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On Sports and Editorials

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Sunday, October 26th's issue of the *Greeley Tribune* showcases a few of Greeley West's marching band and football team members under the "Sports" column. The article is titled "Many Hats: 2 Greeley West football players also play in Spartan's band," and features Ty Starks, Rylan Keener, and Taylor Rivera and their incredible dedication to both GWHS sports.

Within the article, Keener shares how his experiences in band have contributed to his success in football. The article reads, "It didn't take [Keener] long to realize that some of the training needed to effectively play an instrument like the trumpet transfers over to football. 'Cardio,' Keener said. 'For sure. You've got to put a lot of air into that trumpet to get the high notes.'" This article in the *Tribune* not only showcases the many talents of these athletes but also begs the question: How can a football player compare a sport to a deemed "activity" that is claimed, "...not up to par with other sports" by *The Highlight* editorial author E. Matier?

These past weeks have been heated between a few athletes. Matier's editorial, released on October 16th, shares his assumption on why marching band does not categorize as a sport. A Facebook Poll was created to ask the public the same question, "Marching Band, A Sport?" and the "yes" category took the lead but there are still a few who are swayed by Matier's opinion. It is only fair that they have access to arguments from the opposing side.



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He begins his article with the definition of a sport. Dictionary.com states, "an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature, as racing, baseball, tennis, golf, bowling, wrestling, boxing, hunting, fishing, etc." Matier's used definition also includes, "...in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment." He also claims, "In order for marching bands to be considered a sport, the musicians involved would need to either match or surpass the physical exertion all other athletes experience in their competitions and practices." If this logic were to apply to all activities, golf, fishing, bowling, and hunting (all listed in the dictionary definition) would also not be considered sports.

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Stress

D. Villalpando

Stress, invisible yet so powerful, a demon that sits inside us all. According to the *Atlantic*, on average 49% percent of the students at school are stressed. Everyone stresses, but not everyone deals with it the same. A simple task can change your whole mood. While interviewing Ms. Bochman, the junior counselor states “part of most of my stress is not being able to have enough time to complete all the task that need to be done.” Time management all together has a major impact on stress, having so much on your plate and not having enough time can really put you on your edge.

I surveyed students around Central to get an inside look on how stress affects them.. According to figure one, living in stress can affect the amount of happiness you have in life. The more stressed you are the less happy you will be.

Teachers state that homework is good for you, on figure two it shows that one of the major factors of stress is caused by homework therefore students live less happy due to homework. Is homework so important that we should value it over our own happiness?

Monsters Take Over the Castle

E. Nolin

Dungeons and Dragons is a magical game filled monsters, demons, brave souls, and dragons of course. All those ideas were compiled to make *She Kills Monsters*, a show about loss, bullying, D&D, and finding people who accept you. These concepts are exactly why Troupe director Brian Humphrey choose the show. Humphrey stated, “*She Kills Monsters* deals with themes that are applicable to things that high school students go through in reality.” The show addresses bullying, being part of the LGBT community, & losing someone and how each can affect a student’s life. SKM is the first show at Central to feature two separate casts. Sam Schmidt, who plays Vera & Gabbi, said, “It’s been an amazing experience having two casts because the show is completely different even though it is the same script.” The Troupe is also running a special since there are two casts. If you see the show with one cast and would like to see it with the other, you can buy a discounted ticket at the show for the other cast. Thespian Troupe 657 proudly presents *She Kills Monsters* November 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. All shows will start at 7 pm and tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. The show is rated PG-13 due to violence, language, & depictions of bullying.

