

# HAPPENINGS...at the Castle



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**September 2020      Greeley Central High School News**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**



Welcome to a new year at Greeley Central High School, Home of the Wildcats! This is not the way anybody would choose to start a school year—a hybrid, remote-learning model with only half of our student population in school on any given day and in a cohort taking only four classes; however, it's been a very smooth start! Students have cooperated and are making the best of a difficult learning situation. It's been awesome to see them back in the hallways.

We've opened the year with 1576 students enrolled! We are full. We have roughly two hundred students doing remote learning (100% online)—this has been a challenge for us to staff. The other 1300+ students are attending two days a week in-person and three days per week at home. My first commitment to this year is to listen and learn,

fostering the overall goal of continuing to understand and craft a positive culture in the midst of a continued pandemic while including the traditions that have made GCHS a quality place to learn and grow. Central's staff and students have always learned to live and work together to elevate the Castle.

I am hoping to allow seniors to enjoy as much of our traditions as possible when possible but only delayed. We couldn't have a Senior Sunrise on the first day of school but we hope to do that if and when the restrictions are relaxed; we hope to have a first day assembly just not on the first day; we hope to have a homecoming parade and dance just not on the original date. The list goes on. When restrictions are relaxed, we hope to enjoy all of our traditions especially the ones that involve our seniors.

On behalf of the staff of GCHS, I invite you to embrace our challenges and celebrate our successes. Our efforts this year will be to work together with all stakeholders to make a positive difference by setting high standards for students and adults alike, by providing support to ensure successes while learning from failures, and by assessing and improving school climate and culture, again, in the midst of a hybrid model for education. We are open to any and all input.

We promise every student and parent that we will care more than what others say is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others believe is practical, and expect more than others hold as possible. Central inspires students to be creative, critical thinkers and develop into engaged, life-long learners who are compassionate and connected to our diverse, multi-lingual school, community and beyond. That's our goal.

Please visit our website to get a snapshot of life at our school. Exploring our links, you'll find out more about curriculum, programs, and daily events at the Castle. If you would like to contact me, my e-mail is [casmith@greeleyschools.org](mailto:casmith@greeleyschools.org). You may also reach me by phone at 970-348-5009.

Sincerely,

Cary Smith, Principal  
Greeley Central High School

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## **STUDENT SCHEDULES AND INFINITE CAMPUS PORTAL**

Students should check their schedules on Infinite Campus as this will be the most accurate and up to date schedule available. There is an Infinite Campus mobile app for both students and parents. Instructions will be given out during our fall registration, on our website and also this newsletter (see flyers). You can also obtain the instructions and guide on the District website ([www.greeleyschools.org](http://www.greeleyschools.org)) under the Families menu/Infinite Campus - Parent (or Student). The apps are easily identified by a capital "S" for the student portal or a capital "P" for the parent portal. Students will login using their school username and their student number (lunch number) as their password. If a student does not know their login information, please see someone in the main office.

Parents who have accessed the parent portal last school year (at a District 6 school) should use the same username as before. This username would have ended with an **\_PG** (underscore PG). If you cannot get logged in please [click this link](#) or call the Main Office at (970) 348-5000 for a password reset.

## **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:

- [Titan School Solutions](#)

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](#)

## **WILDCAT STUDENT STORE**

Come check out some of our new logos, t-shirts, hoodies and lanyards at the Student Store in ROOM 227.



