
 Semester testing
 12/19 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30
 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
 Semester testing
 12/20 - Entringer Varsity GBB vs Deubrook @ Colman Egan @ 4:00
 Wrestling @ Plankinton 9:30 am
 12/22-1/2 - No School (Winter Break)
 12/30 - Varsity GBB @ 6:20 pm vs Mobridge-Pollock @
 NSU Barnett Center in Aberdeen
 12/31 - Entringer Varsity BBB @ Brookings HS @ 5:30 vs Dell Rapids-St. Mary
 1/5 - School Resumes; Second Semester Begins



New Year's Resolutions

Gwen - Save money
 Mrs. Ching - Procrastinate less and finally go through my closet
 Aubrey - Get my car back
 Ava - Save money
 Kardel - Get rich
 Elyk - Get a new knee
 Mrs. Beld - Listen more, talk less



Counselor's Corner

Finals are just around the corner – here are some tips to help you study smarter, stay focused, and feel confident going into your exams!

Sleep: Aim for 7-9 hours of quality rest.

Study in Chunks: 20-30 minutes at a time with short breaks (try 25/5).

Prioritize:

- Focus on hardest subjects first.
- Review topics you know will be on the test.

Start with the tougher material while your energy is high, then tackle the easier stuff later.

Best of luck!



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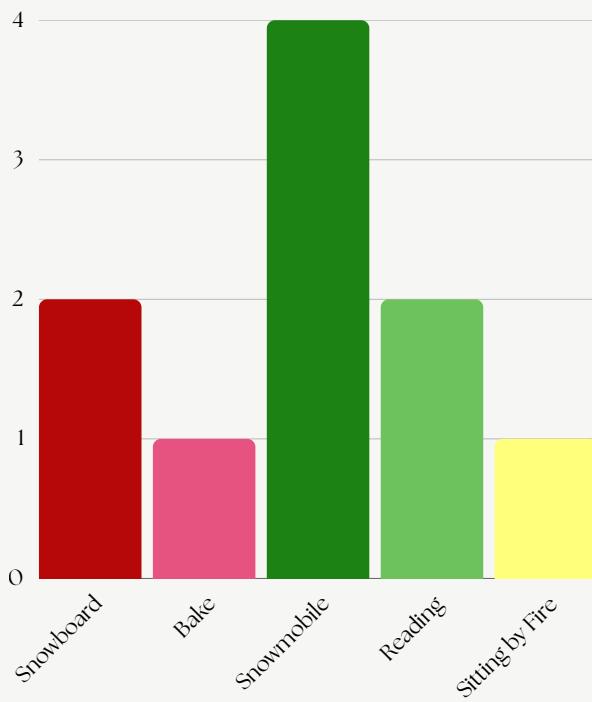


Don't know what to get your friends and family? Check out this gift guide!!



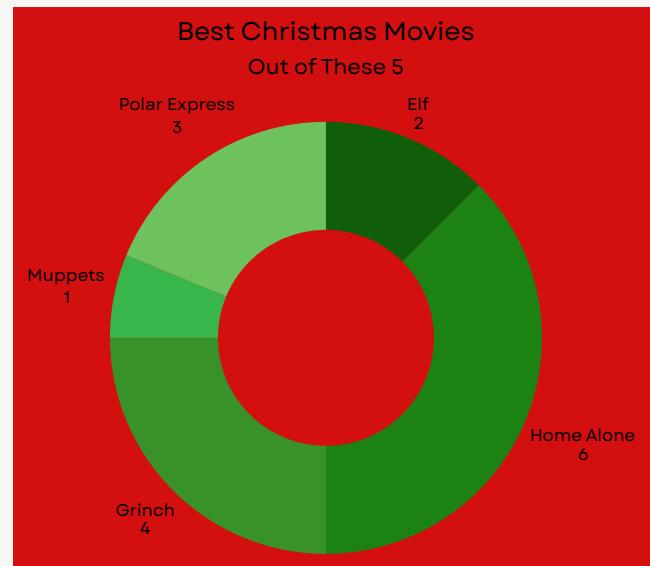
Favorite Winter Activities

- Snowboard
- Bake
- Snowmobile
- Reading
- Sitting by Fire



Trivia

1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"
2. In Home Alone, where are the McCallister's going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
3. Which country did eggnog come from?
4. Which president officially made Christmas a holiday?



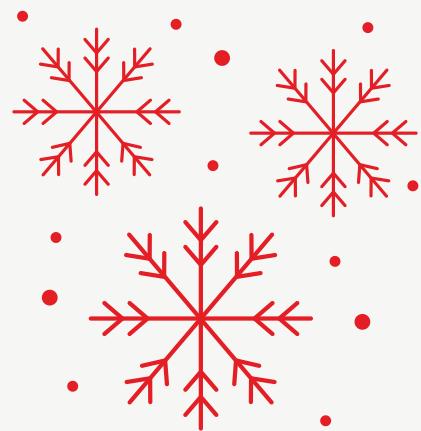
Book Club Spotlight

Book Club is so much more than reading! Our members love reading new books, participating in our annual food drive for the local food pantry, and remembering nursing home residents with small gifts at both Christmas and Valentine's Day. We even celebrate our students who reach their reading goals and encourage all to keep turning those pages!

The club meets once a month or so at lunch in Mrs. Schultz's classroom. Meetings combine fun conversations and planning for service projects with sharing what everyone is current.

Joining the Club: Students can join at any time, and there's no restriction on the number of students that can join! If you're interested in joining, see Mrs. Schultz or Mrs. Rosenlund.

