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Schedule changes greet students back from break

By Kennedy Spittler
Staff Writer

As the much-needed winter break came to an end, everyone realized that they needed to know their classes for this next semester. Before each semester ends, the counselors format everyone's schedules. Because of our new counseling department though, some things did not go as smoothly this semester.



Baldwin

A few students had checked their infinite campus before coming to school on Tuesday, but that was not the case for everyone. Just like every year the counselors are extremely busy fixing everyone's schedule and are doing their best. Each counselor has back-to-back appointments with students in order to get things fixed.

"A lot of students had problems with their schedules, however the counselors are working as hard as they can to fix each students specific needs in schedule changes," stated junior IB student, Rachel Baldwin.

The most significant issues are with the IB students and the seniors. IB schedules are so full and complicated that each student must have all the classes needed with no exceptions. When these schedules did not work out, many students began to get worried about how they were going to fix this issue. For the seniors there is the exact same reason because they must get certain credits in order to graduate.

Many seniors are disappointed in the way that things are being taken care of because they feel like they hold a sense of priority because they have the college credits to worry about.

Each perspective is understandable and in due time all of the glitches will be worked out.

New semester, new teachers

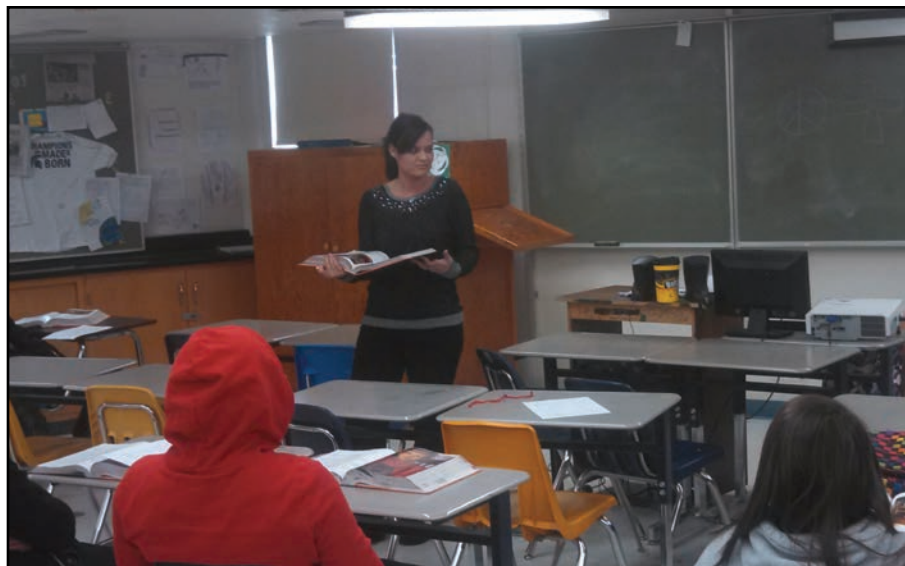
By Eric Seeley
Staff Writer

This school year has been a unique year. Greeley West always gets new teachers at the beginning of the year, but never teachers at semester. This semester, West received six new teachers that arrived to teach after the end of the first semester.

Greeley West received two Exceptional Student Service teachers (ESS), one English Language Development teacher (ELD), one new math teacher, and a new In-School Suspension (ISS) monitor. Four of the new teachers have a previous connection with Greeley. Mr. Michael Dugan graduated with the third class of Greeley West in 1968. He has watched many generations of his family come and

go through Greeley West. He came back to West after attending West Point Military Academy, where he got a degree in mathematics. Mrs. JoBeth Dailey had once grown up in Greeley, but then moved away. She later came back to Greeley to finish her studying at UNC to major in English. Ms. Rose Pompey studied at UNC and majored in social studies and English as a second language. Ms. Amy Laumann has ties to Greeley as she also attended UNC to study special education. Mrs. Glennis Hughes went to Emporia State University, in Kansas, and received her degree in elementary

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Mrs. JoBeth Daily takes over her new role as West teacher in her English 9 class.

West Hall of Fame coming

By Haley Alberts
Staff Writer

This year Greeley West is having its 6th Annual Hall Of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Saturday, March 8, 2014. This ceremony will continue tradition that started in 2009. This event will be recognizing Meritorious Service and Distinguished Alumni. The Meritorious Service will be recognizing the Roche Family Foundation that established the Roche Memorial Scholarship in 1989 in memory of Patrick Thomas Roche whose children attend Greeley West. This will mark the 25th year of the scholarship given to Greeley West students.

For the Distinguished Alumni the first inductee is Greeley West graduate Gregory Gerbrandt. He is now creating a prominent name for himself as a baritone opera singer. He has performed with opera and symphonic organizations on five continents.

Mr. John Haefeli, is the second Distinguished Alumni, he is a lifetime Greeley Resident who has given back much to Greeley West and the Greeley community through his work as a teacher, coach, referee and countless other ways.

Other inductees include Annette Onorato, who has served the school and continues to volunteer in several events at West throughout the year, Ben Stookesberry, who has received worldwide recognition as a professional kayaker and was named National Geographic's Adventure Hero of the year in 2007, Jerry Truesdell, who served in the Art Department for many year, and Richard Ziegler, who gave back to the students at West as a teacher and baseball coach.

Those who wish to attend the event are free to do so by purchasing tickets.

Anyone who wishes to attend the Hall Of Fame dinner many contact Jeff Cranson for reservation information on the GWHS Hall of Fame.

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Shooting leads to safety

By Micheal Caro
Staff Writer

Safety is a major concern for all schools across the U.S. Today, most schools take precautions to ensure the students and staff members are safe during school hours. But, after recent school shootings around the nation, schools are improving security even more. The campus monitors are in charge of the safety of the students and staff at Greeley West. The school resource officer, Officer Pillard, teams up the campus monitors to ensure safety around the school. The campus monitors watch who comes in and out of the school. Greeley West has plans if something were to go wrong. Lock down procedures are put in place depending on what the threat is and where it may be coming from. "We want to keep a safe environment for students at school," Campus monitor Ronnette said. The campus monitors can rely on officer Pillard because he has access to 911 dispatch and can contact the campus monitors in case of an emergency or a threat in the Greeley West area. Officer Pillard patrols the school campus when he isn't inside the building. The campus monitors may get in touch with Officer Pillard very quickly in case of an emergency.

