

Greeley Central High School News

December 2019

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A Message from our Principal

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Castle,

It's December! It's a great time of year for family and sharing and giving. I'm amazed that the 2nd semester is so close to the end. With that in mind, final exams are right around the corner, signaling the end of the first semester! Credits and attendance are so important! And being present during these last 3 weeks are extremely important. Having poor attendance is the primary cause of students not passing classes and not earning credits for graduation! The final exam schedule for the Fall Semester can be found in this newsletter below.

It's also a great time of year because of our holiday performances; make sure that you check out our holiday Arts Magnet Performances that are listed later in this newsletter!

I wanted to let you know of a couple of concerns at The Castle--our students getting to class on time and our failure rate.

During the first semester, we have had an extremely high amount of student tardies in all classes. It is important for your student to be in class and on time--there is no good reason for a student to be tardy. We'd love to include your help in this--teachers will be contacting parents on a regular basis if tardies continue in a class. If tardies continue to be a problem, detentions will be assigned by teachers and eventually, administrators. Being on time is an important life skill and necessary to ensure that instruction is not missed. It is also a necessary job skill, which I know most of you understand. Please have a conversation with your students about being in class and being there on time!

PRIDE CLASS DIGNITY

We are working hard to provide teaching and learning to our students; however, we have an unusually high failure rate. We have provided after-school tutoring and are hosting Saturday School every other week as well as leveraging a bit more time for Seminar. These are opportunities to further help your student succeed. In addition, our teachers meet on Professional Learning teams to ensure their curriculum is engaging and challenging. Please help us by encouraging your student to complete his/her homework, give them a safe, quiet space in which to complete it, and encourage him or her to stay after school and/or attend Saturday School. We want all our students to walk across our stage at graduation and go on from the Castle to live happy, productive, engaged lives.

SAT Practice.....

The State of Colorado will be offering the SAT test during the state testing window for Juniors. This FREE college reportable entrance test is important for all students. Because the importance of it, this assessment, a team of GCHS teachers are developing structured practice to ALL of our juniors. We will have an in-school "SAT Field Trip" during February or March to offer this training and experience to our juniors. This training, usually very expensive when offered by outside agencies, will be provided to all juniors for FREE. The scheduled date will be announced after the Holiday Break!

Cary Smith, Principal

Tutoring After School...and Saturday School

Need some help with a class or two? Need some extra time to get some other homework completed?

Well, you're in luck! Tutoring is available for GCHS students Tuesday-Friday (when school is in session) from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Library Computer Lab (room 215).

If tutoring is cancelled we will announce the cancellation as soon as we know.

Questions? Contact Bre Staut (<u>bstaut@greeleyschools.org</u>),
Julie Boecking-Rowell (<u>jrowell@greeleyschools.org</u>), or Justin Davis (<u>jdavis@greeleyschools.org</u>).

Also, Saturday school will be offered throughout the year. Dates are listed below and will be from 8am-11am on the remaining semester 1 Saturdays listed below. Help in all content areas will be provided. If you have questions regarding Saturday school, please contact Amy Bekins at abekins@greeleyschools.org. The remaining date for Saturday school is December 14th.

Senior News

We are still working on our FAFSA. What is FAFSA?

To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. In addition, many states and colleges use the student's FAFSA information to determine his or her eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use the student's FAFSA information to determine whether the student qualifies for their aid. The Greeley Central Senior team is still helping our families complete this important step. Please reach out to them to make an appointment.

All senior students should have received an email invitation to join our senior class Google classroom which was sent to their school email. Please be sure that you accept the invitation, we will be updating it daily and sending important information this way.

Here you will be able to:

- Access instructions for completing your senior duties
- Contact the senior team
- Download forms
- Access your senior checklist
- Scholarship Applications

If you haven't received an invite use the code **um3r6ge** to become a member of the class. Every senior must join.

Parents and guardians may request access to the Google classroom by emailing Ms. Boschmann at kboschmann@greeleyschools.org or Mrs. Koesler at ckoesler@greeleyschools.org.