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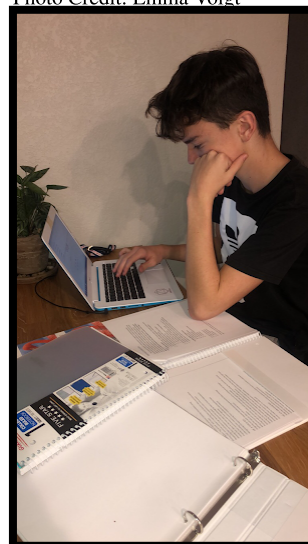


Midterms

E. Voigt

As October finally approaches bringing Halloween, chilly weather, and changing leaves, it brings midterms as well. Midterms are exams that fall in the middle of the semester to test what you've learned so far in the class. They can bring lots of stress to students as they are similar to finals, but not every class has them. Surprisingly, most teachers didn't have a midterm for their class this year except for most social study classes. Greeley Central senior Leona Armagost said, "I haven't had any midterms this year. I did last year though and I think they can stress students out." Midterms can greatly affect students' grades and their stress levels. This may be the reason midterms aren't too popular anymore in Greeley Central. Senior Stacia Aldridge said, "I haven't had any midterms yet so I'm not stressed. Other tests have made me stressed though." Classes still seem to have lots of tests around this time based on a unit rather than what has been learned from the semester so far. Most classes have had tests around this time, making the middle of the year a stressful time. Midterms are usually the main factor for stress in mid- October, except for this year. Just remember midterms mean we're halfway to finals season!

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Trick or Treat at the Castle

J. Rhine

Trick or treat at the castle, something Greeley Central does for the kids and the community that everyone loves to come to. Trick or treat at the Castle is on October 31st . Parents bring their kids to Greeley Central, and the people that are helping with trick or treat at the castle pass out candy to the kids, play games, and do lots of other fun things the kids have fun doing. Armando says " Keeping kids occupied and entertained", is the best part about Trick or treat at the castle. When Greeley Central does trick or treat at the castle lots of people show up, there is always a big turn out. Armando says there are, " 30-40 volunteer and over 100 people". Trick or treat at the castle is one of the best things Greeley central does for the community, thats why Greeley central is the best high school ever.

Castle Confessionals

"As a marching band kid, I agree it isn't a sport. Ethan is getting way too much hate."

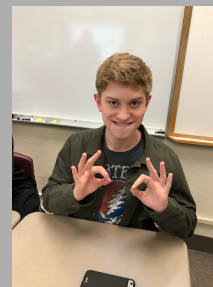
"I haven't slept in days"

"I love Lilly Aleman!"

"Charterina is Italian."

***Athlete of the the Week***

Balancing school and sports can be difficult, but for Junior Austyn Thornbury, it seems to work out quite alright. Thornbury, who plays volleyball for the varsity team says the balance is easy as long as you, "Always stay talking to your teachers about everything, let them know you'll be missing. Always use your time wisely whenever and whenever you can do work, do it!" Thornbury, also in AVID, gets good grades and is well-liked among the student population, we wish her the best for the rest of the season.

***Artist of the Week***

If you got to Central, its most likely true that you have heard of Brian Davis. Davis participates in band and has also starred in multiple school plays and musicals. Davis gives his family's long time love of music the credit for his passion in the arts. He says, "I always loved to make people laugh and so whenever I was able to do that, I would." go see a theater production and be ready to cheer on Davis as he takes the stage.

***Club of the Week***

Green Cats is Central's own environmental awareness club. Member, Darla Menjivar says, "We're the most active club in the school, our goal is to make our school as environmentally aware as we can." She also says, "I feel more people should join because it makes them more aware of what they do and use in their everyday lives and overall, you're just able to make good memories" It is so important that our school has a club like this as it impacts the community in positive way. They meet every other Monday in Mrs. Mock-Murphy's room.

***Student of the Week***

For Indigo Parlin, school is a breeze, but not without hard work. Having a 4.0+ GPA is very impressive and taking multiple AP classes to add onto it makes it even better. Parlin who is also apart of Key Club and an avid dancer does as much as she can to help the community. Parlin is the perfect example that when you work hard for something, you can get it.



