

News at the Castle

GREETINGS FROM THE CASTLE!

Good afternoon parents. I wanted to update you on what is coming up for our GCHS Wildcats.

I appreciate those of you who are now dropping your GCHS students off in the morning nearer to our West entrance. This is a huge help as we continue to have a problem in the parking lot at the corner of 14th Avenue and 15th Street. This small parking area is designated for staff parking and is the drop-off point for our many wheelchair bound students. In addition to the proximity to the corner, bus unloading and student foot traffic, we are worried that someone could be hurt. It would be a great help if you would join the others by dropping off your students in either of the West parking lots, or further West down 15th street.

We apologize if this is somewhat inconvenient, but we are thinking about the safety of everyone. Thank you again, to all of you who have made this shift in your routine (see map on last page).



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR SEMESTER 2

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up soon — Wednesday, February 22nd! They will begin promptly at 4:00pm and end at 8:00pm. These conferences will occur in individual teacher's classrooms. Student schedules and progress reports will be printed if needed. You can use your Infinite Campus Parent Portal login to access these before you come, which would save you some time standing in line.

4.0 CELEBRATION

On January 27th, GCHS & parents recognized those students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the Fall semester. One hundred and three students were recognized for this outstanding achievement (9th—16 students, 10th—21 students, 11th—23 students, 12th—43 students)



Students being recognized in the Auditorium for their 4.0 G.P.A.

EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

Following the 4.0 Celebration, all students entered the Jim Baggott Gymnasium for a pep rally. Students who have excelled in activities and academics since last year were recognized, and students who had achieved a 4.0 G.P.A. along with students who have previously been mentioned—Student Council Officers, All -City, All-Conference, All-State or National Participants in athletics, DECA, Thespians, Forensics, Music, Orchestra and Choir. Having 1400 students in the gym was awesome!



Dance Students.....Performing



Choir...Singing our National Anthem

ATTENDANCE

Tardies were a serious problem at GCHS during the first semester. This semester when a student is tardy for the 4th time to any class, the teacher will be calling home and then assigning a detention for the 5th tardy. Please help us with tardies by setting the expectation with your sons or daughters that you expect them to be in class on time. Being late is totally unnecessary and in those instances where a student may be working with a different teacher or administrator, passes are used. Thank you for supporting us in reducing tardies and absences—being on time and in class are two important factors in determining student success.

We are also pleased to have sponsors as we acknowledge positive student behavior related to attendance. The following sponsors have provided coupons or gifts that we can use in drawings for students with perfect attendance!

If you or your company are interested in participating with Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), please call Mr. Henson at (970) 348-5009.



Mr. Henson congratulating a student for perfect attendance



**GREELEY CENTRAL
WILDCATS**

Attention Juniors:

**SAT-TEST
PREPARATION**

1-Day Course

SAT Test prep courses can cost upwards of \$200 - \$1,000. However, Greeley District 6 is providing all junior students a 1-day SAT test prep course for FREE, and juniors keep their SAT test prep materials!

Greeley Central SAT Test Preparation dates are:

March 1st & 2nd

Please see your building principal with any additional questions.

SAT PRACTICE (ZAPS)

GCHS Class of 1961

The SAT has replaced the ACT for Juniors in the state assessment system. All Juniors will take a FREE college reportable SAT. This assessment score is an important part of the college application, acceptance and scholarship process. Because the SAT is new this year, six teachers at GCHS will be conducting a one day SAT Preparation Workshop with all of our Juniors. In addition to the preparation that is already occurring in our classrooms, this one day preparation will help students with understanding the assessment format as it relates to questioning, answering and scoring. It will also offer specific tips for students in each of the sections of the test. Each Junior will be assigned one day on either March 1 or March 2 for this workshop. They will attend their regular class schedule on the other day. This training usually costs students up to \$200. Our teachers will be providing this for free!

← See flyer to the left for more information.

SPRING MUSICAL

The Thespian Troupe 657 of GCHS proudly presents: Cinderella, the Musical. This year's musical will be held on the following dates in the GCHS Auditorium:

- ◆ Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00pm
- ◆ Thursday, March 9 @ 7:00pm
- ◆ Friday, March 10 @ 7:00pm
- ◆ Saturday, March 11 (matinee) @ 1:00pm
- ◆ Saturday, March 11 @ 7:00pm

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Tickets available at the door or by calling (970) 348-5084.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

The month of March is a key time for our AP program at Greeley Central. Students are signing up to take the AP test in May and the push to prepare for the exams is on. During the past 3 weekends we have had Saturday AP review sessions in Math, Science and English to review materials from last semester. The AP teachers and students are working hard to be ready for May. Once again, we will administer over 500 tests.

