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LOGAN PAUL AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

T. Menard

Internet star, Logan Paul, has made recent news and received massive backlash after posting a video featuring a dead body. The video, posted December 31, 2017, reached number one on the Top Trending page on YouTube. Paul also shared the video with his 15 million subscribers on his channel. In the video, Paul can be seen traveling to Japan, as seen in previous videos of his posted just days before the event, where he then goes to the Aokigahara Forest or more commonly known as the “Suicide Forest” as unfortunately, this is where a massive amount of suicides occur. As the awareness of suicide and mental health has grown over the past decade, it has become something that is very controversial and is not something to joke about or take lightly. Paul can be seen in the video reacting out of shock and making jokes with his friends who were with him, as said by CBS news. The video has since been removed by Paul himself, after having a massive outburst of backlash by some fans and many people in the YouTube community. The video however, received 6.3 million views and was up for more than 24 hours before the removal. YouTube posted on their Twitter page Tuesday saying, “we expect more of the creators who build their community on @YouTube, as we’re sure you do too. The channel violated our community guidelines, we acted accordingly, and we are looking at further consequences,” the statement continued, “it’s taken us a long time to respond, but we’ve been listening to everything you’ve been saying. We know that the actions of one creator can affect the entire community, so we’ll have more to share soon on steps we’re taking to ensure a video like this is never circulated again.”

While this isn’t the first time an internet star has come under fire due to controversy within their content, this does beg the discussion of social media users and the influence they have on those who see what they post. Nowadays just about anything and everything can be put on the web and on social media sites for millions of people to see. So what happens when one user of the internet, say a user who has millions of millions of fans who view their content and support them daily, posts something that shouldn’t be seen by their demographic of fans or just at all? In this generation, the young people are very reliant on technology and social media to entertain them. If we do not begin to change the way that creators (another term for internet entertainers) put together their content, another slip up like Paul’s could happen again. Now that does not mean that creators have to completely change the way that they make content, but they need to begin to consider the implications of their content.

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GCHS DANCE CLUB

A. Carrillo

“When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It’s to enjoy each step along the way.”-Wayne Dyer.

We have a club that does so much and yet it’s not really noticed; The dance club! The leaders of this club are Brittney Archuleta and Dayana Rivera, who are seniors. How was this club created? Well, I am glad that you ask! Last school year, a student named Citlalli Loma decided to start this club and asked Archuleta to help.

These 28 club members put so much hard work and dedication into making these performances great! “It definitely takes a lot of hard work and collaboration because we have people in the club as our choreographers, and it takes giving up personal time and sacrifice to make it work,” said Alexis Hernandez, who is a Junior in the dance club. They are also committed to give up seminars and lunches just to make the choreography as best as it can be. As Indigo Parlin, a sophomore in the club, says, “Overall, I think we have a very committed group that is willing to give up seminar and lunches as well as outside of school to rehearse. Everyone in the group truly has a passion for dancing and it definitely shows in the amount of effort it takes us to produce all of the pieces we do.”

What makes the dance club even better is that it’s open up to anyone! Yes, you do not have to be in the Arts Magnet Program to join. It’s a great way for people who aren’t in dance classes, or the Arts Magnet Program, to express themselves through dance. Archuleta says, “I really enjoy the dance club, I think it’s great for those dancers who aren’t in the Arts Magnet Program to showcase their talent. I hope it continues on after I graduate. And I think everyone does great in performing it, I just think people get confused with an assembly type of piece and a piece you’d perform for a dance concert or dance recital they’re two very different environments and require two very different type of styles. But dancers can only strive to be better than themselves, there’s always room for improvement.”

This group of dancers are motivated, passionate, committed and they believe in each other. It’s honestly a great club if you are passionate about dance or just want to try dance out. As Rivera states, “All the dancers bring me joy. The fact that they took time out of their day to improve themselves in dance amazes me. And the difference in the number of dancers that performed the first year to this year has shown how much these dancers can influence others. I couldn’t have asked for a better group of dancers.”

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP TROUBLES

J. Doss

For any high school senior that wants to go to college their biggest concerns are applying to schools and scholarships. As everyone knows, college gets more and more expensive each year and that means scholarships are needed more than ever. On average, college tuition is \$23,000 dollars per year and that’s not including out of state tuition. But a lot of seniors are lost when trying to find the right scholarship for them. Seniors need to look at more than just the price of the scholarship. In fact they should be filling out every single scholarship that they are eligible for. Senior Avery Becklenberg agreed by saying that, “though the prestigious high reward scholarships are appealing, they also tend to attract more applicants making them more difficult to receive,” and went on by saying that, “focusing on smaller scholarships is beneficial because they tend to attract fewer students, so chances of receiving might increase.” Who knows, a \$500 dollar scholarship can be used to pay off a book for class. Senior Counselors are great people to go to if you are having difficulties finding scholarships. It’s hard work but doing everything you can will be worth it in the end. There are tons of scholarships out for everyone because most of them are all needs based. A lot of high schoolers believe this myth about scholarships, in that they need to be the smartest or the strongest to get them. In some cases, being smart and athletic will be helpful, but if you do your research, you can find any kind of scholarship that fits you and your needs. If college is something you truly want, then money and scholarships should not be the reason for not attending. Seniors, continue to work hard and get as many scholarships as you can.

