



South O'Brien High School

# The Wolverine Roar

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## South O'Brien Spirit Camp

By Lindsey Einck and Avery Halverson

The high school cheer and dance team held its annual spirit camp on Thursday, September 19. The dancers performed at halftime of the football game vs. MMRU on Friday, September 20. Seventy-six girls participated in the camp, ranging from grades TK-6. For the first time, the high schoolers decided to do only two groups with around 30 girls in each group. Senior Ryleigh Gimer said, "I enjoyed being around the kids and sharing my love of dance with them. It's fun to see the younger generation be involved."

The students learned dances choreographed by the high school cheer and dance members.

They choreographed dances following the theme Barbie, using "Pink" by Lizzo and "Dance the Night" by Dua Lipa. The dance camp raised about \$750 that will go towards state dance expenses. A winter spirit camp will also be held during basketball season.



Freshman Lyla Reichle leads the young girls in their performance.



The young dancers got together and posed after their performance.



Junior Tawni Wulf points to the crowd as the young girls watch her.

## Fall Band and Vocal Concert Performed During the School Day

By Derek Paulsen and Alex Griebel

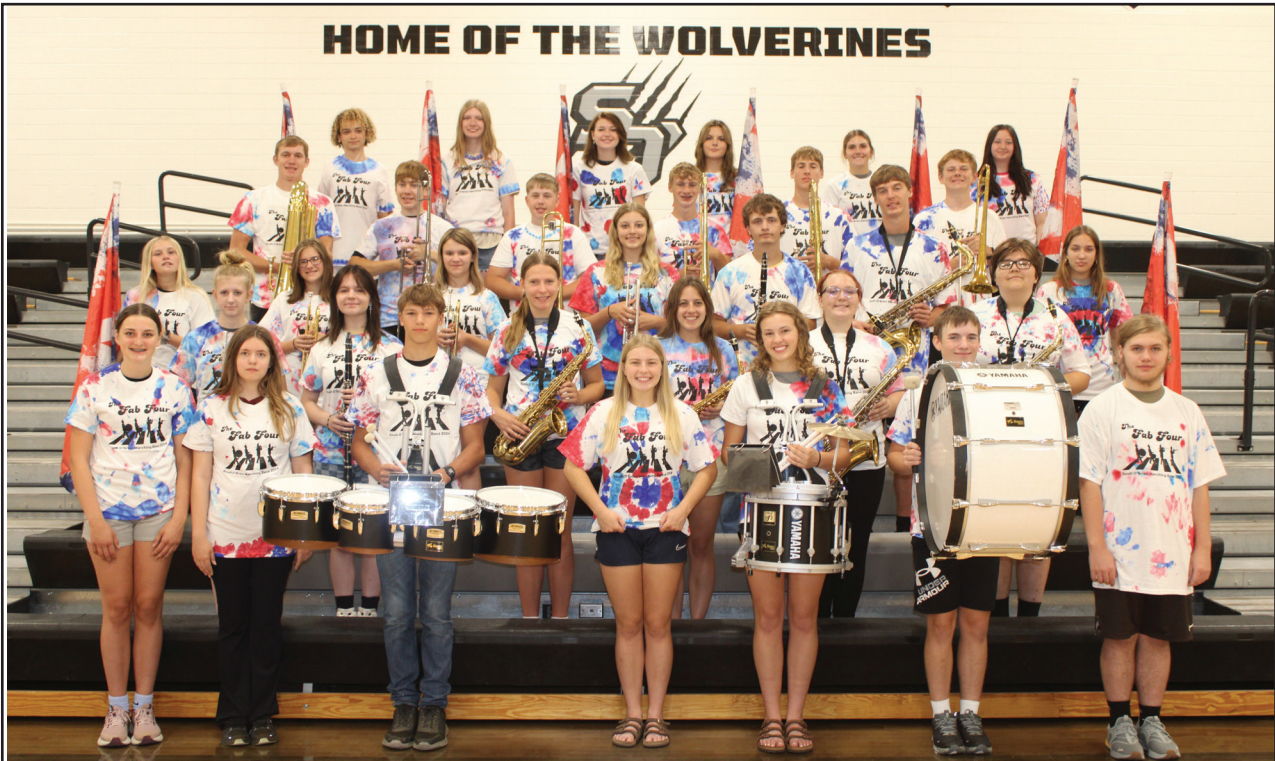
The South O'Brien Marching Band and Choir performed their annual fall concert on Thursday, October 10. The concert was held in the east gym this year due to the renovations at the elementary gym and

the west gym's acoustic issues. However, another new change this year was the concert being held during the day because of sporting event conflicts.

