

Greeley Central High School

Highlight

Wildcat tennis and golf wrap up their seasons

Two tournaments highlight the growth of both programs



Carlos Rascon Escalante

Boys golf and tennis are wrapping up for the fall 2021 season, but they've made some major strides so far.

Although the regional golf tournament started off as a struggle for teammates Ayden Mascarenas and Tate Sedinger, they represented the Wildcats well and turned it around to end the season strong. Before the regional, we spoke with senior Tate Sedinger about playing two fall sports.

"I'm excited and really pumped for the tournament and really looking forward to represent Greeley Central."

Sedinger participates in both golf and tennis during the fall season.

He shared, "Honestly, both of the sports I have been working and training really hard for."

Playing two sports in a year is extremely time consuming, let alone two sports in one season.

We asked Tate how he manages the responsibility, and he told us, "The support of my teammates, my friends, the school, and mostly the support of my family. They have all pushed my limits and motivate me to do better, and have always been here for me to do both sports. Honestly, they all make me become the best athlete I can be, and I appreciate all of them."

On Friday September 10 and 11, Greeley Central Boys Tennis held an Invitational Tournament for teams all over Colorado. Twelve high schools from across the state, including the top ranked Monarch High School team, came to face off on the GCHS tennis courts. The atmosphere was exciting, as several students and classes were able to take a moment out of their day and watch the action. Coach Rohnke's racquet sports class was able to watch the matches live and learn about the sport.

We had a chance to ask senior singles player, Sedinger, how it turned out.

"It went pretty well, we played against hard opponents, for example Fossil Ridge, and even though we had some losses, we came back a few times. With my second match I won so I was picking up the pace throughout the tournament."

Despite placing 10th, the level of competition the Wildcats faced at the GCHS Invitational helped improve them overall. Their final match for the 2021 season is scheduled for September 30th, at GCHS. This will be the seniors final home match of their careers as they attempt to secure victory over Mountain View High School.

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Homecoming: The Game We All Await

Amber Hudgins

During GCHS's annual Homecoming Game, the Brighton Bulldogs toppled host Greeley Central, 41-16. Brighton improved to 2-2 on the season with this victory, while Greeley Central fell to 0-4. This soon changed as Greeley Central moved on to Greeley West, whose record is now 0-5 after a crushing loss to your very own Wildcats.

When asked how the team prepared for Homecoming and if there were any doubts, senior defensive end Leon Ramirez shared,

"I think we prepared well, but we could have done better. I never had any doubts about what we would do. We know what we are capable of, despite what anyone thinks of us."

Freli Ndayishimiye has similar thoughts regarding doubts.

"We as a team didn't have any doubts during practice or the game, because as a team we were sick and tired of losing."



We will be looking for Freli and his team to keep up this attitude at future games. With the recent losses, plenty of people are mentioning the last few years and comparing our current season to them, which led me to ask Ramirez if he felt the team was on the same path as last year.

"No, definitely not. We have a lot of talented players and coaches. We have just been shooting ourselves in the foot when it comes down to game time".

Our players work hard to give our school a victory, and that is what we got the following week against rival Greeley West with a score of 32-13. Clearly, the efforts

The King & Queen of Central are Crowned

Preston Roser



Royalty in the castle is becoming of the homecoming extravaganza that goes on throughout the week. The week of homecoming brings along spirit week shenanigans, HoCo proposals, as well as the dance itself. Amongst this craziness are the nominees who seem to always shine through at the right moment.

The Senior nominees for King this year consisted of Seth Ruberintwari, Yahir (Chino) Chairez Salazar, Isaiah Flores, and Oliver Voight as well as Rosario Avalos, Daisha Morales, Alexis Tapia, and Tomea Cruz for Queen. Out of these 8 people, only Alexis Tapia and Yahir (Chino) Chairez Salazar were announced as the King and Queen. When asked if he thought he deserved the status of King in the castle, Chino said, "...the people want what they want, even if I think I deserve the position or not." Chino also added that he was, "...happy about it," but that he thinks he needs to work harder to continue to be a leader and earn these achievements.

Alexis, a high achieving student and athlete, was also a great candidate for this position and it makes sense that she got it. When asked whether she thought she deserved to win the position of queen she stated, "... I think it's just something that's for fun... [not something] where someone deserves it." Alexis also humbly accepted that she won stating that she was, "...really happy..." and that she didn't think she would win.

Following these two were the princes in descending order: Markus Rodriguez, Isaac Cervantes, and Dante Parlin. As well as the princesses: Alanna Reyna, Naliah Sepeda, and Natalie Chairez Salazar. Each of these individuals were voted to be royalty by their fellow peers whether it's because of their outstanding effort to participate in school function events or because they are very sociable and likeable people. No matter the reason, all eight Royalty are strong representatives for the Wildcat student body.



