



# 439 INFORMER

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## Sedgwick Students Give Back

By Olivia Grattan, senior

Sedgwick High School recently helped a leukemia lymphoma fundraiser. This fundraiser is something that the NHS has conducted for many years. The fundraiser was put on by the schools National Honor Society with the help of Mrs. Watkins. The fundraiser consisted of the students at Sedgwick High School putting donations into jars separated by classes. In order to give the students an incentive to donate, the classes were all given a chance to win a pizza party. Whichever class ended up donating the most money would then end up winning the pizza party.

When asked how she thought the fundraiser went Mrs. Watkins stated, "The fundraiser went better than expected, but not up to previous year's goals." Considering the circumstances of the year this was to be suspected. Although she did wish that there was a bit more participation, there were many things that Mrs. Watkins thought went well. For example, one positive aspect was that the Juniors and Seniors were very competitive with each other. The Seniors would take the lead in the donations, and then the Juniors would come back and take the lead. This continued back and forth until finally the fundraiser came to a close. At the end, the Junior class did end up donating the most money to leukemia research and support. They enjoyed their hard-earned pizza party during lunch, but they also really enjoyed knowing that they had helped others. Everyone is looking forward to future fundraisers, and hope that participation increases over the years. The last thing that Mrs. Watkins added that she loves how the NHS supports LLS.



**Pictured:** Mrs. Watkins, National Honor Society sponsor, helps hand out pizza to the juniors as their reward for raising the most money for leukemia and lymphoma. It was a close competition, but the juniors slightly outraised the senior class.



## SPRING BREAK '21: WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?



"I didn't really do a whole lot. I practiced baseball with Lance Hoffsommer just about every day to get ready for the season." -Austin

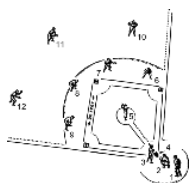
Harjo

"Over spring break, honestly all I did was go to birthday parties and watch Netflix"- Bailey Bevan



"I didn't do much over spring break. I mostly stayed home." - Andrea Stimpson

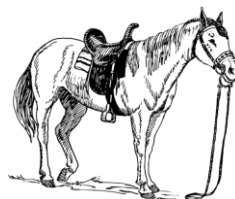
"Over Spring break I got Senior pictures taken and my sister came home. Of course I also took care of my chickens!" -Cora Harper



"My spring break was full of baseball practices and a baseball scrimmage as well as football workouts. I also had

time for hanging out with my friends of course."-Lance Hoffsommer

"I went on a camp out with scout Friends"- Madison Ferguson



"I spent spring break at my barn working with my horse and in baseball practice"-Justin Esposito

*Training my cattle for shows.*" -Sarah McKown



I went to the Grand Canyon with my family and did some hiking. This trip is special because it was our first trip with our dog (Maisie), everything based on the trip was thought up around her like the hotel and activities as well as pit stops. - Josie Cochran

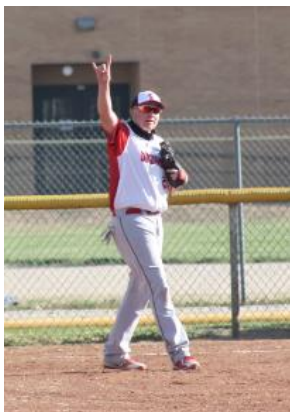
"I ran, worked out, and watched TV"- Ryan Stucky



## Baseball Team Starts Season 6-0

by Gracie Ast, senior

Sedgwick High baseball started the season off at Chaparral on March 26<sup>th</sup> with a pair of wins. Senior Nolan Crumrine pitched in an 14-0 win against Chaparral and Connor Tillman and Austin Harjo pitched in a 26-7 victory over Cedar Vale. This winning streak has continued with defeats over Moundridge and Ell-Saline. The baseball team had twenty-five boys go out this year. The team is coached by Doug Mabry and assistant coach Jeff Werner. Mabry says that his biggest goal for the team this year is to represent the school and community in the best way they can. Another goal they have is set on competing for the HOA league championship and a return trip to the State Tournament. Mabry is also excited for his team to be able to play the field after not being able to last year.



