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Dear GT Families,

I hope the second semester of the school year has gotten off to a wonderful start for you and your child! As a high school Gifted and Talented Specialist group, we are collaborating on quarterly newsletters for families. Here is the [link](#) to access that information (also in Spanish).

I have also included a few additional items below.

Please let me know if you have questions or are needing anything.

~Amy

Conversations with CAGT- The Primary Needs of the Gifted Secondary Student

The Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented hosts weekly presentations that are then saved to their homepage. The conversation on February 1st is focused on secondary gifted learners (see below for additional information). You will be able to find the recording [here](#).

The Primary Needs of the Gifted Secondary Student

Although much attention is given to meeting the needs of the very young gifted student, many families feel a significant decline from middle school and beyond when it comes to supporting their gifted learner. This presentation explores how to provide appropriate programming as well as develop the necessary agency so that gifted students from grades 6-12 can thrive.

A thirty-four year classroom veteran, Connie Brown holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Masters of Education in Integrated Teaching from Lesley College in Cambridge, MA. She has taught theatre, English, and communications for middle and high school students at all skill levels, and she was a lead facilitator for a gifted center for ten years. As a Resource Teacher for gifted education in a large school district in Metro Denver, Colorado, Connie focused on programming for secondary gifted students at more than 15 schools. She has been a presenter at the World Council for Gifted Children at the University of New South Wales, Australia, and facilitates sessions regularly at state and national educational venues. Connie currently enjoys guest teaching locally, providing online instruction for international students with DDC Talented Youth Program, and leading workshops to help

teachers and parents develop accessible tools and strategies that engage and empower student education, curiosity, and potential.

See you Tuesday!

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[Question Survey.](#)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 16th from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. in teachers' rooms/offices. Information will be coming out from the office on how to schedule appointments in Calendly.

Information from Mrs. Koesler for Sophomores

Sophomores need to make an appointment with her to talk about future scholarships and service learning projects.

Information from Mrs. Dillon for Seniors

Seniors need to make sure they have finished (or are finishing) FAFSA and are filling out scholarship applications, especially at the schools they have been accepted to. Many of those dates are between February 1st and March 31st. There is a spreadsheet of other scholarships that is in the Schoology page or the Google Classroom under the "classwork" tab. Please make sure to also see the Counseling page for updated scholarships.

If students need help, they can make an appointment with Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Villarreal, or Ms. Rivera (post-secondary advisor). Links to make appointments are under their pictures on the [counseling tab of the Central website](#). They are all located in Room 113.

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