“Fairytale Day”

Math teacher, Mrs. Miller, dressed up as Maleficent from Sleeping Beauty. Mrs. Miller shared that “Maleficent has always been my favorite so I knew I wanted to dress up as her. I then went on Pinterest and saw the feathers so I knew I had to buy them.”

SPIRIT WEEK HITS THE CASTLE

Greeley Central's student council collected a series of fun themes for the students to dress up for during the entire week of homecoming.



“Old Timers Day”

Sophomore Aarone Benavidez, dressed up as an old lady to really fit into the day's theme.



"Best Buddies Day"

Students were encouraged to wear purple to support the Best Buddies club. Sophomore Vivian Esquivel Murrieta wore her softball gear to show her school and team pride, while also promoting the Best Buddies softball game.

Featured Artwork . . .

Red and the Wolf

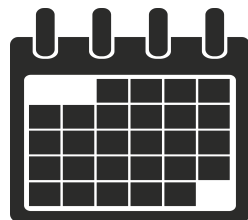
Artist: Selah Krommendyk

About the art:

"This was a piece I made right after I had a huge art block and didn't know what to draw or where to go with my art. I hadn't experimented with backgrounds up until then, so I ended up just drawing for myself for a couple hours and it came together. The subject isn't anyone in particular, and there's not much behind it, but it did give me a lot of inspiration going forward, and I think looking back it taught me that sometimes that's all art has to be."



Coming soon to The Castle!



October 1st
GCHS Tennis Mixed Doubles
Tournament
3:45-5:00 PM

October 4th
Picture make-up day
During lunch

October 6th & 7th
Falls Music Concerts
Auditorium
7:00pm-8:30pm

October 11th & 12th
No school

October 27th - 30th
Fall Play: "Twelfth Night"
Auditorium
7:00pm-9:30pm

Homecoming Festivities

The Homecoming Dance at Greeley Central was a success

Alex Quiej

Greeley Central High School held a wonderful Homecoming Dance on September 18th, 2021. There was a \$10 fee to enter and around 700 kids at the dance that night! After you had paid the fee, there was a little stand where you could take a picture with your lucky significant other. Many took a lot of pictures at this picture booth, while others decided to get creative and take pictures elsewhere. Nonetheless, taking pictures at Homecoming is an opportunity not to be missed. The auxiliary gym was glowing with lights and rocking with music. The DJ there was playing old and catchy songs such as Crack That by Soulja Boy and The Cupid Shuffle. There were also mirrors that led into the gym and made great pictures as well. Until a group of Juniors(Mikah Martinez(guitarist), McKayla Price(keyboardist), Katie Smith(bassist), Jacoby Barnhill(drummer), Finley Hutchison(vocalist)) with their band Naked Mannequins decided to bring some instruments of their own and put on a huge show. They played over 20 songs throughout the whole Homecoming. A huge crowd of people slowly formed in front of the musicians and they simply kept going on with the show. After the 6th song, they thanked everyone for their support and wished them a blessed night.

Homecoming Parade

The Ultimate display of school pride!

Noah Vasquez

The tradition that people look forward to the most during Homecoming. For as long as anyone can remember, the parade has been one of the most anticipated events of Homecoming right up there with the big football game and the dance. It is a show of unity in our schools between all the different clubs we have and host. It was a fun event that is entertaining for any age. Whether it's the many parents who came to watch, the elementary kids we passed, or even the students who participated in it, the parade had something for everyone. Wildcats have the greatest school spirit I've ever seen!

Not much is known about the Homecoming Parades of the past, but one pretty cool fact is that there was only one time it was cancelled. It had been cancelled during World War II. The class of 2001 made a great float to celebrate their 20 year reunion. It was pretty interesting seeing how many people showed up. We had a pretty big parade lined up with everyone who participated. From Key Club, LULAC, Dream Team, Student Council, to our student athletes. There was also powderpuff teams, marching band, TSA, Business Club, Best Buddies, and Green Cats.

Like Kendra Aragon for the Dream Team said during my interview with her, "The sense of unity between all clubs to celebrate our school and Homecoming is one of the most important parts of the parade."



School dress code: Does it reveal sexism in the learning environment?

Macey Wampler

Young women have struggled and will continue to struggle with objectification their whole life, not only outside of school but in the classroom as well.

The school district has forced a dress code on girls for several years, but is this keeping things school appropriate or falsely teaching young girls that their body is the issue? Schools have decided to teach girls that they are the problem and need to cover up, instead of teaching young boys to focus on the task at hand, which is learning.

