

THE CHARGER

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are you experiencing senioritis? What are your symptoms?

“Yes. I get the jitters and I don’t wanna do anything.”

Senior Stanley Russo

“YES. Not coming to school, not doing work, having only 3 actual classes, not paying any attention, and wanting to work only.”

Junior Madison Schurle

“No. I am a hardworking kid in school and I never experience senioritis.”

Junior Aiden Boeckman

“I’m not a senior but yes. I’m ready to be done with high school and I don’t really feel like doing a lot of stuff in my classes anymore.”

Junior Kara Hafenstine

“Yes, my joints ache and I can no longer dance like I used to.”

Science teacher Lisa Hull

“Yes. I started waking up at 8 and my first hour teacher already knows I will be late and the only reason I am going to school is because I have to for softball.”

Senior Ryleigh Jones

“I’m experiencing depression, back pain and fatigue and also teenage rebellion.”

Senior Melissa Campbell

Are you planning to get a job this summer? What job do you have or are seeking? What challenges do students in our community face when finding jobs?

“Yes. There aren’t very many available since we live in such small towns.”

Junior Kendyl Maike

“I do plan on finding a job. I want a hands on job, maybe an assistant for mechanical work.”

Junior Cameron Yell

“I don’t really care where I work, I just need money. It could be Gambinos or the pool — I don’t care. I require money. The issues I encounter trying to get a job is that nobody will hire me.”

Junior Bryce Andrews

“I do yard work for a neighbor down the road.”

Junior Marek Boatwright

“I have a job. I work as a nurse aid and for the summer. I’ll be doing that. Also, I want to try door dashing with my boyfriend during summer. It seems fun. A lot of students start out not having jobs so they get rejected most of the time. Then they have to get a really crappy first job before anything good comes along.”

Junior Madison Schurle

“I am applying to the Adventure Time Daycare in our town. I think the biggest challenge kids face is that everyone wants to apply to the jobs in the town and not everyone can be accepted.”

Junior Madisyn Havenstein

Magette signs with Barton County softball

Emma Frey | editor in chief

Senior Jordan Magette signed her letter of intent to continue her academic and softball career at Barton Community College last Friday. Many of Magette’s previous softball coaches attended the signing via a Zoom call.

“I chose Barton because I really connected with the coaches. I liked their campus and they offer a lot of classes in what I want to major in,” Magette said, “the turf field is a plus!” She began playing T-ball from a young age, fell in love, and has stuck with the sport since.

Throughout her time at Wabunsee, Magette excelled in a variety of sports, but ultimately chose to pursue softball at the collegiate level. She participated in volleyball and cheer all four years of high school and basketball for three years. “It’s always



Junior Jordan Magette signs to play softball at Barton County Community College during a celebration Friday afternoon. From left, Austin Magette, Carrie Magette, Jordan Magette, Darin Magette and Calvin Magette. Photo by Emma Frey.

good when you have to pause because they have more than one sport that they could be going on to play,” principal Jan Hutley said. “Isn’t that nice?”

Magette was joined by her

coaches Dave Cairns and Cori Munoz. Cairns encouraged her to continue focusing on school work. “Softball is not number one, education is the thing you’re after,” Cairns said,

“You’re doing softball for the fun of it.”

It is a privilege in itself and requires hard work to go onto play sports at a higher level. Hutley shared the statistic that only 2 percent of high school students will do so. “Don’t ever think that it’s not a big deal. Very few kids have the honor of going on and have dedicated their outside time to sports,” Hutley said.

Joe Dee Tarbutton, head softball coach, was able to attend the signing in person. He spoke of how Magette has excelled in the sport since freshman year. “I can tell you of her stats, which are great, but one of the big things that doesn’t show in her stats is when she’s been put in tough positions. She always goes in with a poker face, you never know what she’s thinking,” Tarbutton said.

Softball, baseball back after losing season to pandemic

Jacob Meseke | sports editor

High school baseball and softball are back after no season last year due to COVID-19. Both teams will play Thursday at home against Onaga.