It's hard to believe but we are already planning for the 2017-2018 school year as well. In March we begin the registration process for classes next year. The life blood of our AP program is students committing to an AP class so the simplistic step of just signing up for a class is the most important step for our program. We will find out in May if we will surpass our goal of 600 plus student requests for AP classes for next school year!

If you have any questions about AP classes at Greeley Central please stop by the Library during Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 for an AP presentation aimed at freshman and sophomores and their parents who are thinking about signing up for an AP class. There really is no better way to prepare for college than to take on the rigor of AP. Sign up today and don't let your future pass you by.

GCHS TESTING SCHEDULE

The following tests are required by the State of Colorado. Greeley Central is graded on the outcomes of these tests. We would ask ALL students to show up ready to do their best so that the Castle's long tradition of Pride, Class and Dignity will continue.

All we really want are best efforts by students regardless of individual outcomes.

GCHS State Assessment Schedule				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Comments</u>
4/4/2017	9	Parcc ELA/Math	7:30am-11:30am Group 1 12:30pm-3:15pm Group 2	Computer Based
4/11/2017	9	PSAT 9	7:30am-11:30am	Paper & Pencil
	10	PSAT 10	7:30am-11:30am	Paper & Pencil
	11	SAT	7:30am-11:30am	Paper & Pencil
4/13/2017	11	CMAS Science	7:30am-11:30am Group 1 12:30pm-3:15pm Group 2	Computer Based

Wildcat Athletics

GIRLS SWIMMING

Girls swim just completed their season last weekend at the Northern League conference meet. Many of the girls posted their best times of the season during the meet. Good job swimmers!

WRESTLING

Wrestling traveled to Frederick High School last Friday and Saturday to compete in Regional Wrestling and took 2nd place. GCHS ended up having nine wrestlers qualify for the state tournament, which is this Thursday, Friday & Saturday at the Pepsi Center in Denver. They are also the Northern League Champs for the 2016/17 season. Good luck wrestlers.

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

The boys and girls basketball teams are winding up their seasons. The boys will finish up their regular season tonight (2/15) at home against Mountain View with the possibility of a spot in the playoffs. The girls are going into the playoffs next week in 2nd place in the Northern Conference standings. Good luck to both teams.