Overall, the Greeley West campus has a safe environment for students. Schools want to prevent what has happened in the past. Security in schools has been improved and threats are being taken more seriously to prevent other tragic events.



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Campus monitor Rudy Danford checks doors to ensure the safety of the students and staff.

STUCO president wins award

By Tonya Schiestel
Staff Writer

Courtney Packard is currently a senior here at Greeley West. She is very involved in our school, as she is the student body president. She also runs cross country and is a participant on the Cache Band and Trust junior board of directors outside of school.

She is extremely involved in all parts of the school which she says, "takes over her life, in a good way of course."

Courtney recently received the IBM High School Hero of the Week Award in the mail. This award is recognized by CHSAA, IBM of Colorado,

850 KOA Radio, and the Denver Broncos. She was nominated as a candidate for this award by Greeley West's athletic director and vice principal, Jeff Cranson. This is an athletics award but also features students who are involved in and show leadership in their school and who also participate in serving their community.

Through this award Courtney has been invited to an end of season reception at Sports Authority Field in March. The reception is hosted by the Denver Broncos and IBM and will recognize all recipients of this award. Courtney would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers who have supported her throughout her high school career.

FAFSA deadlines approaching

By Jenea Padilla
Staff Writer

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The federal student aid comes from the federal government, specifically the U.S. Department of Education. It's money that helps students pay for secondary education expenses. Federal student aid covers tuition, fees, room and board, book supplies and transportation. The three categories of federal aid include grants, work-study, and loans.

Some of the requirements to qualify for federal aid include being a U.S. Citizen, or an eligible noncitizen, having a valid Social Security number,

and demonstrating financial need.

In order to receive federal student aid students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in postsecondary schools and show qualification to obtain a postsecondary education. For example by having a high school diploma, or a GED, and passing an approved ability-to-benefit test. To apply for federal student aid the first step is to complete the Free Application on the FAFSA website. The next step is to review the Student Aid Report, students should make sure to contact the schools they might attend to make sure the financial aid office at each school has all the information they need to determine eligibility.

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School hosts forensics tournament, argues for hours

By Brandon Holmes
Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 18th, the Greeley West High School forensics team hosted a tournament at the high school which included approximately 20 high school teams who competed in competitive speech and debate.

"Every high school holds one forensics

tournament throughout the year," said teacher and forensics coach Anthony Scott. Within the 20 schools that entered into the tournament, there were 204 student entries into the tournament.

Even though there were 204 student entries, there were really only about 110 students who participated in the debates; the reason for that being that students are able to enter multiple times

not only individually but in duos as well.

In a forensics competition, students, either individually or in a team of two, participate in speech and debate competitions.

The Forensics season begins in October and ends in the spring.

The Greeley West forensics Team, led by senior Aaron Zimola, competes in these forensic

tournaments that are scattered throughout the year at other schools in order to prepare for the District Tournament and State tournaments which are held in early spring. Districts this year will begin on February 28th and will be held at Northridge High School. The State Tournament will be held on March 21st and 22nd and the location is currently unknown.

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Remarkable turnaround for junior

By Isaiah Maes
Staff Writer

For the past year, Fernando Lopez has pushed himself beyond his own limits in order to benefit himself for the future by striving towards excellence, practicing good habits, and learning what the majority of adolescents are known to lack, responsibility.

It is no question Lopez has a heart like no other. Greeley West's football coach David Eddy explained a story about how the Spartan JV football team had won a cross-town rival game against Central High School that came down to the last play.

After the thrilling victory, some of the coaches remained at the field discussing the win. Lopez stayed there as well. only he was running sprints. It doesn't get any better than beating the crosstown rival. Unless, of course, you have a heart as big as Lopez's, and a mind set that there's always room for improvement.

Lopez went on to earn a well-deserved "Most Improved Player" award for the Greeley West Spartans football team.

As far as academics, Lopez says his freshman year was a "disaster". However, Lopez has made quite a comeback earning an outstanding 3.0 GPA last semester. He says he is striving for straight A's. With an outstanding work ethic, there is no doubt Lopez will accomplish his goals.

Lopez says he had negative influences when he was younger that were beginning to hold him back. Then one day he asked himself, "What's the point?"

Since then, Lopez is a changed person. Now, with his incredible effort and integrity, Lopez is a positive influence on others, rather than being negatively influenced by others.

He is more of a leader than a follower. His main goal is to improve on a consistent basis in both academics and athletics.



Lopez



Maci Herman and Matt Bruning, both juniors, practice their choreography for Dancing With The Poms, being held last Saturday at Greeley West.

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Rehearsing perfection

Poms turn Spartan boys into dancing machines

By Brandon Holmes
Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 18th, the poms and their dance partners competed in the annual Dancing with the Poms competition. Dancing with the poms has been an annual tradition at Greeley West High School for many years and works as both a team fundraiser and a great team bonding event as well. The competition began on Saturday night starting with a group dance in which all eight couples participated in and after the group dance, each couple had a specific dance in which they also performed. After the competition, everyone who attended the event went up to the lobby and placed their

vote for their favorite couple. After all of the votes were in, they were then tallied up and the top three couples were brought back on stage to dance once again before the winner was finally announced. The results for Dancing with the Poms were not available at the time of printing.

For this event, the Spartan poms were required to pick their partners and then choreograph their own dance routine for the competition. The hardest part is trying to teach their uncoordinated dancing partners a routine that will bring them home the gold. "Between their small attention spans and their inability to dance, teaching them is definitely the most difficult part," said sophomore Kennedy Spittler.

WIDA test pulls students from classes

By Jake Firkins
Staff Writer

These past couple weeks a select number of students have been taking the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment test, or WIDA test. This test is a test designed for those who don't speak English as their primary language. It tests those students' skill levels in their ability to speak, listen to, and read and write the English language.

This test, similar to TCAP, is a state mandated test given to linguistically diverse students. This includes students ranging from those who just came to this country, those who don't speak English at home or even those who are mostly fluent in English. There are 256 students labelled as linguistically diverse in Greeley West.

