

HAPPENINGS...at the Castle



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December 2021 Greeley Central High School News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Wildcat families and students,

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! By the time you read this, we are probably down to two weeks left in our 2021 Fall semester — a fast semester! Not without its struggles with COVID quarantines and adapting to being in school again full time. All have worked hard; all have struggled; all have had to

adjust to the demands and routines of school. However, I am pleased that Central has maintained a culture of excellence and hard work, that we've continued to demonstrate Pride, Class and Dignity in our work and toward each other, and that we are finishing a semester strong. Students are to be commended.



With that said, we have final exams right around the corner, signaling the end of the first semester! Attendance during these last 2 weeks are extremely important. Having poor attendance is the primary cause of students not passing classes and earning credits for graduation! The final exam schedule for the Fall Semester can be found in this newsletter ([see page 4](#)). It is imperative that students finish well.

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We have Saturday school for the next two Saturdays, December 4th and December 11th ([see page 6](#)); we have after-school tutoring Tuesday through Friday for the next two weeks ([see page 6](#)); we have built time into our finals schedule all to help come along side students and aid them in passing classes and earning credit toward graduation ([see page 4](#)). I ask that you help encourage your son or daughter to be working hard these last couple weeks. It will make a difference.



One item of note:

We are changing to a different bell schedule next semester. We believe this schedule will give students more quality, uninterrupted time in classes and with teachers. We've included what that schedule is in this newsletter ([see page 5](#)).

I hope and trust that you all have a blessed holiday season with family and friends. I wish you safe travels. And I hope that you have a blessed time of refreshment and reflection. Thank you for all that you do to support your student(s) here at Central, and thank you students for all that you do to make Central such a great place to work and go to school. Well done, Cats!

Please visit our website to get a snapshot of life at our school

(www.GreeleySchools.org/GreeleyCentral). 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 email is casmith@greeleyschools.org. You may also reach me by phone at 970-348-5009.

Kind Regards,

Cary Smith, Principal

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2023 EUROPE TRIP INFORMATION

All are welcome to join us on our biennial trip to Europe in the summer of 2023.

- We will visit London, Paris, the Alps and Munich.
- Find information about our trip at <http://eftours.com/2461536AH>
- A parent meeting was held on Tuesday, October 5th at the school. If you were unable to attend this meeting and would like more information, please contact one of the following teachers:
 - Mr. Rohnke (krohnke@greeleyschools.org)
 - Mr. Burch (stburch@greeleyschools.org)
 - Mrs. O'Connell-Black (cblack@greeleyschools.org)



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PROGRAMS/PATHWAYS AT GREELEY CENTRAL

Please check out our different programs & pathways offered at Greeley Central High School.

Arts Magnet

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- [Link to Application](#)
- Contact Christy O'Connell-Black with questions
 - cblack@greeleyschools.org

Health Science Academy

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- [Link to Application](#)
- Contact Nathan Harvey or Phil Nance with questions
 - nharvey@greeleyschools.org
 - jnance@greeleyschools.org

Advanced Manufacturing

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- Contact Bill Alexander with questions
 - walexander@greeleyschools.org

Advanced Placement (AP) Programs

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- Contact Tom Frasier with questions
 - trasier@greeleyschools.org

AVID

- [Link to AVID Presentation Video](#)
- [Link to AVID Online Application](#)
- [Link to instructions to upload your video interview for AVID](#)
- Contact Emily Kirby with questions
 - ekirby@greeleyschools.org

Marketing/Business

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- Contact Aimee Nance with questions
 - anance@greeleyschools.org

Math

- [Link to Math Course Flow Chart](#)
- Contact Sean Miller with questions
 - smiller4@greeleyschools.org

Family & Consumer Science

- [Link to Brochure](#)
- Contact Lauren Appelhans or Jamie Valdez with questions
 - lappelhans@greeleyschools.org
 - jvaldez14@greeleyschools.org

Clubs/Organizations

- [Link to Google Slide Listing of Clubs](#)

Athletics

- [Link to Wildcat Coaches](#)

Other Information

- [Graduation Requirements \(Starting with Class of 2021\)](#)



KIDS EAT FREE

All kids ages 1-18 EAT FREE!. Locations and times are subject to change. Please check the D6 website and Facebook for the most current information. Click the links below for distribution locations & times.

- [KIDS EAT FREE INFORMATION](#)
- [D6 NUTRITION SERVICES FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Upcoming Schedules

Complete School Activities: [CLICK THIS LINK](#)



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SEMESTER 1 FINALS WEEK BELL SCHEDULE

Below will be our bell schedule for semester 1 finals. Please note that there are plenty of opportunities available for students to study for finals as well as make up coursework or tests. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THIS SCHEDULE.](#)

FALL 2021 - FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE

— BUSES WILL RUN AT THEIR REGULAR TIMES EACH DAY —

Monday, December 13th

(REVIEW - Using normal Monday Bell Schedule)

Block 1	9:00-9:45
Block 2	9:50-10:35
Block 3	10:40-11:25
Block 4	11:30-12:15
Lunch	12:15-1:00
Block 5	1:00-1:50* (*5 minutes for announcements)
Block 6	1:55-2:40
Block 7	2:45-3:30

Tuesday, December 14th

FINALS

SEMINAR	8:00-9:35
Block 1	9:45-11:20
Lunch	11:20-12:05
Block 2	12:10-1:45
Block 3	1:55-3:30

Wednesday, December 15th

FINALS

SEMINAR	8:00-9:05
Block 4	9:15-10:50
Lunch	10:50-11:40
Block 5	11:45-1:20
Test Prep & Make-up	1:30-3:30

Thursday, December 16th

FINALS

SEMINAR	8:00-9:05
Block 6	9:15-10:50
Lunch	10:50-11:40
Block 7	11:45-1:20
Test Prep & Make-up	1:30-3:30

Blocks have been designed to provide sufficient time for the completion of all finals. If time permits, we encourage all students to utilize any additional block time to prepare for remaining finals as well as the Test Prep & Make-up time provided on Wednesday and Thursday.

