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CHEER: WRAPPING UP AND LOOKING AHEAD

M. Diaz

At the start of the 2017 season, the cheer team was a strong, spirited group of individuals. As they start to face the end of their season, the cheerleaders have not only improved as a team, but have grown as individuals. As all of our Varsity teams know, saying goodbye to another season means being grateful for your teammates and preparing to say goodbye to a group of special individuals- the seniors.

Our cheerleading squad is no exception and will be parting ways with six seniors. Being a senior myself, it is truly sad leaving such an amazing group of individuals. The team was filled with some pretty fantastic characters, every single one of the team members had a completely different personality; some wilder than others. Each member of this year's team will never be forgotten.

The season was filled with positive people and great vibes. Assistant Coach Lisa McGee explained, the saddest part about the season ending is, "saying goodbye to the senior class." There are a total of six senior cheerleaders: Toni Dominguez, Alyssa Dominguez, and Anthony Castro have all been on the cheer squad since their freshman year. Taibrie Bowie, another senior, has been on the squad since her sophomore year, while Misty Diaz, joined her junior year, and Giselle Ornelas, a joined her senior year.

This season was one for the books! Amazing people, great memories, and friendships that can never be forgotten or replaced. For those individuals who are interested in trying out for next year's team, there are a few things you should know; we are very proud that we are a co-ed squad so we love having a mix of ladies and gents on our team. Also, you don't need to have prior experience- that's what our coaches are for! Tryout packets will be available in March and tryouts will be held in April, good luck!



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COLLEGE DECISIONS ARE TOUGH, BUT THIS WILL HELP YOU OUT

J. Rascon

It's your senior year and you wonder how time went by so quickly. All your hard work throughout your years of high school finally payoff as you get accepted to a few colleges. The hard part is over and a new challenge rises, which college should I go to? There are several things to consider while choosing a college like tuition cost, location, and whether the college has majors you are considering.

As you may already know, in-state tuition is more favorable being relatively cheaper than out of state tuition, so that could be something you look into. Additionally knowing people from the school or visiting a University gives you a feel for what the college offers and gives you a feel for the school. These factors are considerably important, if a school has your best interest in majors and the campus feels like home it makes your college decision that much easier. And if you know your dream school and got accepted that's great but college isn't for everyone so it's perfectly fine if you don't choose to go to college but it helps tremendously.

We had a chance to speak with Shanise Garcia and we asked her how she made her college decision as she said, "I chose UNC because I didn't want to live in the dorms at CSU, also I don't want to be in debt due to the cost of dorms." Staying in the dorms may be an integral part of college where you can meet more people, but by not having to pay for the dorms you are saving a lot of money.



4.0 BREAKFAST

E. Hernandez

Staying focused for five months during the school year is definitely tough for students, especially for those who play sports or are part of clubs here at The Castle. However, lacking focus wasn't the case for a special group of students as they were invited to a breakfast ceremony honoring their academic achievements during the course of the first semester. The group of students earned a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher. Taking multiple AP classes could be challenging because of the workload students are given by teachers, but the teachers are only preparing the students for greatness and that's college.

Shanise Garcia, a senior at GCHS who was invited to the 4.0 breakfast had this to say, "I thought it was generous of them for providing us breakfast and appreciating our hard work in the classroom." It was followed by an "Excellence Assembly" to make sure the students hard work was recognized by the entire staff and student body. Every students named was mentioned during the assembly then followed by there school picture. This assembly should've been seen as motivation for the entire school and make sure students try their very hardest everyday in and outside the classroom. Hard work will pay off senior year as colleges take a look at your school transcripts and academic success. Make the best out of semester number two and aim or a 4.0.



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ZERO HOUR

M. Hinojosa

What is a zero hour? This hour contains chamber orchestra, jazz, or dance III. These classes are for the dedicated students at Greeley Central High School that want to go that extra mile to get better with their instruments or even with their technique. Although it could be a hassle coming early, there is always benefits. "I usually wake up tired no matter what, including the days without zero hour but coffee fixes it. But what's awesome about waking up early is that you get to see some cool sunrises, that you wouldn't get to see if you came at the normal time," explains Leona Armagost a member of the chamber orchestra and a junior at Greeley Central. On the other hand, you have Jeremy Hundley a senior member of the GCHS jazz band who says, "since this is my fourth year taking a zero hour, I haven't really known anything different. It has become part of my routine and it helps that I am a morning person already!" After all, a zero hour isn't that bad considering that you are coming to school for something you enjoy or just a way where you can get away from reality. "I'm a dance emphasis and it's an amazing way to de-stress from everything," justified Kyria Smith a student taking dance III. As we may start to look like zombies coming in zero hour for almost two months now, it's fun at the end of it all.

END OF YEAR SENIOR THOUGHTS

A. Mcfall

Everyone wonders what goes through seniors' heads when graduation is so close? This time in their lives seniors are stressed to the maximum extent because they are not only thinking about graduation, but also scholarships, grades and working it's amazing how people are able to juggle many things at once. As a senior, there are many preparations that you are making in order to get yourself ready to step out into the real world and this causes your minds to wander all over the place causing you to stress yourselves out. Maya Anderson, Senior at GCHS, said, "As of right now my thoughts are wanting to hurry the rest of this year up really, I'm tired of school and I just want to get my diploma and start my life." As people, we don't need too much stress in our lives and not only being seniors, but also being in high school and sometimes you just need a break away from life to gather your thoughts. GCHS Senior, Monica Davies, stated "I am so ready to not have to walk up and down those stairs every day and think that I am most excited about is for me to walk across the stage and begin my life and the next steps will be college and getting a job and getting my life started and becoming who I am supposed to be in life". Seniors think about so much and stress so much but don't worry it's almost over, the battle is almost won.



