

Happenings at the Castle

Greeley Central High School News

January 2020

Main Office
970-348-5000

Attendance
970-348-5014

School
Website
<http://www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral>

School
Calendar
<http://www.greeleyschools.org/Page/50>

Wildcat
Athletics
<http://www.greeleyschools.org/domain/828>



A Message from our Principal

Happy New Year, everybody! And welcome to 2020 Spring semester! It is surprising to me that we are already into the second semester of our school year which only convinces me how fast this second semester will go. I want to ask all our stakeholders—parents, grandparents, aunt, uncles, students, siblings, staff—to make a commitment to success this semester including learning and earning credit toward graduation. To that end, attendance and timeliness will be important.

The second semester is an extremely important semester. Seniors are completing courses for graduation (Saturday, May 23th at 12 noon), state testing and SAT testing occurs and Advanced Placement (AP) testing occurs. Schedules for these testing dates will appear in these newsletters throughout the spring. It is extremely important that the current freshman class shows proficiency in Math and ELA along with earning credit in their ELA and Math classes. We have new Graduation Requirements beginning for the Class of 2021 and they require more than just accumulating credits. Graduates must now show proficiency along with earning credits.



Our average daily attendance rate at GCHS is approximately at or above 87.58%. This is way below our goal of 95%. The major reason students fail or have to repeat classes is poor attendance. This is also true for seniors not graduating! Poor attendance is a life changing event. The lack of a high school diploma limits life's opportunities.

We will uphold our expectation of timeliness this semester. Last semester we had far too many tardies recorded. So, invariably, teachers will be asked to close and lock their doors when the tardy bell rings, and staff will sweep the halls and assign detentions to those not in class. Timeliness is an important skill in the real world, and we will work to help students understand this.

To follow your students daily attendance, grades and tardies using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please call Phil at (970) 348-5003 to get your username and password. If you already have a log in, go to our school website www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral or our district website www.greeleyschools.org and click on the Infinite Campus icon.

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 (bstaut@greeleyschools.org), Julie Boecking-Rowell (jrowell@greeleyschools.org), or Justin Davis (jdavis@greeleyschools.org).

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.

Dates for Saturday school during semester 2 are listed below:

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| • January 25 | • March 7 | • May 2 |
| • February 8 | • April 4 | • May 16 |
| • February 22 | • April 18 | |

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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Winter Break December 20th-January 6th

We will be on our winter break from Friday, December 20th through Monday, January 6th. School will resume on **Tuesday, January 7th with our normal Tuesday/Friday bell schedule**. A copy of this bell schedule is located in this newsletter.

Students should check Infinite Campus for their semester 2 schedule.



Excellence Assembly/Pep Rally on Friday, January 24th

We will have our Excellence Assembly and Pep Rally on Friday, January 24th. This is the day before the Greeley Central/Greeley West basketball games (home games). We will utilize our Excellence Assembly bell schedule (located in this newsletter).

Graduation Information

Please note that graduation for the class of 2020 will be held at District 6 Stadium (100 N. 71st Avenue) on the Northridge High School campus. Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 12pm.



Testing Information - WIDA Testing

WIDA testing will occur January 21 - January 27. Student rosters and room locations will be created and put around the school so that students know when and where they will be testing. Make-up sessions will be available to students January 28 - February 14.

WIDA testing provides the opportunity to all English Language Learners to show proficiency in ELA while testing in the following domains: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. A student can meet the ELA graduation requirement if he/she moves up one level as a result of the WIDA.



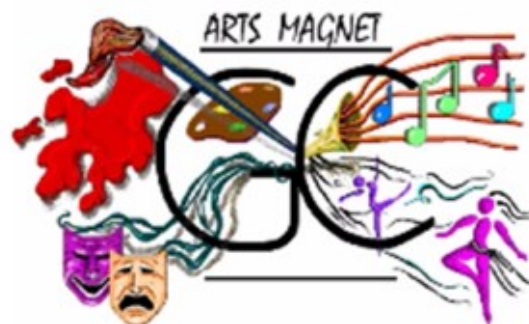
Now Open in Greeley

Comprehensive women's health care, where you live and work, in every stage of your life.

