***Encyclopedia of an Extraordinary School – Cascade High School***

(based on Amy Krouse Rosenthal’s *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*)

From *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*, “Orientation Almanac”:

The following is an attempt to provide the reader, particularly those of you who come to this in a distant and certainly different era, with plain facts about [CHS life from 2015-2020], the backdrop against which this book was written (Krouse Rosenthal 1).

The College Composition students each year are tasked with creating their graduating class’ entry in the *Encyclopedia of an Extraordinary School – Cascade High School*. The materials contained within each entry are meant to serve as a reflection on their time at CHS, and to serve as a reminder in the future. Please take the time to enjoy each graduating class’ memories.

Note: Entries were started with the Class of 2017.

To see past class entries: <http://www.wdbqschools.org/AngieManternach.aspx>

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**Class of** **2020**

**Definition**: Aliyah Weber #1 - “the ones who were quarantined”

Isabelle Fransen #10- “Class of 2020? I don’t remember that graduation.”

**Population (Class Size):** Ashley Lyons #8 – 60 Students

**Logos:**

**Cougar Mascot:**



**Top Stories in High School:**

* 2017 Girls Track and Field Champions
* 2018 Boys and Girls State Basketball Champions – Title Town
* 2018 Dance earning 3rd place at Dance Nationals
* *Mamma Mia*
* 2019 Readers Theatre be named to IHSSA Large Group All State
* Nicole hitting 1,000 career points in basketball
* Alex Aitchison finally dunking in a game
* Zach Green breaking a school bowling record
* First Short Film from Cascade High School history to be named to IHSSA Large Group All State Speech
* 2020 Gavin Foust-Wollenberg Double qualifying for IHSSA Individual Events All State Speech
* Only getting half of our senior year due to a worldwide pandemic

**C****ost of Living Averages**:

* Set aside at least 20 dollars because we go out to eat pretty much every weekend

**F****avorite Television Shows:**

* *Crash Course*
* *Friends*, due to Ms. Scott constantly referencing it in her jokes
* *All American*
* *Outer Banks*
* *The Office*
* *The Bachelor*
* *That 70’s Show*
* *Breaking Bad*
* *The Ranch*
* *One Tree Hill*
* *Impractical Jokers*

**F****avorite Movies:**

* *Coco*, Spanish Class
* *La Llorona* – Spanish
* *Romeo and Juliet*
* *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*
* *Troy* in World History
* *300: Rise of an Empire* in World History

**M****ost Popular School Activities:**

* Pre-Game Football Tailgates
* FBLA
* Homecoming football game
* Football Student Sections
* Literally any form of pep rally to get out of class
* Cougar Pride Day
* Speech of course
* Basketball Student Sections
* *Clash of Clans* during any time of day
* Country Day

**W****ays We Entertain Ourselves:**

* Tiktok
* *Summer Fugitive*
* Sitting in the high school parking lot
* Working out
* Driving around
* Sitting at Blackies
* Walking 5 laps on the Walk and Talks
* Playing Bonk in class and not working

**C****lass's Greatest Talents:**

Having every big event somehow get ruined

Senior Skip Day Winners due to COVID

Not dressing up during homecoming week

Parking in VIP even if we don’t have a pass

Always losing at the academic assembly game

Being robbed of Powderpuff titles

Annoying teachers

Complaining about everything

**C****lasses We Recommend (Even if We Hated):**

* History through Media
* ACT Prep
* Psychology
* Statistics
* Anatomy
* Forensics
* Public Speaking
* Intro to Industrial Technology
* Painting
* Individualized reading
* Kirkwood
* College Composition
* Advanced Art
* Digital Photography/Graphic Design
* Spanish
* Introduction to Literature
* Physics
* Calculus
* Accounting I
* Astronomy
* Open
* Early Bird Strength
* Pre Calculus
* Drawing
* Classes with Stewart

**F****avorite Sayings**

* “Can’t be doing anything today.”
* “Shut it.”
* “Great day to be a Cougar!” – Mr. Vander Lugt
* “Dismiss to third period.”
* “You got me on this Spanish quiz?”
* “Boy Al.”
* “Load the Trolley”
* “BAH”
* “You know”
* “Señoraaaaa!”
* “Let’s start off with two positives and a negative.”
* “Cool beans.”
* “Shut it down!” – Mr. Pisarik
* “Go Cougars!”
* “Where’s the needlenose?” – Mr. Pisarik
* “Trey get me some water.” \*water bottle hits the floor\* – Mr. Sconsa
* “Sooooo... what are the answers?”
* “Put your safety glasses on your face.” – Mr. Pisarik
* “Fiesta Friday!”
* “Happy Monday” – Mr. Curry
* “Hey there guy” – Mrs. Horsfield

**N****ot So Awesome Sayings**:

* “Everyone’s doing a walk and talk today. Let’s get moving.” – Mrs. Manternach
* “You need to go above my corrections for full credit in track changes.” – Mrs. Manternach
* “Who’s ready to get started on your next paper!”
* “We are running the mile today!”
* “Go to the auditorium for Cougar Time today. We have an academic awards assembly.”
* “Alright you guys need to separate and get something done” -Mrs. Manternach
* “Shut ittt.” – Mr. Knepper
* “I don’t think you guys have come off your brain break yet this class.” – Mrs. Manternach
* “Everyone stand up we are going to do some yoga stretches”
* “Welcome to workout Wednesday!” – Mr. Curry
* “It's Wednesday! Time for a resiliency activity!”
* “Grab your book out and get reading”

**How We Answer the Question “How Are You?”:**

* “Ehh Mas o Menos”
* “Good, how are you?!” \*acting like you are in a good mood even though you hate your life and want to go home\*
* “I'm fine” \*sniff\*
* “Mal. Muy mal Senora.”
* Either “Oh just terrible” or “Fantastic”, dripping with sarcasm
* “I’M GOING TO CRY!”