Left: Senior Austin Wilkes, playing first base, signals two outs after making the play at the base in the first game against the Ell-Saline Cardinals. Wilkes is one of five returning seniors to the team this year. Other seniors leading the team are Remington Nold, Jayden Towles, Nolan Crumrine, and Henry Burns. The team hopes to return to the state championship this season.

Mabry was asked who his biggest competition is this year and he said "we have a lot of respect for all of our opponents". All teams are facing similar challenges due to the missing season of 2020 and COVID-19. Coach Mabry has said "we are trying to focus on the things they can control on the team." Returning pitcher and Friends University baseball commit senior Nolan Crumrine, is already commanding respect from the mound. Other strong arms include juniors Lance Hoffsommer, Austin Harjo, and Connor Tillman, and senior Henry Burns. The team has dealt with a lot in the past year and we are all hoping to have as close to a normal season as possible.

## Keeping Their Eyes on the Ball

by Madison Matson, senior

The 2021 Softball team is a team to watch. There are a lot of experienced players coming back from two years ago, which was the last time they got to play. Not having a season last year made it difficult to see how this year's team would perform. Out of the 14 players, 8 of them are seniors this year. This year's goals are to, "win the league and to continually get better so when post season is here the team will be ready," said Coach Murphy. He went on to say, "We have a lot of talent and I'm just excited to see where it takes us.". The coaches and players are grateful to have the chance to play this year and see how the team progresses throughout the season.



The team huddles around pitcher Maya Werner (sophomore) during the first game in a double header against Ell-Saline.

Even though it is very early in the season the players have many goals this year. Senior Anna Liby stated "I am looking forward to seeing how good we can be." also that "We have a great team bond that will help us get to where we want." Senior Paige Brown added that she believes the team will be very successful and that every player has their own goals for themselves. Kami Matson, Madison Matson, and Taylinn Lacey are all looking forward to being with their friends for their last High school season.



## On Your Mark!

By Bailey Bevan, sophomore

Last year's Spring Sports were cut off due to Covid-19. Last year's track season was cut so short that they only had 2 weeks of practice. Now all 16 members of the track team are going back at it, starting with their first Track meet on April 2nd. They have been practicing since the second week of March and they are all well prepared for this season.

Head Coach John Vinroe has said that the thing he is looking forward the most to is actually starting. When asked about the biggest challenge for this year Vinroe said, "Getting everyone to wear their masks when they are supposed to". Coach Mark Staath has added that they are looking forward to this season and he is excited to see everyone improve and see how much they improve throughout the season. He also added "The only major challenge is the sophomores didn't get track last year. So we essentially have two classes of freshman this year, but they getting high school track figured out pretty quickly." Throwing Coach Jonathan Thompson said "A challenge throwers face every season is improving tasks each week." He also added, "all the throwers are making small gains in their technique each day. They listen and make great effort!" This season is going to have some challenges, but everyone is very excited to compete this year and they are willing to go over any hurdles that come across their paths. They are destined to have an amazing season!

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## Gearing Up for Golf

By Josephine Cochran, sophomore

The modern, underrated, sport that originated during the 15th century in Scotland is alive in Sedgwick once again and taking to the green. The self-titled "World Famous Golfer" Dustin Johnson coaches the Sedgwick high school golf team and is devoted to teaching people how to think - not what to think as one of his class and teaching endeavors. Supporting these kids and helping build their individuality as well as keeping up the hype and competitive attitudes being reinforced on the team is one of his strengths. The team's practice time isn't taken lightly with about an hour and a half on either the Hesston or Valley course. The clubs used to play are unfortunately player supplied, although it might just be a worthwhile investment. Each game is eighteen holes of anticipation including many choices of distance, clubs and consistency.

In addition to enjoying the sport and having fun on the course, it is a really easy way to connect with friends as well as learning and getting into some good habits described by Coach Johnson. He had explained in effortless detail how being a part of this prestige game can contribute to helping you and your personal efforts, such as scheduling and time management along with commitment and gratification in seeing your personal results. So whether you want to change your ways, or enjoy the simplistic pleasures of golf you are reassured that this season is shaping up to be chock full of enjoyable days in the sun.



