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REVERSING EXPECTATIONS: MORP

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This year at the Castle, MORP is coming back! It has been three years since Central had MORP, and now in 2019, we have decided to bring MORP back. MORP is a twist on prom where traditions and expectations associated with prom are reversed so that girls ask their crush, boyfriend or girlfriend to the school dance. Mrs. Miller, math teacher at Central, and Indigo Parlin, junior at Central, planned together to bring MORP back and shared, "MORP is an inclusive event for everyone to have fun and enjoy time together." At Greeley Central, MORP's main purpose is to include everyone in an extra night of fun, different from prom or homecoming. The proceeds from MORP will also be used by the junior class to host prom for the upperclassmen. Kaysa Pankonin, GCHS junior said "I like that the whole school is coming because prom is exclusive to juniors and seniors. So it's nice to open it up so they can have a prom experience." When sophomore Lucas Moir was asked what he liked about the idea of MORP, he agreed with Pankonin's appreciation of inclusivity, "I like that we have another school event that's inclusive of everyone."

MORP gives students the opportunity to have a fun night together in a relaxed environment. During the school year, we normally only have two school dances, in the first semester we have homecoming, then the second semester we have prom. MORP will be the new hip dance using the theme of a sock hop as a way to set the tone. All Cats are invited to attend this unique dance. Another aspect of the MORP experience is the tradition of wearing matching shirts and socks with your date or group. Lexee Sutton-Sherman said "MORP is such a cool concept. I love the idea of a throwback." MORP will be held on March 23rd at 8 pm in the big gym at Greeley Central High School.



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FORENSICS SPEECH AND DEBATE LOOK TO DOMINATE

E. Glynn

Greeley Central High School is known for clubs, teams, and student lead groups. One team at Central that has been around for a long time and has developed a reputation of being a force to be reckoned with and a legacy of winning is Greeley Central's Forensics Speech and Debate team. Mrs. Sarah French-Hahn, is the coach of our Forensics Speech and Debate team and is very proud of what the team has accomplished. French-Hahn, known as "Frenchie", says, "we've never not won any debate, we have people every year go to state and multiple are state champions."



Photo Credit E. Glynn

The team is very dedicated and in order to help the team, members must be committed and willing to put in the effort. The hardest debate they have this year is National qualifier. This debate is coming fast as it is in March, and double eliminations are apart of the rules and the competitors are "out for blood," says Frenchie. With the double-eliminations and all the state qualifiers they have, there must be a high number of students who are up for the challenge. Frenchie states, "it varies year to year on the numbers- this year, we have 17 people, but we have reached 25 people." This team has been around since 1926, and is CHSSA and nationally sanctioned. While Forensics Speech and Debate is not an athletic sport but with the time and effort needed to be successful, they might as well be. Good luck to our Forensics Speech and Debate members- go dominate the competition.

VALENTINES DAY PLANS

I. Gifford

Valentine's day - the holiday you either hate or love. Greeley Central students have strong feelings about either side. Kenidee Smith, a GCHS sophomore, was asked if she enjoyed the festivities or not and she responded by saying, "No, because I'm lonely," while laughing. Although Smith dislikes the exclusivity of V-day, she also discussed what she liked about the holiday, "I like the thought of celebrating love."

Students like Smith, plan on being with their friends and exchanging gifts. Sadie Brennan had a slightly more passionate stance on Valentine's Day claiming, "I feel bad about Valentine's Day because we don't get valentines from everybody in our class like we did in elementary school. And I was looking forward to the Scooby Doo ones." She's also planning on buying stuffed animals for her best friends. If you are single this year, you might consider spending it by going to dinner with friends or just staying home with some food and good movie! Whether you are alone or have plans, have a happy Valentine's Day!