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## **VIRTUAL BILINGUAL COLLEGE FAIR**

All students, families, and community members are invited to this free Virtual Bilingual College and Resource Fair! The purpose of this fair is to introduce families to colleges, universities, and community resources to further their educational goals. Bilingual (Spanish/English) representatives will be available to answer questions. This event will include presentations on: college overview, major differences between four-year universities, community colleges and private colleges, Colorado data on the benefits of college, questions to consider when exploring colleges, and a District 6 GEAR UP services overview. Resources that will be discussed also are: Frequently asked questions on financial aid and scholarships, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), financial resources for students that are undocumented or have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

- Participants are encouraged to RSVP before the event date
- Participants are also encouraged to join at least 10 minutes before the event start time since the event will begin at 10am sharply



**10 - 10:45 AM**

Informational presentation

**10:50 - 11:15 AM**

Choose a presentation on colleges or resources

**11:20 am - NOON**

Visit with colleges and organizations



**Higher education options**

How to finance the costs  
Local scholarship opportunities



**Information about English classes and GED options**



**Resources for students that are undocumented or have DACA**

Bilingual, English/Spanish, representatives from many colleges will be available to answer questions

Free event for students of all ages and their parents/guardians



**THIS LINK SERVES AS REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT:**

[bit.ly/Bilingual\\_Fair\\_2020](https://bit.ly/Bilingual_Fair_2020)



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## 20th ANNIVERSARY RETURN TO THE CASTLE T-SHIRT

The 2020-2021 school year will be our 20th year in our renovated Castle! The Class of 2000 spent their senior year at the "new" high school, Northridge, before it was officially called Northridge. For one year, Northridge was the home of Greeley Central.

In the fall of 2000, the remodel and addition to Greeley Central was complete and our students returned to the prestigious home of the Castle. This year was the first year the high schools in Greeley added a freshman class to the high school ranks.

So as we begin the fall of 2020, we embark on a continued adventure of school traditions, school pride, and 20 years of .... continuing the LEGACY!

T-shirt sale is sponsored by our National Honor Society and all Proceeds will go to the:

Greeley Central Covid Family Support Fund

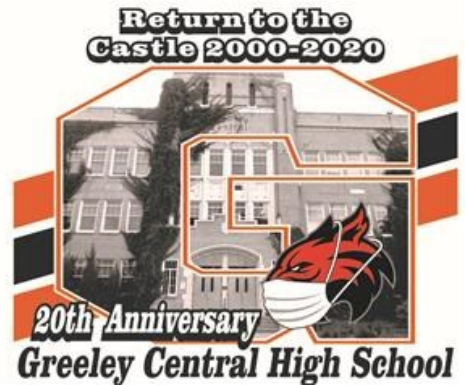
**Sales will end on September 28th, 2020.**

**COST = \$12.00**

**CLICK THIS LINK if you wish to pay by check.**

**Or....**

**CLICK THIS LINK if you wish to pay online.**



## HISTORIC BRICK WALL

Check out our Historic Brick Wall, built during the 1999-2000 remodel of the Castle. See our special by clicking the link below.

When the remodel of the Castle was completed, an historic brick wall was incorporated into our court yard area. This brick wall has room for 1000+ bricks that can be purchased to memorialize students, staff, a former alumni who may have passed away, or even entire classes! Take a peak at some of the photos below in the brick wall photo gallery to check it out.

**Click this link to go to the Brick Wall page for our special.**

Normally, the cost of a brick is \$100. **For a limited time, we are reducing this cost in half - \$50 per brick!!!** This price will not stay this price for very long. This promotion will end on Saturday, September 12th, 2020 (end of Homecoming Week) or after 200 bricks are sold at this cost, whichever comes first. Get your brick now and let's show our Pride, Class, and Dignity!

**CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE ORDER FORM (TO MAIL IN A CHECK).**

**Or....**

**CLICK THIS LINK TO ORDER AND PAY ONLINE.**



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## **CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS AT GREELEY CENTRAL**

Want to be in a club or organization while attending Greeley Central? We have numerous clubs/organizations you may want to be part of. Some require specific requirements or grades in order to be part of, but others do not.

Check with each club/organization's sponsor for more information. We want **YOU** to be involved in **YOUR** school! It's your school...get involved and show the community your Pride, Class, and Dignity!