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HIGH SCHOOL STRESS

J. Gallegos

At one point in your high school life, you too have experienced being stressed. Now, stress can be because of school work, family, or social issues but regardless, being stressed sucks. If you're anything like me, dealing with stress doesn't come easily, if anything, I just stress myself out more because I'm not sure how to deal with it but I've done some research, and found some helpful tips that I hope will help you cope with your stress.

Tip number one: Manage your time. At times, we all feel overburdened by our "to do" lists but accept that you can't do everything at once and instead start to prioritize your tasks.

Tip number two: Do not procrastinate. If you put off your work till the day or night before it's due you'll have to work in a rush and under crazy pressure and believe me when I say nobody works well under such conditions.

Tip number three: Get more sleep. A lack of sleep is a significant cause of stress. Stop doing any demanding work a hour or two before going to sleep so your brain has time to calm down. Lay down, read a book, finish bingeing your favorite tv show, whatever it is, just relax and forget about all your worries for the night.

Tip number four: Spend time with family. I know spending time with my family always help takes my mind off of things. Have a movie night, family game night and order in some food.

Whatever it may be, I hope these tips somewhat help you overcome your stress.

GOOD SLEEP = GOOD LIFE

L. Duran

All around the world, people find themselves waking up and wondering why they went to bed so late and convince themselves that its okay. The truth is, missing out on sleep impacts you negatively. Having little to no sleep carries both short and long-term effects. Some of the more obvious effects include: having terrible judgement, mood swings, decreased ability to learn and remember information, and daytime fatigue. With these short term effects some people might realize that they experience this quite often.

Lots of people that don't sleep enough dont think about the long term effects and dont think there are any at all. However, sixteen studies by University of Michigan found that people who don't get the 6 to 8 hours of sleep increase the risk of early death by 12 percent. Lack of sleep has also been linked to weight gain and to a poor immune system. The University of Michigan has conducted many experiments on the effects on little sleep and found that students that have little sleep are linked to having lower GPAs as sleep affects concentration, memory, and the ability to learn.

You might ask, why is it so important? Deep sleep helps you restore energy that you used throughout the day. Also, sleeping helps you fight off infections by releasing key hormones. Many people who get little sleep might want to know how to get more sleep and there are many tips. One helpful tip is not to be on your phone 30 minutes before the time you want to be sleeping as screens emit blue light that is proven to make sleeping harder. Another key to sleep is not drinking coffee after 3pm as it has caffiene and will keep you up. Getting good sleep will help you be more productive and more engaged which could make you better at doing your job.

AVID SENIORS

J. Gallegos

What is AVID? How does it help students? Why is AVID important? These are all questions I've heard many times from other students before and well, being an AVID student, I might as well inform you as to why AVID is so great. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a college readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college.

I've been in AVID since middle school and I'm honestly so glad that I've stuck with it throughout my four years here at Central. It not has only bettered me as a person but it has also helped make friendships that I will cherish for a lifetime. Senior year has been one of the most stressful years of AVID; since school started, we've done nothing but apply for colleges, complete FAFSA, and apply for scholarships.

Eric Hernandez, also an AVID senior at Central shared, "AVID to me is family, we've had a lot of ups and downs together in this classroom but like any family we eventually get over it. AVID has helped me plenty of times over the years such as making me a more responsible person. This year, it has helped me get into the University of Northern Colorado where I'll be majoring in physical education." In addition to UNC, Hernandez was also accepted to Colorado State University and Western State Colorado University. If you are not already, I really recommend joining AVID, it may start out tough and you'll definitely question if you should stick with it but believe me when I say, the hard work will pay off, eventually!



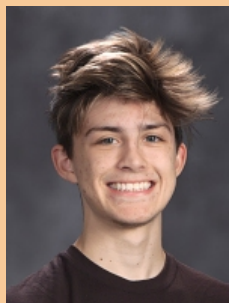
AP STUDY SESSIONS

M. Hinojosa

What is an AP study session? AP stands for Advanced Placement therefore, these sessions are where higher level classes meet to study for their class. These sessions are so beneficial to the students at Greeley Central High School because it's been proven from past exams scores that people who participated in these study sessions had higher scores than the people who didn't show. "I wanted to go because I heard this helps you a lot on the AP Exam and I want to do well on it. Also, another benefit for attending is for Mock-murphy's class we get extra credit," said Elizabeth Hernandez, a senior at Greeley Central High School.

Understanding that we should continue with these helpful study sessions, "I think we should continue with these study sessions because we get the privilege to learn more and review about the materials which will help us for the exam," explains Hernandez. Mr. Burch, one of history teacher and the coordinator of all of the AP classes at Greeley Central High School, puts these study sessions together; he and other AP teachers at Greeley Central make sure that our AP students are successful and are able to pay less for a college course when actually attending to college.

Mock-Murphy a science teacher at Greeley Central states, "There is a tremendous amount of pre-planning that must happen before students show up for the review sessions. Organizing a lecture, choosing practice questions (MC and FRQs) to work on and then being familiar with the solutions, running copies, etc. Luckily, we have an AP coordinator who does the copying for us!" The AP teachers do a lot to make sure that the students are prepared for the exams, so make sure if you are a student in a AP class, that you are taking advantages of these amazing opportunities.