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FOLLOW-UP ON CENTRAL'S HUNT FOR A NEW MASCOT

B. Mena Rodriguez

Will Greeley Central have a new mascot? As of last semester teachers, coaches, and staff have agreed on changing the mascot to only one, for the past years we have had several different logos for each sport, and club. Students also had the opportunity last semester to draw a mascot and submit it. Teachers and coaches still don't know what the final thought is for the new mascot, but they have come to a conclusion of having one mascot for sports and clubs. In the following year on the gymnasium floor they will be putting the new mascot. Hattie Sheets, a senior at Central said, "I do think a lot of people will like the mascot, it will be a good change." Having several different logos over the years come to end. At the moment there is no final thought for the mascot Central will still keep the colors of orange, black. Sheets adds on. "Only coaches and staff know what the new mascot looks like." Wildcats have no clue on how the mascot will look like. In the following year when the mascot will be decided, Wildcats will have the gymnasium sports and clubs will remain with the final decided mascot from coaches and staff.

FIND YOUR DANCING SHOES: BIG BAND BOOGIE BALL IS HERE

K. Hale

Big Band Boogie Ball is an annual event in February that is full of music, dancing, and other fun. The event is held at the student center at UNC. It is a very big event for Greeley Central and other schools' bands because there are close to 500 people who attend every year. Along with Greeley Central, there are three other middle school bands that perform. It is an amazing event of fun and dancing all night. Rhiannen Thero, a senior, says "The best part [about the event] is the music and the dances that go on. Everyone will dance with each other and it's just a night of happiness." Prior to the music and dancing, there are dance classes held. The event is on Saturday February 9th, 2019. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults and will be sold at the door.



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ALL-STATE CHOIR STANDOUTS

G. Oliva

On February 1 and 2, a couple of our Wildcat choir students went to All State Choir. The All State Choir was held in Denver, CO, at the Denver Convention Center. Our students are Brian Davis, Victoria Montes, and Jaeda Shackley chaperoned by Mr. Green.

These students traveled to Denver to sing their heart out. They all worked and brought their best singing voices. The students were said to have practiced for months in preparation. I ask GCHS singer Victoria Montes how she prepared for All State Choir. Montes said "I had to do some sight singing and perform a piece of music." she continued "We went to Fort Collins High School for auditions in November, but had been preparing for about a month before hand."

These three students are an inspiration to the rest of the choir class. From helping the underclassman, to showing them how to read music. They encouraged other students to work hard, getting to class, and trying to sing solos in front of other classmates. We asked GCHS sophomore choir student, Shyanne Lucero how these students encouraged her. Lucero said, "They encourage me not be scared to sing in front of anyone, and they are good role models inside and out of schools."

These students gave it their all showed their Wildcat Pride, Class, and Dignity.

HOME OF THE HORNETS AND THE 2019 NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND

T. Menard

We're a little over half-way through the NBA's regular season, and that means it's almost time for All-Star weekend! Starting on February 15 and ending on the 17th, the weekend will be packed full of different games and performances to watch. This year, All-Star weekend will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina, home of the Charlotte Hornets. To start off the week there will be an All-Star Celebrity game presented by Ruffles. In this event, celebrities, obviously, are chosen to duke it out head to head in a game of basketball. At the end, an MVP is chosen out of the best performing celebrity. Last year it was Quavo of the Migos. Next there will be the Rising Stars game presented by Mountain Dew. First and second year rookies in the league will get the chance to show the rest of the league and the fans, how good they really are. The teams will be separated into players from the U.S.A. and international players. The international team won the game and Bogdan Bogdanovic of the Sacramento Kings and Serbia took home the MVP last year. End of day one.