7251 West 20th Street
Building K, Greeley, CO 80634

970.493.7442
womensclinicnoco.com

ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM



- Communication:
 - Join our closed facebook group page: **Greeley Central Arts Magnet Program**
 - Like our facebook page: **Greeley Central Arts Magnet Program**
 - We use “**REMIND**” to send you and/or your students important messages or reminders throughout the school year. Text the message **@allartsm** to the number **81010** to receive these messages.
 - E-mail cblack@greeleyschools.org with any questions about AMP at any time.
- 19/20 Arts Magnet Calendar—[Click here to access our full calendar](#)
- Looking to **APPLY to the Arts Magnet Program**. You can apply online here: <https://forms.gle/xARqcLalZfebUq1a9f>
- **FIELD TRIPS**
 - February 6 UCCC for Greeley Stampede Troupe’s *Shrek*.
- **AUDITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL: *SOMETHING ROTTEN***
 - January 8-9 (sing and dance)
 - Must sign up in advance
 - Music and sides provided
- **Selected Combined League Honor Band students will perform on January 13 at UCCC 7pm.** Congratulations to the following students:
- **REVIEW OF DECEMBER PERFORMANCES**

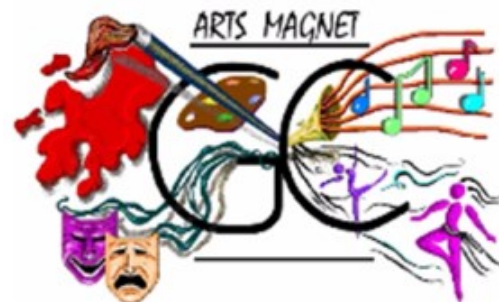
We enjoyed a busy end of November and December with a variety of performances and talent! Due to the cancellation of Greeley’s Parade of Lights, the marching band opened our Winter Instrument Concert. The concerts were all great success!



Holiday Instrumental Music Concert



Dancers/Choreographers from the Annual Winter Dance Concert



Denver Art Museum/Alliance Francaise Field Trip



Thespian Troupe 657 Holiday Extravaganza



CO State Thespian Convention



Holiday Choir Concert

Music Outreach

Our choirs & orchestras went out to local nursing homes and schools to share some holiday cheer through music. A wonderful annual event for our music program and was very well received by all those they visited.



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.

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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
Kiwanis Club of Greeley
PO Box 922
Greeley, CO 80632

Application Deadline:

Auditions:

Application fee:

Received by February 1, 2020

Saturday, February 29, 2020

\$10 per act (checks made out to: Kiwanis Club of Greeley)

Upcoming Events

Here are a few of our upcoming dates:

Dec. 20-Jan. 6		NO SCHOOL - Winter Break (have fun in the snow)
Jan. 7	8am	Semester 2 Begins - Normal Tuesday/Friday Bell Schedule
Jan. 20	All Day	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 24	All Day	Excellence Assembly/Pep Rally (see bell schedule for this day)
Feb. 2	8:30am	4.0 Recognition Ceremony (Auditorium)
Feb. 3	All Day	NO SCHOOL for Students - Professional Development Day

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



A Message from the Counselors

How to make an 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:**
 - 9th grade- Mrs. Parsell
 - 10th grade-Mrs. Dillon
 - 11th grade-Mrs. Villarreal
 - 12th grade-Ms. Boschmann
 - 12th grade College- Mrs.Koesler



Please make sure to follow enter all of the information requested on the appointment screen and add the reason why you are making the appointment. This will help the counselors to be prepared for the meeting.