In the official District 6 dress code, it states, “inappropriately sheer, tight, or low-cut clothing that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back, breasts, or cleavage is not permitted.”

I understand the attempt to keep things more professional looking, but since when have shoulders been a “traditionally private” part? Not only that, but trends have most definitely changed within the past few years, and the dress code no longer reflects that.

The dress code makes it difficult for students to express themselves in the way they want to, which is very significant, as we spend almost every waking minute of our week at school. Girls are often told they need to cover up to prevent distracting male peers and/or making male teachers uncomfortable. The problem here is that instead of disciplining boys for this behavior, women are being

taught that they are the ones who need to prevent this situation.

While speaking to a fellow female peer at Greeley Central, Abby Erdmann, she stated, “Instead of having girls change their clothes, why don’t we have people change their mindsets?” Furthermore, speaking to a male student, Fidel Meza, he said, “I’ve seen guys who wear crop tops and muscle shirts, so if you are willing to tell a girl something about it, then you should tell a guy the same thing.”

This showcases the existing sexism within the school and how the expectations are very different depending on what the person's gender is. We all know the dress code won’t just disappear, but an updated version would be ideal. Let’s acknowledge the flaws in the dress code and fix them.

How To: Find opportunities for college scholarships

It’s hard to know where to start or what to do after you graduate high school, here are some tips on how to get a headstart on your future and some tips of what you can do to help yourself in your college search.

Tip #1: Check Our Website!

On the Greeley Central website, the counseling office section has a page dedicated to a list of scholarships. Some scholarships may be more highly selective, but others can be more inclusive to all students. You can talk to your counselor if you’re thinking about applying for one of these scholarships.

Tip #2: Know the Terminology!

Merit-based: This scholarship is based on your academic, artistic, athletic or other abilities.

Need-based: Need-based scholarships are based on you and your family's financial record and require you to fill out a FAFSA to qualify.

Student-specific: This scholarship requires you to qualify your gender, race, religion, family and medical history, and/or other student-specific factors. Career-specific: These scholarships are awarded to students by college or university, who plan to pursue a specific field of study.

College-specific: This scholarship is offered by individual colleges and universities to highly qualified students. This scholarship usually gives a full-ride to the college, or reduces the rate of tuition.

Tip #3: Apply for Financial Aid

Some colleges work with a program called the College Opportunity Fund. This program offers state benefits to public and private colleges. Their website provides information about eligibility requirements, how to apply for the program, and additional information about the program. Another college program is the FAFSA, this program has a free application form that will help aid students financially with college or graduate school. The websites for both of these programs are listed in the counseling section of the Greeley Central homepage.



Competitions heat up during cross-town rivalry games

Daniel Santillan

Trash talk, social media arguments, and physical actions have been intense.

“WEST WEEK” arrived at Central, and this year it was very aggressive, intense, and fans kept the energy rising day by day. With fall sports back to a normal and full schedule, rivalry games have been built up with high awareness, energy, and spirit. Every year since 1968, Central and West have been battling out this rivalry, and it has always been back and forth.

In the year 2000-2001, Northridge was then introduced into the crosstown rivalry. Northridge, since established, has never really competed with Central and West. However, recently Northridge has really made a name for themselves in this town. Grizzly players waved their flag in front of Central during their game week for football. This was very risky and bold of them, but it did pay off as they trampled over Central, beating them 50-15. The following week, they played the other rival school, West. They took the same risk, as they posed and

took pictures in front of the school.

As Friday came around, the two schools battled it out and Northridge came out victorious, beating West 21-7. Northridge’s football team beat both rivals and they received the bragging rights of “WE OWN THIS TOWN.” Following this success from Northridge, their volleyball team also stood out as they swept Central’s team 3-0. The senior captain, Tomea Cruz, was asked if rivalry games affected them at all, and she responded, “We prepare more mentally than anything because the crowd can throw us off or the audience can make us play weird if they’re rude.”

As they lost their first rivalry game, Central had an opportunity to defeat West as they played on 9/21. The game was played best of 5. Central was going back and forth winning and losing as the score was tied 2-2, Central was defeated in the last set with a score of 15-10.

We asked the Defensive Coordinator how he felt about the cross-town rivalry game. He answered, “I think it’s really important to get the community back to seeing the rivalries in Greeley like they see a holiday. I think if all three schools continue to grow that community involvement, all three programs will continue to grow and win more, which in turn, makes the rivalries better because the teams are better.”