If you are interested in looking at more scholarships for your child, please visit these user friendly scholarship search engines:

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Final Exam Schedule for Semester One

Finals week begins on Monday, December 16th with our normal Monday bell schedule.

Final exams will begin on Tuesday, December 17th and continue through Thursday, December 19th. All buses will run at their normal times each day of finals. Please see the Finals Bell Schedule located in this newsletter.

Here is a breakdown for each day:

Monday, December 16th - NORMAL Monday bell schedule (ALL blocks - 1 through 7)

Tuesday, December 17th - Seminar, Block 1, Block 2, and Block 3

Wednesday, December 18th - Seminar, Block 4, Block 5, Test Prep and Make-up

Thursday, December 19th - Seminar, Block 6, Block 7, Test Prep and Make-up

There is plenty of time built in to this finals schedule to help students study.

Please see finals bell schedule located in this newsletter.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year opened November 1st. Students in transition grades (Pre-School, 5th Grade, 8th Grade) will receive letters from District 6 at the end of the month listing their 2020-21 boundary school and more information about Open Enrollment.

Please contact <u>Admissions@greeleyschools.org</u> for questions or more information. Open enrollment will remain open through December 20th, 2019 (see flyer in this newsletter). Please note that there are NO paper forms for open enrollment and all requests are to be submitted online through School Mint. Go to the web address given in the flyer <u>or click this link to start this process</u>.

Thanksgiving Break Begins Monday, November 25th

There will be no school for students or staff the entire week of Thanksgiving. This year, Thanksgiving break begins on Monday, November 25th. School will resume on **Monday, December 2nd with our normal Monday bell schedule.**



GREELEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

FALL 2019 - FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE

- BUSES WILL RUN AT THEIR REGULAR TIMES EACH DAY -

| Monday, December 16th (REVIEW - Using normal Monday Bell Schedule) | | |
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| Block 1 | 8:30-9:20 | |
| Block 2 | 9:25-10:20 | |
| Block 3 | 10:25-11:15 | |
| Block 4 | 11:20-12:10 | |
| Lunch | 12:10-12:45 | |
| Block 5 | 12:50-1:40 | |
| Block 6 | 1:45-2:35 | |
| Block 7 | 2:40-3:30 | |

| Tuesday | | |
|---------------|-------------|--|
| December 17th | | |
| FIN | FINALS | |
| SEMINAR | 8:00-9:35 | |
| Block 1 | 9:45-11:20 | |
| Lunch | 11:20-12:05 | |
| Block 2 | 12:10-1:45 | |
| Block 3 | 1:55-3:30 | |

| December 18th | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--|
| FINALS | | |
| SEMINAR | 8:00-9:05 | |
| Block 4 | 9:15-10:50 | |
| Lunch | 10:50-11:40 | |
| Block 5 | 11:45-1:20 | |
| Test Prep & Make-up | 1:30-3:30 | |

Wednesday

| Thursday | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--|
| December 19th | | |
| FINALS | | |
| SEMINAR | 8:00-9:05 | |
| Block 6 | 9:15-10:50 | |
| Lunch | 10:50-11:40 | |
| Block 7 | 11:45-1:20 | |
| Test Prep & Make-up | 1:30-3:30 | |
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Blocks have been designed to provide sufficient time for the completion of all finals. If time permits, we encourage all students to utilize any additional block time to prepare for remaining finals as well as the Test Prep & Make-up time provided on Wednesday and Thursday.





Math Students Of The Month

Congratulations to our Math Students of the Month, as determined by the Math Department! Way to go!