Colorado Symphony Orchestra Field Trip

C. Burzell



Attention Arts Magnet students: there is a field trip coming up on Wednesday, January 31 to go see the Colorado Symphony Orchestra rehearse at the Boettcher Concert Hall. Students present on this field trip will be able to gain the experience of seeing a professional orchestra rehearse live. The bus will leave at 8:15 am and will return to the school at 2:30 pm, and there will be a stop on the way back for lunch. Unfortunately, there are only 40 tickets available, so there will be a first come-first serve policy in place. If you would like to attend, talk to Mrs. O'Connell-Black in the Arts Magnet office, or grab a copy of the permission slip in the choir room.



Oh, How Time Flies...

J. Gallegos



It's official, second semester is upon us, and so is your most severe case of senioritis yet. Between trying to make your final high school decision, pretending like you still care about your grades and answering incessant questions from curious family members, it can be hard to stay motivated these last few months of high school. Thinking about this being my last semester of high school it has definitely left me with the question, "how can I prepare myself for this semester?" Over the last three years, I eventually found some tips that helped me and hopefully can help you with finishing up this semester successfully. Tip number one, plan ahead! The final months of high school are the busiest and most stressful. Between trying to keep your grades up, finding the perfect prom dress and finishing up projects, keeping track of everything that's happening can seem impossible. So do yourself a favor and start the new semester by making an effort to become the most organized version of yourself. Make notes of due dates and assignments, arrange appointments ahead of time and avoid procrastinating. Tip number two, live in the moment! With the excitement of college, it may seem impossible to keep your mind fixed on anything but the future. However, don't become so focused on counting down the days until graduation that you take these precious last months for granted, these may be some of your final memories with the classmates and friends. I had the chance to speak to Tyler Barrera, a senior here at Greeley Central, who had this to say about his feelings on his last months and what he plans to do after high school, "you know, I don't think it's fully sunk in yet because right now I'm just ready to get out of school and start life at UNC, but I know as time winds down I'm going to start to stress and feel sad, I just don't want to grow up! After high school I plan on attending UNC and rooming with my best bud Dylan Chartier while studying elementary education to hopefully change or impact lives in the future!" If you're a senior and stressing out already, I hope these tips were somewhat helpful to you, don't forget to make the most of your senior year!

SENIORITIS

A. Mcfall

Senioritis is a mental affliction that affects seniors in high school making them lose all motivation to attend school and to develop a new extreme of laziness. According to *Urban Dictionary*, senioritis, “also features a lack of studying, repeated absences, and a generally dismissive attitude, the only known cure is known as Graduation.” The *Huffington Post* commented that colleges look at your grades the rest of the year after you get accepted, so if a student gets accepted into a highly selective college and then drops from an A average to a C or even a D average spring semester, that college will reevaluate if you are prepared for school in the fall. Some students that receive aid based on their class rank at that time of applying lost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year because of their class rank on their transcript dropped significantly. There are some remedies to cure senioritis, it just calls for a lot of focus and determination.



Setting small goals for yourself is a good way to cure senioritis because instead of setting a long-term goal of not getting an acceptance letter taken away students should set smaller goals that can be more manageable throughout the semester. Also, the main thing that not only seniors but a lot of students in general need to do is improve their study habits. A good way to help improve habits is scheduling study time directly into their calendar so they are held accountable. Students state that because are always pressuring themselves to be perfect and to succeed they often feel burnt out by the end of their high school career. Better study habits will not only help defeat senioritis, they also prepare students for the harder curriculum that they will face in college. An overwhelming schedule will cause students to shut down or slow down and take it one step at a time, but still, stay focused.

BACK TO SCHOOL

M. Diaz

Welcome back Greeley Central students and faculty! With the new and last semester of the school year starting on January 4, 2018, students are back into the school flow, with new schedules, new classmates, and new teachers. Now that half of the school year is officially over it brings the start to a new semester and for some students (hello seniors) it is their last semester of high school. With the end of the 2017-2018 school year so close, many seniors have to make sure they don't start to develop symptoms of senioritis and finish the rest of the year strong! Though starting school again may be a drastic change from being at home all day being able to do whatever you feel without teachers needing homework or telling you to get off your phone, to getting back into the school flow. GCHS students have shown pride, class, and dignity while going through the change of coming back to school! With May 26 being the day of graduation that leaves seniors just 4½ months left of high school, and for some that may feel like eternity and to the rest, high school may have gone all too quick. So far it has been a great year and the GCHS wildcats will finish the year off strong so go do it cats!