The test is also used to see how much growth a student has made in acquiring English skills. The test gives a rating or proficiency level based on how the student performs on the test. If a student shows that they have become fluent in English they can test out of the WIDA and won't have to take it again.

The test consists of three parts as stated above: speaking, listening and reading/writing.

The speaking portion of the test is 10-15 minutes long and is done in a 1 on 1 environment. The other parts are 40-60 minutes long are more similar to the ACT or TCAP tests in that they are taken in a larger group setting.

The test level varies by the students' knowledge of the English language. There are 3 levels or tiers of testing. The first tier is tier A which is for beginners such as those that are new to this country. The second tier is tier B which is for those students who are considered intermediate in their English fluency. Last, tier C, which is designed for those that are close to being considered fluent in English.

"Our students have done a great job. They have worked really hard," assistant Principal Ann Hudson said.

"Visitors have helped with testing and they couldn't stop complimenting on how nice the students were and how hard they worked."



Hudson

Snow day will be made up

By Tara Trevino
Staff Writer

While waking up Monday January 6th, many students were surprised to find out they did not have school. District 6 was able to have an extra day of break yet none of the other districts were as "fortunate." The morning of the first day back busses weren't able to start because of the cold.

District buses transport about 3,000 students to and from school, and because they would not start, the district cancelled school.

Some teachers and administrators were not pleased with the late notice. Athletic director Jeff Cranson explained that there was no explanation as to why the busses did not start. "I called in the morning and was told they didn't know why the busses started," explained Cranson.

Theory was that our buses were put in a heated

sheltered type of garage. As to other schools who just park the buses outside.

Students on the other hand, were very pleased with the outcome receiving an extra day to sleep in and not have to worry about class, or school work. Some used the time off to ski, while others hung out at home and watched movies.



Cranson

The downside of the snow day is that students will have to make up the day. Many thought that the snow day would be made up at the end of the school year.

They thought wrong. The District will make up the day on March 28.

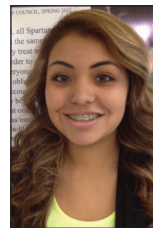
New year means variety of goals for Spartans, including weight loss

By Anna Eisenberg
Staff Writer

A new year means a lot to people. It's a symbol for a new beginning, a fresh start, or just hope for those who want to change. That's why people make resolutions. They are a goal for people to reach.

No one is sure what the year is going to bring, but if they make one goal to live up to, they get a feeling of control.

One of the most common resolutions is to lose weight. Most resolutions are about



Ramos

self-improvement or education. No matter what resolution it is, most people don't live up to it.

According to several different research companies, 45% of people actually make a New Years resolution, and of those, only about 8% of people actually follow through with those resolutions. Some barely make it pass the first week.

"My resolution is to work out and get in shape for the summer, I haven't ruined that one yet," said junior Jasmine Ramos. Some people attempt to make themselves better on the inside.

"I'm trying to be more humbling and more forgiving for the new year," said Destiny Marinelarena.

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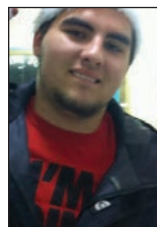


'Senioritis' causes schedule debacle for students

By Sirena Barker
Staff Writer

Although the flu and stomach bug got to a large amount of students in Greeley West, the most severe sickness that most seniors in the school are suffering is senioritis. Senior students are simply ready to get out of the school and begin their lives, many no longer want to go to classes regularly or be a part of the school, they want to move on instead of being stuck in their last semester.

Much of the seniors' senioritis has caused a demand for short schedules and as little classes as possible. But the counselors at Greeley West had a different idea, and at the start of Greeley West's



Wall

I could focus on my college class," Samantha

new semester, the seniors were not very happy with their counselors.

In this, their last semester, seniors are being forced to take classes that they don't need to graduate, as well as classes that they simply do not want to take.

"I only need two classes and I am taking a class at AIMS, so why would I want to take classes I don't need when

Augustino, a senior, said. Other seniors at West are in the same situation as her.

"I don't need four classes to graduate. I need one. I'm pretty sure that rule isn't even real," Gregg Wall said.

Whether or not students are required to take four or more classes for their last semester, many have been given just that. Throughout the first week of school, lines formed at the end of each block, composed of mostly seniors who were desperate to get rid of the classes that they do not want or need.

Students were told to fill out an application to get their classes dropped, but because of guidelines laid out by the counselors requiring that seniors

meet special needs before their class was dropped, many of the requests were not granted.

"It makes me mad that the counselors didn't give people their classes off, it's the last semester of our senior year, we should be able to enjoy it, not be forced into doing something we don't want to do," senior, Christopher Colin said.

Whatever most seniors think about the schedule change though, it's here only as long as they are.



Colin

MLK Day celebrated by students

By Edgar Lopez
Staff Writer

This year on January 20th, the country will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day in honor of his success in the civil rights movement that he lead in the 1960's. But why do we celebrate this national holiday and why do we honor King?

The holiday takes place on the third Monday in January since it is usually close to his birthday which is the 15th of January. The idea of this holiday was first brought up by labor unions in contract negotiations then was later introduced as a bill by a U.S. representative and a state senator. The bill fell short in votes the first time in the house in 1979 but was pursued by the King center, holding the Rally for peace press conference and receiving six million signatures in a petition.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King. The holiday went into effect for the first time in 1986.

King made a difference to America. He strongly proclaimed and brought the attention to everyone how unfairly African-Americans were treated. He led many Americans with his leadership and articulate speech skills to stay peaceful through the segregation in order to make changes. Sure enough segregation was ended and he succeeded in making life fair for everyone.

His legacy is left with us and is proven with the first national holiday to honor an individual African-American.

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Jarnot values character

By Mason Barnes
Staff Writer

A lot of the teachers at West grew up in small towns and one of them is one of the business teachers Mark Jarnot. Jarnot grew up in the small town of St. Cloud Minnesota.

"It's a safe place to raise a family. You don't have to worry about crime too much," said Jarnot.

Growing up his role models were his parents. His mom is the CEO Manager of Excel Energy and is the only woman to do so in the state. His dad is known to be a "genius" as he composes music along with being a music teacher at the local high school.

"Like every kid growing up I wanted to play in the NBA," said Jarnot. Once he realized that might not happen, Jarnot then wanted to be a millionaire by the age of thirty, and to be in the department of

Mergers and Acquisitions.