Upcoming Events

Here are a few of our upcoming dates:

Nov. 1 - Dec. 20 Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year Dec. 4 7pm **Festival of Trees - UCCC** Dec. 5 6:30pm Thespian Troupe 657 Holiday Extravaganza - GCHS Auditorium Dec. 6 7:30pm "In The Heights" musical, presented by UNC at GCHS Auditorium Dec. 7 "In The Heights" musical, presented by UNC at GCHS Auditorium - matinee 2pm Dec. 7 7:30pm "In The Heights" musical, presented by UNC at GCHS Auditorium Dec. 10 7pm Holiday Music Concert 1 (Instrumental) - GCHS Auditorium Dec. 11 Holiday Music Concert 2 (Choirs) - GCHS Auditorium 7pm **All Day** Dec. 12-14 **State Thespian Convention in Denver**

Dec. 16-19 8am-3:30pm Finals Week

Dec. 19 3:30pm End of Semester 1

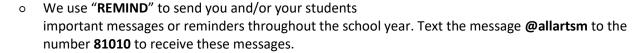
Dec. 20-Jan. 6 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break (have fun in the snow)

As always, check our webpage for all upcoming events, activities, and sports details (www.GreeleySchools.org/GreeleyCentral).

ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM

• Communication:

- Join our closed facebook group page: Greeley Central Arts Magnet Program
- Like our facebook page: Greeley Central Arts Magnet Program



- Please see the school webpage and the AMP page for information.
- E-mail cblack@greeleyschools.org with any questions about AMP at any time.
- 19/20 Arts Magnet Calendar <u>Click here to access our full calendar</u>
- Status change forms/dropping program/check emphasis at the Arts Magnet/counseling office.

• FIELD TRIPS

| 0 | Dec. 3 & 4 | Chamber Groups run-outs in morning, Festival of Trees Rehearsal in afternoon |
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| 0 | Dec. 12 | Denver Art Museum (this is a re-scheduled trip previously cancelled due to weather for AP classes) |
| 0 | Dec. 12-14 | CO State Thespian Convention, Denver |
| 0 | February 6 | UCCC for Greeley Stampede Troupe's Shrek. |

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

o **December 4 7pm at UCCC Festival of Trees.** Dance, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir & Orchestra. Opens to the public at 3pm. Admissions is: \$2 for kids 1-12yrs. And seniors 60 and older; \$3 for adults. Get there early to get your tickets at the door and enjoy the holiday lobby experiences and decorations.

| 0 | Dec. 6-7 | UNCO presents In the Heights, 7:30pm (matinee 2pm Saturday) - see flyer |
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| 0 | Dec. 10 | Holiday Music Concert I (Instrumental), 7pm |
| 0 | Dec. 11 | Holiday Music Concert II (Vocal), 7pm |
| 0 | Dec. 17 | Thespian Troupe 657 Holiday @ 5pm events, 6:30 One Act Holiday Show |



ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM

Congratulations to the selected for the Combined League Honor Jazz Band (from L to R): Armando Flores Montenegro, Marvin Tercero Perez, Brian Davis

Congratulations to the students selected for CSU Honor Band Seleta Montemayor and Casbah Parlin

Congratulations to the students selected for Combined League Honor Choir Brian Davis, Jadyn Franz, Saria Mowrer, Alyson Toews, Josh Cleveland, Fernando Rivas Pacheco, Savana Long, Eliana Mascarenas



Brian Davis, Fernando Rivas Pacheco, and Hayden Hein

Our Fall Play: The Crucible was a success! We are so proud of the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication to such a big show & topic! Thank you to all the parents for helping behind the scenes with ticket sales, promotion, wall of fame, concessions, etc. We seriously couldn't do it without you!





Kiwanis Club of Greeley 2020 Stars of Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club of Greeley presents its 2020 Stars of Tomorrow 74th Annual Show.