4.0 ASSEMBLY

M. Hinojosa

The 4.0 assembly is where Greeley Central High School classes come together in the Jim Baggot gym towards the beginning of the day to celebrate the students that achieved a 4.0 throughout the first semester. During the assembly, a staff member announces the students name, shows them on a screen with their name and their picture. This is where we as students can see who decided to work hard and put in a lot of effort this semester, who dedicated themselves to their classes, who were able to push themselves to the fullest. Mayra Garcia, a senior at Greeley Central, said, "I had to put in a lot of hours of studying to get my GPA to where I wanted for colleges and scholarships." Garcia has been accepted to Colorado State University, University of Northern Colorado, Manhattenville College, and St. Rose College. As far as being recognized for her 4.0 by Central staff and students, Garcia said, "its an honor."

The 4.0 assembly, also called the excellence assembly, is a positive way to reflect on the accomplishments of last semester and set the bar high for the second semester. The assembly is meant to motivate students to keep their grades up and make sure that they are satisfied with their own academic performance.

WHY WE MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

L. Contreras

As imperfect human beings, a majority of us aspire to become a better version of ourselves. Why do we make New Year resolutions every year at the beginning of January? Some people make a resolution because it's a "new year, new me" attitude. Others make one because they want to start from scratch and actually finish the goal they set five years ago. The label "New Years resolution" gives people hope a that this coming year will be their year to do what they thought they couldn't do. Overall, it's hard to make a resolution and stick with it for a year, let alone a whole lifetime. University of Scranton research suggest that more than forty percent of Americans make a New Year's resolution but only eight percent achieve their New Years goal. Statistics show that twenty one percent of New Year's resolution is to lose weight and eat healthier, why? because all we want is to look good. Only those who are truly determined to change their life around. Many people are wanting to better themselves every year, and what a perfect way to start that is by the person having the motivation to do it now! Be that person that wants to change to keep a healthy maintained lifestyle.

SNOOZIN

B. Yackey

It's 5 a.m. and your alarm clock goes off, do you get out of bed or hit the snooze button? Many people in the early mornings like to hit the snooze button in order to get more sleep. Did you know, often times when people hit the snooze button, they really just continue to sleep until the actual time they need to get up? If you were to set your alarm to when you actually need to wake up, you'll get more sleep. Dan Ariely, psychology professor and behavioral economist, argues that by hitting the snooze button repeatedly, we are teaching the brain to be confused by the sound of an alarm. According to Kevin Loria of Business Insider, "If you aren't getting enough sleep, you're more likely to fall back into the beginning of a sleep cycle after hitting the button, as a popular AsapScience video on the topic explains. This kicks in the production of hormones that encourage deep sleep." The beginning of a sleep cycle is the worst time to be woken up. With all that being said, hitting the snooze button won't make you any more rested and will actually make it harder to wake up. Next time your alarm goes off, just get out of bed!



Athlete of the the Week

Micaela Hidalgo was previously involved in volleyball and currently is a part of the girl's basketball team and in Student Council. She says, "The best part of my team is how close we are to each other. We are like a family and we support and encourage each other. Also, these girls are extremely talented!" She loves basketball because it pushes her on the court and in class. She added, "I'm a very competitive person, so basketball is a way I can compete with other people. I've been playing basketball for a long time and I just enjoy playing!" After high school she doesn't really know anything specific for her future other than planning on going to college and hopefully playing basketball.



Artist of the Week

Benjamin Jankow joined the Arts Magnet Program because he believes, "surrounding yourself with authentic forms of creation constantly is truly healthy for you!" as well as his, "incredible love for the Arts and the people involved in the program too!" At GCHS, Jankow likes to keep himself busy. Last semester, he "leaped into the wonderful world of marching band". As well as being cast into Troupe 657's interpretation of Romeo and Juliet, their one act show and Bye Bye Birdie which he was very honored to have been cast in. After high school, he stated, "My dream is to perform in a band, which I know sounds cheesy, but I have a pure love of music!" If he doesn't do that, he might become a college professor and have his own art projects on the side.



Club of the Week

"In poetry club, we get together every Friday and share poems to get ready for Poetry Outloud, a poetry recitation competition in February," says the club's founder, Darling Perez. Anybody is allowed to join, whether you like to, "make, read, or watch it be performed. Poetry can be shared with everyone," she said. According to Perez, the best part about poetry club is, "listening to the different perspectives," she then added, "I went to a slam poetry event that kick-started the club, and you heard different perspectives on the topic about coming out (being gay), it was great." If you're interested, be sure to check out this great group, they meet every Tuesday in Mr. Frasier's room (311).



Student of the Week

Sadie Brennan is involved in Green Cats, all of the recent plays put on by our thespian troupe doing tech, and she plans on joining tennis in the future. Brennan stays motivated in school through her helpful teachers who seem to "always know exactly what to say." When she gets stressed, she actually completes what's stressing her out, including putting down her phone, or listening to music to stay focused. After high school, she's still not quite certain about all the details of her plan, but the basis includes going to UNC and becoming a veterinarian as well as a photographer for National Geographic on the side.

