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Teachers And Students Welcome New Technology At Yankton High School



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Yankton High School is testing Google Chromebooks in the language arts hallway.

Chromebooks are small personal laptop computers which use the internet to support applications versus using traditional applications which are installed on the computers itself. This new technology is a change for the staff and students that may ultimately replace some of the paper-backed books currently used in the classes. Chromebooks are currently being used in junior American Literature classes along with some Sophomore Composition classes.

The students who are enrolled in these designated classes are approaching the use of these new Chromebooks with some mixed feelings. Some are hesitant about using these new pieces of technology as they are not familiar with some of the applications that the Chromebooks have to offer. Most of the students are familiar with Microsoft programs and have never been introduced to the various chrome apps which may make the use of the Chromebooks a little challenging at first.

Allie Lihse, a student in Mrs. Lillie's American Literature class commented, "I think that it enhances our learning process, and I

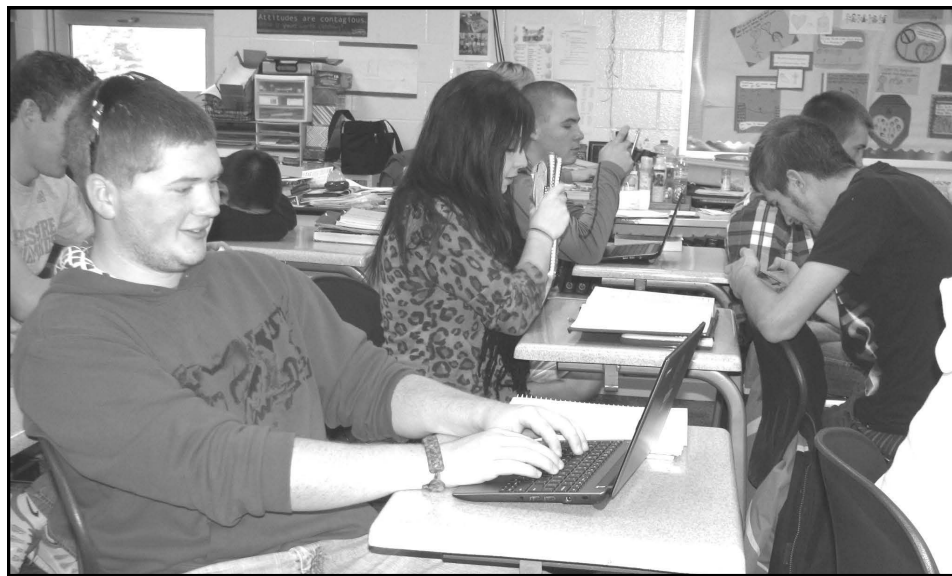


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Luke Hento and other students in Mrs. Pietz's English class are using Chromebooks.

can't wait to further our use with them."

Jason Shindler, a student in Mrs. Lillie's American Literature class also shared his views on the arrival of this new technology. He stated that he thinks that "there are pros and cons to the Chromebooks. On one hand, it is nice to look up information when we need it, but on the other hand, they can be distracting."

The language arts staff, though still adapting to the new technology, is enjoying the idea of using it at their disposal. Mrs. Mikkelson takes advantage of the various apps that the Chromebooks have to offer while teaching her American Literature classes. Her American Literature students are taking advantage of the Chromebooks by using it to blog about some

of the short stories that she is covering in her class.

Some of the American Literature classes are hoping to use the Chromebooks for their poetry unit. The Sophomore Composition classes that are able to use the Chromebooks are using them for research.

Mrs. Lillie, a language arts teacher, thought that the biggest challenge at this point is getting the students comfortable with the new applications so that they are easily able to use the Chromebooks for their benefit.

She commented that "it is convenient for everyone in class to have access to the technology on a daily basis. They are able to work more independently or as a small group with the laptops."

Any of the teachers that want to use this new type of

technology for their class are able to check a Chromebook out with Dr. Johnke, principal of Yankton High School.

Though the students and staff may have to adapt to the use of the Chromebooks, it may help enhance the learning of students. Leslie Alarcon stated that "today many kids are learning through technology, and at the end of the day, it could save the school money and be an easier way of learning."

Yankton High School is utilizing one of the newest technological trends to enhance the learning environment in its classrooms. Both students and teachers are exploring the features of Chromebooks and helping each other through the learning process.

Y's Words On Speaking Up Against Abuse



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Child abuse is a heinous act. It is something that most of the public would shy away from given its name alone. But as more and more cases are brought to the attention of the public, some even reaching national news, people have to take notice.

With the recent and suspected child abuse death of Tyrese Robert Ruffin, the son of Minnesota Vikings all-star running back Adrian Peterson, we are also forced to admit that these tragedies are closer to home than ever before.

Some might say that this is one occasion, and it can not account for everyone. But as other accounts of severe mistreatment of children come out, we are starting to see that the Midwest seems to be some kind of epicenter for child abuse.

Accounts such as the one coming out of Orange City Iowa where three-year-old Autumn Elgersma was allegedly thrown down by her day care provider, 33-year-old Rochelle Lynn Sapp. Elgersma died on Oct. 31st due to a skull fracture and brain trauma.

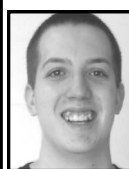
This report sounds similar to one from Sioux City in 2012 when 6-month-old Peyton Pottebaum allegedly died from fatal brain trauma also allegedly sustained at the hands of his day care provider.