Athlete of the the Week

This week's spectacular athlete, Jackson Hayslip was recommended by Mr. Graefe. When asked why he plays basketball, Hayslip responded, "I kind of just grew up playing it, it's my favorite sport and it's fun." His favorite thing about the team is that they're fun to hang out with outside of basketball and that they're great friends in general. At Greeley Central, Hayslip is also involved in tennis and golf. The Highlight wishes him luck with the rest of the season and we can't wait to see what he does next!



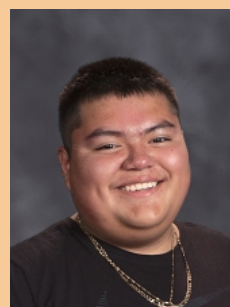
Artist of the Week

Kayla Brower is a thespian emphasis, but she's passionate about every area within the Arts Magnet Program. She has participated in all of the thespian troupe productions and she was the thespian historian this year. Brower enjoys, "painting, drawing, singing, playing cello, playing the ukulele, and dancing. She is also involved in Green Cats, Cats Cradle, Fellowship of Christian Students, chamber choir, and jazz choir. After high school, she wants to be called what she says is an "everything artist" where she would do professional theater, direct films, jazz singing, or be a professional vocalist, and then a visual artist.



Club of the Week

The National Honor Society is a club that encourages collaboration between Greeley Central's brightest students in order to better the school. To her, it's inspiring to see students dedicated to their school, community, and world. To join NHS, you have to show academic achievement throughout your first few years in high school, "typically delineated as a GPA of 3.75 or better, and be involved in a variety of school community organizations." As of now, they are organizing donations for the Linus project that makes blankets for kids in hospitals, drafting rules for the AP cafe, partnering with Heath's NJHS, and planning a blood drive for the beginning of March.



Student of the Week

Neyver Soto says his main inspiration for being a good student is, "Coming from a Hispanic background, I do it to make my parents proud." When he's stressed he finds a way to cope with it by taking a walk and getting some fresh air before getting back to his work. Soto is also in the Health Science Academy, AVID, NHS, and takes a lot of AP classes. After High School, he wants to go to the Colorado School of Mines, become a mechanical engineer, and make a lot of money.

NBA NEWS THAT CAN IMPACT THE REST OF THE SEASON

J. Rascon

As the NBA trade deadline approaches teams like the Cleveland Cavaliers are making huge moves that are going to impact the rest of the season! The Cavs have traded Isaiah Thomas, Channing Frye and Cleveland's first round pick for the Los Angeles Lakers Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance Jr. This is a surprise for NBA fans as Isaiah Thomas recently got back from injury and the Cavs trade the former All Star in hopes to get a young core. Cavs weren't done there, they also traded Dwyane Wade to the Miami Heat for a second round pick in 2024, there was also a three team trade in which the Cavs received Rodney Hood and George Hill and sent Iman Shumpert and a 2020 second round pick via Miami and Sacramento acquired Joe Johnson from Utah who got Jae Crowder and Derrick Rose from Cavs. (via ESPN)

The Cavs have traded players they recently acquired over the summer to get a strong young core and better players off the bench. I got a chance to speak with Tyler Barrera about his thoughts on how the Cavs were busy before the trade deadline and he said, "they still have their core players and the players that were traded weren't consistent or as reliable as they were sought to be and the players they traded for will be key bench players."

With all the chaos the trade deadline showed as the Cavs made major moves that may help them try to get the top seed in the East but there were also injuries and some teams took a major blow because of it. On February 6, 2018, Kristaps Porzingis suffered a torn ACL vs the Milwaukee Bucks and he will be out for the rest of the season and Kemba Walker will replace him in the NBA All Star game. Lastly Orlando Magic's center Aaron Gordon suffered a hip injury and Utah Jazz electrifying rookie Donovan Mitchell will replace him in the Dunk Contest. The rest of the NBA season will truly have some excitement for us NBA fans and we will have to see how it pans out.

DAYTONA 500

B. Yackey

Super Bowl of NASCAR? That would be the Daytona 500, happening on February 18. Unlike the Super Bowl, this NASCAR race takes place to start the 2018 season rather than ending the season. The Daytona 500 is a 500 mile race of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup series held annually at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach Florida. The inaugural Daytona 500 was held in 1959, but has been the opening race of the season since 1982. The Daytona 500 is regarded as the most prestigious race on the NASCAR calendar carrying by far the biggest payout. The driver who wins is presented with the Harley J. Earl trophy in victory lane in which the car is then displayed in the Daytona museum. "Winning this race is the greatest feeling that you could feel in this sport besides accepting the trophy for the championship," said Dale Earnhardt Jr, 2 time winner of the Daytona 500. February 18, 2018, tune in to see the Super Bowl of NASCAR and who will take home the win of biggest race of the season.



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NBA TRADE DEADLINES

T. Menard

As we approach All-Star weekend in the NBA, teams will have to make decisions about the future of their franchises. This of course means the NBA trade deadline is upon us. The NBA trade deadline was on February 8 and it came with many big time moves by a lot of teams. The 2016-2017 world champions, the Cleveland Cavaliers, traded their point guard Kyrie Irving back at the beginning of the season acquiring Celtics PG Isaiah Thomas.

Right before the trade the Cavaliers were 3rd in the Eastern Conference with a record of 31 (wins) and 22 (losses). Now with the 2017-2018 season trade deadline here, we will see a lot of trades taking place. The Cavs have now made a big time trade of Isaiah Thomas and Channing Frye to the Lakers (as well as a 2018 first-round draft pick) and the Cavs getting guard Jordan Clarkson and forward Larry Nance Jr.. The Cavs also traded guard Dwyane Wade back to his original team, the Miami Heat, who he had played with for 13 years (4 of those years with the star of the Cavs LeBron James himself). In return the Cavs got a heavily protected second-round draft pick.