The community seemed to hear these words from the GCHS staff and arrived in droves for the Central vs West game. What would transpire was nothing short of magical for the Wildcats, after an early fumble on the opening drive the Wildcats would regain possession of the ball, which they soon capitalized on taking an early lead. West then responded, scoring in three plays making the score 7-7. This small segment of back and forth would soon be put to an end as the Wildcats took control of the game, never looking back. GCHS unloaded on the Spartans scoring consecutive unanswered points on the back of Zjhonoah Trujillo, Randy Macias, Yahir Chairez Salazar, Mark Sanchez, and Leon Ramirez, who all scored touchdowns over the course of the game. This culminated in a 32-13 routing as the Wildcats claimed victory over the Spartans for the first time since 2013. It was a very exciting couple of weeks of sports, as the rivalries that have long defined this town’s athletic programs came to fruition.



Hector the Spectre



Alex Quiej

Central Girl's Powder Puff Game

Freli Ndayishimiye

For the second consecutive year, the juniors defeat seniors in the annual powder puff game.

The seniors vs juniors was an exciting game to watch this year after last spring’s powder puff game where the juniors smacked the seniors.

The powder puff game is a tradition for Greeley Central juniors and seniors. This year’s was an especially exciting game after last year’s huge win by the class of 2022. After the last games negative circumstances occurred as a result of going into a global pandemic. We knew that way more people would be here this year to support our players. As the pandemic cases got lower, what we thought would happen came true. We were able to get more people in, such as parents, students, some teacher staff and all the athletes who came out to support our girls and the boy -cheering team. The girl's team captain, quarterback and wide receiver Alexis Tapia, expressed her thoughts on how she was feeling about the game. She responded with “I’m really looking forward to playing with all the girls again since last time was a while junior beat the seniors and I'm really excited to beat the juniors because they really think they're going to win!"

The coach's responsibility was to make sure that the seniors got a win: With Godfrey, Coach Flores, and Mr. Thomas. After the first half, the juniors were overthrowing the seniors with a big lead of 6-21. After the half hit, the seniors started to realize that they needed to come up with a new plan to beat the juniors, and the seniors started to come back in the 4th quarter to only being one touchdown behind. Unfortunately, due to weather complications at District 6 Stadium, the game had to be called off in the fourth quarter with 3:45 remaining on the clock. Hopefully, in the future, the seniors and juniors will have a rematch.



Remembering greatness

A recap of the 1981 state basketball championship

Sean Rotter

Since its conception in 1927, the castle has been home to many championships and great teams, but none quite stand out like the 1981 AAA basketball state champions.

That year, the team was nearly unstoppable, bolstered by a 22-1 record with a tough and unrelenting play style, one that saw players routinely bleeding from diving for loose balls and practices that put the team through the proverbial ringer. The Wildcats also had super star Tad Boyle leading them as an All American and the number one player in the state. Throughout the season, Boyle dominated opponents, averaging 29 points a game and earning a full ride scholarship to Kansas, where he would later become the team captain.

Throughout the year, the castle was beaming with school spirit, and the entire town got behind the Wildcats. The team crushed through their regular season opponents, regularly doubling the opposition's score and beating them down physically. Their only loss came to Golden by 2 points when Boyle and center Jay Branham were injured. This domination led the team to the AAA state championship game, where they would face Broomfield. Although the game was close at halftime, with 5 points separating the two teams, GCHS would pull away in dominating fashion winning by a staggering 27 points (70-43).

This win invigorated the entire student body and surrounding community. Tears fell from the faces of students who embraced in celebration, and cheers of, "We are number one!" started coming from the rafters. To this day, the championship is a shining light for students, fans, and players who were there. While discussing the impact it had on Zane Branham, (son of star center Jay Branham) expressed that, "It was one of the greatest moments of my dad's schooling. He was only here for 2 years, but the imprint it left on him never faded."

Although this championship is 40 years old, the memory of that team still holds strong in the hearts of the wildcat faithful and will forever be a bright light in the history of GCHS.



Four Corners

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



William Schmidt is a straight A student who describes himself as quiet but likes to hang out with friends. Other people describe him as friendly. In school, he does track and cross country, and his favorite class is Intro to Manufacturing. William’s interests include reading and running for fun!

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Brianna Leos is a softball player who says she has "a steady source of motivation that drives me to do my best." Teammates and classmates describe her as trusting, reliable, funny, and honest. Her favorite class is racquet sports because she is very competitive and likes the athletic environment.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Alyson Toews is part of the Arts Magnet Program, with an acting vocal emphasis. She is the choir president, cross matrix 5, 6, and 7, and is a member of National Honor Society. Her favorite class is AP Music Theory and she writes her own music.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Ms. Longnecker describes herself as tolerant, caring, and a little bit lazy. She loves teaching Algebra and she facilitates two clubs: GCA & Student council. Two interesting facts about her are that she spent five weeks in Australia, and she is a scuba diver. Something you don't know about her is that she is a very shy person.