Both junior high and high school students

performed at the concert. The majority of the songs performed were music by the Beatles. The junior high performed 2 songs, and the high school performed 3 songs. Mrs. Meyer stated, "The season has been

going very well for both groups so far. All the students have been working hard and preparing since August." Meyer added, "Although the circumstances were not ideal this year, we made the best of it."



The South O'Brien Band gathers for a group photo in preparation of marching band season.

## Former Student Joins Staff as Para

By Carter Halverson and Jayven Miller

The South O'Brien High School has several para educators who impact the school day by helping students, keeping things organized, and aiding teachers. The newest para, Christian Sage, started subbing last year but officially joined the Wolverine staff this school year. Sage grew up in Paullina and graduated from South O'Brien in 2019. He attended the University of South Dakota and graduated with a degree in theater in 2023. Sage works with

students throughout the high school in a variety of classes. He said his favorite part of the job is "interacting with different students and learning about their behaviors." While working as a para, Sage is also working on a degree in secondary education at BVU to become a 7-12 English teacher. He will start student teaching and plans to graduate in 2026. In his free time, Sage enjoys watching movies, reading, and spending time with family.

Before heading to his next class, Mr. Sage prepares a notes template to help a student.







By Iverson Harms  
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Slang is ever-changing, and each generation has its lingo. Teenagers in the 1970s coined terms like *groovy* or *bummer*. If you were born in the 80s, you likely remember using words like *gnarly* or *rad*. Today's teenagers are no different and have their own phrases.

Be for real: A term used

to sarcastically question genuineness. Similar to "Are you kidding me?"

When the teacher assigned homework as the bell was about to ring, I remarked, "Be for real."

Bet: Used to agree with someone or an idea.

"Would you like to go to the local coffee shop after school?" I asked my friend. "Bet," she replied shortly.

IYKYK: If you know you know, an acronym for those who want to share an inside joke.

"It's a Northwest Iowa thing," I texted my relative from California, "IYKYK."

LOL: Laugh out loud, often used in text but used as a verbal acronym

# Teenage Slang: What Did You Just Say?

## A dictionary of today's most popular slang words (in my opinion)

by some.

"What is black, white, and read all over?" my friend asked me over text. "The newspaper, LOL," I responded with a chuckle.

Cooked: If used as 'I'm cooked' it means to be struggling or having problems. If used as 'I cooked' it can be a positively connotated word to say someone is making progress.

"I didn't study for that test at all," I told my friend, "I'm cooked." I stayed up late last night studying, pretty sure I cooked," she responded confidently.

Ate: When someone or something deserves admiration or praise for

doing something great.

"Girl, you ate that outfit," I said to the woman in the elegant dress. "Leave some crumbs for the rest of us," I remarked jokingly.

Mid: Used to describe something or someone that is average or mediocre. Not spectacular, but it could be worse.

"How was your day at school?" my Mother asked me. "It was pretty mid," I replied nonchalantly.

Slay: used when someone is doing a good job. Similar to 'killed it'.

"You slayed that presentation!" I told my classmate after he had given a phenomenal speech.

Demure: mindful and modest, in a considerate and reserved manner; lacking excessiveness.

"Very demure, very mindful," I said to the girl as she carefully set the heavy barbell down.

Lock in: To deeply focus on something and block out any other distractions.

"We have so much homework tonight," I told my friends. "Indeed, we need to lock in and get it done efficiently!" one replied candidly.

"Bet!" I said to my advisor when she asked who wanted to write an article on teenage slang. I locked in during publications class, IYKYK.