[Click this link to view our clubs/organizations.](#)

## **ARTS MAGNET INFORMATION**

- **Applications still being accepted for our program**
- [Click here for the AMP Application](#)

Click below to gain access to our **ALL ARTS CALENDAR**

- [Click Here for the 2020-2021 Arts Calendar](#)
- **Please be sure you are checking your schedule for correct AMP classes.** If you have scheduling issues reach out to Mrs. O'Connell-Black ([cblack@greeleyschools.org](mailto:cblack@greeleyschools.org)) and your counselor.
- Join our Remind Group by texting @allartsm to 81010
- Find our 2020-2021 Handbook for important information: [Click Here for Handbook](#)
- Want to change your emphasis or wish to drop the program?
  - Please complete [This Form](#) in order to avoid having your required classes pre-scheduled for you.

## **GREEN CATS CLUB**

We are all things Green around GCHS! Our first project is delivering hand-painted pots with Basil seeds for residents of Far Acres Manner! We will be painting pots outside the Science Wing on Saturday September 12th (time TBD) and



we need lots of help! Bring a blanket to sit on, a mask to keep us all safe and we will provide everything else.

Joining Green Cats is easy! Just email your name, grade and why you want to join to Ms. Mock-Murphy at [emock@greeleyschools.org](mailto:emock@greeleyschools.org).

No dues this year and shirts are only \$10! We have two available. Email Ms. Mock-Murphy with your size and you can pick it up on Saturday the 12th at GCHS.



# GREELEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Hybrid Bell Schedule

Students will be in 2 groups, Group A & Group B. Students will be placed in either Group A or Group B based on their student cohort.

While Group A is In Person (in the building), Group B will be Online Off-Site (NOT in the building).

While Group B is In Person (in the building), Group A will be Online Off-Site (NOT in the building).

On Wednesdays, both groups will be Online Off-Site (NOT in the building).

10 extra minutes included in Block 1 (temperature checks) & Block 4 (staggered release).

For Lunch/Seminar, students will split the time between lunch & seminar.

This will create 2 lunches for each class, Lunch A & Lunch B. While one part of the class is at lunch the other part of the class will be in seminar.

Schedule as of 8/12/2020 12:00pm

<b>GROUP A</b> <b>MONDAY / TUESDAY</b> <b>In Person</b> <b>THURSDAY / FRIDAY</b> <b>Online Off-Site</b>	
Block 1	8:00-9:35
Block 2	9:45-11:10
Lunch / Seminar	11:10-12:10 Lunch A - 11:10-11:40 Lunch B - 11:40-12:10
Block 3	12:20-1:45
Block 4	1:55-3:30

<b>GROUP B</b> <b>MONDAY / TUESDAY</b> <b>Online Off-Site</b> <b>THURSDAY / FRIDAY</b> <b>In Person</b>	
Block 1	8:00-9:35
Block 2	9:45-11:10
Lunch / Seminar	11:10-12:10 Lunch A - 11:10-11:40 Lunch B - 11:40-12:10
Block 3	12:20-1:45
Block 4	1:55-3:30

<b>GROUP A &amp; B</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Online Off-Site</b>	
Block 1	8:00-8:55
Block 2	9:00-9:55
Block 3	10:00-10:55
Block 4	11:00-11:55
Lunch	11:55-12:30
Office Hours	12:30-3:45

## SCHOOL IS UNDERWAY!

School began on Thursday, August 20th for all students. This year, we are using a hybrid bell schedule so not all students will be in the building at the same time. The hybrid bell schedule we will be using follows an AA/BB schedule.

The way this will work will be when Group A is in-person at the school, then Group B will be online off-site. When Group B is in-person at the school, then Group A will be online off-site. On Wednesdays, all students will be online off-site.

- On Mondays & Tuesdays, **Group A** will be in-person and **Group B** will be online off-site.
- On Thursdays & Fridays, **Group B** will be in-person and **Group A** will be online off-site.

Groups have been determined by the last name of the student:

- **Group A = Last Names A - L**
- **Group B = Last Names M - Z**

We have listed each day's group on our website's upcoming events section.

## PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE THE WEEK OF LABOR DAY:

Since Labor Day occurs on Monday, September 7th, we would normally have the AA Group on Monday & Tuesday and everyone online off-site on Wednesday.

However, since there is no school on that Monday, we will be modifying that week's schedule.

We will have the AA group on Tuesday & Wednesday (September 8th & 9th) and then have the BB group on Thursday & Friday (September 10th & 11th)...**see schedule below.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep
	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	All Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	
6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep
	Labor Day No School	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	
13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep
	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	All Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	
20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep
	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	All Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	
27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	
	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	Group A - In Person Group B - Online	All Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	Group B - In Person Group A - Online	



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### YEARBOOK (SPUD)

It's never too early. But it's sometimes too late. Check the yearbook off your list today and enjoy peace of mind. Purchase the 2021 yearbook for the lowest price, \$60:

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00946900>

Order before September 18th and receive **FOUR FREE ICONS** when you add personalization.



### SENIOR BABY ADS

Honor your Senior with a BABY AD!

Purchase a recognition ad in the 2021 yearbook for your grad and honor all of their hard work.

Early Bird Pricing ends October 20th.

Order online: [www.theyearbookcompany.com](http://www.theyearbookcompany.com)



### SENIOR PHOTOS

If you are planning senior photos and would like them in place of your school portrait in the yearbook, please submit them by November 6th.

Upload your images here:

<https://images.jostens.com/415463825>



### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

In the first week of September, all juniors and seniors with a GPA of a 3.5 or higher will receive an invitation to apply for membership to the Greeley Central National Honor Society. The invitation will be sent to student emails with a link to the application. Applications are due by Sunday, September 13, and will be reviewed by a faculty board. Students will be notified of their acceptance to NHS and invited to an online induction ceremony by the end of September.



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## PICTURE RETAKES - 9/18 & 9/21

We will have our picture retakes on Friday, September 18 (**for Group B**) and on Monday, September 21 (**for Group A**).

This is for students who missed our registration dates and were unable to get their photo taken for their school ID and the yearbook.

Only students in Group B will be allowed to take their photo on Friday and only students in Group A will be allowed to take their photo on Monday. For those students that are fully online, you should contact the main office.

Pictures will be taken in the Main Gym from 11:10am - 12:10pm each day. See flyer to the right for ordering information.

## PICTURES FROM REGISTRATION

We have received the proofs for those students who took their photo at our first registration dates (August 5th & 6th). These proofs have specific codes for you to order your student's photo packages.

If you had ordered a photo package, those packages will arrive at the school shortly and we'll get those to your student during one of their In-Person school days.

If your student is setup as an Online Only student (not the Hybrid schedule) then we will need someone from your household to stop at the main office and pick those photos up.

## COUNSELING CORNER

Please be aware that schedules will not be readily available until a few days before the start of school; you will receive a notification on the app when they become available. In this age of COVID, things are up in the air and changing constantly. Due to the cohort system, schedule changes will not be granted at this time. Please CALL OR EMAIL your grade-level Counselor if you are registered for a class you have TAKEN and PASSED.

- Kendra Villarreal: **Seniors**
  - kvillarreal@greeleyschools.org
- Sara Dillon: **Juniors**
  - sdillon3@greeleyschools.org
- Sarah Parsell: **Sophomores**
  - sparsell@greeleyschools.org
- Claudia Koesler: **Freshmen**
  - ckoesler@greeleyschools.org

## SAT TESTING - SEPTEMBER 23rd

We will have the SAT Exam day for all current seniors on Wednesday, September 23rd. This is the "make-up" testing from last Spring. Signs will be posted in the hallways.

# Picture Day is Coming!

Picture Day is:

Friday, September 18, 2020

Picture Day ID:

**EVT PGDHMP**

Order today at

[mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)



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# ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

## WILDCAT SPECTATOR

Welcome to the Greeley Central Athletics/Activities corner. Check out what we have coming up, what we've done, and even archives of some of our highlights from years-past.