The Denver Nuggets are involved in a three-way trade deal between the Dallas Mavericks and the New York Knicks. The Nuggets will receive Mavericks guard, Devin Harris, and a future New York second-round pick. The Mavericks are getting Knicks forward, Doug McDermott and Denver's second-round pick. The Knicks will be getting Nuggets guard, Emmanuel Mudiay. Hopefully all the teams who were involved in trades are going into the second half of the season with better teams.

MLB IS BACK!

E. Hernandez

It may seem like the Houston Astros won the 2017 World Series just a couple weeks ago but to be exact, that happened on November 1, 2017 nearly four months ago! That's how fast this offseason has gone for baseball fans because the 2018 season is just around the corner.

Spring training is divided into two different leagues, the Cactus league and the Grapefruit league. One takes place in Arizona which is the Cactus league and the other in Florida, the Grapefruit league. Pitchers and catchers report to their teams during February 12-14, to get back into their routine; pitchers begin their process slow and work their way into throwing hard to prevent injuries early in the season. Which leads to catchers reporting to camp as well. Shortly after, the position players report to camp to get back to the fundamentals of baseball. It doesn't take long for them, since they have been playing baseball for a long period of time. Within a week they all come together and get their first full squad practice and get ready for the long season to come; from the first pitch in February to the last pitch in November. The Colorado Rockies are part of the Cactus league in Arizona every spring training. The team spends a month and a half training before opening day, on March 29th against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Last time the Rockies played in Arizona they were eliminated from the playoffs in last years wild card game. This year's opening day will be the earliest in the history of MLB.



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THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

M. Dreiling and R. Gifford

On February 14, Nikolas Cruz, 19, opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School at around 2:40 p.m. after getting dropped off by an Uber at 2:19 p.m. He “purposefully” (New York Times, February 15, 2018) moved toward the freshman building, heavily armed, shooting people in the hallways, within five classrooms on the first and second floors of the building. Police reports indicate that he discarded the rifle (an AK-15), a vest, and ammunition in a stairwell before moving with the fleeing crowd to blend in as a student. According to a few students, people started hearing gunshots as they were leaving their classrooms on the third floor. While Cruz walked throughout the school, he shot into rooms where students were hiding. A teacher at the school, Scott Beigel was killed as he tried locking a door in the process. After Cruz left the school, he walked to Walmart and bought a drink at Subway before the authorities found and arrested him just a few miles away from the school at 3:41 p.m.

Cruz was a former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and was expelled from the same high school last year. Cruz regularly posted photos of various weapons, dead animals and alarming comments on social media sites. In 2017, he had commented on YouTube stating “Im going to be a professional school shooter [sic].” The comment was reported to the F.B.I., but the agency reported that they were unable to find who posted it (New York Times, February 15, 2018). Nikolas Cruz had been adopted by Lynda and Roger P. Cruz along with his brother Zachary Cruz. Nicolas had been diagnosed with autism and attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Roger Cruz died suddenly in 2004 and Lynda Cruz died last November which took an emotional toll on Nikolas reports state. After the passing of his mother, he was taken in by the parents of a student that knew him, James and Kimberly Snead. They had no notion of Cruz’s past behavior or what he was planning. The Sneads aloud Cruz to keep guns in the house with the rule of having them kept in a gun safe where James would only have the key. They later learned that Cruz had made a duplicate of the key. The F.B.I had received a tip last month, on January 5, telling them about Cruz’s erratic behavior and his access to weapons with the intention of attacking a school, but the F.B.I. had failed to investigate the case (Chicago Tribune, February 17, 2018).

Students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have been bringing the attention of gun control back to many Americans and the argument that we need thorough background checks before the purchase of a gun. In a rally at Fort Lauderdale, the students called for a weapon ban and gun control. Emma Gonzalez, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who survived the massacre gave a call to action at an anti-gun rally on Saturday, February 17. She replied to Trump’s tweet that blamed the students for not reporting Cruz’s behavior by saying, “We did, time and time again since he was in middle school.” Later on she adds, “We need to pay attention to the fact that this isn’t just a mental health issue. He wouldn’t have harmed that many students with a knife.” This speech directly shames the organizations that allow this ongoing violence and the video of her speaking has gone viral, giving the rest of the world a sense of how their community feels and how the rest of us should feel and act. Other members specifically Emma Gonzalez, Cameron Kasky, David Hogg, Alex Wind and Jaclyn Corin, that have been active and calling for a change, saying that politicians are either with us or against us. There have been many planned peaceful protests about gun control, for students across the United States to participate in walk out and sit ins within the next few weeks to honor the victims and send a message to Capital Hill.

The staff extends our deepest sympathies to the families and people affected by this senseless tragedy. An official GoFundMe page link for the victims and their families will be up on our Instagram (@gchshighlight) if you would like to donate.