Jarnot wanted to become a teacher and do something that actually matters unlike his jobs before. His favorite part about teaching is getting the chance to help and impact students' life anyway that he can.

"Like every kid growing up, I wanted to play in the NBA."

- Mark

Jarnot

well and they showed him that they deserved the scholarship.

Jarnot's biggest goal is to always teach and live consistently with integrity, regardless of others as long as he thinks it's the right thing to do. He believes the biggest part about someone's personality is their character and how they carry themselves.

When it's all set and done and he's done teaching he wants to have a scholarship foundation. He wouldn't want to give it to the smartest kid out there. He would give it to a kid with a 2.1 GPA if his interview went



Mason Barnes/West Word

Business teacher Mark Jarnot teaches Webpage Design last week.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Chandler Yoder

Former student turned hockey star at CSU

By Lauren Miller
Staff Writer

Chandler Yoder is a freshman this year at Colorado State University. He graduated last year from Greeley West with not only great grades, but with the satisfaction of fulfilling so many of his life dreams. He has played hockey for most of his life, and while attending Greeley West he played on a high level hockey team called the Junior Bison.

The Junior Bison team was through Boulder so he would commute every day at 2pm to be at

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What's so great about turning 18?

Being eighteen is not at all what it's cracked up to be. There is no big, great feeling of finally being 18. You do not suddenly turn into an adult. Nothing really happens. I mean, sure, you get to go buy tobacco, go to the hookah bar, or buy lottery tickets, but none of that stuff is really as great as it seems.

Turning 18 is overrated. As an 18 year old you are now officially an adult. You qualify for jury duty, and you can officially be drafted if necessary. Turning 18 also means that if you get in trouble with the law you get charged as an adult.

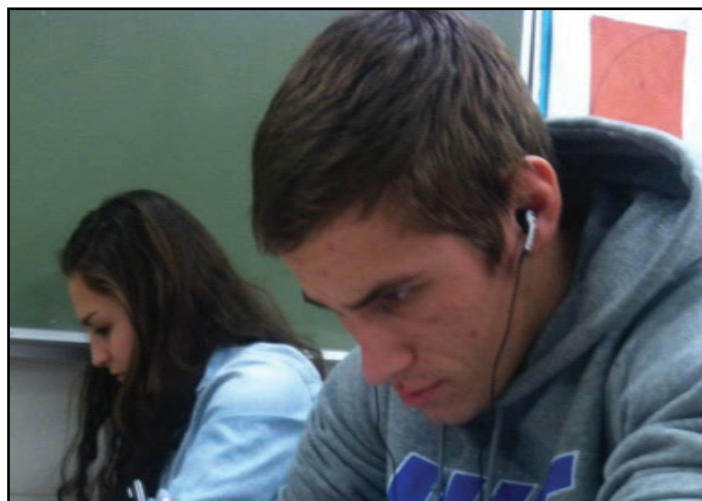
There is nothing great about buying tobacco products if you don't use tobacco. Buying lottery tickets is not much fun when you don't have the best luck.

As an 18 year old you can legally move out of your home and do things for yourself, but honestly what is so great about living on your own, other than receiving a little more freedom than you would when living with your parents. Living alone means paying your own bills, buying your own food, buying your own necessities, and taking care of yourself without the help of your parents.

Your 18th birthday is the same as any other birthday. You get older, but nothing really changes. Going to college is more of "growing up". When you get to college you're leaving your home, going out into the world on your own.



Jenea Padilla
Editorial



Kevin Zimmerman is listening to music while he works on math. Music does not disturb student learning.

Riley Mincic/
West Word

Listen up: Headphones should be allowed in class

Headphones are in just about every student's backpacks and just want to be used by the students themselves. There are definitely many drawbacks to using them but there are also many positives that come with them. Teachers would argue that the music they play is distracting or that students even use it to record answers of the material. Although it has some truth to it, most students don't use it for cheating.

On the other hand, students will say that if they listen to music, it helps them focus. The music they play is relaxing to them which helps with

their concentration on the test or other work they are working on. That is the case I would make with the use of headphones: every time I do homework, I listen to music. I always seem relaxed and confident when I'm doing my work.

Teachers need to let off on the headphones because they aren't as bad as they seem. They have many benefits and can be used to help students do well in class.

Although there is the chance of cheating, teachers need to be able to trust that the kids will do the right thing.



Riley Mincic
Editorial

Snapchat breach not really a concern

Snapchat is one of the most popular forms of communication among teenagers and young adults. Anyone who uses the app can send 3-10 second pictures from themselves to another person. But recently, Snapchat has accidentally leaked 4.6 million usernames, pictures, and phone numbers that were registered through them. Some people were shocked by this action, but do most teenagers really care that much?

Almost everyone already has their personal information somewhere on the internet, whether it's their blogs, Facebook, or Twitter. Almost every teenager is apathetic to who can see and get their personal information.

The thing that concerns kids the most is if their Snapchat pictures ever got out and were shared on a public forum. Most kids regularly admit to sending embarrassing pictures of themselves or their friends to other people on Snapchat, with the logic that the picture will be gone after a few seconds, and no one will ever see it again. But if the pictures they took were leaked all over the internet, a lot of people would be beet red from shame and embarrassment.

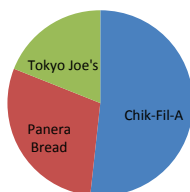
Snapchat has updated their software so that there can be no more leaks in users' personal information or pictures. So if you are worried about keeping your stuff private or having to delete your Snapchat, there are no worries.



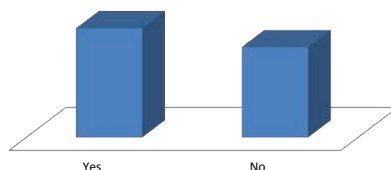
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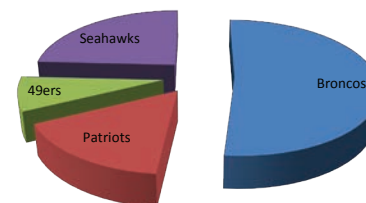
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Have you already broken your New Year's resolution?



Who will win the Super Bowl?