Auditions are held at Hensel Phelps Theatre, Union Colony Civic Center. Elementary grades audition in the morning, Middle School mid-day, and High School, afternoon. You will be contacted for a specific audition time. The audition is your opportunity to convince the judges your act is worthy of being in the show. Come to the audition fully prepared (music must be memorized, dance routine set, etc.) to show your best. Please wear your costume or dress attire. Lyrics to songs, costumes, and routines should be suitable for a family show. Please attach to your application a copy of the words to any song you sing or dance to or otherwise use in your act. No act shall exceed 5 minutes.

| GRADE | DIVISION | <u>PRIZE</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st - 5th Grade | Elementary Division | \$500 |
| 6th - 8th Grade | Middle School Division | \$750 |
| 9th - 12th Grade | High School Division | \$2,000 & \$1,000 scholarships |

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 1:00 p.m., Monfort Hall, UCCC Stars of Tomorrow Show: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Monfort Hall, UCCC

Contact Information: Deb Gilliam (deb80634@comcast.net)

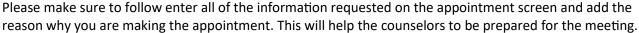
CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION (or see application within this newsletter)

**Mail to: Stars of Tomorrow Application Deadline: Received by February 1, 2020
Kiwanis Club of Greeley Auditions: Saturday, February 29, 2020
PO Box 922 Application fee: \$10 per act (checks made out to: Kiwanis Club of Greeley)

A Message from the Counselors

How to make and appointment with the counselor:

- Go to www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral
- Click Menu
- Click on Counseling Tab
- Scroll to find your counselor (all the way at the bottom)
- Click on MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH:
 - o 9th grade- Mrs. Parsell
 - o 10th grade-Mrs. Dillon
 - o 11th grade-Mrs. Villarreal
 - o 12th grade-Ms. Boschmann
 - o 12th grade College- Mrs.Koesler





My name is Sarah Parsell and I am the Freshman Counselor. In the second six weeks, our focus is getting those grades up! Tutoring is available to students after school Tuesday through Friday and is a great way to get in those missing assignments. We are also working on second semester schedules and will have Freshman finalized by the end of the month. Make an appointment with me if you have questions.

Sophomore:

My name is Sara Dillon and I am the Sophomore Counselor. At the end of October we took the ASVAB which with a score of 31 or higher checks off the new additional graduation requirements for both Math and English. I am working to finalize second semester schedules which I hope to have done by the end of the month. One focus right now is working with students who struggled in classes last year to try and get grades up so they can graduate on time at Central. Please encourage your students to take advantage of after school tutoring Tuesday- Fridays from 3:30 to 4:45 and Saturday Schools on November 9, November 23 and December 14 from 8am-11am. Please schedule an appointment with me for any questions or concerns.

Junior:

My name is Kendra Villarreal. I am super excited to be the Junior Counselor! It is exciting to be looking forward to graduation and accomplishing future goals with the class of 2021!

Currently, we are talking about career plans and ensuring our Juniors have completed the new Graduation Guideline requirements set by the state of Colorado. Students need to achieve scores on tests that show competency in Math and English. Many of our juniors have accomplished this requirement by scoring a 31 on the ASVAB. The next opportunity will be taking the SAT test in April. Students must earn a 500 in Math and a 470 in English to reach this requirement.

To prepare, students can access free SAT preparation activities on khanacademy.org. Test practice books are also available online or at local bookstores.

To make an appointment to see me, go to www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral; hover over "Counseling", scroll down the page and click on "Make an appointment with Mrs. Villarreal. I can also be reached at 970-348-5020.



A Message from the Counselors Continued

Senior:

My name is Katrina Boschmann, I am the Senior class counselor this year and Claudia Koesler is the College Counselor. If you have questions or need assistance with FAFSA, scholarships or college applications please make an appointment with Mrs. Koesler. If you have questions about credits, graduation requirements or scheduling classes please make an appointment with Ms. Boschmann. Currently we are located on the 2nd floor in room 226 at (970) 348-5116 and soon we will be moving into our newly renovated offices in room 113 across the hall from the attendance office. Our phone numbers will be changing at that time as well. Please be alert for those upcoming changes in how to find us. Please check-in for all appointments with Heather Endres in the counseling office and she will contact us, that way you won't miss us if we're not in the office!

Career Pathway Specialist:

My name is Lizette Guerrero and I am the Career Pathway Specialist at GCHS. I am excited to work with all grade levels to identify each student's interest and help align their post-secondary plans with their career goals. I'd like to invite you to our Cars, Careers and Community Fest happening on November 7th here at Central from 11:30 to 4:00! Visit our GCHS Facebook page for more details.