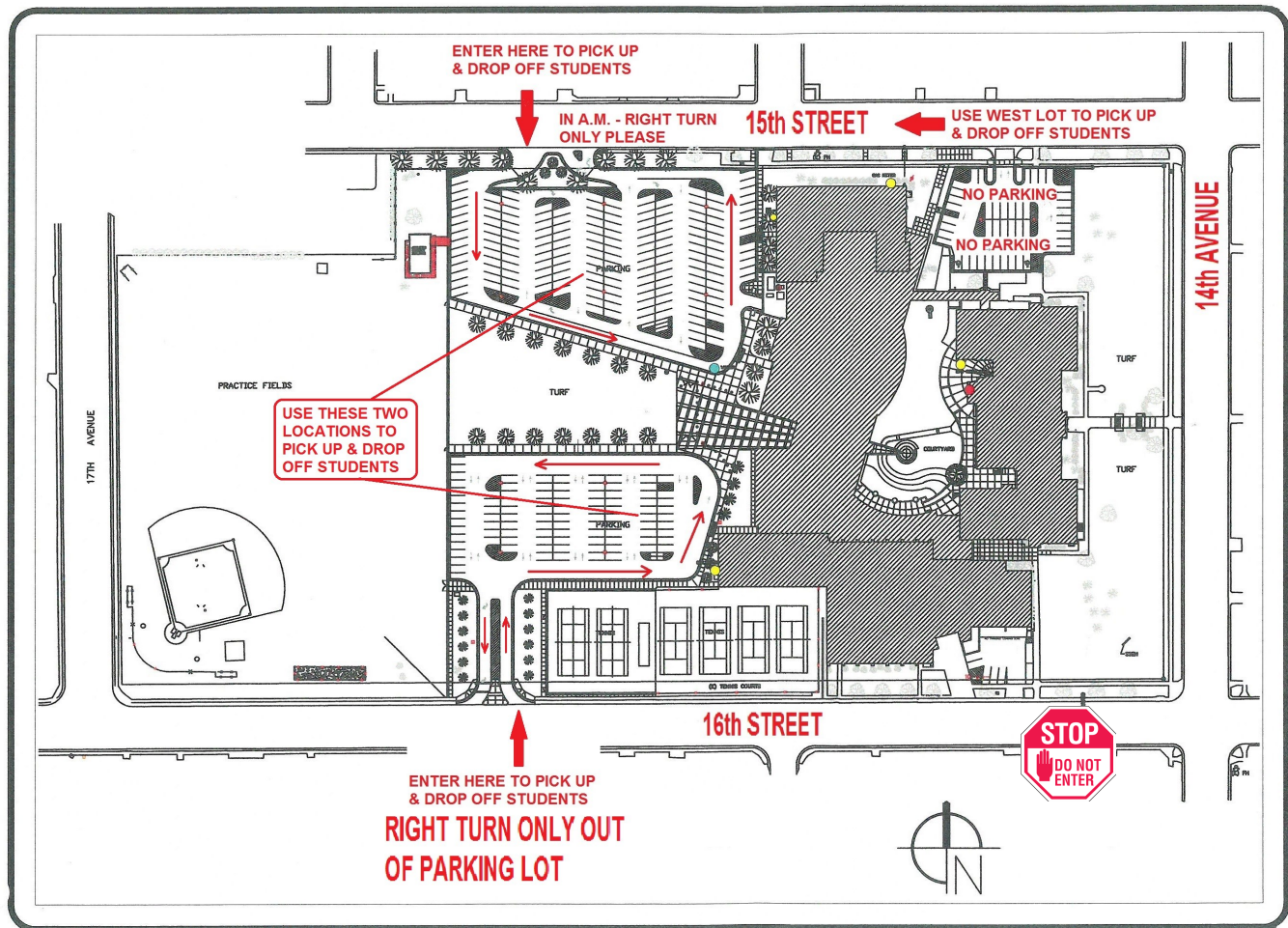
SPRING SPORTS

Spring Sports will start on Monday, February 27th. To prepare for this we will have our Spring Sports Parent Night on Tuesday, February 21st in the GCHS Library at 6:30pm. All students wishing to participate in Spring sports MUST fill out the online sports registration. The link for this can be located on the GCHS homepage at www.central.greeleyschools.org. Students will not be allowed to practice without these forms completed and a current up to date physical.

Rick Schmitz, Athletic/Activities Director



PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS — MAP



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 17 **6-Week grading period ends**
- 17 LULAC Sweetheart Dance - Aux Gym; 7pm-11pm; \$3/\$5 couple
- 18 Forensics Region 1 State Qualifiers @ Northridge H.S.
- 20 **President's Day - No School**
- 21 Spring Sports Night - 6:30pm (Library)
- 22 **Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8pm Rooms**
- 22 AP Night - 7pm (GCHS Library)
- 22 FAFSA Informational Meeting - 6:30pm (Library Lab)
- 27 Spring Sports Begin
- 2/28-3/3 Middle School Visits - Pre-Registration

March

- 1 Parent Advisory Council - 5:30pm Library
- 3 Youth Art Month; Dist. Art Show/Walk; Downtown Greeley
- 3-4 Forensics Rocky Mountain National Qualifier @ GCHS
- 6 School Improvement day - **No school for students**
- 7 Freshman Orientation - 6:30pm Aux. Gym/Com/Castle
- 8-11 Spring Musical: "Cinderella" - 7pm Aud (1pm 3/11)
- 9 **PSAT for Freshmen (a.m. only)**
- 14-17 Arts week at the Castle
- 15 Music Concert at Central - 7pm
- 17-18 Forensics State Championships @ Douglas County H.S.
- 20-24 **SPRING BREAK STARTS - No School**
- 31 **12-Week grading period ends**

April

- 3 School Improvement day - **No school for students**
- 5 **Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:00-8pm Arena**
- 11 & 13 **PSAT Testing & SAT Testing & CMAS Testing**
- 13 Thespian Troupe - Breakfast & Broadway @ Central 6pm
- 18 Powder Puff Volleyball - 5pm Baggot Gym
- 19 NHS Induction - 7pm Auditorium
- 19 Parent Advisory Council - 5:30pm Library
- 22 Prom @ UNC Ballroom - 9pm
- 28 **Spring Vacation Day - No school for students or staff**

May

- 1 Spring Music Concert I @ Auditorium 7:00pm
- 3 Academic Awards - 7pm Baggot Gym
- 5 Thespian Overnight @ GCHS - 6pm
- 10 Activities Awards Night - 6pm Reception/7pm Awards Aud.
- 11 Arts Magnet Gala @ UCCC at 7pm, Art Show at 6pm
- 11-14 National Speech/Debate Tourn. Of Champs in K.C., MO
- 13 Arts Magnet End of Year Music Awards - 7pm (Commons)
- 18-19 Stage Production - 7:00pm Auditorium
- 23 Spring Music Concert II (Choir) @ Auditorium 7:00pm
- 22-24 Finals Week
- 24 **Last Day of School for Students.**
- 27 **Graduation @ D6 Stadium - 8:00am**