Patriots will win Super Bowl

Which NFL team will win the 48th Super Bowl? 2013 had some of the greatest teams to make it to the playoffs. Each team is very equal in talent and skill with great coaches. You could have the 49ers read option or the ground and pound attack with the Seahawks, Cam's Newton duel threat to run and pass, the Saints passing attack with Drew Brees, the multiple weapons of the Denver Broncos, the Patriots with their golden boy Tom Brady, or the Chargers with their young and feisty team.

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Zeke Rodriguez
Editorial
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Each team has a very good chance to make it to the big daddy of them all, which is the Super Bowl. But some teams have a better chance than others. Seattle Seahawks have a more than decent chance to go to the big dance for the NFC. But the AFC favorites will come down to the veteran, Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos or the Golden Boy, Tom Brady, for the New England Patriots.

More than likely in the Super Bowl it will be the power house Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots. Its expected to not be a high scoring or a low scoring game but a pretty decent scored game.

You can expect high 20's or low 30's to be scored by both teams. Both teams have fairly good defenses but are known for their offenses, which are powerful and high scoring. In the end New England will win on a final drive 31-27.

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brand-name on it? Many people are convinced the clothing is much nicer and is in fact worth the money for such a special item. Others could care less about the quality, and prefer to find their "name-brand" clothing at a knock-off store like TJ-Maxx or Marshall's. These shoppers are convinced they cannot even find the imperfections on these designer pieces, or they are so small that it doesn't matter.

Shortly after the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, you can go in the store and find a simple zip-up

jacket for 200 dollars or a T-shirt for 100 dollars just because it was just released from the show. Normally, Victoria's Secret clothing is already very expensive, and yet it isn't very different from any other pair of yoga pants or sweatshirt out there. If asked, most people would agree these items are overpriced and ridiculous, yet they will still spend the money on it later.

Shoppers will do crazy things under pressure and can be easily persuaded to buy these expensive clothes. Sales associates will try to lead people toward the most expensive items and give a lecture about the high quality and unique design of the item, but they are not always fully truthful.

Every breath you take can subject you to flu symptoms

This year the flu has already affected more people than it usually does. Nearly 500 people have been hospitalized this season, and that number is rapidly going up.

Healthcare experts recommend that everyone get a flu shot to stay safe. They are noticing that most of the serious cases are with people who were not vaccinated. However, people who did get the shot are still getting mild symptoms of the flu.

Fever, unexplained body aches, chills, and excessive tiredness are the most common symptoms of the flu. If you are experiencing any of these indicators, it is advised that you see a doctor.

Children, adults 65 years old and up, pregnant

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Alie Olivas
Editorial
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women, and people with weakened immune systems are at risk for acquiring the dangerous illness. If you fall in one of these categories you have almost two times the risk of developing the flu this year.

In a school the size of Greeley West, bacteria and germs are floating around everywhere, which makes the flu very easy to be spread. Make sure to wash your hands regularly, cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, and stay home if you feel miserable.

The virus can be extremely hazardous and even deadly. It's not too late to get the shot and keep yourself protected.

Multiple TAs good

The senior students at West should be allowed to be multiple teacher assistants. As the rule is now, students are only allowed one TA period per semester.

This change would greatly benefit seniors. There should be requirements to having this privilege. They would have to be passing all of their classes, no unexcused absences, and would have to have all required classes taken care of. This would be a treat to the seniors who have put countless hours into the school, not only in the classroom, but outside the classroom to try to improve Greeley West. It isn't like they would just be roaming the halls, but instead be helping out teachers. This could also help the students obtain their 6th class.

If the teacher has nothing for them to do, then it is a great time for them to do their homework.

-- Eric Seeley

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Broncos bring hope

By Alie Olivas
Staff Writer

The Broncos have had a very successful season thus far. Their record for the season is 13-3 with a less than favorable schedule.

The first playoff game was a huge deal for all of the Denver Bronco fans, including the ones here at Greeley West. Many of the students and teachers spent their Sunday anxiously cheering on the team, in hopes of a victory.

Each student though, had different ways of supporting the broncos on game day.

"I stayed home with my family watching the game while eating fried chicken," said AJ Lopez.

Senior Chris Villalobos said "I went to my aunt's

house to watch the game. She had a party with lots of good food and Bronco-themed things."

Mr. Mike Stieb watched the game from his house, on and off. "I am not a big fan of pro sports but I am a fan of the Broncos."

Senior Samantha Augustino had a very different experience of watching the game from Oahu, Hawaii. "We went to a restaurant near the beach that had the game playing. There were not many Bronco fans there but it was a cool way to watch it."

These were just a few of the ways that the Spartan fans watched the playoff game. Hopefully there will be Bronco Super Bowl parties in the near future.



Broncos fans cheer on their team in a sea of blue and orange during last Sunday's game.

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SPARTAN STAR

Throughout the 2013-14 school year, West Word will be recognizing outstanding students at Greeley West.

Mason Sedlacek
Senior



Mason Sedlacek has dedicated himself to the school. Aside from his work as an IB senior, a terrible amount of homework, keeping up his GPA, and being the returning captain of the swim team, Mason is doing even more with his high school career. Earlier in the year, he played middle linebacker on the varsity football team. He recently was cast as Tarzan in the school's musical, and is very active in student council. After high school, he plans to attend to a military career, and afterwards, he plans to pursue his other dreams, like horse wrangling, and decorative basket weaving. Truly, Mason Sedlacek is an ideal Spartan Star.

-Chris Campbell

FASHION TRENDS: Hair everywhere

As we head back to school from break, everyone is showing off their new styles in clothing, and also new hair styles.

During the winter and fall months both girls and guys tend to dye their hair darker colors.

You may see a blonde come back after break with dark brown hair. The change may be drastic, but that doesn't stop anyone from going dark for winter. Many girls are still wearing the Ombre look by starting dark at the top and fading to a lighter color towards the bottom.

These dark colors will most likely continue to show up in hair styles through February or March, when everyone will want to go lighter for spring and summer.

Lauren Miller
Fashion Expert



Lauren Miller/West Word

Ellery Sedlacek, like a lot of girls around the school, has gone dark for the winter, which would be very apparent if this photo were not in black and white.

