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Are student athletes privileged?

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"It'll take a spark of one of these students (student-athletes) to encourage all of their peers to be honest. Instead of acting up like it's not a big deal," says our anonymous source.

Student-athletes and their privileges in school have been a long-standing issue across the United States.

"Student-athlete privileges promote a hierarchy in the student board," our Anonymous source says.

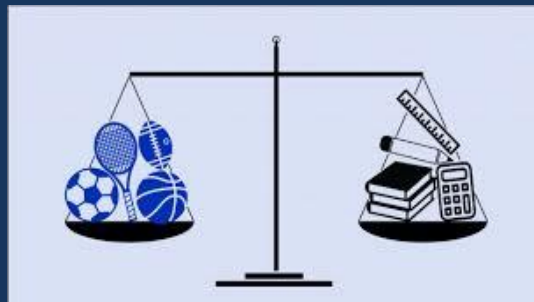
So what does this say about how we enforce our policies? Our source continues to say, "What does this show our kids? Everyone should be treated the same. If one falls, we all go down."

However, Shonna Hunter, High School Teacher, and Cross Country Coach says, "I think our athletes get punished more. Maybe even twice as much as hard as regular students."

Ms. Hunter goes on to say, "Student-athletes are looked at more. They have more exposure. They have to work harder than the average student."

Student Handbook Policy 4.09:

"Athletics/activities are a privilege and not a right therefore, it is the student's responsibility to maintain their eligibility."



Eva Old Horse, Junior, is a student-athlete who believes that athletes are targeted for special attention. "Sometimes we get treated better because of our potential to play sports at the college level," says Old Horse.

When asked why people believe that athletes are privileged, Stephanie Janis, Junior, says, "Most of the staff are coaches and others think they have favorites because of that." Elizabeth Iron Horn, Junior, says, "(Student-Athletes) Work harder because it's easy to get behind when you miss school for games."

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20—Senior Class Halloween Bingo @ 1 p.m. in Dining Room
Oct. 22—Volleyball vs. Takini @ 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24—Football 2nd round of playoffs @ 1 p.m.
Oct. 25—Wacipi Feed @ 5 p.m. Grand Entry @ 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 26—Volleyball @ Alliance Invite 10 a.m.

Hailey Kills Back

See page 3 for more on student athlete privileges!

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE MUSTANG NEWS!

Poem of the Week, Bullying, Homecoming King and Queen, Conspiracy Theories, Oral Interp, Inspirational Quotes, and Counselor's Corner!



Poem of the Week

Enola Running Hawk

The place I call home

Mary Kate Martinez

The place I call home, where we have all 4 seasons.

The place I call home, where the grass is green and the Badlands are dry.

The place I call home, is where the sun sets behind the Black Hills, where Black Elks Peak used to be Harney Peak. Where Native American have to pay to see their home lands, where we are called the Oglala Sioux Instead of Oglala Lakota, where we are located on one of the poorest reservations in South Dakota.

But, that's the place I call home. Where we can't sit in peace.

Where young teenagers are addicted to drugs and use alcohol to numb their pain.

Where families disown each other, where children grow up way too fast. Experience heart aches at a young age. Where teenagers think suicide is the only option to an temporary solution, where they wanna feel the love from one of their parents who aren't there for them in a time where they are needed the most.

Most of us just within this isn't the place where we call home. But this place we call home is where our roots grow, where we made our first mistakes, our first heart aches, every decision we made as a whole, or alone. This is the place we are always going to call home.

Counselor's Corner

Angelina Rojas

We are only human, meaning that sometimes our emotions take a hold of us. Relationships in high school can mean much more because this may be our first love. I used to think that the romantic movies Hollywood made portrayed the ideal relationships. However, the reality is different. Love can often feel like a movie romance. It can take one day, only 24 hours, to change what you thought would have been forever into strangers again. When two people break up it can be devastating or maybe better off. Everyone is different in dealing with break ups.



Counselor's Corner is here to provide guidance and coping skills:

- Don't be afraid to cry
- Share your feelings with someone you trust
- Remember what's good about you
- Take good care of yourself
- Do the things you normally enjoy
- Keep yourself busy
- Give yourself time

Homecoming Court Angelina Rojas

Prince Nominees: Keyvaunte Veaux, Benjamin Mills, Trayton Janis, Lance Christensen, Jr.

Princess Nominees: Angelina Rojas, Elizabeth Iron Horn, Talaiah Bear Killer, Eva Old Horse

Prince: Lance Christensen, Jr.
Princess: Eva Old Horse



Pictured (left to right): Lance Christensen
Eva Old Horse

King Nominees: Kaleb Brave Eagle, Juan Marrufo, Isaiah Pourier, Ralph Bear Killer
Queen Nominees: Grace Eagle, Ilyanna Fillspipe, Macy Rouillard, Larae White Crane
King Pictured Left: Ralph Bear Killer
Queen Pictured Right: Larae White Crane



Oral Interp.