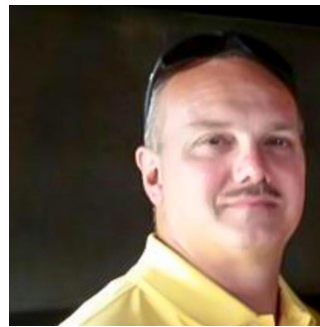
REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS



Alyssa Alhadeff, 14



Scott Beigel, 35



Chris Hixon, 49



Luke Hoyer, 15



Martin Duque Anguiano, 14



Nicholas Dworet, 17



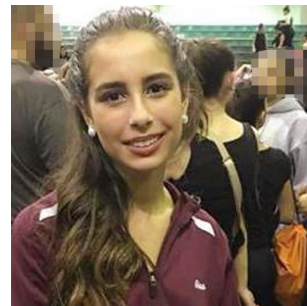
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Aaron Feis, 37



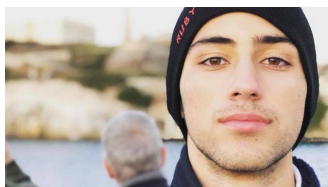
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Gina Montalto, 14



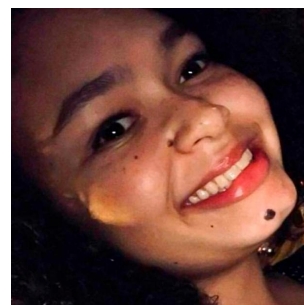
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Joaquin Oliver, 17



Alaina Petty, 14



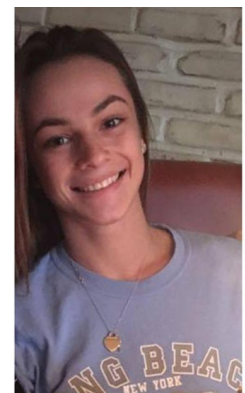
Helena Ramsay, 17



Alex Schachter, 14



Peter Wang, 15



Meadow Pollack, 18

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REMEMBERING KENNEDI INGRAM

T. Menard

It has been an incredibly sad week in Colorado as we mourn the loss of Eaton High School student, Kennedy Ingram. On February 6, Ingram was struck by a passing train while she was in her car at a railroad crossing. The incident happened near the intersection of 5th street and Highway 85 just before 6 am. Ingram was driving west on 5th while the train was traveling south at the time of the crash. Unfortunately this is not the first train/car crash that we have seen at that exact same intersection.

Last February, Eaton High School sophomore, Dallas Duran was struck by a train whilst driving along the road. These both are sorrowful incidents as both victims were still only in high school. One big concern emerging from the recent crash is the awareness of the fact that at the intersection, there are no crossing gates. There is only stop sign and a railroad crossing sign to alert drivers.



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Eaton's town manager, Gary Carsten, told Denver 7 News in a recent interview that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved a project last year to install crossing gates. The information was later confirmed to be incorrect by Terry Bote who works for the PUC. Bote said, "CDOT and Union Pacific are working on a plan for improvements to crossings along the U.S. Highway 85 corridor, including the one in Eaton, but no applications have been submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for approval."



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The railroad that Kennedy crossed over

In response to this, many petitions are cycling throughout the state in support of building and putting up crossing gates at the intersection. Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Kennedy Ingram. She will never be forgotten.

FLU DEATHS IN EL PASO

A. Carrillo

El Paso, Texas is a city where the palm trees sway, the passion fruit grows wild, and the sun always shines, the flu down there is actually killing people. It looks like this virus is killing mostly elderly people, or people with underlying medical conditions. The Department of Public Health states that there has been a total of 3,378 flu cases detected in El Paso. The Department also states, "...which is more than eight times higher than the 396 cases reported at this time last year". The public is pushed to the idea of how flu shots are necessary, and seeking medical treatment when detecting signs of the virus. Also, the residents of El Paso are encouraged to use the 4 C's; clean, cover, contain and call. The youngest death so far, this year, from the flu is a 50 year old women. But she did have some medical conditions that lead her to be more vulnerable to the virus. So it's more important to wash your hands, and be cautious with this flu virus killing people. Be careful and make sure you cover your mouth, or nose, when you sneeze or cough.

BORING PRODUCTS BRING IN MILLIONS

K. Cutler

Elon Musk has founded many companies, from Paypal to Tesla he is invested in many fields. His newest venture, being the Boring Company, where they are revolutionizing the digging underground tunnels for transit. Musk is set on revolutionizing our transportation entirely, Tesla, Space X and The Boring Company all focus on different aspects of travel. Tesla revolutionized making EV's, Space X (Who just successfully launched their Falcon Heavy Rocket) has revolutionized space travel and now The Boring company is working revolutionize our infrastructure. They believe the future is to dig tunnels under our roads to create multilevel highways. In order to make this possible they have been working on speeding up the time it takes to dig an underground tunnel and cheapen the cost per mile (currently it costs \$1 Billion per mile). These advancements cost lots of money to develop and put in place. In order to supplement, investors and Musk's personal funds they have been creating Boring Company merch that fans can buy to show their love of the company. The first product they released was a Boring Company branded hat. This sold 50,000 hats selling out very quickly. Musk promised that if the hat sold out he would release a flamethrower next. Most people took this as a joke, but they couldn't have been more wrong. The flamethrower was launched on at the end of January and sold out in a matter of days. This might seem slow, but they were able to sell 20,000 flamethrowers for \$500 each, making 10 millions dollars effortlessly. These have run into some issues with customs but Musk has remedied this by changing the name to "The Boring Company 'Not a' FlameThrower." Now we just have to wait to see what comes next.

THE HOMELESS

L. Contreras

There are roughly about nineteen shelters in Greeley, Colorado. Churches like our Lady of Peace and Saint Peters have also put their part in to helping the homeless. Worldwide there are 12,000,000 children who live below poverty levels. In the U.S their are 1,750,000 people are homeless, including children, pregnant women, families and people in need of getting medical help. Forty percent are veterans and seven percent of the homeless have been sexually assaulted. Their are so many different reasons for being homeless, it can be due to having no job, getting kicked out of home, being abused at home, drug use and so many more reasons. Statistics show that in 2015-2016 homelessness has only decreased seventeen percent and in 2017-2018 it has slightly changed. Since 2009, homelessness for veterans has decreased forty six percent. Although, homelessness has increased our community should do more to help those in need, when we see a homeless person standing by Walmart asking for money some people might think that they'll use the money for drugs or something else, but a couple dollars does make a difference and when we decided to give out money or do community service to help people in need we have to pray and hope that we are doing a good deed.