Lone Survivor entertains critic with scenes of blood and guts

I have seen a lot of movies in my life, and out of all the genres there are, war movies will always be my favorite. Movies like *The Hurt Locker*, *Black Hawk Down*, and *Saving Private Ryan* are all amazing movies, but they have all been blown out of the water, and *Lone Survivor* has officially been placed on my list of fantastic war movies. This true story shows the real side of the Navy Seals. The toughness and perseverance that they go through on a daily basis, and the hard work that they put in is all shown in graphic detail. The movie revolves around a mission that goes wrong. Four Navy SEALs encounter Taliban members who go and tell the SEAL's whereabouts to the leader of a small Taliban army. The four SEALs must fight their way through

waves of Taliban to make it to the evacuation sight.

The four men fight with one another as brothers.

For anyone that loves blood and guts, I would highly recommend seeing *Lone Survivor*; it has to be one of the most gory movies that I have ever seen. From start to end, there are bullet holes, lost fingers, and more. This movie is about as gut wrenching and intense as any movie will ever be. If you can't handle movies that have nonstop action, it's not for you.

I will probably see this movie more than just once.

It is an amazing movie with a lot of attention to detail. Since this movie was so amazing to me, there is no doubt that it deserves 9.5 out of 10 Spartan heads.

Riley Mincic
Movie Review



Divergent books demand is wearing out West library

By Tara Trevino
Staff Writer

Kids all around the school have picked up a new book interest, and it's called *Divergent*. Although *Divergent* won't make it as big as *Twilight* or *The*

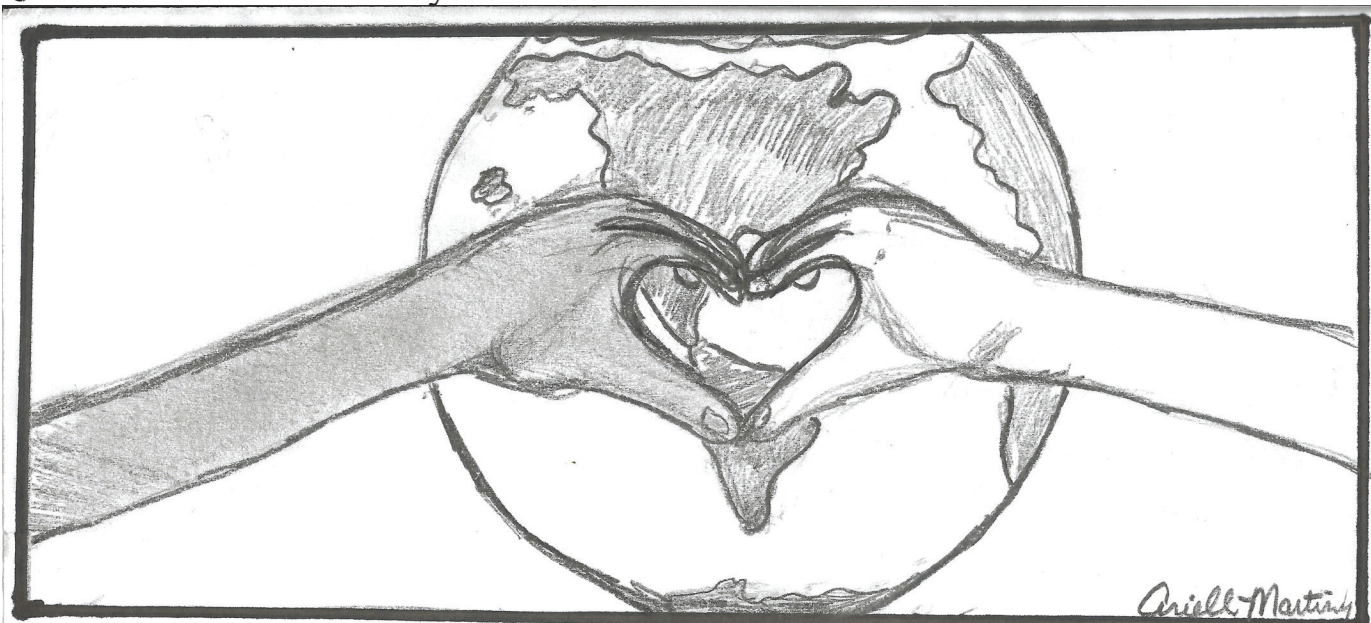
Hunger Games, the series is making a big impact on West students. "We have ordered two sets already just because of the usage and how worn out our first set of *Divergent* was," explained Mrs. Susan Eastin.

Divergent is a Dystopian type literature where

something catastrophic has happened in the world, and the people are divided based on a test.

Whether or not the novel is a good one, most fans around the school are sure to be excited that the book is being made into a movie, out in theaters soon.

I Have A Dream by Ariell Martinez



Ariell Martinez

-- Book Review -- Her Mad Hatter by Marie Hall

Alice is all grown up, running the Mad Hatter's Cupcakery and Tea Shoppe, until the fairy godmother of "the bad boys" throws her a curve ball. Now, Alice is the newest resident of Wonderland.

With a grudge for an Alice that came before, the Mad Hatter takes his hate out on the woman who looks just like her. Will Alice be able to prove to Hatter that she isn't bad or will he send her home and possibly destroy Wonderland?

Marie Hall has made a remarkable twist on the story of Alice in Wonderland. This free ebook is truly captures the Mad Hatter in a unique way. It was so well written, I didn't want it to end.

--Christi Treutlens

Rivals celebrate on West's court

By Riley Mincic
Staff Writer

Last Saturday the boys' basketball team took on their cross town rival Greeley Central. This game always gets the most attention out of all of the games throughout the season. There was no disappointment in the turnout for this game, but the results were not what the student body had hoped for.

Behind the play of senior guard Matt Garcia, the Wildcats came out ready to play, controlled the game throughout, and defeated the Spartans, 52-41.

Garcia received the Tom Boyle MVP award as the player of the game because he proved to be a force on defense and on offense. His talent from beyond the arc proved to be too much for the Spartans.

The Wildcats started out in a man-to-man defense which kept the Spartans from scoring for the first four minutes of the game. Not until Alex Garcia came into the game and scored the first basket for the Spartans. When the Wildcats switched to the zone, the Spartans struggled to make an adjustment.

Mason Barnes was the leading scorer for West as his effort of 16 points was not enough to help the Spartans come out with a win.