Trump and Kanye

E. Voigt

On October 11th, President Donald Trump hosted Kanye West in the Oval Office after the rapper publicly announced his positive views towards him. He showed up in the famous red “Make America Great Again” hat to show his support for the President. West launched a 10-minute monologue touching on issues that are important to him, including mental health struggles, the prison system, the 13th amendment, ways of improving life for African-Americans, and more. West’s fans are familiar with his speeches or rants, but Trump appeared interested in what he had to say. After West finished his speech, Trump replied with, “I’ll tell you what. That was pretty impressive, huh? That was quite something.” West even stood up to give Trump a hug saying, “I love this guy right here.” (*The Hill*, Jordyn Fabian.) Many people don’t see Kanye West getting into politics at all. Greeley Central senior Esmeralda Olmos said, “Kanye is a grown man and knows very little about our political system. He should not have a pedestal to stand on and try to even speak about what our country needs when he’s part of the upper class that doesn’t acknowledge the middle and lower classes. Trump and Kanye are not fit to run the country.” Even though West may not seem fit for politics due to only being a rapper, Trump supports his dream of running for president. If you support Kanye, you just might be able to vote for him in 2024.



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Early Season Success

E. Matier

Last year, the Colorado Avalanche had to fight till the very last game of the season. The 82 game of the 2017-2018 season was against the Colorado Avalanche and the St. Louis Blues, the winner of that game would get the Western Conference Wildcard spot in the playoffs. The Avalanche demolished that game with an astonishing 5-2 win. Even though the Avalanche got eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, the success of last season left many Avalanche fans looking forward to the upcoming season.

The preseason of the current National Hockey League (NHL) season had Avalanche fans thrilled and created a high amount of anticipation for the season to come. Opening night for the Colorado Avalanche was one to remember, the Avalanche hosted rival team, the Minnesota Wild. The Avalanche skated laps around the Wild and won that game 4-1. Since that game, the Avalanche have been a force to be reckoned with. At the time of writing this, the team has played 12 games and are still leading the league in points.

The Avalanche’s top line has combined for 53 points so far this season. The goalies are only averaging 1.5 goals against per game and the Avalanche are outscoring their opponents by 16 goals. If the Avalanche players continue to play with same amount of intensity that the fans have seen in the early season, then this season will be one for the record books. The Avalanche could continue to lead the league and even see a deep playoff run or even a championship.



Did Kavanaugh Peak in College?

E. Matier

Brett Kavanaugh was recently accepted in to the Supreme Court, but not without plenty of backlash and criticism. Kavanaugh was indicted with two rape accusations, one that occurred in high school and one on college. Kavanaugh was found innocent on both accounts, however many people don't believe that Kavanaugh is actually innocent and is not deserving of a spot in the Supreme Court. In his years since college Kavanaugh has made lots of enemies.

In college Kavanaugh was a partier, he also was popular and had lots of friends. Every weekend, during Kavanaugh's college years you could walk into any frat house on Yale and see Justice Kavanaugh being an absolute mad lad. On his last day at Yale, Kavanaugh went to all of friends and signed their yearbooks with some funny jokes containing what can only be described as "locker room talk." Since then Kavanaugh has become a hated member of America's Supreme Court.

Kavanaugh went from having hundreds of friends in his college days, to being a despised member of the American Political System. Since college, Kavanaugh has had trouble making friends and has lived a sad life living in solitary with only his wife and two kids. Kavanaugh has peaked in college and is currently sledding down a downward slope until his inevitable death.



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This article is purely satirical.

Horror Movies: Thrill or Chill?

S. Campbell

Horror movies have been the bane of my existence since my early childhood. I didn't grow up watching them, and the terror and gore that are characteristic to new horror movies stick to me like glitter on wet skin. I adore watching old horror movies, ie. anything from the 80's and before. But the majority of adolescents today aren't anywhere close to being phased by modern horror flicks. Tony Minner, horror movie aficionado and wildcat senior says, "For me, it's actually hard to watch horror movies today because they aren't really scary. If I want to show someone one, I'll show them some Amityville Horror-type of stuff. Or *The Shining*. Classic stuff, you know?" A recent Facebook poll showed that out of 42 votes, 76% of individuals voted in support of horror movies. But certain horror films, specifically ones dealing in the dark supernatural, are laden with certain things other than just thrills.

