

January Athlete of the Month: Blake Van Regenmorter

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Blake Van Regenmorter is a senior athlete at De Smet High School where he participates in football, basketball, and track. Blake started competing in sports in the third grade when he moved to the school district. A dedicated team player, Blake believes “the success of the team is more important than the individual’s accomplishments.” His hard work and commitment haven’t gone unnoticed by his coaches and peers; Blake’s assistant football coach, Mark Birkel writes: “He would often take time during practice to help the other players understand the plays, formations, and their responsibilities at their positions.” As he’s gotten older, he’s been able to improve and play in more skilled positions on his teams. In addition to football and basketball, Blake earned first place in discus and third place in shot put in the 2021 regional track meet. Over the course of the last four years, Blake has learned some important lessons during the highs and lows of his athletic career. After sustaining an injury during his junior year of football, Blake shared he became even more grateful for his health and ability to participate with his team. His motto is D.O.G.S, which aligns with his school’s mascot, to be dedicated, outgoing, grateful, and self-confident. Blake’s commitment helped his football team secure the 2021 State B Championship title and earned him a spot on the Dakota Valley All-Conference Team.

Blake stays busy outside of sports by participating in several extra-curricular activities including volunteering with Feeding SD, where he helps to deliver food to those in need. He also lends his talents to the school band and choir by singing bass and playing the trombone. Blake is a member of FFA where he has served as a Vice President and Student Advisor, as well as attending the United Youth Group as a member of the United Methodist Church. Amid all his athletic and community responsibilities, Blake maintains good grades. Blake’s persistence and can-do attitude will serve him well as he plans to attend Dakota State University to study business.



Getting to know Blake:

FAVORITE QUOTE:

“I can do all things through Christ.”
Philippians 4:13

FAVORITE FOOD:

Homemade mac & cheese

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS:

Winning the 2021 Boys State B
Basketball Championship

FUN FACT:

I’ve been to 22 states and 3 countries



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