Freshman:

Welcome to Semester Two! You are halfway through your Freshman year of High School! Take a deep breath and get ready to start this semester with a fresh perspective. In January, we will be focusing on ICAP or Individual Career & Academic Plans. This month you will be adding to your Academic & Smart Goals, looking in to your Strengths Explorer, and completing Do What You Are 2.0. This month we want to focus on starting strong and completing assignments on time. If you would like to change your classes, please come to the Counseling Office and fill out a "Schedule Change Request Form" with Heather within the first two weeks of classes. **Please check your school email for conflicts or denials on requested changes. After January 17th, we will no longer accept schedule change forms.** -Mrs. Parsell

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Sophomore:

Welcome back from break! Schedules are constantly changing as classes are being balanced and adjusted so please be patient. If you would like to change your schedule and were not able to meet with me at the end of first semester please fill out ONE schedule change request form in the counseling office with ALL requests on it and return to Heather. Then check your school email where I will let you know if the request was not able to be made.

This is a fresh start in a new semester and is the time to make sure you are passing classes! Several Sophomores are not on track to graduate or are close to not being on track, please use after school tutoring, seminar & Saturday school to get all your work done & turned in!

For those wanting to get the edge on scholarships for college, start thinking about community service projects that are meaningful to you and thinking about when, where and how you will do them. Schedule an appointment with me if you want help brainstorming or with details.

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](https://www.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.

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.
 - Don't share drinks or utensils with others.
 - 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/>

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](#)



Click Here to Apply Online for
Free & Reduced Meals!

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.

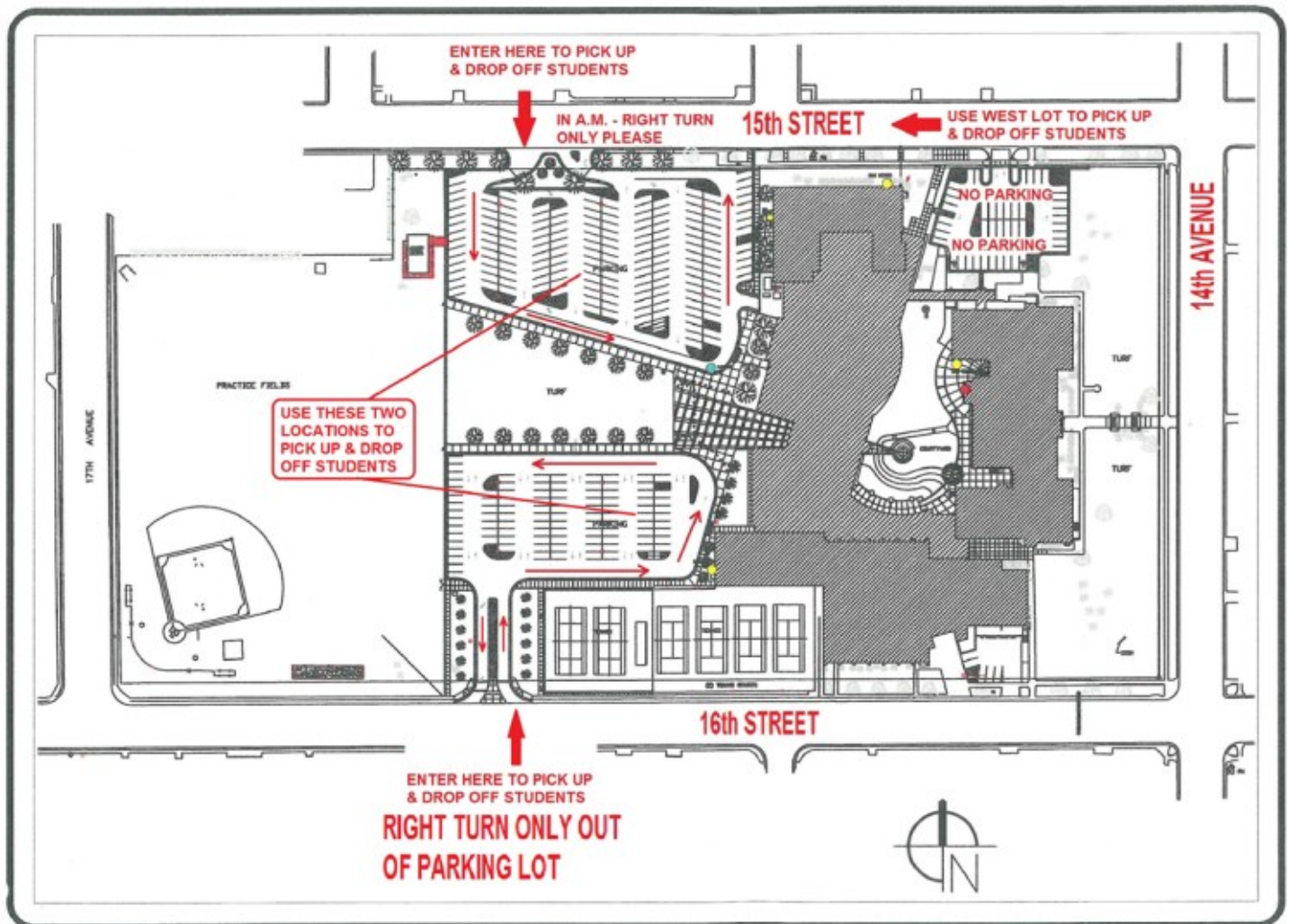
With the increased number of illegally parked vehicles this year, from this point on (April 5th, 2019), our School Resource Officers from the Greeley Police Department will be issuing tickets for those cars parked illegally.