BOYS BASKETBALL: STARTING WITH A WIN

J. Gallegos

As the Greeley Central boys basketball team puts in work over the winter break, they finally get to express their hard work and dedication in a game leading them to a record of 5-9. Okay, we're all thinking it, a 5-9 record isn't that great, but it is a big improvement from last season and seasons before that. After attending multiple games, I can see that these boys are putting a lot of effort into their game and doing all they can to push one another to do better. I had the chance to speak to Jesse Rascon, a senior here at Greeley Central and also a varsity player on the team, he had this to say about the team and the season, "This season is different from last season because we walk into every game with more confidence than we did before, our team overall has gotten better in all aspects because we all know we can get better to beat tougher teams. As long as we start and finish all our games off strong and keep it up throughout all four quarters then we'll have this season in the bag." As a team these boys have a total of 54.7 points, 25.7 rebounds, 11.6 assists, 9.1 steals, and 1.5 blocks so far, according to maxpreps, it will continue to increase throughout the season. So if you haven't yet, make sure to go and support your boys basketball team!



THE LADY WILDCATS

S. Garcia

Our lady Wildcats have kicked off their conference season with an amazing record of 11-3. Greeley Central's basketball girls are putting in love and dedication out on the court, and we love the hard work that they put into every game. As a team they push each other and persevere through practice for two hours from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45, or from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Looking at their game stats, they have accomplished a lot as a team, a total of 511 points in the last ten games. Amazingly, they have a total of 22 points for their three pointers, imagine how much it will increase as the season continues. With seven winning games, high stats, and commitment, they are definitely ready to take on state.

Hattie sheets, junior here at Greeley Central High School states, "I do think we will make state this year. We are focusing on our conference of course before we worry about that so it's not a huge concern right now, but I think we will make state because we all work really hard and our team has improved throughout last year." As a varsity player, Sheets is motivated and strives for a win with her team every game. What's even more amazing is they don't only win for the team, they do it to represent Greeley Central as a whole. Sheets explains, "What motivates me most is probably the want to win for not only my team and I, but for Greeley Central. Our whole team is motivated, in that, we want to be a successful basketball team." These hard working lady's represent Greeley Central, so let's represent them and show support by cheering loud and proud for our lady wildcats at their next game!

WINTER TRACK SEASON WORKOUTS

L. Duran

With spring coming right around the corner, the track season is coming closer and in order to be prepared coaches host winter track, a way to start getting in shape for the season. Every year athletes that participate in track are able to go to multiple track meets and have a chance to make it to conference and maybe even have a chance to go to state. Many of these athletes are amongst the best ranked by practicing consistently and attending preseason workouts. All coaches and athletes alike wish to have a chance to make it to state, this is why it is important to show up and get to know the coaches. Preseason workouts are not only there to help you get in shape, but also helps you see what you might be interested in doing for the real season. If it is your first time deciding to go out for track and you're unsure of what events you'd like to participate in, you can come to practice and talk to any of the coaches. Head coach Luster or coach Johnson will be able to advise you. You might try out all the events track has to offer before making a decision on which events to commit to.

NFL PLAYOFFS

E. Hernandez

It's that time of year again where the top twelve NFL teams try to battle it out for a Super Bowl run. Every year is full of surprising teams in the playoff picture. In this years playoffs there are eight new teams competing for a championship ring. That's why offseasons are really important, they can definitely change your team to a contender. Having eight new teams is extremely rare to happen during the course of a year. The teams that have appeared in the playoffs regularly year in and year out is the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Without a doubt those two teams will be a big threat to any opposing teams. Seven of the eight teams last year had either a .500 record or a losing season. A team that made the biggest jump was the Jacksonville Jaguars, last year they had a 3-13 record and this year they had a 10-6 record. Their defense has been elite as they have one of the best CB tandem and overall defense. People say defenses win championships as that was the case in Super Bowl 50 as Denver's number one defense held the top scoring offense to just 10 points. Its win or go home, until February 4th as Super Bowl LII will take place in the home of the NFC number two seed the Minnesota Vikings. Who will be crowned the Vince Lombardi trophy on Feb 4?



BRONCOS LOSING SEASON

E. Hernandez

Just two seasons after being crowned as Super Bowl 50 champions, the Broncos are now a top 5 NFL draft pick. Which means they were among the worst teams this season with their record being 5-11. Since the retirement of Peyton Manning, the Broncos have struggled to find a consistent quarterback who will put up great numbers week in and week out. Which leads to a poor offense that's been struggling to find their identity for the past two seasons. That's where the Broncos will try to improve during the course of the off-season with free agents and the annual draft.

Recently, the Broncos have been known for having an elite defense, well this year the defense had a down year; forcing less turnovers; being penalized more; and 19 fewer sacks. Both sides of the ball had their miscues during the course of the season, it was either the offense was struggling or it was the other way around. Believe it or not, at point the Broncos went on an eight game losing streak. During those eight games, they were outscored 241-108. Bad offense leads to bad defense. With all the failure this season the team decided to fire their offensive coordinator Mike McCoy Once the season concluded, they fired the special teams coach, Brock Olivo and the offensive line coach Jeff Davidson. The Broncos will try to make the best of their fifth pick in this year's draft, and get back into the winning category.