SEMESTER 2 BELL SCHEDULE (NEW)

Please check out Greeley Central's second semester bell schedule, which is posted below. We will use this starting in January. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD A COPY OF THIS SCHEDULE.](#)

2021-2022 Bell Schedule - SEMESTER 2

The 7 Period Modified Block Schedule is below. Mondays will have all 7 classes but a later start time. We will have a block schedule with an "Odd Day - BLACK DAY" on Wednesdays & Fridays (Blocks 1,3,5,7) and an "Even Day - ORANGE DAY" on Tuesdays & Thursdays (Blocks 2,4,6, Seminar). These classes are 95 minutes long. There will be a required Seminar class on Tuesdays & Thursdays. School staff will develop and communicate expectations regarding this time to all students at the beginning of each school year. Daily announcements may occur during block 4 each day (or the block PRIOR to lunch).

Monday		Wildcat Day**	
No Block 0 Today		Block 0	7:00-7:50
Block 1	9:00-9:45	Block 1	8:00-8:55
Block 2	9:50-10:35	Block 2	9:00-9:55
Block 3	10:40-11:25	Block 3	10:00-10:55
Block 4	11:30-12:20*	Block 4	11:00-11:55
Lunch	12:20-1:05	Lunch	11:55-12:30
Block 5	1:05-1:50	Block 5	12:35-1:30
Block 6	1:55-2:40	Block 6	1:35-2:30
Block 7	2:45-3:30	Block 7	2:35-3:30
*5 minutes added to Block 4 for announcements		**This schedule would be used on Thursday when we miss a Friday Black Day in order for each class to meet an equal number of times during the week.	

Tuesday/Thursday Orange Day		Wednesday/Friday Black Day	
Block 0	7:00-7:50	Block 0	7:00-7:50
Block 2	8:00-9:35	Block 1	8:00-9:35
Block 4	9:45-11:20	Block 3	9:45-11:20
Lunch	11:20-12:05	Lunch	11:20-12:05
Block 6	12:10-1:45	Block 5	12:10-1:45
Seminar	1:55-3:30	Block 7	1:55-3:30



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SATURDAY SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Does your student need a little extra help with some classes? Does your student need to catch up on a class or two? There are plenty of opportunities to get that extra help. Not only do we have Seminar three days a week, we offer after school tutoring as well as Saturday school.

After school tutoring is held after school (go figure) Tuesdays through Fridays from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. Teachers keep a seating chart as well as attendance for those that take advantage of this opportunity. There are some days where we may need to cancel after school tutoring based upon teacher conflicts, meetings, or other events. We will make announcements to students over the intercom regarding any cancellations there may be.

Saturday school will be held from 8:00am to 11:00am in the GCHS Library and is open to anyone that needs help with their classes or are just needing a quiet place to study. This year, we will be keeping the doors open one hour longer (open until 12:00pm for Juniors and Seniors to catch up on some credits (although we won't kick Sophomores and Freshmen out if they really want to stay). Below are the remaining semester 1 dates we have setup:

- Saturday, December 4
- Saturday, December 11

The contact for After School Tutoring is Justin Davis (jdavis@greeleyschools.org).

The contact for Saturday School is Amy Bekins (abekins@greeleyschools.org).

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES - AT LEAST 1 HOUR NOTICE

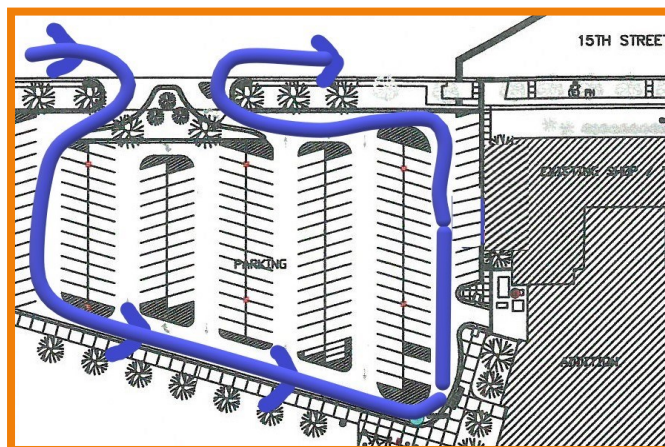
Please be aware that there are times when the office staff are short-staffed or we do not have staff or students available to send passes to your student when given no notice ahead of time. Most appointments scheduled for your student are setup by you, the parent/guardian, long before the time of the appointment. Please don't wait until the last minute to call in for your student to be released from school.

Your student may be taking an exam in a different classroom than normally scheduled, be in a P.E. class that is on a run around the school or on our practice field, or may be in a meeting with a counselor, administrator or other staff member. Locating your student in short notice is sometimes impossible to do.

This school year we have seen an overwhelming amount of phone calls for not only attendance issues but early releases for students at the last minute. We ask for your patience as we try to handle your phone calls throughout the day. If your appointment or early release is in the afternoon, please call in the morning so we can prepare a pass for your student and allow us to track down your student throughout the day.

We understand there are emergencies that do occur and we do our best to accommodate for these situations. School ends at 3:30pm EACH DAY so releases AFTER 3:00pm may not be possible. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!

Also, please use the **WEST STUDENT PARKING LOT** (see map above) to pick up and drop off your student(s). Thank you!



COLLEGE CENTER INFO

College Center Staff Contacts:

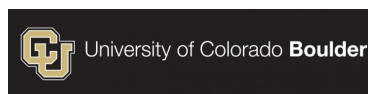
- Kendra Villarreal (MTSS Counselor)
• kvillarreal@greeleyschools.org
- Alma Rivera (Zero Dropouts Advisor)
• arivera27@greeleyschools.org
- Kendra Aragon (Dream Team Advisor)
• karagon4@greeleyschools.org

The GCHS College Center is located in Room 211.

Seniors

Still have requirements to check off your College Checklist after school ends?