Baseball returns two players that played in at least five games: seniors Eli Mumpower and Isaac Lira. Other baseball seniors are Peter Stuhlsatz and Hunter McCollough.

Softball is returning two seniors, Ryleigh Jones and Jordan Magette. Both are committed to play college softball. Jones is committed to Cloud County Community College and Magette is committed to Barton Community College.

Other key players are juniors Kara Hafenstine, Madi Havenstein, and Kaelyn Conrad.

Coach Weisshaar said some key games for the baseball team are Onaga, Mission Valley,



Peter Stuhlsatz pitches during his sophomore season.

Olpe, Northern Heights, Osage City and St. Marys — all games against schools in the same classification.

Coach Tarbutton said all Mid-East League games are key games for softball.

Underclassmen will play a big role this season for both teams.

“13 of the 19 players are

freshmen and sophomores; obviously several of them will have to step up and contribute in various ways, they will have increased roles compared to normal years,” said head baseball coach Jeron Weisshaar.

“(Underclassmen) will have a huge role in supporting our team,” said head softball coach Joe Dee Tarbutton.

With a loss of season last year, there is also a loss of experience. There are also a lot of differences from years prior.

“We are very fortunate that both classes while being inexperienced are very good athletes and are adapting fast,” said Tarbutton.

“Not having a season last year with a small number of upperclassmen, we’ve spent more time early on so far going through a lot of fundamentals and trying to figure out who all of our pitchers are,” said Weisshaar.

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Both teams have different goals they have set. Baseball looks to improve their players throughout the season, while softball looks to compete for a chance to go to state.

“Like heading in last year, the main key to the 2021 team’s success will be individuals’ willingness to put team first and be able to contribute in various roles when given an opportunity; with some many young players, we are focused on developing skills all around the field and want to compare ourselves to only ourselves (are we better than we were the day before, the week before, the month before, etc) and not to other teams,” Weisshaar said.

“Compete in a very tough league. Play well in regionals and earn a trip to state. Most importantly learn a lot and have fun,” Tarbutton said.

Don’t let senioritis keep you from finishing the year



Emma Frey | editor in chief

Senioritis is a term you’ve probably heard thrown around in the halls of the high school every year. For anyone who is yet to experience their senior year, and coming from someone who’s in the midst of it, let me tell you now; it’s real. And in true senioritis fashion, I’m writing this article literally an hour before it’s due.

Despite knowing many seniors throughout my time in

high school, I never anticipated senioritis to be as difficult as it is. I figured that they were just a little lazy, we all get that way right? Wrong.

High school is a very difficult time for everyone to manage. It’s the last step before you can begin your life and become more independent. You also experience more mental health challenges. Your body and mind are changing and it’s a very exhausting process all together with school work just to top it off. It’s fair to say you’re a little over it by senior year.

Some common symptoms of senioritis include:

- Fatigue
- Procrastination

- Excessive napping, sometimes even in class
- Dreading school
- Constant complaining
- Growing disdain for your hometown
- Dropping grades

Even though some days it might feel nearly impossible to overcome your senioritis, you have to remember how close you are to being done. I’ll use a little bit of Mr. Alderman’s advice here. SPRINT THROUGH THE FINISH LINE! Ok, this definitely applies to track, but it’s something I use to remind myself to keep going. You cannot run the whole race just to slow down right at the end, that is when people pass you. It doesn’t matter how much work

you put in the beginning of the race if you don’t work just as hard right up to the end.

I’m probably not the best person to be giving advice in this department, but we all need to encourage each other to continue being the best we can be.

Seniors, and seniors-to-be, we’re all in the same boat. We’re all exhausted and ready to start our own lives, but high school provides a strong foundation for the rest of your life and career. School is very important and you have to do your best to keep up. You’re very close to being done so just try to slow down and enjoy it for what it is.

High school is an experience unlike any other and one day when you’re old and miserable, you might just miss it.