PRESIDENTS DAY

B. Yackey

What is Presidents Day? Well, the third Monday of February is to designated to honor former president, George Washington, as his birthday was February 22. This day is now widely known as President's Day and is to honor the current president as well as the past presidents, not just George Washington. The day is officially a national holiday and so government offices are required to be closed and some private businesses choose to close as well. In response, many schools will close for that third Monday of February. A food related to this holiday would be cherry pie, based of the chopping down of a cherry tree in Washington's youth.



Presidents Day

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COMMERCIALS FOR SUPER BOWL

A. Rotter

Every year millions of people all around the world watch the Super Bowl. This creates the optimal advertising environment for companies. With so many eyes on this event and advertising space being limited, time comes at a premium. For 30 seconds of on screen time advertisers pay around \$5 million which means they have to make every second count. This leads to many creative and iconic commercials, so much so that many people just watch the game for the commercials. This begs the question “which ads where the best?” From Pepsi to Amazon many companies got in on the commercial fun. One of the first ads of the Super Bowl was a Mountain Dew and Dorito joint ad. It was the epic showdown of Doritos Blaze vs Mountain Dew Ice. With Doritos being represented by Peter Dinklage and Mountain Dew represented by Morgan Freeman. This showdown has them both rapping and facing off with fire and ice. Many companies made a series of ads that told a story throughout the Super Bowl. One company that did this was Michelob Ultra. The first commercial has actor Chris Pratt excited to be in a Michelob Ultra and training. When he finally shows up to the filming he finds out he is just an extra. Their next ad has him in the background of the commercial with the rest of the extras. This commercial excellently makes fun of celebrity status and companies that pay celebrities to appear in their commercials. Another company to do this was Amazon. Their goal was to show what would happen if Alexa (Amazon's voice assistant) lost her voice. To accomplish this Jeff Bezos has celebrities fill in and answer questions. From Gordon Ramsay to Cardi B, this ad is packed with celebrities that give unique perspectives to peoples questions. By far this has been the most successful commercial of the Super Bowl. Other notable mentions from this year are Bud lite, Tide, and Groupon. If you haven't seen any of these ads I would recommend you go on YouTube and check them out.

DEATH OF A HERO

K. Cutler

A man who dedicated his life to helping people had his life taken away because someone couldn't control their own. 35-year-old Colorado Deputy Sheriff Heath Gumm was a victim of a sorrowful event that took place in Adams County Denver, on January 24, 2018 at seven p.m. Deputy Heath Gumm was on duty responding to an assault call located at the 8700 block of Dawson Street, where he was struck in the chest by a bullet. Gumm was then rushed to the hospital where he peacefully passed away in Denver's Health Medical Center. 22-year-old Dreion Deiring was then charged with four counts of first degree murder, first-degree burglary, possession of a weapon, and third-degree assault.

Gumm played a huge role in many people's lives as he has served for the sheriff's office since 2012. Gumm was known as a leader and a positive role model. He had several roles in his job, which included, taking recruits and those who were new to patrolling. When he wasn't working, Gumm and his wife Natasha enjoyed exploring the great outdoors. According to Deputy Gumm, the “Happiest Place on Earth” was Disney Land. Deputy Gumm showed both courage and integrity fighting to save people and making sure his family was happy. Viewer Jeff Williams said, “I met officer Gumm. He patrolled our neighborhood and my friends and I watched the parking lot. He was kind as hell and shook our hands and thanked us for what we did. What he did is far greater than anything I can put into words. I'm so sorry, and thank you to his family.” The loss of Deputy Gumm is a tragedy for so many people. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Deputy Gumm, Colorado's brave first responder that put himself in harm's way for our communities, we love and miss you! Gone but never forgotten.

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BLACK PANTHER

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Marvel fans can't wait for *Black Panther*'s excitingly close release date this February 16th. *Black Panther* will be the third Marvel movie released in two years which everyone was hoping to be a hit directed by Ryan Coogler who has directed movies such as *Creed* and *Fruitvale Station*. *Black Panther* picks up in the aftermath of *Captain America: Civil War*, where audiences were first introduced to Prince T'Challa and his superhero alter ego, "Black Panther". In the wake of his father's death, T'Challa returns home to the country of Wakanda, where he will take his father's place as king, but a powerful old enemy reappears that will take full power of Black Panther to defeat. The fate of Wakanda and the world depends on it. The Black Panther will be played by Chadwick Boseman who is known for playing Jackie Robinson in the movie *42* and James Brown in *Get On Top* which got him offered the role without a audition. Boseman knew he was taking on a important role as playing the first Black superhero but he isn't new to being a influential Black leader in his films. The hopes of this movie is to make something better, deeper and more meaningful from Marvel.