- Alma Rivera from Zero Dropouts will be available to answer questions and review forms. Please reach out if you have any questions via email - arivera27@greeleyschools.org or sign up for a time on Calendly - <https://calendly.com/seniorsupport2020/summer-college-assistance>.



COUNSELING CORNER

Your counselors are available to you by making an appointment on Central's Counseling page. If you need more immediate assistance here are some resources:

National Suicide Hotline

- 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Text: "TALK" to 38255

North Range Behavioral Health Crisis Line:

- 970-347-2120

North Range Behavioral Health Crisis Center:

- 928 12th Street, Greeley, Co
- Open 24/7/365

GCHS Counselors

Kendra Villarreal: **MTSS Counselor**

kvillarreal@greeleyschools.org

Sara Dillon: **Seniors (12th grade)**

sdillon3@greeleyschools.org

Josh Rahn: **Juniors (11th grade)**

jrahn@greeleyschools.org

Claudia Koesler: **Sophomores (10th grade)**

ckoesler@greeleyschools.org

Pamela Hernandez: **Freshmen (9th grade)**

phernandez9@greeleyschools.org

NOTE UPDATED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (CLICK HERE)

October was College Application Month, and over 130 seniors participated in Colorado's Free Application Day!

Seniors should have started their college and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications! All students wanting any kind of financial assistance, including scholarships should complete the FAFSA, even if you will not qualify for federal grants. Complete the FSA ID for both the student and a parent at fsaid.ed.gov (This is the secure signature for FAFSA). Complete the FAFSA at student aid.gov.

November 4th is our FAFSA help night from 4-6:30 PM in the GCHS Library. Financial Aid representatives will be here to help. Bring your 2020 tax forms to complete the process on this night. If you have special circumstances that you think might affect your application, we have help for that too!

Available scholarships can be found on the Central webpage under the Counseling tab. Don't procrastinate and start your college and scholarship applications NOW.



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ARTS MAGNET INFORMATION

HOW TO BECOME AN ARTS MAGNET STUDENT...

- Want to know about the program from our students' perspective? [Watch this video to find out more about AMP!](#)
- Current Greeley Central students (9th-11th grade) still interested in applying to the Arts Magnet Program should email Mrs. O'Connell-Black at cblack@greeleyschools.org

COMMUNICATION...

- Join our closed Facebook group page: **Greeley Central Arts Magnet Program**
- We use the **"REMIND"** app 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.
- Please see the school webpage and the AMP page for information.
- Email Mrs. O'Connell-Black at cblack@greeleyschools.org with any questions about AMP at any time.

ALL ARTS CALENDAR...

- Click below to gain access to our 21-22 ALL ARTS CALENDAR! Things are changing constantly so stay tuned to the website: [Click here to access our full calendar](#)

SCHEDULES/CHANGE YOUR EMPHASIS...

- Please be sure you are checking your schedule for correct AMP classes.
- Want to change your emphasis, add an emphasis, or wish to drop the program?
 - Please complete [This Form](#).

GRADES/PROBATION/HANDBOOK...

- Students were not placed on academic probation based on Spring 2020 grades, however, Fall 2020 Quarter 1 Arts Magnet classes will be reviewed for grades and participation.
- Find our 2021-2022 Handbook for important information: [Click Here for Handbook](#)

MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE NOTES...

- **Wednesday, December 8th - Winter Music Concert 1 (Instrumentalists)**
 - Our Arts Magnet Program will showcase their instrumentalists; GCHS Auditorium
 - Concert begins at 7pm and is **FREE**.
- **Thursday, December 9th - Winter Music Concert 2 (Vocalists)**
 - Our Arts Magnet Program will showcase their vocalists; GCHS Auditorium
 - Concert begins at 7pm and is **FREE**.
- **Friday, December 10th - Thespian Troupe 657 6th Annual Holiday Extravaganza**
 - Our Thespian Troupe will be providing fun for the entire family with a bunch of carols and dancing, a silent auction, and a One-Act Play; GCHS Auditorium
 - Program will be from 5:30pm-8:00pm; **DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED!**
- **Spring Musical Auditions for "The Addams Family" (in Auditorium)**
 - **Monday, December 13th:** Dance Call (all must attend); 3:45pm-4:45pm; Singing (sign-up on Thespian call board)
 - **Tuesday, December 14th:** Singing (times available on Thespian call board); Song Material Provided via joining Schoology **Group** below:
 - **63SK-3SMD-WT9S2**
- **DanceBloc (student dance group) Auditions (in Dance Studio)**
 - **Wednesday, December 15th:** 2:15pm-3:30pm (during Test Prep & Make-up Time)
- **ALL-STATE CHOIR STUDENTS**
 - Congratulations to those who were selected for All-State Choir:
 - Joshua Cleveland, Ash Hein, Alli Houle, Savana Long, Casbah Parlin, & Aly Toews.



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ARTS MAGNET (continued)

Dance Concert Participants: "**Awakening Self/As We Are**"
[\(click this link to view this concert\)](#)
(see the 3 photos below and to the right):



Chamber Choir Singing at The Turkey Trot (see photo below):



Java & Jazz at the Atlas Theatre (see photo below):



Combined League Honor Jazz Band (see photo below):



AN UPDATE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S DESK

Wildcat Nation,

Welcome to the winter sports and activities season. The official start of winter sports was November 15 and now that teams have been made and had a few weeks to practice, we are looking forward to supporting our Wildcat athletes and participants.

Our first home basketball game of the season will be 12/13 as our boys team takes on the Loveland Red Wolves. Come out and support your Cats. We will then end the week with hosting the annual Greeley Roundball Invitational. Both our boys and girls teams will open up on Thursday 12/16 against Mountain View. Girls tip off at 6:00pm and boys at 7:30pm. Games on Friday and Saturday will be either at Northridge or GCHS depending on outcomes of the games.

Lastly, our Wildcat wrestlers kick off Thursday 12/2 for a dual against TVHS at Thompson Valley at 6:30pm followed by attending the Windsor Dual Invitational on Saturday 12/4.