There are over 30 films that have curses associated with them, but only somewhere around ten have legitimate evidence supporting that something fishy was afoot. Famously, every movie of the original "Poltergeist" saga has a variety of mysterious deaths associated with them. But the most mystifying are the second *Conjuring* movie and *The Exorcist* of 1973. The entire set of *The Exorcist* was notorious for mysteriously catching fire, but that's not even the worst part; the entire set caught on fire *except* for the "possessed girl's" bedroom. Spooky? There's more. A cross that stood tall for over 600 years across from the location where *The Exorcist* was to be premiered was struck by lightning and burned down the night of the premiere. For *The Conjuring 2*, countless people have reported mysterious supernatural goings-on during and after watching the film- and even cursed recurring dreams.

How often after watching a horror movie do you feel refreshed and light and happy? The answer is probably never. The feeling that follows such films could be best described as a dark cloud hanging over your head, affecting your thoughts, perceptions, and defenseless subconscious. Energies can manifest themselves in more than just a metaphysical way, and I urge you to think twice the next time you're considering watching a supernatural psychological thriller.

Sports and Editorials Continued

Guest Writer: Grace Patrick

There is no doubt that the athletics at Greeley Central put in copious amounts of effort into their chosen fields, but the way in which they prepare for “game time” is not the same. In order to be successful, each sport requires different conditioning than another. For example, if a member of cross country was required to swim the same amount of laps as those on the swim team, it would be the same amount of exercise, yes, but would be ineffective to those running long distance. This is the same for band. The preparation they do to have a successful performance is different from those on the football team because the band is simply not playing football. To claim that the band does not participate in enough conditioning to be considered a sport is equal to saying that runners don’t do enough swimming or football players don’t hit enough tennis balls to be considered one as well.

While Drum Major Rhiannen Thero gives a brief description of the prerequisite activities before the band begins marching in E. Matier’s article, she doesn’t mention the physical demands of setting up for the rehearsal. Matier mentions that the only portion of marching band that can be considered physical is the marching itself and that it only lasts for approximately 45 minutes but he does not take into account that very setting up process. Each day, the percussion section of 11 must completely unload a shipping container used for storage of percussion materials and props. These materials and props include, but are not limited to, a marimba weighing roughly 85 lbs, a vibraphone (60lbs), two snare drums (32 lbs each), four bass drums (205 lbs total), one set of tenor drums (65lbs), four columns (8 ft tall, 40 lbs each), two drum major podiums (50 lbs each), a viewing ladder (100lbs) and a ramp (170lbs). Not to mention, the shipping container



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sits on top of a steep hill about 300 ft away from the edge of the football field used for practicing. All of these materials need to be either placed in varying parts of the practice field or worn and carried throughout the rehearsal and must be returned back into the shed at the end of the day. When the band performs at competitions, they must move all of these materials onto the football field in under 3 minutes to prevent penalties. To get these materials to football games and competitions, everything must be loaded into a truck, a task done almost weekly, outside of the designated rehearsal time depending on the schedule of upcoming performances.

Whether it be considered a sport or not, marching band takes extensive amounts of exertion and prowess not only physically, but mentally, between learning music, traveling to competitions, marching, and performing. “Both activities require agile minds, feet” (Greeley Tribune, football and marching band). The only comparison marching band needs to be considered a sport is a comparison to the dictionary definition and not to other athletics at Greeley Central. E. Matier’s reasonings are expected from someone who has not experienced the physical demands of marching band first hand but that is no reason to wrongly inform the public. We at Greeley Central take pride in the work that the marching band does to provide fun entertainment for football games, pep rallies, and parades but all that cannot be done without a bit of athletic blood, sweat and tears.



