



*Weld County School District Six
High School
Gifted and Talented Program*

GT PARENT NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Families,

In addition to the information below, I've attached a few resources this month that you may find beneficial in our current situation. One of these is directions for how to log in to Schoology to see information for each class for your child. The other two resources, developed by the National Association for Gifted Children, are tips on how to support your gifted child during COVID.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything you are needing at this time.

~Amy

GT Table Talks

If you missed last month's GT Table Talk ("My Child is Gifted, Now What?"), you can watch the recording of it on the district's GT website: <https://www.greeleyschools.org/domain/48>

The GT Table Talk for December will primarily be geared toward middle school families, so keep an eye out for information on this (coming soon!) if you also have a middle schooler. 😊

Information for Freshmen

Mrs. Koesler (freshman counselor) is encouraging freshmen students to make an appointment with her online to work through their plans of study, including discussing Advanced Placement (AP) and other classes they would like to be able to take during their time at Central. Unfortunately, there hasn't been as much flexibility this year with course selection as there typically is because of the way classes need to be scheduled to meet and maintain health and safety guidelines, but it's still good to start this conversation now.

To schedule an online appointment with Mrs. Koesler: <https://calendly.com/koesler/30min?>

Information for Sophomores

Mrs. Parsell (sophomore counselor) asked me to share with families the email she sent to sophomores last week (at this point, all appointments are virtual):

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for all the work you did in Quarter 1, I know it was quite hard and there was a lot of content. I appreciate you all sticking with it and working your hardest. I know there are quite a few of you starting this quarter in quarantine, please let me know if you have any problems with your Schoology classes or are not getting responses from teachers.

If you had a Science and Social Studies in Quarter 1, you should now have a Math and English. If you had Math and English in Quarter 1, you will now have Science and Social Studies.

If you do not, or if you have a class you have already taken and passed, please let me know by email or by stopping by the Counseling Office!

Quarter 2 runs from now to December 18th, please remember we also have Thanksgiving break from November 23rd-27th.

This quarter we will be working on the next steps in your Naviance Plans which will include looking into your Career Clusters and Interest Questionnaires. If you don't know what you want to do after high school, this is a good chance to explore various careers and pathways. We will try to do this during your Seminar classes at the end of November and December.

We had a large number of F's in Quarter 1 so please work hard and continue to turn in work to keep from falling behind. Also, PLEASE LOG IN AND WORK AT HOME ON YOUR VIRTUAL DAYS. We also had a very large number of virtual absences in Quarter 1. If you are unsure of your credit status or feel you may be behind in credits, please make an appointment with me for a game plan.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: MONDAY AND THURSDAY

SATURDAY SCHOOL: NOVEMBER 7TH AND 14TH, DECEMBER 5TH AND 12TH

If you need to meet with me, please remember you can do so in-person OR virtually by clicking on the following link and selecting in-person or virtual appointment.

Make an appointment: <https://calendly.com/sparsell/30min?>

Have a great second quarter and keep up the great work!

Information for Seniors

Seniors can join the "GCHS 2021 Senior Class" Google Classroom for information on scholarships, financial aid, college applications, and other college or career related updates. To sign up for the Google Classroom, click here: **[GCHS 2021 Senior Class](#)**

At some point all seniors need to complete the Senior Survey, letting the College Center know what their plans for after high school are so we can provide support and encouragement. In order to do this, click here:

[Senior Survey](#)

Families who need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA; all students planning to attend college should complete this) can schedule an online appointment with the College Center. Let them know if you will need a translator. To schedule an appointment for help with the FAFSA, click here: **[FAFSA Appointment](#)**

DID YOU KNOW...?

Students who set up an account with the College Board can access their PSAT and SAT scores from last year by going to the following website and scrolling down to “Student Score Reporting”:

<http://collegeboard.org/colorado>

There is a list of scholarship opportunities on the Greeley Central website.

- Go to www.central.greeleyschools.org.
- Click on the Counseling tab on the header.
- Scroll toward the bottom of the page.

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