As seasons begin, just a friendly reminder that eligibility is important and students will need to continue to keep their grades up. District 6 leadership will also continue to monitor COVID and provide updates and guidance for competitions and practices. As we receive information and updates on protocols, we will share those with you.

If sports aren't your thing, plan on attending some of our end of semester performances in the Arts Magnet Program as these students have been working hard to create awesome performances!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sean Scribbick, AD/AP, Greeley Central High School
sscribbick@greeleyschools.org (970) 348-5012

SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for Winter Athletics has been open since October 18th.

Winter sports began tryouts and practices on Monday, November 15th after school. If your student does not have a current physical turned in to our Athletics Department, please schedule a physical ASAP. Students must have insurance and a current physical to participate AND tryout in sports. The registration link and materials for sports can be found on our school website under the athletics menu. We also have this link posted on our school's homepage under the "**Sports Registration**" headline. Please check the school's athletic page for schedule updates and scores:

<https://greeleycentralhsco.rschooteams.com/>

Sports Pass (students) \$40: Allows admission to ALL GCHS HOME games WITH student ID - NO tournaments (still available).

Family All-Season Sports Pass \$80: Punch card for 20 games (1 punch = 1 GCHS HOME GAME admission) - NO tournaments.



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ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

WILDCAT SPECTATOR

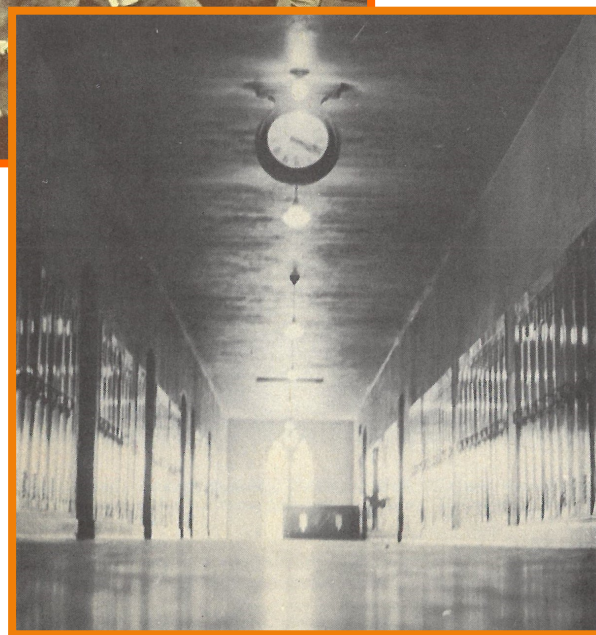
Welcome to the Greeley Central Athletics/Activities corner. Check out what we have coming up, what we've done, and even archives of some of our highlights from years-past. Although this spotlight isn't actually Athletics or Activities related (and since we're in-between seasons), this spotlight has to do with the Castle and gives you a look into what some of our spaces in the building looked like years ago.

Tales from the Archives (from the 1928, 1939 & 1948 SPUD)

LIBRARY

From the 1939 Spud, ***"The Library is the high school student's best friend. For his leisure hours he finds companions in books, while for study he finds reference material always at hand. Miss Mott, the librarian, is always there, ready to help."***

If you notice from the photo below, this is a photo from what is now our current Historic Library Lab in room 215. You can see the same built-in bookshelves that still exist along the wall and the architecture of the room, which was not changed, other than blocking off the large doorway under the wall clock shown in the photo.



CLOCKS IN THE CASTLE - 1948

Taking a look back at the Castle, here's an oldie but a goodie. From the 1947-48 SPUD (our school's yearbook), looking South on the 3rd floor you can see the old clock hanging down from the ceiling. These clocks are no longer hanging from the ceilings in the Castle but with the clocks in the hallways you could rest assured that no student was late for class while these clocks were hanging up in the Castle...well, maybe they were late!

WILDCAT SPECTATOR (CONTINUED)

A few more photos to view...

AUDITORIUM - 1928

From the 1928 Spud, a look at the old auditorium as you were standing in the West parking lot. If you took this same picture today, you would be standing in the courtyard. Look at the ornate windows and the wooden doors as you would look at the auditorium. These doors were actually used as exit doors as the entrance to the auditorium was through the 1st floor hallway.