The Taco Bell Skills Challenge will start off the second day, February 16, of the weekend. Eight players face off in one vs one races where they have to show off their passing, dribbling, and shooting abilities. The challenge works tournament style with the best two players having one last matchup to see who has the most skill. Brooklyn Nets guard, Spencer Dinwiddie won the competition last year after beating rookie Lauri Markkanen of the Chicago Bulls in the final round. The second event of the day is the 3-Point contest. Eight shooters will show off their touch as they have one-minute to make up to 25 three pointers. The last person to win was Devin Booker, guard for the Phoenix Suns. He set the record last year for most points in a round of the contest with 28 in the last round. The last event of the day, and quite possibly the most exciting of the weekend, is the Slam-Dunk Contest. Four of the most flashy and explosive dunkers in the league get to show the world their style and their bounce as they try to win. You never know what a player will pull out in this event. Donovan Mitchell, a rookie last year, won the contest. End of day two.

The last day of All-Star Weekend, February 17, only holds place for one event: the All-Star game. One of the biggest honors in the NBA is being chosen for the All-Star game. The record for the most All-Star game appearances is held by Bucks and Lakers legend and all-time points leader, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar who played from 1969-1989 and was selected a total of 19 times. For players to be chosen, two things can happen. They can be chosen as a starter or a reserve (coming off the bench). Fans, the league, and media vote on their favorite players hoping they will get enough votes to make the team. 50% of the vote totals come from fans whereas 25% comes from both the league and media. Leading voting this year, with no surprise was Lakers forward LeBron James who had a total of 4,620,809 fan votes. Not far behind was Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo with 4,375,747 fan votes. Because these two players got the most votes, they were awarded with being their team's captains. James led voting amongst the Western Conference and because he had the most total votes, he gets to choose first out of the starters.

Antetokounmpo who led voting amongst the Eastern Conference gets to choose first out of the reserve players. On the 24th, starters were chosen from a mix of the fan, league, and media voting. 10 players were selected to start the game. From the Western Conference: forwards LeBron James, Paul George, and Kevin Durant, and guards Steph Curry and James Harden. From the Eastern Conference: forwards Giannis Antetokounmpo, Kawhi Leonard, guards Kyrie Irving, Kemba Walker, and Center Joel Embiid. The reserve players from the East are: Victor Oladipo, Kyle Lowry, Blake Griffin, Khristian Middleton, Ben Simmons, Bradley Beal, and Nikola Vucevic. The West reserves are: Russell Westbrook, Anthony Davis, our very own Denver Nugget- Nikola Jokic, Damian Lillard, Klay Thompson, LaMarcus Aldridge, and Karl-Anthony Towns. Tune in to TNT to see all the action starting February 16th!



Athlete of the the Week

Hattie Sheets is a senior at Central who is very involved in sports. She plays on the Varsity tennis, basketball, and volleyball teams. On the tennis Sheets will play doubles. For our Basketball she plays point guard and during volleyball she was a middle hitter. She does all this while maintaining a 4.022 GPA. Sheets's favorite part of about Central is the people who make the environment welcoming.



Artist of the Week

Elianna Mascarenas is a sophomore who is involved in every aspect of Central including being involved in Green Cats, Feminist Book Club, and Cats Cradle. On top of that Mascarenas is involved in the musical *Barnum* and Central's Wind Ensemble. Currently Mascarenas is competing in the Caring For Our Watershed where she is collecting bottle caps to make a bench.



Club of the Week

Key Club is a international community service club that promotes student leadership through serving others. Key Club's core values lie in leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness. Key Club every other Tuesday in Mrs. Martinez's room (305) where they plan their community service projects.



Student of the Week

Grace Patrick exemplifies what is means to be a role model at Central. Grace participates in band (where she is principal Oboe and Percussion Captain), Key Club, NHS, Student Council, Cat's Cradle, and Theater. Grace does all this while taking multiple AP classes and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Patrick explained, "I love the educator's willingness to support student ideas and programs. If a student wants to start a club...you can usually find a staff member willing to support them."