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.



Greeley Central High School January 7th, 2020 Start of Semester 2 Bell Schedule

Using normal Tuesday/Friday Bell Schedule
Students should check their Infinite Campus
account for 2nd semester schedules

Block 1	8:00-8:50
Block 2	8:55-9:45
Block 3	9:50-10:40
Block 4	10:45-11:35
Lunch	11:35-12:10
Block 5	12:15-1:05
Block 6	1:10-2:00
Seminar	2:05-2:35
Block 7	2:40-3:30

Greeley Central High School January 24, 2020 Excellence Assembly & Pep Rally

(44 Minute Periods / 60 Minute Assembly)

Block 1	8:00-8:44
Block 2	8:49-9:38
Excellence Assembly & Pep Rally	9:38-10:38
Block 3	10:43-11:27
Block 4	11:32-12:16
Lunch	12:16-1:03
Block 5	1:08-1:52
Block 6	1:57-2:41
Block 7	2:46-3:30



Ticket Outlets:

Greeley Central High School Music Department (348-5085)
Music Depot, 2318 W. 17th St. in Greeley

30th Annual Big Band Boogie Ball February 14, 2020

7:00 – 11:00 P.M.

UNC University Center Ballroom

20th Street and 11th Avenue

A Night of Swing Dancing

Featuring

Greeley Central Jazz Ensemble
Brentwood Middle School Jazz Band
Chappelow Middle School Jazz Band
Kream of the Krop Big Swing Band
Greeley Central Walts Orchestra

Tickets available from any GCHS

Musician, Music Depot or at the door

Adults - \$ 20.00 Students/Seniors (65+) - \$15.00

Boogie Ball Silent Auction

6:30 - 10:00 pm

(Boogie Ball ticket Not Required to View and Bid)

Auction items include a variety of Goods and Services

provided by Greeley Merchants and Central Families

All proceeds to benefit the Greeley Central Music Department



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

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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.

Name:(print)_____ (signature)_____

Mailing address: _____
street city zip

Phone - Day: _____ Phone - Evening : _____

Parent's Name: _____
Printed Signature

Parent email address (print clearly) _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ \$10 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? _____

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Scan the QR code to
access our online
submission form

Submission Deadline:
April 10th

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