This was the first time in many years that the Spartans have lost this cross town rivalry to the Wildcats. It has been mostly dominated by West, but this year was the year for the Wildcats.

"It hurt because it was against Central, but it also brought us closer together as a team," sophomore Cordell Gillingham said.

Gillingham hopes to get revenge next year. "We'll have to prepare for the game better and come ready to play because we had a slow start to the game," Gillingham said.

West ended their losing streak with a 5A Front Range Conference win against Loveland on Tuesday night. Results from Friday's game against Poudre were unavailable at press time.



Gillingham



Riley Mincic/West Word

Freshman Darren DeLaCroix plays defense against a Central player during the West-Central game. The Wildcats defeated the Spartans, 52-41.

Wildcats take advantage of West's turnovers

By Zeke Rodriguez
Staff Writer

The Lady Spartans hosted the Lady Cats of Greeley Central at Greeley West last Saturday. Both teams fought very hard through all four quarters, but the Lady Cats of Central were on top most of the game and came out on top with 68-38 win.

At the end of the first quarter it was 14-10 with Central on top. It was a tight contested first quarter of play. With only a 4 point lead going into the second quarter the lady cats came out hot going on a 5-0 run but the lead slowly died down as the Spartans were only down seven with the score being 22-29 at the half.

The third quarter came and it was turnovers that killed the Spartans. At the end of the third quarter, the ladies were down by ten, 32-42 with Central on top. The Spartans only scored 10 points in both the first and third quarters.

The fourth quarter came and the 'Cats took control by scoring 21 points in the fourth quarter alone while the lady Spartans only managed to score a whopping 6 points in the fourth.

"We were playing well in the first half but the turnovers and missed opportunity's caused us to struggle in the second half," Harper Sheets, junior team captain, said. Sheets also had 24 of the teams 38 points. Central's senior guard/forward Kelsey Cousins won the MVP with 16 totals points 10 assists 5 rebounds and 4 steals also Cousins was 100% from the free throw line.



Sheets

Girls swimmers turn in best performance of season

By America Monje
Staff Writer

The Greeley West girls swim team did very well at their last swim meet in Thornton at the VMAC. This was an enormous meet with about 830 swimmers attending.

The relay teams did specifically well getting their best times of the year. The team is improving as the season continues and they are looking forward to their meet tomorrow. "As a team we did great.



Shaha

We all dropped time and had amazing performances," junior Autumn Sands said.

Coach Collin Shaha is very impressed with the recent performances of his team as they have been working extremely hard at practice.

"The team has been doing a great job of pushing each

other at practice in hope of dropping time at their meets," said Shaha.

Over Christmas break the swim team had two a days which resulted in them being very tired at their meets. However, many of them still managed to get their best times at the Keith Weideman Invite on January 4th. The team also has a city meet coming up on January 28th that they are looking forward to. They hope to have many people attending and cheering them on.

"The team has been doing a great job of pushing each other at practice."

- Swim coach

Colin Shaha

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Wrestling submits to Rocky Mountain

By Garrett Hays
Staff Writer

The Greeley West wrestling team hosted Rocky Mountain on Thursday, January 9th. Rocky Mountain is ranked 2nd in 5A and proved it with a 45-24 win against West.

West also wrestled in the Christmas Classic held

at the Budweiser Event Center during winter break and did very well and got their confidence up coming into this very tough match against Rocky.

"Our season is coming along very well and the team is getting better as the season progresses, but there is still some room for more improvement," senior Vince Dominguez said.

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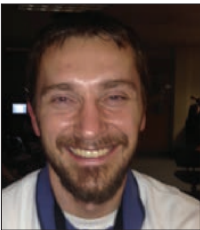
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- WHAT is your dream vacation ?
- WHAT supehero/vil-lain would you want to be?
- WHAT is your most embarrassing moment?
- WHAT celebrity do you want to meet?



Mark Jarnot

A

- Moot House
- Most of the students
- Tour of Europe
- Hulk
- Dancing with the teachers
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Rich Davis

B

- The Inn at Glen Haven
- The Wonderful shining stars that I get to mentor everyday
- Back in time time traveling
- The Joker
- I don't get embarrassed
- Jesus



Zach Armstrong

C

- Indian Food
- Community
- Backpacking in Chile
- Superman
- All the times I have been mistaken as a student
- Harrison Ford



Daniel Mork

D

- Jarnot's Mom's cooking
- Wonderful people
- Bus trip down Chile
- Dave "The Brave" Falter
- Flooding classroom with water while filling up fish tanks
- Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt

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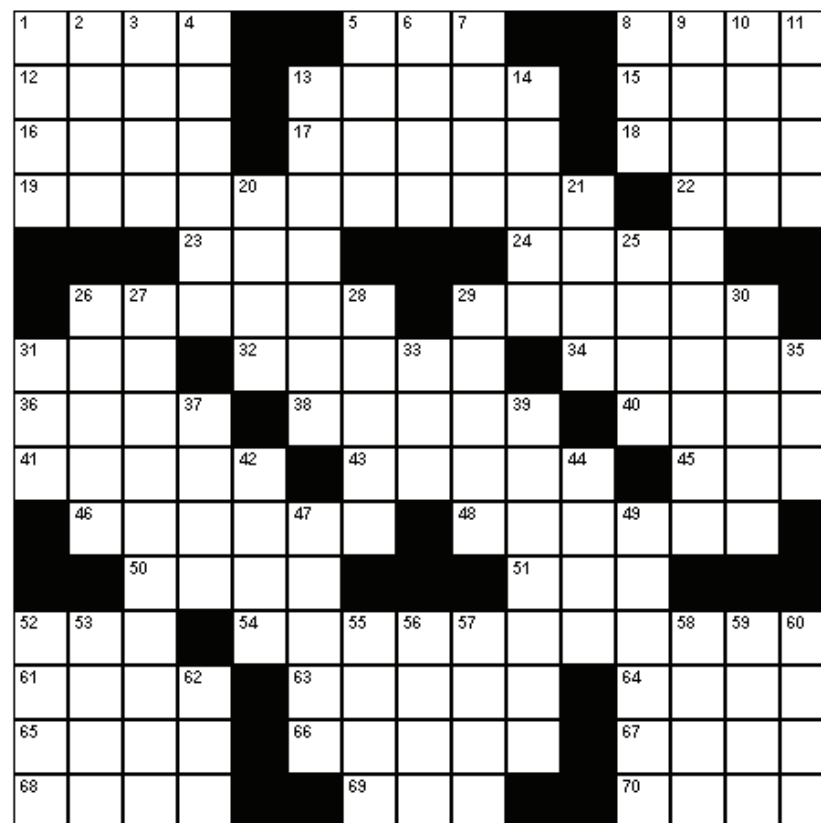
- 1- Related by blood
5- Remuneration
8- Invitation request
12- ____ dancing is popular with cowboys!
13- Men
15- Watchful one
16- Antitoxins
17- Garlic sauce
18- French friend
19- Indulge to excess
22- Thickness
23- Time to remember
24- Potato preparation
26- Blue dye
29- Country
31- Keats work
32- Spat
34- Capital city of Yemen
36- Coil
38- Role for Clark
40- Flaky mineral
41- Chilly
43- Nobelist Root
45- Lady of Sp.
46- Elder
48- Invalidate
50- Russian no
51- Cockpit abbr.
52- Hard water

