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## TORNADO WARNING: HoCo on the Horizon

By Ashlee Jones and Mya Kattleman

Students at Griggsville-Perry students are preparing for homecoming. The cheerleaders chose the theme this year. The freshman have St. Patrick's Day, sophomores have Halloween, juniors have Fourth of July, and seniors have Christmas. Most high schoolers know that homecoming week is and can be stressful, such as for decorating and planning.

Matthew Myers a senior at Griggsville-Perry, is very ecstatic for homecoming. He is hoping that everybody in his class will be participating this year.

“I’m excited. I like the whole week. It’s a lot of fun, and you’re competing to try and win that’s always fun,” said Myers.

Jasmine Butler a sophomore



at GPHS is very exhilarated for homecoming.

“I feel that people just need to have spirit and want to participate, because it’s just not as

fun when people don’t want to be involved,” said Butler.

Multiple memories were made but Jasmine had one in mind that she said was the best.

“My favorite memory was when Tanner dunked it, and got the whole school wound up,” Butler stated.

On Friday, January 25th, there is a pep rally in the big gym. This is a time for classmates to get together and compete against other class for the spirit stick by doing a skit, playing the games and during the week they dress up, and decorate their wall and lockers.

“I plan to participate in everything and try to get my classmates to do the same so we can win,” Myers stated.

With the classes working together the seniors and juniors have a disagreement on who is going to win this year.

## Tornadoes Basketball Continue Improving

By Jeremy Bray

The basketball team has won more games this year than recent years.

“When we are playing well we are able to score a lot of points and play with some of the top teams in the area,” said senior basketball player Matthew Myers.

The Tornadoes team has quite a few new players this year but they have mostly boys that have played on the team before.

“Overall the team has gotten better at every aspect of the game. We are learning everyone’s strengths and weaknesses, so we play better together and perform more consistently than last year,” said Myers.

The team has won against teams that they haven’t beat in a while.

“One of our wins came from the Carrollton team, Carrollton is a pretty good team in the area and that was a really good win. We would not have been able to do this last year,” said junior Basketball player Dalton Sheurman.

With the basketball team getting better they are a better opponent for other teams.





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# Senior Profiles: *Get to Know a Senior*

## Brayden Sonneborne: Always Ready to Laugh

By Jason Crane

Brayden Sonneborne is always making jokes and lighting up the room with laughter. He plans on going to John Wood Community College to study criminal justice then transfer to Western Illinois and move forward. He says he has a few hobbies.

“Favorite thing to-do is probably, go home, ride four wheelers, or play on my computer and do stuff like that drive around town,” Sonneborn explained.

He also said that he will miss his friends and their memories. He also has some advice for freshman.

“Work your hardest, keep pushing through it no matter what happens because it only get harder from here,” Sonneborn said. He explained how it felt when he first arrived at the school last year and its difficulties.

“Last year is pretty rough, last year and this year. I have opened up alot, but when I started here I was kind of quite, And just on my own,” Sonneborn explained.

But he said it has gotten easier the longer he has been at GPHS. He doesn't know if he is going to stay local after high school or move away. He explained that it would depend on his job. He specifically wants to be a game warden police officer.

“I have always wanted to be somewhere like criminal justice, and I love nature so I decided to go into game warden,” Sonneborn said.



## OPINION: New Attendance Policy Provides Needed Improvements

By Brookelyn Crone

As a new semester starts there are always a few things that need to be changed in the classrooms and the policies. This semester there is a new updated attendance policy.

The updated policy states: *Students are allowed 5 day/ occurrences of absence per year which illness can be excused with a parent phone call and/or note. If a student reaches five parent contact absences (a partial day occurrence or full day occurrence will both be counted for the purposes of personal illness/ parent contact days as 1 day of absence), all subsequent absences will be considered as unexcused.*

*If a student is sent home by the District Nurse/School, the absence will not be counted towards the 5 days of parent excusals.*

*Absences which are medically excused will not be counted*



Brookelyn Crone, Junior

*toward attendance limits if the parents/legal guardians provide the school with a written doctor's excuse signed by the doctor or nurse practitioner within 48 hours of the student's return (weekend days excluded), which lists the date(s) in question. Absences for doctor visits for parents, siblings or other relatives will be unexcused unless prior approve from*

*building administrator is received.*

*A student is considered tardy after the 8:30 a.m. bell rings. All tardy students must report to the office for an admittance slip. 5 start of the day tardies will result in one unexcused absence day (this day will only be counted towards truancy counts).*

This policy can either get students to come to school on time or the students will just give up. Now the people that disagree with this policy will have other things to say. This policy will be helpful in the long run. The policy is very reasonable that you are allowed five days per year with illness can be excused. The policy is going to allow the students that tend to skip school more often realize that their education is important. And that there will be consequences if they do not to up to school.

Now the people that disagree with this new policy they would

say that it isn't fair to the students that have a doctors appointment. But those that do not have that problem and just do not show up this is a good way to get there consequences. Those that disagree will have their own opinion on what the new policy has to say.

The new policy may have some flaws but the point that the school board is trying to prove is a valid point: Stay in school kids.

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