My office is located on the first floor of the Castle in room 117 and my office number is 970-348-5019.

Feel free to reach out and see you at our festival!

Notes from the Health Office:

Flu season is here......

- The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated this season.
- Here are some other tips for staying healthy:
 - Wash your hands with soap and water frequently during the flu season.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
 - Cover your mouth or tuck it into your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
 - Avoid contact with people who are sick.
 - o Don't share drinks or utensils with others.
 - o Stay home with fever over 100.5 F, chills, head and body aches, or uncontrollable cough.
- For more information about flu prevention, https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm

Vision/Hearing Screening

- If you receive a Vision Referral Letter for your student in the mail, this means that your child did not pass the screening and needs further vision follow-up with a vision professional.
- Medicaid, CHP+, and private insurance cover vision exams and glasses. If you do not have insurance and need
 assistance with getting a vision exam or glasses for your student, please contact the health office for additional
 resources.

Caryn Ishmael RN, BSN 970.348.5026

FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES

Every year each student who wishes to be considered for free & reduced lunches must have their parent or guardian fill out a new application.

The best method of doing this is online. Completing your application online takes significantly less time and will facilitate a quicker turnaround time for determining your status.

Please click the link below to take you to this online application:

https://d6applyformeals.greeleyschools.org/



Click Here to Apply Online for Free & Reduced Meals!

If you prefer to fill out a paper application you can pick this application up from the main office or go directly to Nutrition Services at the Service Center located at 2504 4th Avenue. Please note that filling out a paper application does take longer to process and get results.

Please note that students who have not had an application processed by one of the last days in September will have a "paid" status until approximately the end of the first week in October. After that date, the student's free & reduced status will be revoked, so please don't wait until the last minute to complete this application. Please check with Nutritional Services for all required due dates & information:

Click here for the Nutritional Services Page

ATTENDANCE

To report an absence for your student please call the attendance line directly at (970) 348-5014.

Please also remember to bring a photo ID with you when you come to pick up your child. Although some staff may know the parents of students, not everyone in the office may be familiar with you or your child.

We require at least one (1) hour's notice to release students so please plan ahead.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CLICK HERE to go to the Attendance page.

Please note that during testing, field trips, or athletic events, your student may initially be marked absent until later that afternoon. Attendance for some testing or school events is delayed due to receiving final student attendance lists from the testing rooms or field trip chaperones/coaches. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

PARKING ISSUES

Please be aware of where you are parking in each of the parking lots. There have been instances where emergency vehicles have needed to access the school and cars have been illegally parked in the lots, making it impossible for these vehicles to get where they need to be.

We realize that with the larger student population this year it is tougher to find available parking spaces. Please remember that in order to keep the flow of traffic through the parking lots, everyone needs to adhere to all parking signs and lines.

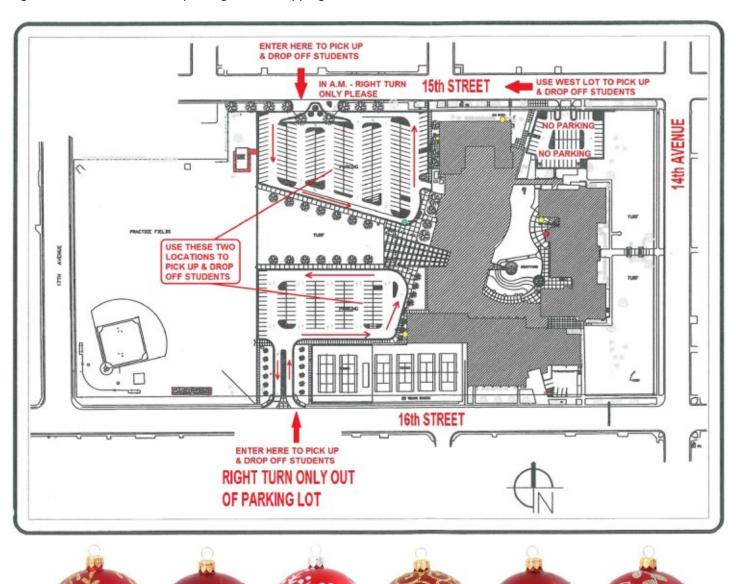
With the increased number of illegally parked vehicles this year, from this point on (April 5th, 2019), our School Resource Officers from the Greeley Police Department will be issuing tickets for those cars parked illegally.