## Singing Through It All

By Paige Brown, senior



Elementary music has been in full swing since the beginning of school. The learning environment has been different for the children, but Mr. Vinroe and Mrs. Bodley have tried to make the best of the situation. Mrs. Bodley states, "We have had class outside, on stage, in their classrooms, and it has created some challenges." At the beginning of the year when it was warmer outside, the children loved being outside singing and playing instruments. Not having a normal band class has created some challenges, but the bright side is the children have had a more positive experience since they were not

able to do so for a while. When asked if Mrs. Bodley has done anything fun with her elementary students. She replied, "Some of the student's favorite activities have been a listening unit on *Carnival of the Animals*, singing with Melody the duck, staff races, and poison rhythm." Our elementary music teachers have really gone above and beyond to make the elementary students have fun with their music classes in these unusual times.

When asked what the fourth graders favorite part of the class is they replied, "I like singing, learning new songs, and all the notes." The fourth graders have been excited to be in class in person with all of their friends and classmates. When asked if there is anything they would like to change about music, fourth- grader Colby replied, "I want to do a live in-person program." Vinroe is very sad that they cannot have in-person performances for the elementary school, especially since the fourth graders would be the head of the programs this year. Music and band class will always be a fun time for elementary students while they enjoy these classes so much, even when times call for changes.

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## Break A Leg

By Lauryn Wilkinson, senior

For the first time in almost 2 years, Sedgwick High School put on a live variety show. This year's crew did it all: The Southern Franchise singing "Seven Bridges Road" to the MCs doing skits, and finally the choir wrapping it all up with "Cruising for a Bruisin'" from Disney's Teen Beach Movie. This Encore was unlike any other due to Covid, but the audience sure had some laughs. This show followed a Fall Encore performance that was conducted and performed entirely online. That show was difficult with no live audience and strict social distancing protocols. But the crew learned a lot that they applied to the live Spring performance.

Due to Covid there sadly was limited seating. Each student involved in Encore was given a maximum of three tickets per night. Due to the limited seating, they performed a matinee show Monday afternoon for the grade school. The little kids loved it even if they didn't get all of the MC skits. Even with the limited audience, the crew's energy ignited the room. Despite the Covid restrictions and the technical difficulties that happened this year, they still pushed on and didn't let it get them down. Mr. Vinroe and the entire cast and crew deserves a round of applause. Please see photographs from the performances on the next page.





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## April Students of the Month by Winter Hersh, senior



**7th grade-Riley Queen-** Riley is an active participant in class and shows respect for all. Riley's favorite class is science because he is curious about it and loves science. Outside of school he likes to be active and ride his bike. Riley has attended Sedgwick school for four years. The best thing about Sedgwick for him is the sports and art. Riley's dreams after high school are to be a baker or a suburban architect. Something most people might not know about Riley is that he is not the best at measuring the ingredients.



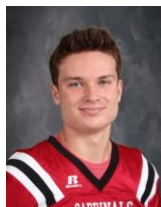
**8th grade-Pierce Catlin-** Pierce is always personable and wants to do well. His favorite class is P.E because they play several fun games. Outside of school, Pierce likes to hang out with his friends and family. Something he especially enjoys is playing football with his older brother. Pierce has been attending Sedgwick for six years. The best thing about Sedgwick for Pierce is his friends and sports. His dreams after high school are to attend Kansas State to play football for the Wildcats. Something that people might not know about Pierce is that he is one of nine siblings.



**Freshman-Regan Griffin-** Regan is hard working and determined, the smile never leaves her face. Her favorite class is band because she loves music. Outside of school Regan likes to listen to music, hang out with her friends, and stretch or draw. She has attended Sedgwick Public Schools her whole life. The best for her about Sedgwick is the teachers, they are all so kind and supportive. The teachers make the school a fun place to be at for Regan. Her hopes after high school are going to college to get a job with animals. Something most people might not know about Regan is that she enjoys watching horror movies.