Nicollette Takes War Bonnett and Taylor Sierra

Laticia White Woman (Senior), Antonio Rojas (Sophomore), and Jayson Ashley (Junior) are all part of Little Wound High School's Oral Interpretation team. All three believe that being on the team is fun and agree it helps them with their social skills. They are inspired by their friends, their personal interest in the extracurricular activity, and by helping with speech class. White Woman achieved first place in poetry while Rojas and Ashley received second place. Both Rojas and Ashley want to return to the team next year. White Woman will be attending college and does not want to continue in theater arts.

Inspirational Quotes

Larae White Crane

"Just gotta stay l-i-v-i-n (Bob Marley) positively no matter what situations are being held accountable."

"No matter how hard life is, nor circumstances, it's up to you how you want to respond."

"Prioritize your time, even if that means taking time off being negatively influenced."

Chrispiracy:

Chris Cuny

Mr. Daniel Snethen, Science Teacher, has a dog companion named Knightly. Knightly may be the smartest dog out there, but maybe a little too smart. Sometimes he does the unusual. Knightly waits for Mr. Snethen to get off of work every day in the school parking lot. Is it because Mr. Snethen takes care of Knightly or does Knightly take care of Mr. Snethen? I've witnessed Mr. Snethen talk to Knightly like he understood English. As though he could comprehend his words.

Chrispiracy Continued:

Mr. Snethen says, "Knightly might be my father," That would make a lot of sense for Knightly to be Mr. Snethen's surrogate father because he looks out for Mr. Snethen like a father should. Mr. Snethen also said, "Knightly waits for me for about two to three days when we go on overnight trips." We come to find the age of Knightly is 7 years old which makes him about 60 in dog years. I believe Knightly is the caretaker of our science teacher, Mr. Daniel Snethen.



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Our Anonymous Student source says "I believe student athletes are treated better. The security guards don't target us. We can go in the weight room whenever we want. Anyone else, they would get in trouble." They continue to say, "If a teacher goes against a student who is a star athlete that teacher is made a target by the parents, coaches, and other staff."

On the other hand, Heather Hinkle, English Teacher, Assistant Basketball Coach, and former student-athlete, says, "When I was in high school in Kentucky, I worked as an office aide. I witnessed a coach go into the counselor's office and change a student's grade so he could be eligible to play Division 1 basketball." Ms. Hinkle goes on to say, "I was a student-athlete and I knew I could get away with turning in assignments late because I was good at basketball. I knew the teachers would be lenient with me and I used it to my advantage."

Because of her personal experience, Ms. Hinkle believes that "coaches and teachers need to be on the same page." The term student-athlete has "student" first and athletes second. "Schoolwork comes first," says Ms. Hinkle.

Additionally, Sharei Ricketts, Principal, has always announced and informs students that "you are students first and a good student makes a good athlete."

Teachers and coaches working together has been brought up in all our interviews. So the solution seems simple: we need to work on our communication between teachers and coaches so that Little Wound students can be students first and athletes second.

Lance Christensen, Jr. is the first in Little Wound history to win state golf tournament

Heather Hinkle

Mr. Lance Christensen, Jr., Student Council President, Junior at Little Wound High School, has been playing golf since age three. At age 17, Christensen's hard work and practice paid off. On October, 8 Christensen became the first in Little Wound School history to become the State A Golf Champion. Only



two other Native students have won the same championship. Coach Rob Mendoza, says, "Lance practices a lot. With golf you get to a

certain level of excellence and Lance has the ability to reach the top."

The State A South Dakota Golf Tournament takes place over two days. To qualify for the tournament golfers had to be in the top 60 percent of their region. Christensen placed 2nd in the regional tournament. There were 104 total

competitors in the State A Tournament.

Day one of the tournament, Christensen shot 43 on the front nine holes (seven over from an even par of 36). On the back nine holes, he shot 34 (two under par). Christensen was leading the first day by one stroke with 5 over par.

"I was surprised I was leading and I knew right there I could do it," Christensen says.

Day two the golfers were placed in groups based on their rankings from the day before. Being in the lead, Christensen's group competed later in the evening. Christensen warmed up while listening to music, mentally preparing for the meet. On his first tee, Christensen says, "I was not necessarily nervous, but ready to go."

"I kept battling all day. I kept in mind people back home that I



prayed for and that pride made it happen,"

Christensen says. On the front nine, Christensen shot 40 (four over par) and 40 (four over par) on the back

nine. Christensen never lost the lead on the second day and won by five. Mr. Mendoza says, "I was happy and relieved that Lance won. His level of play wasn't really what we planned for. There was some frustration, but golf is not easy and he came through in the end. Champions always do!" Christensen was escorted home by



police from Kadoka to Kyle. He was greeted by staff, students, and family and friends.

As far as next year, Christensen says, "I want to keep working hard and try to win another next year. Keep chasing the dream."