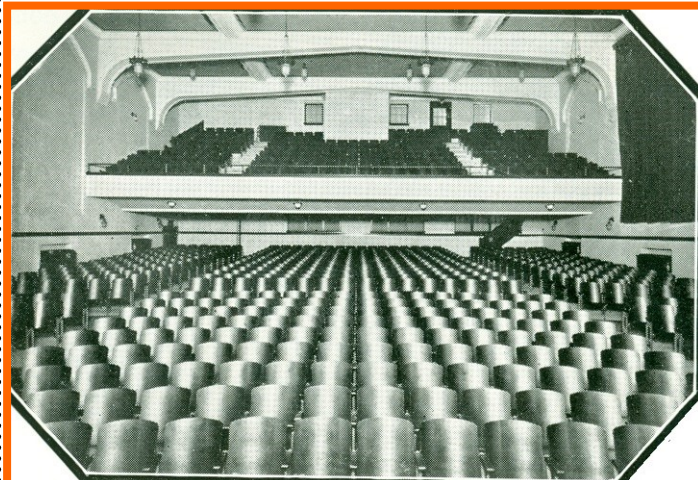
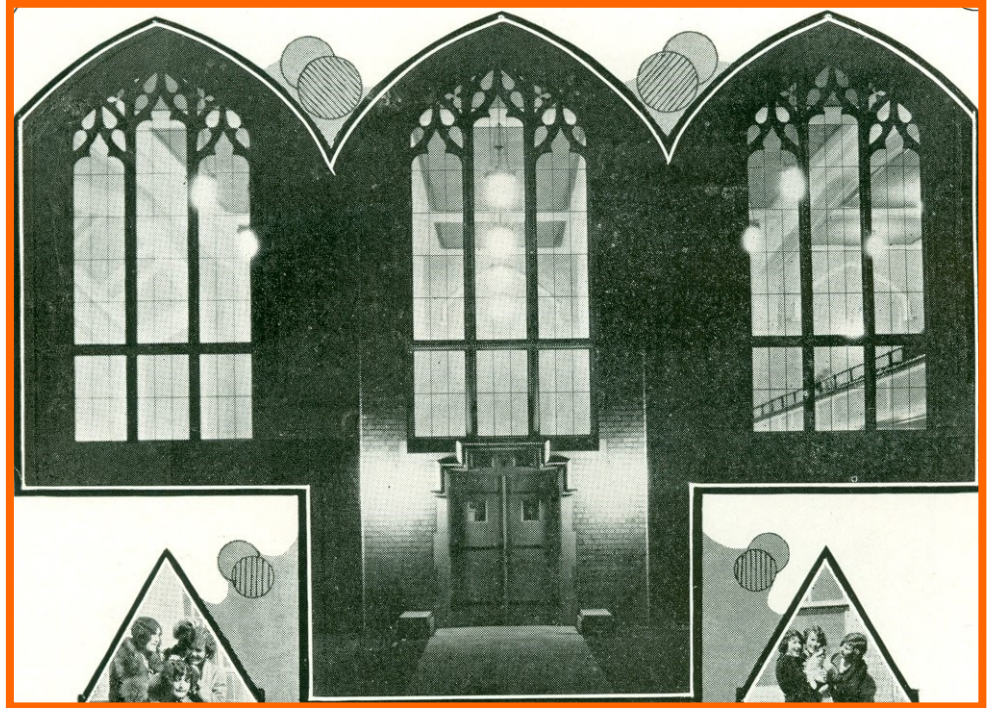
Also, in the picture to the right, you can see the balcony of the back of the auditorium through the windows.

Through the years, these windows were covered up as too much light came through and the dark heavy curtains were no match for the sunlight.

The photo on the bottom left is the view of the auditorium balcony from the stage.

The photo on the bottom right is a view of the auditorium stage.

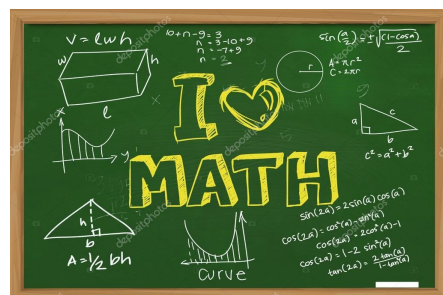
With the remodel in 2000, the balcony would become the floor of the new Library and would extend all the way to the stage. In the new Library, you can see the original top of the stage, which now sits right above the circulation desk. The architectural beams were kept throughout the ceiling of the Library. The windows were revitalized and the black coverings removed from the upper sections of the windows. What a marvelous work of art! This is why we respect the Castle.



MATH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to November's math students of the month. THE GCHS Math Department would like to thank these students for their time and dedication to the art of mathematics:

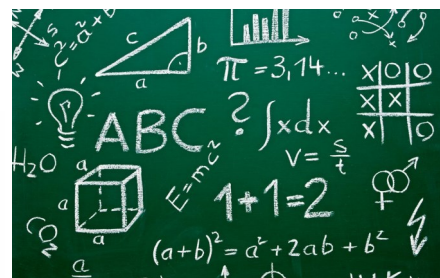
Jose Rosales, Jr.	Brett Todd	Elora Mann	Vivian Gonzalez
			
Nur Binti Sayed Husin	Aubrey Erdmann	Holly Heaston	Angela Saldana Trejo
			



Did You Know...

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 1 \times 8 + 1 &= 9 \\
 12 \times 8 + 2 &= 98 \\
 123 \times 8 + 3 &= 987 \\
 1234 \times 8 + 4 &= 9876 \\
 12345 \times 8 + 5 &= 98765 \\
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Well you do now... Please SHARE.



SPIRIT WEEK BEFORE FINALS: DECEMBER 6-10

In an effort to help raise spirits and help students push through finals with a bit more fun, our Student Council has put together a "Spirit Week" for the week prior to finals.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the slideshow about the themed days.



Spirit Week Themes:

- **Monday (12/6)** - Crazy Hair Day
- **Tuesday (12/7)** - Socks 'n Crocs (or Sandals)
- **Wednesday (12/8)** - Anything but a Backpack
- **Thursday (12/9)** - Holiday Sweater or PJ Day
- **Friday (12/10)** - Early 2000's Fashion

Happy Spirit Week!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021-2022 (Semester 1 & 2)

Please note some of the important dates coming up for the 2021-2022 for Semester 1 as well as the beginning of Semester 2:

- **Dec. 4 (Saturday)** - Saturday School 8am-11am (GCHS Library)
- **Dec. 8 (Wednesday)** - Winter Music Concert 1 (Instrumentalists) - 7pm in GCHS Auditorium
- **Dec. 9 (Thursday)** - Winter Music Concert 2 (Vocalists) - 7pm in GCHS Auditorium
- **Dec. 10 (Friday)** - Thespian Troup 657 Holiday One-Act/Carols - 6pm in GCHS Auditorium
- **Dec. 11 (Saturday)** - Saturday School 8am-11am (GCHS Library)
- **Dec. 13 - Dec 16 (Monday-Thursday)** - Finals Week ([see page 4](#) for finals schedule)
- **Dec. 13 (Monday)** - Review day for blocks 1 - 7
 - Normal Monday Schedule - School Begins @9:00am.
- **Dec. 14 (Tuesday)** - Blocks Today = Seminar, 1, 2 & 3
 - Finals for blocks 1, 2 & 3
- **Dec. 15 (Wednesday)** - Blocks Today = Seminar, 4, 5 & Test Make-up
 - Finals for blocks 4 & 5
- **Dec. 16 (Thursday)** - Blocks Today = Seminar, 6, 7 & Test Make-up
 - Finals for blocks 6 & 7
- **Dec. 16 (Thursday)** - Last Day for Students: End of Semester 1
- **Dec. 16 (Thursday)** - Open Enrollment Window Ends for the 2022-2023 School Year
 - [Click here for Open Enrollment link and information.](#)
- **Dec. 17 (Friday)** - Last Day for Teachers (Semester 1 Grades completed)
- **Jan. 3 (Monday)** - No School for Students: Professional Development for Teachers
- **Jan. 4 (Tuesday)** - Semester 2 Begins for ALL Students at 8:00am
 - Note our new Semester 2 Bell Schedule ([see page 5](#))
 - We have the **EVEN** blocks (2, 4, 6, & Seminar) on this day.
- **Jan. 17 (Monday)** - No School for Students or Staff (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

FREE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

[I-Matter](#) connects kids to free mental health sessions.