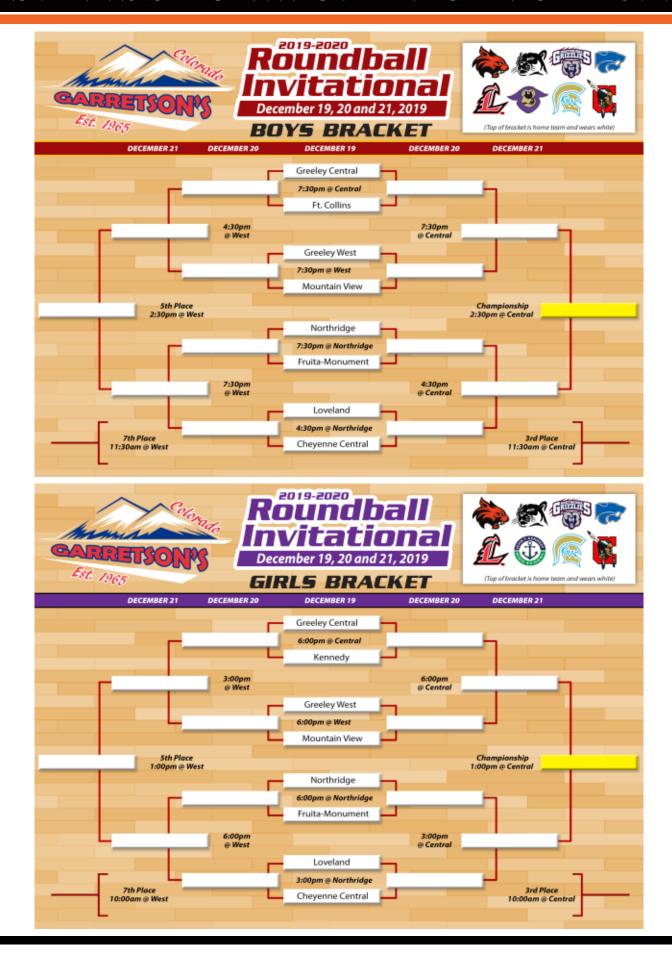
STUDENT DROP-OFF

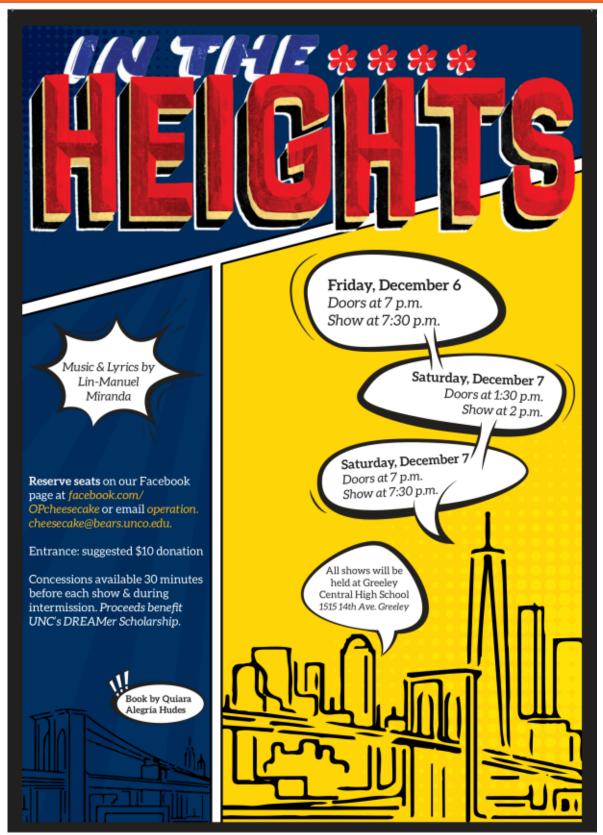
Please drop students off at the West entrance (student parking lot) in the morning for school. This parking lot is designed for a better flow of traffic. The Faculty parking lot (located on the North side of the building) is not designed for high-volume traffic and by trying to drop your student off at the North doors creates a bottle-neck on 15th Street and in the parking lot itself.