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OOH GIRL, SHE DONE ALREADY DONE HAD HERSES

B. Monroy

Alright drag superfans, that time has come for the second Colorado Queen to represent Colorado on Rupaul's Drag Race Season 11! Yvie Oddly's home club is Tracks, which is a really famous LGBT nightclub in Denver. With Oddly being the second queen since 2009, she is going to be a huge influence in the Colorado community. We asked Mrs. Frenchie, a teacher at Greeley Central if she could see a lot of the younger generation following the footsteps of Oddly's, she said, "With the increase in social media and how much people's minds are opening up, yes I think so." Every season each queen on drag race has a personal impact on every single fan. We asked a fan of the show Bry Skelton a senior how she felt about Oddly being in the show and she responded with "It makes me feel amazing! I absolutely love Rupaul and her show and now that we have a Denver queen, it's so influential and exciting." Yvie has such a weird drag style it makes her unique in a way you don't see much queens do. Knowing her to have such a weird drag style Joedan Cardenas a junior made a comment that "she could possibly make it to the end of the competition and maybe take home the crown." Some advice given by Mr. Pranke for the younger generation wanting to follow the footsteps of Oddly is "Be who you are and as long as your a nice person it doesn't matter." The drag scene in Chicago, New York, and California are so big, could we see Colorado be apart of those? Mrs. Frenchie commented "I would say it already is." So with that being said could it grow even more

SAMSUNG GALAXY S10

A. Minner

As Samsung's Galaxy phone's 10th anniversary approaches, they have announced to roll out three new phones. The Galaxy s10, s10+, and the s10 lite are lined up for a March release, but there will be a reveal event on February 20 called an Unpacked Event. Many people are excited for this phone as it will again reach closer to a near bezel-less display, which means a greater screen to phone ratio. Companies have been trying to break the 90% screen coverage ratio for years now. With its new infinity-O style display as well as in-screen fingerprint scanner. Another big thing coming to this new generation is the Snapdragon 855, the new processor that is even more powerful than the next. Big things are coming as well as some controversial new rumors.

Supposedly one of the phones, though not ready at launch, will use the new 5G network. 5G is the new internet coverage that phone companies are releasing that can have download speeds as fast as a gigabyte. A large grievance that people are having with the new phone is that it will cost up to \$2000 for the top of the line. With the age of affordable phones on the rise with China's market flooded with tech like the Xiaomi Mi Mix 3 and Huawei's top phones, it will be interesting to see where they go when it comes to price. It seems as if they are going in the same direction as Apple. It will also house a much larger, 1Tb of storage to beef the phones specs up even more.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE VENEZUELA CRISIS

E. Voigt

Venezuela is currently dealing with two men claiming to be president, and a crumbling economy. President Nicolas Maduro had been sworn into office for his second term not too long ago. On January 23rd, leader of Venezuela's legislature, Juan Guaido, declared himself as president. Guaido, head of the National Assembly, argued that the election was unfair, and that the presidency position is vacant. He says that when the spot is vacant, the head of the National Assembly takes that spot.

Many surrounding countries including the U.S recognize Guaido as the actual president rather than Maduro, who was elected. The people of Venezuela are also in favor of Guaido. Many dangerous protests and walkouts have taken place to remove Maduro from office. Guaido has called for Venezuelans to continue protesting until their country is liberated. Maduro is also a big reason for the failing economy that is affecting citizens. During the 20 years that Maduro and his predecessor Chavez have been in power, oil production has dropped by about a third, which is the main source of income in the country. Most Venezuelans are struggling to support themselves. This has become such a crisis, that three million citizens have fled the country since 2014.

Guaido might become the official president soon. Greeley Central senior, Lucio Avalos said, "I don't really know what to think. I don't know if he's a good politician or will help the country." Even if some don't know if Guaido will be a good president for Venezuela, he won't quit and the citizens won't either.

Entertainment

WHICH DIRECTION DID ONE DIRECTION GO?