- [Chalkbeat](#) article.
- Anyone between 12 and 18 can go to the I Matter state website to take a short survey to assess their needs. If the results show they need help, the site will connect them to a provider for a 45-minute appointment in the next two weeks. One of the early questions asks if the young person is in crisis and directs those who answer yes to a crisis line and a more rapid response.
- Children under 12 can also use the service but need a parent to do so, and young adults who are receiving special education services can access the free help up to age 21.

[Colorado Educator Support](#) released by CU. ALL SERVICES ARE FREE TO COLORADO EDUCATORS.

- **Well-being support line** for confidential venting, validation, problem solving, and resources. Call or text 303-724-2500. Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-11am, Sun 4-6pm.
- **An Online Support Program** to learn more about stress, trauma, depression, wellness. We offer skills, strategies, and resources for both you and your students. As you view the lessons, you have access to live, real-time coaching from our Crisis Counselors. They will answer questions about the lessons and help you to develop your own resilience and recovery plan. Click here to register for access to this program. Professional Development and Graduate Credits available for participation in this program.
- **Individual and Group support services.** We offer 5 individual support sessions with follow-up as needed, psycho-educational groups, school-based workshops, and mutual-aid support groups. For individual support sessions, call or text 303-724-2500 for more information. Click here for the monthly group schedule. All group participants are eligible for professional development credits. All support services are confidential.
- **School Based Professional Development or Training.** We are also happy to present to your faculty, teams, or work groups on key mental health topics, either in person or via Zoom. Some topic ideas may include: anxiety, depression, burnout, resilience, mental health strategies for the classroom, stress management, or grief and loss. We are also happy to design a workshop based on your needs. If you are interested in having a professional development workshop on one of these topics, please e-mail coloradoeducatorsupport@cuanschutz.edu for more information or scheduling options.
- **Ask-a-therapist line.** Need help supporting the mental health needs of your students? Wondering about mental health interventions you can use in your classroom? You can speak directly with one of the members of our child/adolescent team who can help you navigate behaviors in your classroom and recommend resources for your students. Call 303-724-2500 and let them know you would like to speak to a child therapist for help with a student.



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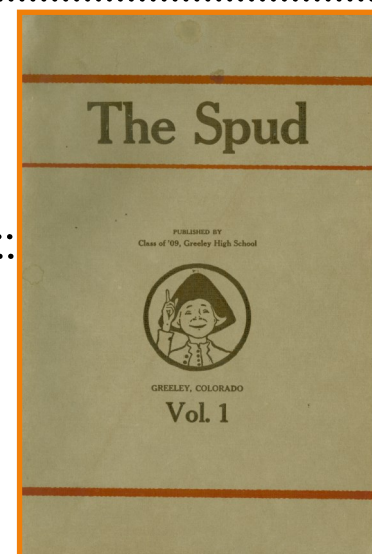


EVERYTHING YEARBOOK (SPUD)

The 2021-2022 yearbook is on still available to purchase.

Order your yearbook online:

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



FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES

Parents & guardians should remember that even though ALL students will not have to pay for breakfast or lunch this school year (all students eat for free), your student may also qualify to have their sports participation fees or AP Testing fees waived. **BUT IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT THE FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION**, your student will be responsible for the full payment of these fees.

Weld County School District 6 suggests that you complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application for your family. If you qualify, you will receive a letter via email stating your application status. Once you provide a copy of this letter to the GCHS Finance Office (Nancy Kern), your student(s) will be exempt from athletic participation fees (\$75 per student per sport) and a reduced AP Testing Fee (typically reduced to \$15 per test instead of \$94 per test).

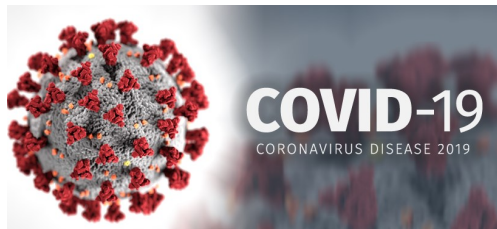
If this letter is NOT provided, you will be responsible for the full fee amounts.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION.](#)

Use District Name: **Greeley-Evans Weld County School District 6 (Colorado)

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Loss of sense of taste or smell for any period of time
- Fever (over 100°F), chills or feeling feverish
- New and unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Meet your School Registered Nurse and Health Clerk. Welcome to the Health Office!

- Your School Health Clerk is **Tina Alvarez** and your Registered Nurse is **Caryn Ishmael**. The Health Office phone number is 970.348.5026.
- Your health clerk is at school daily between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. They are responsible for entering immunization and hearing/vision screening data, providing first aid and comfort care for students as well as administering medications and procedures to students once trained and delegated by the School Registered Nurse.
- The School Registered Nurse is responsible for training staff on care of students with health or medical concerns, writing health care plans for students with health needs, and obtaining health histories for students with IEPs. The RN is available during school



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FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE (continued)

hours for consultation on student health concerns by health clerks and school staff. The School RN also participates on Special Education, Wellness, Mental Health and Crisis teams, and may assist teachers with health related topic education.

- Health is an important part of every student's education. We are here to support your child's health care needs and help them stay healthy, safe, and present in school so that they are ready to learn!
- If your student has a health concern, your student is ill, or if you need resources for health care providers, the Health Office team can help! Give us a call!