BASEBALL SEASON RAPIDLY APPROACHING

T. Menard

As winter sports start wrapping up their season, spring sports, including baseball, are gearing up for their season. The official season doesn't start until March, but preseason workouts have already begun. The practices take place before school in the gyms starting at 6:30. If you're interested in playing baseball this year, it is really good for you to come out to as many of the practices as you can before the actual season to allow coaches to see what you have to offer the team. If you aren't able to attend pre-season workouts, then you'll have to find a way to get ready for tryouts before they are here. The best way to get in touch with the coaches for baseballers is to meet with them right here at GCHS, Mr. Brockman and Mr. Scribbick are two of the coaches for the baseball team. If you are interested in, playing talk to them when you can and they will give you all of the information you need. Baseball is a very fun sport and joining it or even just supporting it means so much to the GCHS athletic program. Tryouts for the team are at the end of February, hope to see you there!

WILDCAT WRESTLING: DOC BUCHANAN TOURNAMENT

J. Rascon

Our Wildcat wrestling team has had tremendous success the past several years competing for state titles, whether it be individually or as a team. Last year, two wrestler that were state champs are seniors, Josh Nira and Andrew Alirez. Several of our wrestlers are competing for 1st place in the state tournament and we are looking forward to seeing how many state champs are from GCHS this year. The GCHS wrestling team was invited to the Doc Buchanan tournament which is a tournament that invites nearly 100 teams which includes nationally ranked, Buchanan (CA), Bergen Catholic (NJ), Clovis (CA), Pueblo County (CO), Pomona (CO), Gilroy (CA), and Roseburg (OR). The tournament took place January 5-7, 2018, it was a tough one but our wrestlers were up for the challenge. The tourney took place in California and Tony Ullaszek earned 4th after facing the number 1 seeded wrestler in the 145 weight class. Andrew Alirez earned 1st in the 145 weight class proving why he is a 2x state champ. Another former state champ, Josh Nira placed 8th. This is important because our wrestling team has had success and has phenomenal wrestlers that are competing for the state championship individually and this tournament is a good test for them.

COLLEGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A. Rotter

Every year, the college football season culminates in the playing of the national championship. After the excitement of the regular season and the bowl games the two best teams in the nation play in the National Championship. The four top teams in the nation, this year they were Alabama, Clemson, Georgia and Oklahoma, play in two play-off games to determine who will play for the national championship. Georgia won the Rose Bowl (a crazy double overtime game) and Alabama won the Sugar Bowl setting the stage for the national championship. Georgia with True Freshman quarterback Jake Fromm against Alabama with quarterback Jalen Hurts. The first half of the game was extremely lopsided with Georgia scoring 13 unanswered points. The majority of Alabama's offense came from rushes by Jalen Hurts- this performance led to Nick Saban making a switch at half to true freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, who hadn't taken a meaningful snap in college football. This change was made to address the issue of not being able to throw against Georgia's defense who shut down the run heavy Hurts. This shift worked out stupendously with Alabama finally being able to score on Georgia. In the fourth quarter, Alabama had tied the game at 20 and where in position to kick the game winning field goal. The attempt missed and the game was sent to overtime. Georgia went down and kick a long field goal to take the lead. This was answered by a 41-yard touchdown thrown from Tagovailoa to DeVonta Smith to win the game in overtime. Saban's risky choice payed off in the end winning him his 6th National Championship, tying him with coach Paul W. Bryant for the most National Championship titles. Alabama ended the season 13-1 their only loss coming from Auburn.



WRESTLERS TAKE ON WEST ON SENIOR NIGHT

A. Dominguez



Photo Credit: L. McGee

Our Greeley Central wrestlers took on Greeley West High School Wednesday, January 17, at the Castle. Central fans showed up to support our boys and even tricked into the visiting side of the stands to accommodate overflow. While there is always a ton of enthusiasm about the talent of our wrestlers, the stands were especially packed with Central students and parents of our Wildcat wrestlers as it was against our biggest rival, the last home match of the season, and senior night. Before the match started the senior wrestlers met their parents at center mat and shared a moment allowing the wrestlers to thank their parents for the support they have given over the last four years, and for the parents to share in their pride. While the match was

entertaining to watch, Central wasted no time in putting West out of their misery. Central dominated the entire match with the only points given to West resulting from a forfeit; the final score was 69-6.



Photo Credit: L. McGee

TRUMP'S TWEETS

J. Rascon

Trump has a history of ridiculous twitter posts, regarding political issues, tension with North Korea, and personal objectives. In his defense, he may be looking for the best in our country, but some of his tweets are not the most productive way to do so. For example, one of his most recent tweets states "North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the 'Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times. Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!" People may not like him, but he represents us as a country, which may be trouble for us based on this tweet alone. Additionally, there has been tension building up for the past threats, so this tweet saying their nuclear button does not work may put the tension over the top.