1924 FOOTBALL

The season of 1924 was the most successful football season in the history of our school. Doing what no team of G. H. S. has ever done, our team went through the season without a single defeat or tie, amassing a score of 334 points. This record was only equaled in 1919 by Eaton who was neither defeated nor tied. In 1920 Greeley turned out a state championship team, but it was tied at Longmont 12-12 which dropped the percentage by half a game. Critics say the '24 team was built on team work and cooperation instead of all-stars.

### FOOTBALL SCORES

Greeley	13	East Denver	0
Greeley	20	Teachers High	0
Greeley	13	Longmont	7
Greeley	34	Loveland	0
Greeley	39	Windsor	0
Greeley	27	Eaton	0
Greeley	33	Ft. Collins	0
Greeley	52	Timnath	0
Greeley	68	Brush	6
Greeley	35	La Junta	7
Greeley	334	Totals	Opponents 20

## Tales from the Archives

The season of 1924 was the most successful season in the history of Greeley Central High School up until that year. With the sting of a tie game in the state game in 1920 still lingering, the Wildcats were hungry to prove themselves again. Doing what no Greeley High School team had done before, the Wildcats went 10-0, outscoring their opponents 334 to 20 on their way to a state championship title topping La Junta 35-7. This was a memorable trip for the Wildcats as they chartered a special train for the Greeley High faithful and roughly 200 fans took advantage of the special rates to ride with the team. The night before the game, La Junta had experienced a snow storm so the field was in questionable shape that found itself slippery in many spots which slowed the game and made open field running impossible. The La Junta boys were fighters and on several occasions made the Wildcats kick from the shadow of their own goal post, however the Greeley line worked as a single unit running and passing the ball down the field. With the championship secured, the team and fans made the trip back to Greeley to celebrate a wonderful season and another state championship. Look at those throwback uniforms and the throwback goal posts. What a great year to be a Wildcat.

## Upcoming Schedules

### Girls Softball:

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

### Boys Tennis:

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

### Cross Country:

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

### Boys Golf:

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)



## An Update from the Activities Director's Desk

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. What a year it has become with CHSAA changing the sports around into 4 seasons. We are currently half-way through the Fall season with boys golf, boys tennis, cross country and softball competing. In the upcoming weeks, off season programs will begin workouts with the hopes of their seasons in the future.

A few things to begin working on as the winter season (boys basketball, girls basketball, and wrestling) approaches (January 4th):

1. Registration is open on our website and we request students athletes register before the season starts
2. Maintain passing grades as students are required to pass all of their classes to remain eligible

### Spectators at Events:

Just a reminder that CHSAA has limited fan participation this year and required the use of masks at all events. Events in district 6 are limited to 175 participants in an outdoor venue and 100 in an indoor venue including athletes, coaches, parents, etc.. All participants are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

## SPORTS REGISTRATION

We will have four sports seasons this year. Cross Country, Boys Golf, Softball and Boys Tennis are now competing. The winter season will start in January, immediately after the winter break. The sports that didn't take place this fall - Football, Boys Soccer and Volleyball - will start their seasons in February and March. The traditional spring season will begin in late April.

For your convenience, to register for sports at Greeley Central High School, click the link below:

<https://greeleycentral-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

Any student who wishes to participate in sports must register online using the sports registration link above and have an up to date physical as well as insurance.

If you are interested in attending meetings and growing GCHS Athletics, please email Sean Scribbick @ [sscribbick@greeleyschools.org](mailto:sscribbick@greeleyschools.org) or call 970-348-5000.