What Members Love Most: Students report the very best aspect of Book Club is just getting together, having food, and doing fun activities.



Highschool Play



This year's play, *The 33 Little Pigs*, put a creative twist on a classic tale.

Congratulations to all who made it such a success!

Nov. Charger Champs



Trivia Answers:

1. EGGNOG
2. PARIS
3. ENGLAND
4. ULYSSES S. GRANT

State Oral Interp.

Oral Interp went to state on Friday December 5th. Guillermo Cruz, Clara Carstensen, Ellie Carstensen, Harper Nebel, Evalyn Gustafson, and Abby Loban received a superior medal in Reader's Theatre. Harper Nebel received a superior in Serious Reading. The whole team got a team excellence award.

Congrats oral interpers!



LATC Weld Off

The LATC Weld-Off is a competition for Hamlin students who are currently in welding or have taken welding before.

Students ride a bus to LATC and compete against schools from across South Dakota and western Minnesota to see who can weld the best.

Each competitor gets one hour to complete a welding test by assembling a small toolbox. LATC welding students prepare the cut pieces, and participants get a short practice time before the timed build begins.

Scoring: Industry professionals from companies that partner with LATC judge each toolbox.

Prizes: Winners can earn high-quality welding equipment, valuable industry connections, and even full-ride Build Dakota Scholarships that cover tuition, fees, books, and tools for welding programs at LATC.

Hamlin Results: Evett Lewno won first place last year, and Kelan Nelson placed second in the beginner division this year.



Kelan Nelson with his second place prizes

Winter Formal

Hamlin is hosting their winter formal on Saturday, January 10th, 2026. It will be held in the Highschool Lunch Room from 7-11 PM.

THEME:



Singles - \$3 Entry
You and a Guest - \$5 Entry
HIGHSCHOOL ONLY!

Volleyball Wrap-Up

The Hamlin volleyball girls had an incredible season, finishing 4th at state! The excitement in the student section, captured in the photo to the right, shows just how much the school rallied behind the team. Addie Jensen reflected on the season, saying, "We fought through adversity during the season, and then at state we battled through all three games." The team's success was also highlighted by individual honors, as Addie Neuendorf earned recognition on the State A All-Tournament Team and was selected for 2nd Team All-State, capping off an outstanding season.



⚡Football Wrap-Up⚡



Chargers Football finished the season with a wins to loss ratio of 9:2. Several players earned recognition for their outstanding performances!

All-Conference Selections: Aiden Abraham, Jackson Wadsworth, Tate Everson, and Boden Stevenson

All-Conference Honorable Mentions: Jaden Olson and Caleb Drenth

All-State Selections: Aiden, Jackson, and Boden



XC Wrap-Up



Hamlin Cross Country's season came to an end on October 15th at the Webster Regional Qualifying Meet. The team had a total of two varsity runners the whole season – Amelia Loban and Chase Gustafson. Neither of them qualified for state but overall, they had a productive season.



Staff Spotlight

Maren Fischer

Maren Fischer joins Hamlin Education Center as the 6th-grade Science teacher and as the 6th- and 8th-grade Health teacher. Before coming to HEC, she worked at Centerville. She earned both her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from SDSU. Maren's family includes her husband, Michael, and their three children: Caleb, a senior; Nolan, a sophomore; and Harper, who is in 8th grade. She is excited to be part of the Hamlin School District and has truly enjoyed getting to know the students and staff.

(Pictured: Second from Left)



Senior Spotlight

Kennedy Christensen

Kennedy Marie Christensen, daughter of Justin and Bethany Christensen, was born on October 29, 2007. She has two sisters, Maddie (21) and Hannah (14). Kennedy's favorite class has been English 12, because she has friends in there and all the people are chill. She said that it is very nice to talk in that class and not worry about who is in the room. Kennedy said her favorite teacher is Mrs. Schultz because her class is very engaging, making her actually want to learn. Her advice for the underclassmen: "Do not procrastinate doing work and don't waste class periods on study halls if you don't need them. Always turn in your work on time."





Senior Spotlight

Shawn Matson

Shawn Miles Matson, son of Mona Matson, was born on April 23, 2008. He has 8 siblings, Mason (39), Breana (34), Tawnee (29), Kiera (25), Connor (22), Allie (21), Johnny (19), and Aria (13). Shawn's favorite class is team sports because it is lots of fun. His favorite teacher is Mr. Abraham because they always have very interesting conversations. Shawn said his most memorable year is his senior year because of all the fun things they get to do!

Senior Spotlight

Ruby Uecker

Ruby Irene Uecker, daughter of Bobbi Gustafson, was born on September 28, 2007. She has two siblings, Haeden (25) and Renner (21). Her favorite class is English 12. She said it is her favorite because of all the amazing people including her favorite teacher, Mrs. Schultz. Mrs. Schultz is a great teacher and has a great sense of humor! An inspirational person in Ruby's life is her grandma. Ruby said she is so sweet and always wanting to help others. A piece of advice for the underclassmen: Don't cheat in Mrs. Schultz's class.



Senior Spotlight

Bryston Haug

Bryston Chayce Haug, son of Stuart and Leah Houg, was born on January 25, 2008. He has six siblings, Cayden, Jalayna, Alisha, Carina, Breana, and Shaina. His favorite class was study hall because you never have to do any work. In 10 years, Bryston sees himself in the workforce doing something that earns him a lot of money or owning his own business. He will always remember Mrs. Dorn's art class with Tommy Hilliard. Bryston's piece of advice for the younger classmen: graduate early!