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ELECTROCUTING THE LIFE BACK INTO THE CW

J. Doss

The CW in recent years has become the network with shows revolving around teen drama, thrillers, fantasy, sci-fi and superheroes. Yes, they have literally made superheroes its own genre. The CW had something for everyone in its superhero shows and series, *Arrow*, *Flash*, *DC Legends of Tomorrow*, and *Supergirl* are their top rated shows. Many were surprised when the head of CW announced its fifth Superhero show *Black Lightning*. Some were concerned it would fall into the same plot lines and cliches of its predecessors. *Black Lightning* is about a principal named Jefferson Pierce (Cress Williams) who hung up his costume as Black Lightning to be with his wife and kids. But when both of his daughters (Nafessa Williams and China Ann McClain) get into trouble with a gang, he must bring back his superhero persona to save them. *Black Lightning* is a very entertaining and has real quality actors and actresses in as part of its cast. This show also does great in representing a diverse cast and the issues its viewers may face in the real world. Make sure to get caught up with the show that brought life back to the CW.

60TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

C. Burzell

On January 28, 2018, the 60th Annual Grammy Awards were aired on CBS at Madison Square Garden. The show was a great success and was filled with comedic, political, and heartfelt moments. This year James Corden, well-known for his Carpool Karaoke with celebrities, returned as host of the Grammy's. The opening performance of the night was Kendrick Lamar and U2 with "XXX" and "DNA", the opening served as a good way to get the crowd excited. As the night continued, awards were announced and artists performed, one moving performance came when Kesha was joined on-stage by five other artists to perform her song "Praying". Her pain-filled voice reached a very emotional level, and there was not a dry eye in the house, nor at the homes of people watching from their TV. Finally, Logic sang his song "1-800-273-8255", and made a beautiful speech about all the negative things going on around the world, "Black is beautiful. Hate is ugly. Women are as precious as any man I have ever met." Here's a list of some of the Grammy award winners:

Album of the Year: Bruno Mars, "24K Magic"

Record of the Year: Bruno Mars, "24K Magic"

Song of the Year: Bruno Mars, "That's What I Like"

Best Pop Vocal Album: Ed Sheeran, "Divide"

Best Pop Solo Performance: Ed Sheeran, "Shape of You"

Best New Artist: Alessia Cara

Best Rap Album: Kendrick Lamar, "DAMN."

Best Song Written for Motion Picture: "How Far I'll Go"



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STEP SISTERS REVIEW

A. Mcfall

On January 19, 2018 a new comedy hit Netflix called *Step Sisters*. This hilarious film is about Jamiliah, the main character, who seems to have everything that she wants, a wonderful boyfriend, president of her sorority and captain of the step team dance crew, but all that changes when another sorority Sigma Beta Beta embarrassed their sorority and the school due to a video online. So Jamiliah is ordered by the dean to find a way to help this sorority keep their charter, by teaching this group of rhythmically-challenged girls how to dance. Throughout attempting to teach these women, Jamiliah is faced with many different alterations, but she pushes through in order to help these ladies win the Stepping Competition against the Theta sorority (Jamiliah's Sorority). GCHS Senior Maya Anderson commented "That movie was really good a lot better than I had expected it to be, throughout the entire movie I was laughing so hard that tears were coming out of my eyes, but overall I would recommend for everyone to watch it". This movie was just one of the newest comedies that were just recently released onto Netflix, during the beginning of 2018. There was an hidden message in this movie about racial discrimination and how all people should be able to try whatever their heart is sought out to get, regardless of their race. In several moments during this film, Jamiliah states how, just because the other sorority that she is helping are Caucasian Females and they want to step and try something they shouldn't get accused of stealing someone else's culture. If you are looking for a bunch of laughs go to Netflix and get yourself caught up on the new hype movie that everyone is talking about.

WAYWARD SISTERS

A. Carrillo

On September 13, 2005 a TV show called *Supernatural* was released. It's basically about these brothers, Sam and Dean Winchester, who lost their mother to a supernatural force. Their father trained them like soldiers, learning to fight the supernatural beings in the world. This TV series has been going on for 13 years and "is" slowly coming to an end, but the producers decided to make a spin-off called *Wayward Sisters*. The characters in the series are Patiences Turner, Kaia Nieves, Sheriff Donna Hanscum, Claire Novak, Alex Jones, "and" Sheriff Jody Mills. It's basically about a group of girl hunters fighting off supernatural beings.

The producers decided to kick off the spin-off with a back door episode in Season 13 of *Supernatural*. The episode is about how the Winchester brothers go missing and these girls go on the most important hunt, facing supernatural forces, to find the Winchester brothers. Eventually they end up finding the brothers but unfortunately they lose one of their members fighting off the unnatural beings.

What makes this spin-off so great that it features girl characters that the fans fell in love with throughout the *Supernatural* series. But overall the *Supernatural* fans are excited to see this spin-off series. It's a nice change up to the story, featuring some more girl power.

K-POP TAKES THE U.S. BY STORM

Z. Chilcott

With the United States' culture expanding Korean music has found its way to us. Normally called K-Pop, people around the U.S. have started to listen to this genre of music which is a mixture of pop and Korean culture. With this, the music is slowly pulling in the Korean culture with it. Mia Longoria, sophomore at GCHS and K-pop fan explained, "K-pop fans get into this and it's slowly spreading through people like me," she went on to say, "We get obsessed and make it the goal to learn as much about it as physically possible." But why listen to music that isn't made in the U.S.A?" Longoria would tell you, "It isn't any different from regular pop, the only thing is the language barrier which isn't hard to get past. If anything these groups are more respectful, especially to there fans." If you don't believe that, all you have to do is look at BTS, this Korean pop band wears whatever there fans bring to them. The member RM was seen wearing a flower hat that one of their fans made them, so if the music isn't any different then pop that we listen to, and they're respectful why aren't you listening to K-pop, is it because you don't what band to start with, Longoria suggested, "It's better to start with older, iconic bands like 2ne1 and Super Junior, and then work your way up to the newer generation like Got7 and BTS." Oh and if you think that K-pop will never win an award here in the U.S. your wrong, BTS won "Top Social Artist" at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards. Before you judge a different culture and its music, you should trying it first then see what you have to say.