From the Health Office - Preventing the Spread of Illness During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by COVID – 19. This disease is one type of Coronavirus, a virus that causes many flu-like symptoms.
- Greeley-Evans School District 6 has a Management of Communicable Disease plan in place to handle any infectious disease-related outbreak. That plan can be found here:

<https://www.greeleyschools.org/Page/8187>

In addition, the district works closely with the Weld County Health Department when outbreaks arise. District 6 has a robust crisis management plan and team that would be activated in case of any emergency situation. We will be working closely with local, state and national health officials to monitor this situation and will provide additional communication as needed. If you would like additional and updated information on COVID-19, please visit the Centers for Disease Control website at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

To stay healthy, the National Association of School Nurses endorses the CDC

recommendations below:

- **Get your flu shot!** The flu vaccine is recommended by the CDC for everyone 6 months and older.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** When exhibiting illness symptoms such as fever over 100.0, chills, head and body aches, or uncontrollable cough- stay home to prevent others from catching your illness! It is also important to avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way. Don't share drinks or utensils with others.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- **Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.** If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
- **Consult your primary care provider** with any symptoms of significant illness.

Vision/Hearing Screening:

- Vision problems in students are common and can impair development. If a student can't see, they have trouble learning and vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss, early detection and treatment is important.
- We recently completed Vision and Hearing screenings for your student at school. If you received a Vision Referral Letter for your student in the mail, this means that your student did not pass the screening and needs further vision follow-up with a vision professional. Please contact the health office with any questions/concerns.

Please contact our school nurse, Caryn Ishmael with any questions at (970) 348-5027.



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HOSA FUNDRAISER

HOSA at Greeley Central High School is holding a contactless fundraiser. HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America. Our focus as a club is exposing high school students to opportunities related to the medical field and its professions.



Every year, we attend an event called the State Leadership Conference in Denver Colorado where schools with HOSA chapters compete in a variety of health science related events. The event costs around \$550 per person. This year, we are planning on sending close to 40 students to the conference. Since we have to send so many students, we are holding a fundraiser.

This fundraiser is fully online and allows you to purchase a variety of items from candles to snack foods. Anything you order will be sent directly to your home and all of the funds raised will go to sending students to HOSA state.

Here are the steps for the fundraiser:

1. Please click on the link given in step #2 below.
2. <https://needsyoursupport.org/select-seller>
3. Enter in our Group ID: **P73Z9** and click the green **"Shop!"** button (this code is NOT case-sensitive)
4. Click on the **"Click here to select a seller"** drop-down menu and select any seller name in the scroll down list.
5. Click the green **"Continue"** button.
6. Select the category of items you wish to purchase to view all the goodies available for this fundraiser.
7. Complete your order and know that you are helping our HOSA students defray the cost for competing at the HOSA State Leadership Conference.

We appreciate your support of the club and our future endeavors.

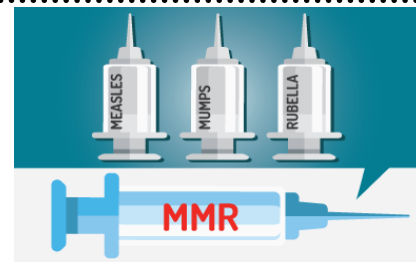
Thank you,
Greeley HOSA

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION MMR

(Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

The Colorado legislature passed a bill (SB 20-163) which requires schools to share our MMR rates with parents. Click the links below to view these:

- [Click here for the Parent Letter in English](#)
- [Haga clic aquí para ver la carta para padres en español](#)
- [Click here for MMR Rates for Weld County School District 6 \(2019-20\)](#)



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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) under the Families menu/Infinite Campus - Parent (or Student) (or click these links - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)). See note below.

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 call the Main Office at (970) 348-5000 for a password reset.

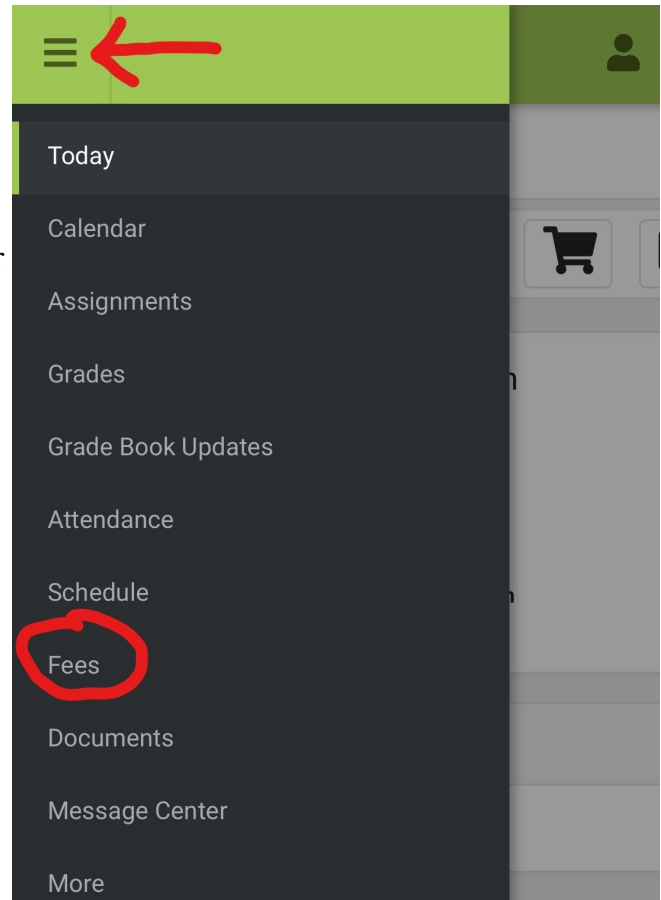


NOTE: Please note that due to a recent update to Infinite Campus, the District Name for Infinite Campus has changed to **"Greeley 6"**.