E. Matier

A popular boy band from the United Kingdom took the world by storm in the early 2010s. With songs like *What Makes You Beautiful* and *Best Song Ever*, teenage girls from across the world were going mad over One Direction. Liam Payne, Niall Horan, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, and Zayn Malik were easily 5 of the most popular people in the world. In October of 2016, the popular band broke up and the world was never the same.

Each of the members on One Direction went their own direction. While some members, like Harry and Zayn have remained in the mainstream media, others such as Louis and Liam have stayed in the background. The question remains: What happened to One Direction? Harry Styles has taken up a fairly successful single career. His song *Sign of the Times* landed a spot on the Billboard Top 100. Zayn Malik released hit song *Pillow Talk* and in 2018 his album *Icarus Falls* was recently released.



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While those two former members have been successful, the three others were much less profitable after the break up. In June of 2014, Niall Horan said "I want to take a break from the mainstream." Niall had a single career, but it was short lived. Liam Payne layed low after the end of One Direction. He was involved in a series relationship with Cheryl Cole but early this year, in 2019, they split up. Louis has settled down and has a two year old baby, he has also become a judge on The X-Factor. He has still been making music, but has found less success than some of his former band members. Although the band broke up, many former fans are still hopeful that this long term hiatus may come to an end.

SUPER BOWL SHAM: HOW THE NFL GOT IT WRONG WITH THE RAMS

S. Rotter

Super Bowl sham! It's no secret that a cloud of controversy hangs above this year's Super Bowl between the Los Angeles Rams and the New England Patriots. This is because of one of the worst non-calls in NFL history during the NFC Championship. The New Orleans Saints were on the Ram's 13 yard line when quarterback Drew Brees threw a pass to wide receiver, Tommylee Lewis who was blatantly pushed out of bounds by cornerback Nickell Robey Coleman. To most, this is an obvious pass interference, but no flag was thrown. Many fans were enraged by this non call, including GCHS wide receiver Eric Church who said, "I think it was pass interference and it's bullcrap!" Along with this, he shared the fact that 3 of the referees were from Los Angeles, suggesting that there could have been biased in the calls.

Not everyone is so convinced there was foul play including GCHS teacher Mrs. Whiddon. When asked, she said, "I will always side with the officials and I am not going to tell a professional how to do their job." Though it may be an unpopular opinion, she makes a good point by also saying that the Rams won the game fair and square in over time and thus they deserved their spot in the Super Bowl. With all of the controversy, most people weren't looking forward to another Patriot's Super Bowl. Church added, "The repetitiveness of the Super Bowl is sucking the joy out of it." By the looks of it, this Super Bowl is going to be one to forget hosting a perfect storm of controversy and repetitiveness.

LETS GET THIS BREAD MOVEMENT

E. Matier

"Let's get this bread bois!" is a common phrase said by the most mad lads of mad lads. However, many beta males have no idea what it means. So what does it mean? Is it a reference to eating bread? Are you supposed to roll up to Panera and buy a loaf? Of course not, that would be incredibly dumb. Getting that bread is a reference to the daily grind; which is the process of getting up early in the morning to make the dough and baking it into the bread.

A common misconception is that the phrase let's get this bread originates from bakers during the medieval times; however, the "getting that bread" dates back to long before that. The phrase dates back to biblical times. In the book of Matthew, Jesus ridiculed the people for not having enough bread to feed all the people in the town. Despite needing to feed 1000 people, this town only had enough bread to feed 10 people. Jesus, being know as one who got that bread, multiplied this town's bread to feed all 1000 people. Jesus can even be quoted saying: "Give us this day our daily bread."

This inevitably begs the question, is getting this bread the same as securing the bag? A simple question with an even simpler answer. No. According to veteran bread getter, junior Maliyah Pham, it is impossible to secure a bag without already having some bread. Think of it as if you were a baker. You must wake up early in the morning to make the dough, when done with all the kneading and hard work, you can then bake the bread. After the bread has been got, you can then and only then through it in the bag. When the bread is in the bag, you can take the twist tie and use it to secure that bag.

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