As our President, he should not seek to provoke a country that may have nuclear bombs because it would impact us economically, environmentally, and inevitably lead to a world war. His personality traits like extreme confidence and ignorance have lead to issues like these. Donald Trump's ignorance could have a tremendous impact on our lives. As our President, he should not tweet anything that may seem threatening to our nation, and he should do his best to prevent wars and if the war is inevitable then he could prove that ours is "bigger and better"

WINTER WONDERLAND

S. Garcia

It looks like the South began their 2018 with a surprising new look! Tallahassee, Florida was recently struck with 0.1 inches of snow on January 3, 2018. With frozen swimming pools and white snow-dusted lawns, Floridians were amazed by this event and took advantage of it. But because of temperatures in the low thirties, icy roads, sidewalks, and wind chills that occurred, it forced the school districts to close schools. One district in Florida posted, "this would be a significant hazard for buses and for students heading to school on the roadways," the district said, "closing schools is not a decision we make lightly. We recognize that it's a real headache for families, but safety has to be the first consideration." Schools are used to having days off for hurricanes, but this time it was a new situation.

Florida's past snowfall experience was forty-one years ago on January 19, 1977. Why is one of the warmest states receiving snow? Well climate change is to blame for frigid temperatures. Jennifer Francis, a research professor at the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University explains, "when the jet stream gets weaker, it meanders more," she says, "it wanders north and south and when it gets into one of these wandering and wavy patterns, that's when we see these pools of cold air pulled southward." Liz Mock-Murphy, science teacher at Greeley Central said, "climate change isn't one event, it's when we see a pattern of extreme or weird weather over many years," she continued by saying, "it's the new normal," Mock-Murphy states. Hopefully climate change will allow Florida to receive snow again in the next forty-one years.



NET NEUTRALITY REPEALED

L. Duran

December 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to repeal net neutrality which prevents internet service providers from charging for and controlling the speed of websites that many people use on a daily basis. People might not know what net neutrality is and in a nutshell it is the principle that Internet Service Providers (ISP) must treat all internet data the same regardless of its kind, source, or destination. The act of repealing net neutrality is serious as one of the rules that was repealed was Paid Prioritizing which could allow ISPs to purposely make your internet much slower compared to someone who pays more. People who have at least a brief understanding of what net neutrality is, understand we need net neutrality and most people fear ISPs would charge a fee to access websites in a way similar to how cable providers provide content to us in packages. So, if you wanted to access Youtube or Netflix, you would have to invest in an entertainment package. With the well known name Ajit Pai, chairman of the FCC, flying around he was against the old net neutrality rules that were taken into effect in 2015 and said the rules were not needed as there was no problem to solve even though ISPs were actually blocking content multiple times in the past years.

Net neutrality

In 2018, we haven't seen any changes to the way we use the internet, but a lot could change as we go through the year. Many ISPs have promised that they will not be charging to access certain websites but who is there to stop them if they decide to do it anyways?

FLASH NEWS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

There was a shooting at a Kentucky school two students killed and eighteen were injured on Tuesday, January 23.

Alaska had a 7.9 earthquake on January 23, 2:31 AM, causing a tsunami warning which sent Alaskans racing to high ground.

There was a school shooting at Italy, Texas, Monday January 22; a fifteen year old student was injured. The shooter was arrested outside soon after the shooting.

Ex-USA gymnastics doctor, Larry Nassar, was sentenced to a minimum of forty years and up to 175 years in the Michigan state prison. More than 150 girls and women gave statements about the sexual abuse they faced from Nassar.

This year's flu strand has been worst than normal and the cause of that has been the H3N2 strain. The current flu vaccination is only 30% effective. The entire continental United States is appearing to be in the widespread flu zone. At least 30 children have died from this.

Amazon has the top twenty cities for its second headquarters in the United States. The cities that are on that list are Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, Denver, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Miami, Montgomery County (Maryland), Nashville, Newark, New York City, Northern Virginia, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Toronto, Washington DC

DRY JANUARY

A. Morales

Is Mother Nature giving us a warning, or is this what should be expected of winter in Colorado, from here on out? After numerous “winter weeks” the most snow Colorado has gotten is around 5” as of 2017, while the most snow Colorado has ever been plummeted with is 45 inches in the early 1900's. Something's wrong, right? It turns out, tons of people are asking the same question and blaming different things like global warming and just bad luck. Both of these accusations would make sense (kind of) but all our natives and longtime visitors want to know is when the snow will come back.

Ski loving history teacher, Cody Jackson says “I hate Dry January... My dad owns part of a ski area, Monarch Mountain, so that's really hurting.” Jackson's only describing half of what many business owners are dealing with. Little snow, means little business. “I just want to ski,” Jackson continued. And so do plenty others. How do you feel about the spring season already beginning?