**Sophomore-Jadelyn Pohlman-** Jadelyn is determined to do her best and has a remarkable attitude. Her favorite class is world history because all the students in there keep the class interesting. Outside of school Jadelyn likes to watch Netflix and hang out with her family. She has attended Sedgwick her whole life. The best part of Sedgwick for Jadelyn is how small the town is. Since Sedgwick is small, it makes everything more personal in the teacher-student relationships. After high school, Jadelyn wants to pursue a career in the medical field. One thing most people do not know about Jadelyn is she was born in Indiana.



**Junior-Ryan Stucky-** Ryan has amazing character and determination to do well. His favorite class is P.E because he gets to lift. Outside of school Ryan likes to work out and lift weights. He has attended Sedgwick his whole life. He loves that Sedgwick is a small town because he gets to know everyone. His hopes after high school are to attend college and play football at the college level. Something most people do not know about Ryan is that he made Chris rage quit in Madden after he was up 40-7.




**Senior- Dillon McGinn-** Dillion has a great attitude and is willing to help out when asked. His favorite class would be metal shop. Outside of school Dillion likes to work at the farm and fabricate things with wood or metal. He also likes fixing and modifying cars. He has been attending Sedgwick since kindergarten. Dillion enjoys Sedgwick because it's a small town and everyone knows everyone. Dillion plans to get a degree in mechanical or aerospace engineering with a possibility of construction science. His dream would be working at NASA and sending someone to Mars. A little known fact about Dillon is he is a hunter and fisher.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p><i>Milk served with all meals.</i></p> <p><i>Menu subject to substitution.</i></p>	 <p><i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p>		<p>1 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal Cheese Stick Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Peas Mandarin Oranges Jell-O</p>	<p>2  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>          <b>Good Friday</b></p>
<p>5 <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel Little Smokies Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Burrito Lettuce &amp; Tomato Mexicorn Tortilla Chips Apples</p>	<p>6 <b>Breakfast:</b> Frudel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Tri-Tator Pears Yogurt</p>	<p>7 <b>Breakfast:</b> Mini Pancakes Yogurt Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> BBQ Beef Sandwich Tator Tots Baked Beans Peaches Cookie</p>	<p>8 <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake on a Stick Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Sandwich Fries Lettuce &amp; Tomato Pineapple Sherbet</p>	<p>9 <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit &amp; Gravy Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Fired Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Applesauce Roll</p>
<p>12 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal Breakfast Link Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Tetrizzini Salad Steamed Carrots Grapes Garlic Bread</p>	<p>13 <b>Breakfast:</b> Banana Bread Sausage Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Rib B Que Lettuce &amp; Tomato Tri-Tator Green Beans Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>14 <b>Breakfast:</b> Mini Waffles Yogurt Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Sloppy Joe Chips Baked Beans Cucumbers Pineapple Cookie</p>	<p>15 <b>Breakfast:</b> Ham &amp; Cheese Omelet Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Broccoli Florets Corn Tropical Fruit Roll</p>	<p>16 <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit &amp; Gravy Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Taco in a Bag Lettuce &amp; Tomato Refried Beans Peaches Cinnamon Puff</p>
<p>19 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Hotdog in a Bun Fries Baby Carrots Strawberries Cake</p>	<p>20 <b>Breakfast:</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Teriyaki Chicken Noodles Peas &amp; Carrots Orange Slices Roll</p>	<p>21 <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake on a Stick Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Pepperoni Pizza Cucumbers &amp; Tomatoes Peaches Brownie</p>	<p>22 <b>Breakfast:</b> Chocolate Donut Sausage Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti Salad Green Beans Applesauce Garlic Bread</p>	<p>23 <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit &amp; Gravy Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken &amp; Noodles Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Fruit Cocktail Roll</p>
<p>26 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal Breakfast Link Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce &amp; Tomato Fries Strawberries &amp; Bananas Rice Krispy Treat</p>	<p>27 <b>Breakfast:</b> Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Salad Pears Roll</p>	<p>28 <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Chili with Cheese Corn Chips Red Pepper Strips Mandarin Oranges Cinnamon Roll</p>	<p>29 <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Cake Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Baked Ham Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Biscuit</p>	<p>30 <b>Breakfast:</b> Biscuit &amp; Gravy Fruit Juice <b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni &amp; Cheese Meatballs Peas Baby Carrots Applesauce Bread 6-12</p>