CHECKING FOR STUDENT FEES

As we get closer to the end of the school year, please start checking to see if your student may still owe any school fees. Although there may be items your student still has checked out (i.e., current season's uniform, current class's textbook, current Library book, etc.), there may be some items that have been posted to your student's fees from a previous quarter or a previous school year. Please check Infinite Campus (either through the Student portal or the Parent portal) to view these outstanding items. To view these items, once logged in to Infinite Campus:

- At the top left of the screen, click the menu icon (see the left red arrow in the picture to the right).
- Click the menu item labeled **"Fees"** (see the red circle in the picture to the right).
 - The default shows all **"Unpaid"** fees. If your student currently has fees due they will show up here.
 - To see what fees have been paid during this school year you can change the **"Type"** at the top right to **"Paid"**. To view all fees incurred (paid & unpaid) for this school year, change the **"Type"** at the top right to **"All"**.
- To pay outstanding fees, please utilize the **District 6 Web Store**, which can be located under the main picture of our school website: <https://www.GreeleySchools.org/GreeleyCentral>



HELP KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS HEALTHY

[CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS-ES](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus-es)

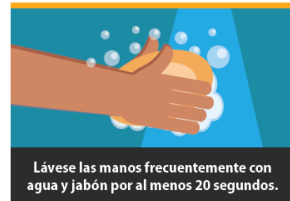
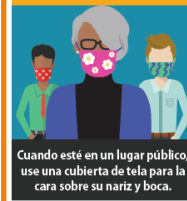
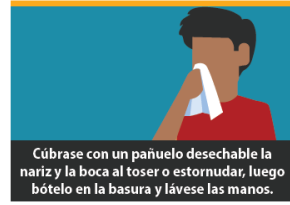
Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Detenga la propagación de gérmenes

Ayude a prevenir la transmisión de enfermedades respiratorias como el COVID-19.



HELP KEEP ATHLETES SAFE *from* CONCUSSIONS AND OTHER SERIOUS BRAIN INJURIES



Remind your athletes to tell coaching staff right away if they think they have a concussion or that a teammate has a concussion.



Make sure that athletes follow the rules for safety and the rules of the sport.



Encourage athletes to practice good sportsmanship at all times.



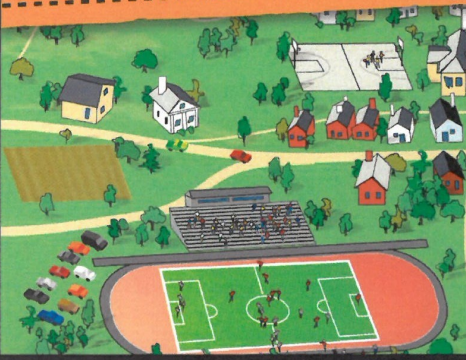
Keep the Heads Up Action Plan at all games and practices.

LEARN *more* AT:

www.cdc.gov/Concussion



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention



HEADS UP
CONCUSSION

CONCUSSION in SPORTS

STATISTICS

**In 2009,
NEARLY 250,000
KIDS AND TEENS**

were treated in emergency
departments for sports and
recreation-related TBI,
including concussion.

**WHEN IN DOUBT,
>> SIT THEM OUT!**

WHEN APPROPRIATE MAKE SURE AN
ATHLETE USES THE CORRECT HELMET
FOR THEIR ACTIVITY.



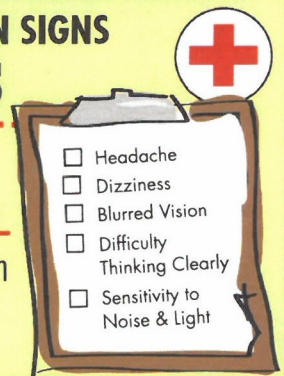
Wearing a helmet can
help protect athletes
from serious brain or
head injuries.

THERE IS NO "CONCUSSION-PROOF" HELMET.

LEARN CONCUSSION SIGNS SYMPTOMS

SEE FULL LIST OF SYMPTOMS @

www.cdc.gov/Concussion



YOU THINK

AN ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION

USE THE HEADS UP ACTION PLAN

1

Remove the athlete from play.

2

Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury.

3

An athlete should only return to play with permission from an appropriate health care professional.

WILDCAT STUDENT STORE

Come check out some of our new designs, t-shirts, hoodies and lanyards at the Student Store in ROOM 227. New GCHS hoodies are available in the student store for \$25 each.

Congratulations to Samuel Martinez for being one of the logo contest winners and having his design printed on our new merchandise. The student store now has two different designs for sweatpants (with pockets). Sizes are Small - Extra Large and are \$25 each. Get yours today!

Contact Aimee Nance by email at: anance@greeleyschools.org.



A BIG SHOUT OUT!!

Big "shout outs" go out to a few of our local businesses for their support given to Greeley Central High School:

- Zoe's Cafe and The Belair
- 2m Printing
- Scheels
- BSN
- Award Alliance
- City of Greeley Parks & Rec
- Garretson's Sport Center
- Jimmy Johns
- Nutrien Ag Solutions
- Village Inn
- R & JR Creative Machining
- The Zone
- Don Oscar's Barbershop
- El Pueblito
- Dickey's BBQ
- Mom's Popcorn
- A Clean Sweep
- Pro Glass & Paint
- Baskin Robbins
- Switched in Stones
- Maine Street Promotions
- NorCo Roofing
- Sora Realty Group (Ray Rivas)
- Wing Shack
- Signs First
- Welch Eye Center
- McCreery & Sun
- OCR (Orthopaedic & Spine Center of the Rockies)
- McCormick Heating & Cooling
- Team Paz Mortgage Professionals, LLC
- AllCo Inspection Services
- HD Roofing, LLC
- Jireh 7 Enterprises
- AJ's Backflow Testing, LLC
- NoCo Nosh
- Reck Flyers
- Gateway Mortgage Group
- Johnson Cabinetry & Refacing
- Reynolds Oral & Facial Surgery
- Tutoring Club



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