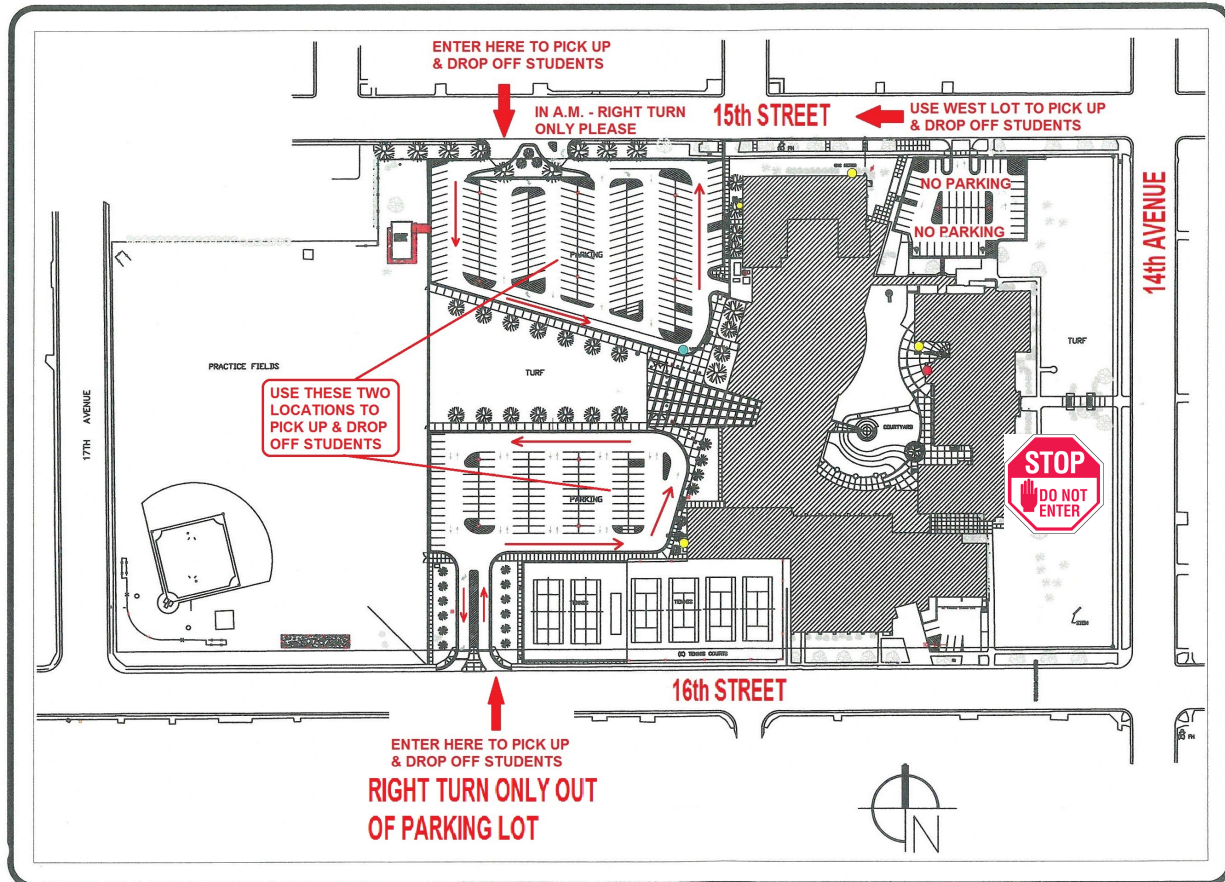
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## PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS - MAP

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.



## ATTENDANCE

To report an absence for your student please call the attendance line directly at **(970) 348-5014**. If you do not get a live person, please leave a message with the following information: 1.) student's name, 2.) grade level, 3.) date of birth, 4.) reason for the absence/early release, 5) if picking up student, the time the student should be released. **NOTE THAT Due to COVID-19**, parents, guardians, and relatives will be stopped by security at either the West or North entrance. Only those listed on the student's contact information will be able to pick up students. **We ask you to call at least 1-hour in advance if you wish to pick up your student.**

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.

[CLICK HERE to go to the Attendance page.](#)