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HYPEBEAST OR HYPEBUST?

L. Duran

Shoes have been around for more than 10,000 years and have served the purpose of protecting your feet. Nowadays, shoes still serve their original purpose but are also a form of fashion. With shoes always changing their style, many new versions are constantly being released. Just in the month of February, we have seen lots of shoe releases and this list is my three favorite releases:

Starting off the list is a fan favorite, as well as an iconic shoe: the Jordan 1 Retro Bred toe which will be released Feb. 24. The Jordan 1 is one of the most iconic if not *the* most iconic as Michael Jordan wore them in all his basketball games when he first signed with Nike. The Jordan 1s were banned by the NBA as they did not conform to uniform rules that were set, Jordan continued to wear the shoes and was fined 5,000 dollars per game that added up to 410,000 dollars. Jordan's actions were loud and people took notice which caused a high demand in the shoe which meant many sneakerheads wanting a pair of Jordans 1s to add to their collection.

The Second shoe which will be released on the February 16 is the Jordan 8 OVO which is obviously a Jordan branded shoe that collaborated with rapper Drake's record label. The shoe is coming in two different colors, white and black, and is sure to be appealing to everyone who lays their eyes on them.

Last but not least is a collaboration with BAPE and Adidas, which is also being released the 16th: the Dame 4. This shoe is coming out in three colors: green, black, and red all featuring the BAPE signature camo pattern. This shoe is highly wanted as it is part of the clothing brand a bathing Ape (BAPE) which is a Japanese based clothing brand that was created by Nigo a Japanese fashion designer, record producer and the DJ for the hip hop group Teriyaki Boyz.

All three of these shoes on this list are wanted by many people around the world and with only limited quantities made and such high demand they are sure to have a great resale value.

JENNER PREGNANCY RUMORS ARE TRUE

S. Fuentes

For months now, rumors have been going around about Kylie Jenner expecting a baby with Travis Scott. It was a topic many of the Kardashian and Jenner family members and friends avoided talking about when asked by the media. It was such a secret that even Kylie's half brother, Brody Jenner, didn't know she was pregnant her entire pregnancy.

The rumors all began once she started wearing baggy clothes and disappearing from pictures in the press: she wasn't even in the 25 days of Christmas photos her family took. Kylie finally confirmed her pregnancy on Instagram a couple days *after* her baby was born. She stated, "I'm sorry for keeping you all in the dark through all the assumptions. I understand you're used to me bringing you along on all my journeys. My pregnancy was one I chose not to do in front of the world. I knew for myself I needed to prepare for this role of a lifetime in the most positive, stress free, and healthy way I knew how..." Looking at the bigger picture,

Kylie was just looking out for herself and her baby. An 11 minute video was shared a couple days after showing fans and everyone interested a peek into how her last 9 months have been leading up to the day she was in labor. Her baby girl was born on February 1st of 2018 with the name of Stormi Webster.

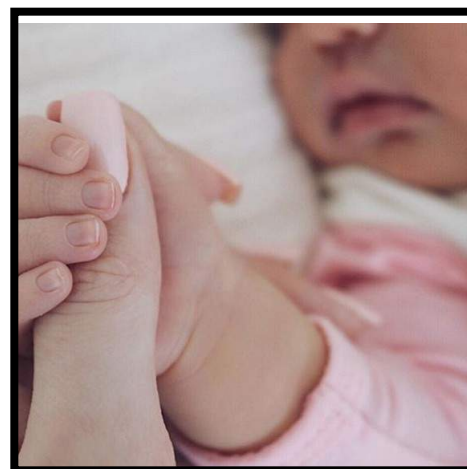


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JOURNALIST OF THE WEEK : Zeke Chilcott

R. Gifford



The editors are always looking for journalists that go above and beyond what they're required to do because you never know who's taking this class as an extra English credit, or if they're truly interested in journalism. During story brainstorming sessions, Zeke Chilcott continues to help us out by providing original and interesting ideas for stories. As the year goes on, most of us run out of ideas and get tired of repeating the same routine in newspaper, but he's always on top of his game and gives the Highlight more personality. He writes unique articles like his own made up ghost stories that occur in the Castle and other things that interest him which give variety to each issue like an explanation on the evergrowing K-POP. Chilcott is an original and reliable staff member that has become crucial component to our journalism. We thank him, for all of his hard work and dedication to the Highlight as we know it can get difficult once the year comes to an end.

STAFF OF THE WEEK : Ross Irwin

R. Gifford

This is Mr. Irwin's fifth year at GCHS. His favorite part about the staff is, "the feel of connection that we have, we spend a lot of time together, I am a little isolated since I live in Fort Collins, but I still do bowling every week on Wednesdays." He teaches biology because he's, "always been naturally interested in it" and has always enjoyed being outside, messing with things, looking at patterns, and learning new things about the world that we live in. He added, "When you're in love you want to tell the world, part of becoming a teacher was that I was in love with science and he wanted to share some of that love with students." That love has changed into a love for the students rather than love for the subject itself since he enjoys the students here so much. In his free time, he reads, goes for walks to "recharge his soul batteries", and does play video games a bit as well. When you're in one of his biology classes, you tend to learn more than you thought you would. Greeley Central is incredibly lucky to have such a passionate and hard working science teacher!