I'm pretty sure I ate my first opinion piece, do you think I slayed it? I didn't want to be cooked by my teacher, nobody likes mid-writing LOL. I wanted this editorial to be very demure, covering a broad range of slang.

Although these terms may eventually age Generation Z, we communicate in our own way today, like the generations before us. If you are daring enough to stray away from your lane, try using these words around teenagers to get their reaction. However, expect their responses to be interesting, or even priceless!

# FCA Gathers for "See you at the Pole"

By Ethan Schwarz and Bode Bailey

The South O'Brien Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held its annual See You at the Pole on Wednesday, September 25. The event is an annual gathering of students across the globe

A group of students gather to pray around the pole before school.



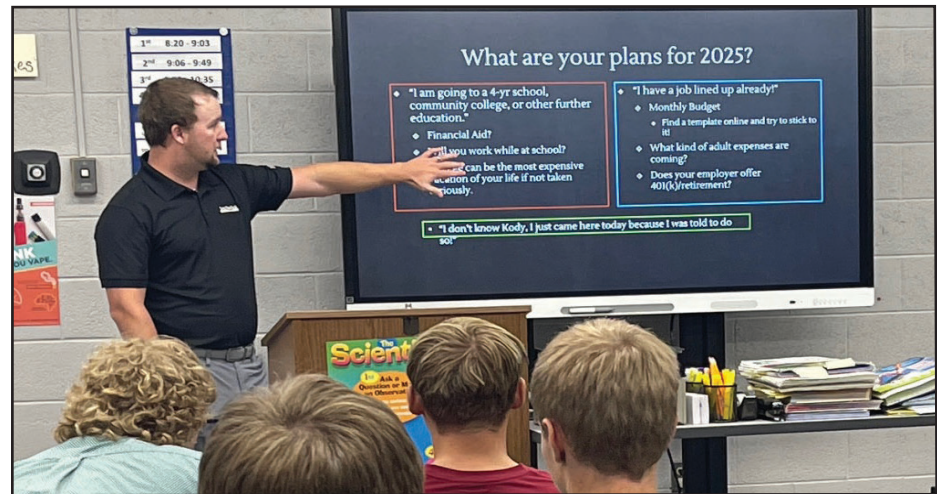
# Freshmen and Senior Seminars

By Shayli Johnson and Kelsee Warnke

For the past two years during DISCOVER, South O'Brien High School has held seminars for each grade. The first session was freshman seminar.

The main theme of the freshmen seminar was "How do you want to be remembered?" The freshmen learned important tips to prepare them for high school, like note taking and good study environments, time management and executive functioning, professional tech, and stress management/living in the real world. Many activities were also part of this DISCOVER, including an activity fair, a senior panel, and a teamwork poster about how they want to be remembered.

The senior seminar is being held during the current DISCOVER session. Seniors voted



Cody Nelson, from Iowa State Bank, talked about finances, credit, loans, and much more during the senior seminar on Tuesday, October 8.

on what they wanted to know or learn more about to help prepare them for life after high school. SOHS Counselor Sofia Seliger, Senior Class Advisor Michelle Aberson, and Senior English Class Teacher Kris Faust guided students into completing their 4-year plans. Mrs. Faust said, "This DISCOVER is a great

opportunity to meet with seniors and make sure they have a plan." Some of the covered things are how to manage finances, banking, credit, and insurance. Cody Nelson visited with the students to help guide them on proper banking skills and Marcus Faust spoke to the seniors about insurance.

The DISCOVER also covered mental health, substance abuse, and placement tests for college.

Upcoming seminars include the sophomores in session three DISCOVER and the juniors in session five DISCOVER.

# What is your favorite scary movie?



Freshman  
Owen Oliver

"Aliens (1986) has great action and overall just a great movie."



Sophomore  
Alena Villarreal

"I would probably say The Conjuring. Even though I've watched it multiple times, it still scares me."



Junior  
Brady Riedemann

"Halloween Town because it's not too scary."



Senior  
Hailei Wallinga

"Insidious because I like the plot."



Staff  
Mrs. Roskamp

"The Ring – at one part of the movie it was supposed to be scary, but I laughed."