The West entrance (student parking lot) creates a safer area for your student to get into the building rather than having them walk across 15th Street in traffic. Thank you for your attention to this as we strive to keep the area safe for not only your student but for you as well

We will be blocking off the Faculty parking lot in the mornings and afternoons to try to eliminate this bottleneck. Please do not stop in the middle of the street (15th Street) to let your students run across traffic. This is not safe and is not legal. Please use the student parking lot for dropping off students.







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November 5, 2019

Dear Parents,

This month, our school will continue asking for your child's feedback through an online survey in order to learn more about student experiences in our district. The survey will be given beginning November 18th through December 20th, and will be taken by all students in the district who are in grades 3-12.

Our school district has partnered with a third-party vendor, Panorama Education, to administer the survey in our school. The survey will be given online and students will complete the survey at school. The survey will not take more than 20 to 30 minutes for students to complete.

All survey responses about classrooms are kept confidential and a student's specific answers will never be made available to any district staff. The survey does not count for points, and will have no reflection on your child's grades.

The feedback received from the online survey will provide invaluable insights into student experiences and how to improve and adapt our district to your child's needs. If your child doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the question.

Thank you for allowing us to improve your child's experience,

Cary Smith, Principal





2020 STARS OF TOMORROW APPLICATION 74th Annual Show

**Mail to: Stars of Tomorrow Kiwanis Club of Greeley PO Box 922 Greeley, CO 80632 Application Deadline: Received by February 1, 2020
Auditions: Saturday, February 29, 2020
Application fee: \$10 per act (checks made to Kiwanis
Club of Greeley)

Auditions are held at Hensel Phelps Theatre, Union Colony Civic Center. Elementary grades audition in the morning, Middle School mid-day, and High School, afternoon. You will be contacted for a specific audition time. The audition is your opportunity to convince the judges your act is worthy of being in the show. Come to the audition fully prepared (music must be memorized, dance routine set, etc.) to show your best. Please wear your costume or dress attire. Lyrics to songs, costumes, and routines should be suitable for a family show. Please attach to your application a copy of the words to any song you sing or dance to or otherwise use in your act. No act shall exceed 5 minutes.

GRADE DIVISION PRIZE Elementary Division \$750
Middle School Division \$2,000 & \$1,000 scholarships 1st - 5th Grade 6th - 8th Grade 9th - 12th Grade Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 1:00 p.m., Monfort Hall, UCCC Stars of Tomorrow Show: Saturday, March 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Monfort Hall, UCCC Contact Information: Deb Gilliam (deb80634@comcast.net) Please consider me an applicant for the Greeley Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow Competition. I agree to abide by the rules established for the contest and by the decision of the judges. _____(signature) Name:(print) Mailing address: ______ street city

Phone - Day: _____ Phone - Evening : _____ Signature Printed Parent email address (print clearly) School: ______S10 fee Cash ___Check ____ Number of performers in act: Please submit only one form per act. Act must be memorized. (List other performers, schools, grades, addresses and phone on reverse side.)

Type of performance (i.e. song, dance, instrumental, etc.):

How did you find out about our auditions?



Save the Date

Thank you for supporting the First Annual Carnival at the Castle! We hope to see you this spring at the Second Annual Carnival at the Castle, April 11, 2020. Vendor packets are being excepted, email JWILSON5@greeleyschools.org.

more information to follow in Feb.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4/11/20