"Recent stories of kids being killed by people who are supposed to be taking care of them are horrible." Connor Stotz, YHS senior finds it shocking and says there needs to be "more accountability."

With Stotz's words speaking truth, it is time for us as a state, region and nation to make provisions against such unspeakable acts to stop the useless violence, to stop the abuse of children.

But how? It starts with contacting authorities, your local social services branch or the police. But it starts with you speaking out against the violence.

Yankton Bucks Football Team Ends Season In Watertown



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Despite an up and down season for the Bucks they appeared to be favored going into the dome. The only thing in their way was a second ranked Watertown squad that was defeated by the Bucks earlier in the season. Watertown, however, came out with an intensity that wasn't seen the first time around and proved to be fatal for the Bucks' season as they fell 32-14.

The game began for the Bucks exactly as was expected. Watertown fumbled and the Bucks recovered it and returned it all the way to the goal line. However, when the offense attempted to capitalize they fumbled the ball into the end zone where Watertown would recover it. Watertown was not able to capitalize on the turnover, but the play set a tone for the Bucks' night offensively.

On Watertown's first possession since blowing the turnover, they capitalized with a short running touchdown. After that, Watertown kept their foot on the gas until halftime. Watertown seemed to score every way imaginable. Before half-time they had a rushing, passing, and fumble return for touchdowns. On top of that, they added a field goal to make it 25-0 by halftime.

Watertown was only able to put up these points because of Yankton's sloppy play offensively. Yankton recorded five first half turnovers and got themselves into a rut of which they wouldn't be able to find their way out.

Despite a strong third quarter showing by the Bucks that resulted in a 25-14 score going into the fourth they weren't able to maintain that momentum throughout the end of the game. Even though they failed to create any second half turnovers the Watertown defense remained stifling by shutting out the Bucks in the fourth quarter allowing them to coast to a 32-14 victory.

Although the season did not end the way the team may have hoped, there is always another year. The Bucks are returning many key pieces from this year's team. Come next year if the dedication and will to win we saw from this year's players is still present, that Buck squad will once again be in position to go to the Dome.

Prevention Groups, SADD And TATU, Make YHS Debut



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Two worthwhile groups are about to start at YHS. These groups are Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) and the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Both TATU and SADD have the goal to educate and prevent destructive behaviors while at the same time providing positive role models in the community for youth of all ages.

These groups take a unique stance on drug prevention and healthy living because the main advocacy is coming from students instead of adults. This strategy is used with the hopes that a message to stay healthy and drug free will be more effective and relatable when coming from peers.

Mrs. Tiffany Kashas, YHS drug and alcohol counselor, explained the two organizations as "separate groups, yet similar in regards to education and awareness."



While TATU focuses mainly on tobacco prevention, SADD covers many issues such as underage drinking, drug use, and violence. Even though they are separate groups, students will be able to be members of both TATU and SADD. At this time, there are about 104 students who are interested in being involved in this unique opportunity.

These students will be trained so that they can be equipped to educate and advocate for healthy choices.

It is not yet decided if the students will go to different locations such as Sioux Falls or if the training will be local. One session of TATU training is set for Nov. 22 at YHS.

While these groups are new to YHS, many chapters are established across the country. The TATU group was established in 1996 by the American Lung Association. SADD was created in 1981 by a high school teacher in Massachusetts and currently has about 350,000 active members nationwide. If any students are interested in participating in TATU or SADD, they can contact Mrs. Kashas, Ms. Martindale or a student participant.



Black Friday Is A Popular Shopping Day For Many



BY
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During the course of a typical year, I don't spend that much money on consumer products.

However, come Black Friday, I give in to capitalism and the enticing prices offered by retailers of all kinds.

Forget your inhibitions, cast-off the restrictions of logic, and partake in the greatest day of the year.

Black Friday is essentially a sport (and, to an extent, a blood-sport), but instead of competing for a feeling of accomplishment, you fight for the most American of prizes: things.

Take Wal-Mart. I lined up for well over an hour for a chance at Blu-Ray movies at rock-bottom prices. Going in, I had no idea I wanted a copy of the James



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Bond film *Die Another Day*.

But once in the store, surrounded and suffocated by house-wives, grandmothers, and sweaty adolescents, I stopped at nothing to get my hands on that movie.

In the fray I managed to pick up quite a few movies I hadn't seen in the Black Friday ad, but hey, I'd be

stupid not to buy these at such low prices.

While fighting your way towards savings is fun, shopping in-store allows you to shop at only one store. Looking online yields better results in terms of sheer quantity.

Nearly all online retailers offer some sort of sale, but no place is better than the almighty Amazon. Last

year, I perused through nearly 30 pages of DVD and Blu-Ray deals. I didn't venture much into other categories, but I'll be the first to tell you that you can score some sweet baking equipment for not a lot of "dough." I think you can also buy books for cheap, too.

People think Black Friday is stupid and that this day indicates the decadence and conspicuous consumption so pervasive in American society today. But I think that's silly.

For one day I block out the thoughts that this way of living and shopping may have serious repercussions, and instead I have fun shopping for movies and music and cookware.

For as long as our society is a capitalist one, I'm going to enjoy it, even if that enjoyment last for only a day.

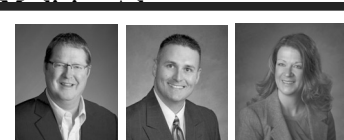


A Y-Club meeting is
scheduled for Wed. Nov. 20
at 10 a.m. in the YCAH



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