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Editorials

WORST MEMES OF 2017

A. Rotter

2017 will be remembered for many events, from natural disasters to the first year of the Trump presidency. More importantly than all that, more memes were born from the endless void of the internet. If your favorite meme appears in this list don't fret, this is purely my opinion. The first meme I think should end are all Trump based memes. Trump memes have become very overused and never end. Especially if you don't like him seeing him everywhere gets old very quick. The world would be better if we didn't have to see him all the the internet. The next meme that should end is Cash Me Outside. Memes aren't inherently nice in nature but making fun of an uneducated teenager feels wrong. Most importantly, the catch phrase has become very annoying. People everywhere saying “Catch me outside, how bout dat” has gotten very annoying and repetitive. It was never funny, and everybody saying it didn't make it funny. The next form of meme that needs to end are Minecraft memes. None of them are funny and they are very repetitive. The same situation with slightly different pictures. They require no talent and little creativity to produce. The sad excuses for memes dilute and cloud the creative memes on the internet. But by far the worst meme was fidget spinners. Overnight they went from weird toys to help with ADHD to the must get item of 2017. Instantly, everybody had to have one. Every store under the sun started to carry fidget spinners. People got in fights over getting the last fidget spinner, or someone stealing their fidget spinner. People were buying hundreds dollars worth of fidget spinners to be “cool” and popular. This trend spiraled out of control and nows stores have thousands of them just sitting on shelves. So do you know da wae of the memes.

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Entertainment

THE RANCH

B. Yackey

The Ranch is a Netflix original series that debuted on April 1, 2016 with its first part which consisted of 10 episodes. It is an American comedy TV show starring Ashton Kutcher, Danny Masterson, Debra Winger, Elisha Cuthbert, and Sam Elliott. The show is based off a fictional Iron River Ranch in a small town called Gunnison, Colorado, telling a story on the life of a dysfunctional family of two brothers, their rancher father and his divorced wife. All episodes are named after American country music songs, predominantly Kenny Chesney in part one, George Strait in part two, Tim McGraw in part three, and Garth Brooks in part four. According to IMDb.com, “19,119 IMDb users have given a weighted average vote of 7.7/10,” to the TV series *The Ranch*. Their twitter account announced that the show will be continued for a third season of 20 episodes to air in 2018. Throughout the two year period, *The Ranch*, has shown 40 episodes with two seasons which are broken into parts containing 10 episodes each. Each episode runs 28-34 minutes and is produced by Ranch Hand Productions. We encourage you to check this show out!

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GAME OF THRONES: THE FINAL SEASON

J. Doss

Game of Thrones, the extremely popular and addicting show, ended its seventh season on a high note in 2017. Season seven proved many popular fan theories and shocked everyone with its surprising deaths and movie budget battles. Many cast members labeled this season as fanfiction because of how well it catered and satisfied fan wishes. The creators of the show spared no expense and in doing so, left jaws open and created conversations among friends that would last hours. Many were disappointed when HBO released a statement reporting that season eight will be the show's last and will not air until the year 2019. This left the fan base in a complete frenzy because they have to wait two whole years before they get to see the fate of Westeros and their beloved characters. But there is a huge positive to the longer wait of the show. Actor Liam Cunningham who plays Ser Davos stated in an interview that "Despite being the shortest season yet the six episodes will likely be longer than the standard hour," and went further on to explain that "[The episodes are] definitely going to be bigger and better than previous years." According to TV Guide this is going to be the most expensive season yet and that the six episodes will be treated as feature-length films. So make sure to spend this year rewatching or catching up because you do not want to miss the most talked about and shocking TV finales in history.

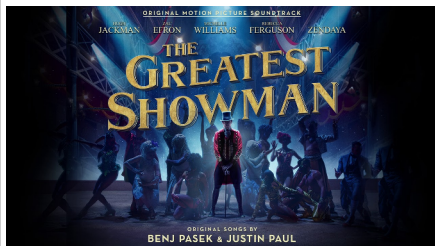


THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

C. Burzell

December 20, 2017 *The Greatest Showman* came out in theaters. This musical was attention-grabbing and thrilling from beginning to end, with the help of some amazing songs. The storyline revolves around Phineas

Taylor Barnum, portrayed by Hugh Jackman, who started off with nothing to his name except for a loving family. In order to make life better for his wife and kids, he opens a show featuring many human oddities and builds a fortune and a life for his family. Along the way, Barnum meets Phillip Carlyle, portrayed by Zac Efron, and they become business partners.



This amazing story was told with singing and dancing, one great number in particular, "This Is Me", even won best original song at the Golden Globe Awards. Central Junior, Ayreona Johnson, after seeing *The Greatest Showman* in theaters, said, "*The Greatest Showman* was awesome, and I loved it." Worldwide, this movie has made \$154 million dollars thus far, and has been very successful. As a whole, this show is definitely worth a trip to the movie theater.