Down

- 54- Old age
61- Rocket launcher
63- Esther of "Good Times"
64- ____ Three Lives
65- Faucet problem
66- Former Houston footballer
67- Interpret
68- Estimator's phrase
69- Male sheep who may play football for St Louis!
70- Hard to hold

Down

- 1- As well as
2- Capital of the Ukraine
3- About, in memos
4- Approached
5- Discharged a debt
6- Baseball family name
7- Shout
8- "Michael Collins" actor
9- Composer who writes symphonies
10- Face concealment
11- One hunted
13- Office head
14- 18th letter of the Greek alphabet
20- Eye part
21- Chow
25- Former name of Thailand
26- Graven images
27- Regeneration of tissue
28- Alternate
29- Out
30- Bead material
31- Pay stub?
33- Business card abbr.
35- Penlight battery
37- Like some fir trees
39- Entertainment building
42- Meets one's maker
44- Wrinkly fruit
47- Alamogordo's county
49- Clothes
52- ____-European
53- Singer Vikki
55- Film ____
56- First name in scat
57- Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
58- Peter Fonda role
59- Bargain
60- Whirlpool
62- GI mail drop



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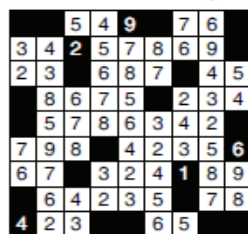
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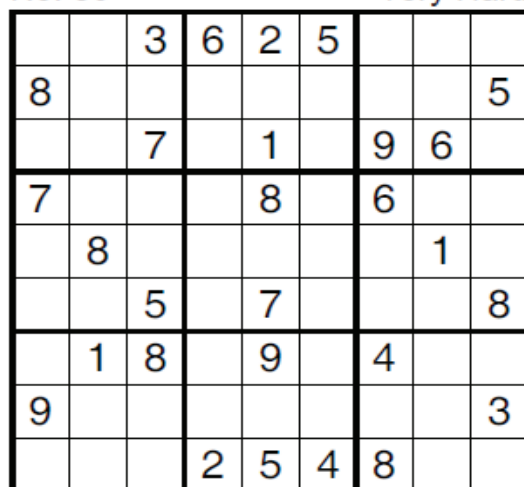


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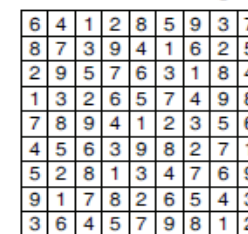
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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

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All is well for IB family at West

By Merall Sherif
Staff Writer

"It takes a village to raise a child." This African proverb was the theme of the IBPO mandatory meeting for all MYP and IB parents last Monday.

The meeting was held to inform and encourage parents on volunteering and scheduling for the many components of the IB classes' agendas. The meeting was to stress that it takes a lot of people to support "the IB family", most importantly parents, teachers, administration, and staff all making

efforts to keep everyone motivated.

Parental involvement hasn't been sufficient so the school has come up with a new program for parents, called the "3 for me." This is an obligation for a parent of each IB family to volunteer 3 hours of their time per child, per year.

There are also plans on starting up "study tables" to aid students through peer and volunteer tutoring and computers open for parents to check their student's grades.

There have been rumors about the IB program

being taken away, moving to a different school, the program being broke, and even teachers quitting, but fortunately IB is in good shape and more prepared to take on the rest of the year.

"It was gratifying to see about 100 parents attending, very engaged, very serious, and wanting to help," said program director Mr. Fred Drake.



Drake

From New Teachers, Page 1

Even though they have only been here for a couple of days, they already have things that they enjoy about West. They all love the staff and the students at Greeley West, and the vibe that they are receiving.

They are looking forward to watching the students' progress and grow into young adults. "I can't wait to get students excited about learning," said Dailey.

Dailey replaced longtime English teacher Mr. Louis Palagi in the English department. Pompey replaced Mr. Will Reynolds in the ELD program. Dugan took over for Mr. Dennis Johnson in the math

department. Laumann took over Mr. Jason Renouf's spot as he was promoted in the ESS department. Hughes took over her ESS job in November, but has been out with of commission with a broken arm, and was finally able to return.

The new ISS monitor is Ms. Katie Hoffner who started the Friday before finals.



From Yoder, Page 7

practice, causing him to miss several classes a week. They also would travel out of state almost every weekend to play, which also forced him to miss several Mondays and Fridays. Despite his absences, Yoder maintained great grades and a high GPA throughout high school. "It was a great experience, and definitely taught me to manage my time well," Yoder said.

As of right now, he is not sure what he wants to major in but he stays plenty busy between classes and playing hockey for CSU. The competition level is much higher for CSU and he has been forced to play at a very high level with guys several years older than him. "It's been a big adjustment, the skill and competition level is much higher than any other team I have ever played for," Yoder shared. "There are a lot of opportunities to prove yourself with a team consisting of 16 freshmen," says Yoder.

"My favorite part about hockey is the fact that I get to lace up my skates and give my everything alongside my 25 best friends every weekend. There is nothing I enjoy more," Yoder said.

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