Most popular costume

B.Mena Rodriguez

Halloween is around the corner and you will see costumes of superheroes, famous artist, food, DIY costumes of all sort. But every year there's a costume that gets everyone attention. The costume is either developed by a five star movie, social media or simply an advertisement. Tianna Chilcot a junior at GCHS said, "Halloween costumes are overdone, you see multiple of the same costume within a block." Once the popular costume gets around such as Fortnite a game everyone knows about it. Although, there are many characters in the video game the majority of people will be dressed as the Fornite costume. Michael Serna, a junior at GCHS, said, "Knowing that there is a popular costume that gives me ideas on how to dress up." All over social media you could see what is getting around and that gives you personal ideas on how to dress up either as the popular costume or you could make your own with plenty of ideas breaking through the internet. Not just Fornite is popular many other costumes are just as Michael Myers, The Nun, and the classic super heros.



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Why is Rupaul's Drag Race One Of the Most Popular LGBT Show?

B.Monroy

Rupaul's Drag Race has been airing since 2009. Rupaul's Drag Race is a competition reality TV show about Drag queens competing for America's next Drag superstar, not only do they win \$100,000, but a year supply of Anastasia Beverly Hills cosmetics. Its very popular in the LGBT community. I asked senior, Esmeralda Olmos why the show was so popular and she said "The show is so popular because the queens go on the show and be their true selves and also show their own perspective of drag." Since 2009, 129 queens have been on the show showing their different type of drag. I asked junior Jay Cardenas what makes the show so great and his answer was, "The show is so great

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because others can express their type of drag in such a beautiful way." Rupaul has helped all 129 queens make themselves more known in the world and helps them be more successful by putting them on the show. One last question I asked Olmos and Cardenas who their favorite queen is and why? Olmos said "Bianca Del Rio (season 6 winner) because she's a comedian and very successful and still does tours every year." Cardenas chose Sasha Velour (season 9 winner) because "she shows her passion for art and drag." Season 11 and All Stars 4 are coming out in the next couple of months so watch out to see who the next America's Drag Superstar is!



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Halloween 2018 Review

G. Oliva

Michael Myers, the notorious Halloween boogeyman returns to movie screens on October 19th, 2018 with a dangerous vengeance. Michael Myers was introduced into the world of scare on October 25, 1978, with the first *Halloween* movie released. Starring the famous scream queen, Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie and Tony Moran, as the very first *Halloween* boogeyman, Michael Myers. From 1978 to 2018 there have been 10 famous *Halloween* movies. The latest addition to the *Halloween* series is being added to bring a closure to the series. “Having premiered on October 19, the sequel picks up to 40 years from the original 1978 *Halloween* movie” (Express, Gabriella Geisinger) Michael Myers, returns to Haddonfield, Ill once more for his sister Laurie and her family. Laurie’s daughter Karen Strode, played by Judy Greer is in disbelief of her mother about Michael ever returning. Until Halloween of 2018, Karen and her family are threatened by Michael Myers. Karen and her daughter Allyson, played by Andi Matichak are separated on Halloween night. Karen and Laurie go back to Laurie’s home, and Karen’s childhood home to wait for Allyson. But Michael finds his way to Laurie’s home first. Does Michael and Laurie come face to face once again for a final battle?

Venom

T. Menard

On October 5, the new Marvel movie *Venom* released to theatres. The whole film was 1 hour and 52 minutes and received a score of 30% on *rottentomatoes.com*. Starring Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, and Riz Ahmed, and directed by Ruben Fleischer, *Venom* tells the story of the infamous villain of *Spider-Man*. However, this story is told without the appearance of Spider-Man himself and instead gives Venom the look of an anti-hero. Jeffrey M. Anderson of *Common Sense Media* says, “It moves quickly and is fairly good-natured, but otherwise this flatly written, uninspired comic-book action movie feels more like a paycheck-driven business decision than an artistic inspiration.” The main controversy of the film is the clash between audience and critics who debate the quality of the film. While critics see it a “disaster”, fans seem to love the movie as it also received an ‘audience score’ of 88% on *rottentomatoes.com*. Whether or not the film lacks good movie traits, there will still be those who will like and dislike the film. If you want to find out the answer your own way, we suggest you just go and see it.



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