WELCOME TO THE JU...JUMANJI

Z. Chilcott

At the end of 2017, we got the amazing movie *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* with Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan, and Jack Black. This movie created a lot controversial conversations because no one know if it was a remake of the classic movie or a prequel to it. But as it turns out that it's the prequel, if you don't know what a prequel is, its another movie that goes off of the the first movies store line and extended it. *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* does a good job to get the youth inserted in the movie. Sony changed *Jumanji* from a board game to a video game, which puts a new twist on it for new and old fans. They also made sure to put in easter eggs from the old movie like the game bored, even though there hard to see at first they add a lot more to the movie and story line. Sony also took a big risk by having Black be one of the main roles in the movie, because a lot of the youth didn't like his style of acting, like his part in *D Train*. But in *Jumanji* he did a great job portraying his part as a popular high school girl stuck in man's body. But what really helped with the movie was having a Johnson and Hart working together. With their differences it adds a new level of fun to the screen, making it a funny movie to go see with family, friends, or a date.

DISNEY PIXAR'S COCO REVIEW

A. Autabee

Disney Pixar's animated film *Coco* soared to the top of the box office and was estimated to pull in 71 million. This story of a young Mexican boy's adventures of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead was released November 24, and has been getting the recognition it deserves with its amazing colorful animations and great storyline. It's the movie Latinos have been waiting for with a perfect cultural and Musical Mexican touch. The story follows 12 year old Miguel Rivera who was accidentally trapped in the land of the dead, where he seeks help from his great great grandfather musician to help him get back to the land of the living and bring the music his family has forbid with him. The movie has gotten many great reviews like one from Maria Garcia who wrote a New York Times review explaining, "Many Americans of Mexican descent, like myself were overcome with emotions upon seeing a family and household that closely resembles their own." Garcia's review also shares many other viewers reactions to the movie. The movie is still in theaters and is a great movie everyone can enjoy!

GOLDEN GLOBES

A. Morales

"Good evening, ladies and remaining gentlemen." Those were the first words spoken by this year's host, comedian, Seth Meyers, as he joked about the piling sexual harassment allegations of 2017. Meyers was asked to host The 75th Annual Golden Globes-- an event that recognizes men and women for creating art thousands of people love. The Golden Globes was shown on television, January 7th, 2018. Stars and filmmakers like Zendaya and David Harbour attended the event where awards are given in 25 different categories (11 in T.V. and 14 in motion picture). A few of the winners of a handful of categories are listed below:

Best Motion Picture-Drama: *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*

Best Motion Picture-Musical/Comedy: *Lady Bird*

Best Performance by Actress in Motion Picture- Drama: Frances McDormand

Best Performance by Actor in Motion Picture- Drama: Gary Oldman (*Darkest Hour*)

Best Performance by Actress in Motion Picture- Musical/Comedy: Saoirse Ronan (*Lady Bird*)

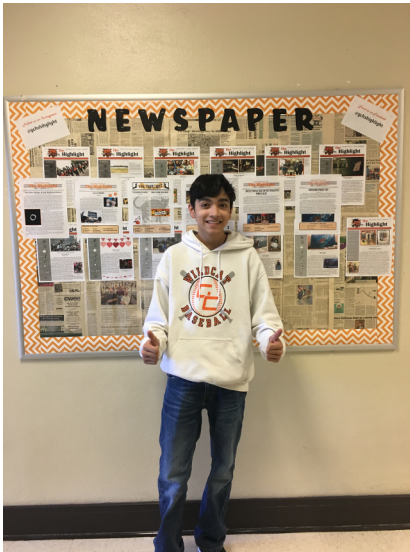
Best Performance by Actor in Motion Picture- Musical/Comedy: James Franco (*The Disaster Artist*)

Best Motion Picture: *Coco*

Cecil B. DeMille Award: Oprah Winfrey

JOURNALIST OF THE WEEK : Travis Menard

R. Gifford



With teenagers' attention spans becoming worse, it's harder for us to focus on reading a whole passage. Sophomore, Travis Menard makes it his goal to be entertaining and appealing to all of our readers. Ever since the first issue, we've noticed his knack for writing witty articles. He's a motivated journalist and keeps the class interesting with his jokes and intriguing pieces which make you want to keep reading when his name is in the byline. He makes editing a breeze and more fun, choosing specific topics and covers what needs to be put out there. You learn more information about the topics he chooses because he adds in everything you need to know and then some. We appreciate his hard work and dedication at the Highlight.

STAFF OF THE WEEK : Elise Harvey

R. Gifford

This is Frau Harvey's fourth year teaching at GCHS, but her third full time year. When asked about her favorite part about Central, she replied, "My favorite part would be the students because I love how they feel comfortable to embrace their individuals selves, it makes for a really diverse community, it's fun to be a part of that." She started learning German because she has German Heritage and wanted to reconnect with relatives in Germany, but she ended up really loving this subject and became eager to spread that.

In her free time, she prefers being outdoors and really enjoys yoga, her favorite past time, or anything German like movies, books or music. Currently, she's been to Germany six times, going on seven, giving her the real world experience that new language learners need. We hope she has a wonderful rest of the school year and we thank her for all her tremendous work at the Castle and her kindness to everyone.