**W****hat High School Tasted Like (Foods We Ate):**

* Mac and Cheeseburger
* Smarties from Mrs. Manternach’s room
* Mints from Senora’s room
* Cereal in Senora’s room
* Pizza Crunchers
* Cheese Filled Breadsticks
* Orange Chicken
* The classic chicken strips and mashed potatoes
* My gum that everyone loved to ask for/take
* Mrs. Manternach's butterscotch candies
* Fireballs from Senora
* Tootsie Rolls from Senora
* Eating cuties in Sconsa’s and Stewart’s room
* Chicken Bacon Wrap
* Mrs. Manternach’s dark chocolates
* Suckers from Senora’s room
* The goat lunch: sloppy joe
* Jack's pizza every day during open
* Any snack from Mrs. Recker’s room

**W****hy We Missed School:**

* Coronavirus
* Had to go to Pizza Ranch
* Couldn’t find a parking spot
* Overslept
* Casey's run
* I was “sick”
* Didn't study for the Spanish test
* Did not finish reading the chapters required for Mr. Altiere’s class
* Girls state basketball
* Influenza
* College Visits
* Hunting
* Choir/Band lesson
* State Wrestling
* State track

**Common Slang:**

* “The Rona”
* “BAH”
* “Boy”
* “Cougs by a Mil”
* “YOU KNOW”
* “Course”
* “Sorry bout it”
* “Ope sorry”
* “Tea”
* “Balright”

**T****hings that make us Anxious:**

* Thirty second speeches
* Mile day in PE
* When Mr. Knepper is angry
* Looking around to see if anyone saw me fall on the steps
* Stepping on the scale at the beginning of the trimester in P.E.
* Mr. Frake sitting at the T intersection
* Mr. Sconsa staring with big eyes
* Taking math tests on cougar time/alternate schedule days
* After a certain point in the year, everything
* Improv games
* Taking any kind of class with Mr. Knepper
* Due dates
* THE PORTFOLIO
* Trying to remember what day homework is due during quarantine
* Señora spacing us out for a Spanish test
* Pacers
* Having Mr. Knepper open my locker for me

**Art Created by Us: INCLUDE PICTURES OF THESE ITEMS IF YOU HAVE THEM**



* Ham Mobile (Semi used during “Country Day” during homecoming week)
* Parking spots before first day of school
* The short film that took way too long to finish (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neMzLgxQi-M>)
* Passion project quilt
* My many hand drawn portfolio cover pages

**P****assions:**

* Procrastination on anything and everything
* Getting any teacher distracted so we didn’t have to do anything in class that day
* Convincing Senora to play the circle game

**Things that Confused Us for Much Longer than They Should Have:**

* How to park legally
* How to get to Kirkwood
* Mrs. Manternach’s emails during the online portion of senior year
* How to find a book in the Loras library
* How to get rid of the extra space after a paragraph
* The thesis paper in general
* Where to find assignments online
* How to write an entry slip
* Using Microsoft Teams to submit the portfolio
* Mr. Meier’s age
* How to cite in APA

**Things that are Customary:**

* Nick’s clanky keys
* Auditorium Lobby bathroom trips
* Class by class lunch line order
* Arguing in the Student section
* Being the only class to get a party bus for Homecoming
* Losing half the semester due to Coronavirus
* Taking a stats test at 8 o’clock at night
* Snow on prom
* Always finding something to complain about
* No one dancing the first hour of the homecoming dance
* Every tradition being different
* Having a solid 10 people dance at prom
* Finishing the portfolio the night before it’s due
* Losing to North Cedar – and Oelwein – and Monti
* Mr. Sconsa playing only Red Hot Chili Peppers
* Taking the easy way out of things
* Starting homework the night before it is due
* Sitting in front of Mrs. Manternach’s desk with Gavin talking about speech

**How You Know You Are Famous:**

* When you are posted on the school/ district website
* When teachers use your work as an example
* When Mrs. Manternach posts your newspaper clipping outside her door
* When your name was read over the announcements
* When Isabelle says your name over the megaphone as you’re walking to an assembly
* When a picture of you dissecting a pig gets on the school website
* When the lunch ladies had a treat for you at lunch
* When Mr. Frake acknowledges you in the hallway
* Mr. Pisarik saying “trouble” when he passes you in the hall
* When Colpitts knows you by first name
* When your tiktok gets over 100 likes

**What We Did During Quarantine:**

* Took a nap to avoid any online homework
* Facetime friends to have other interactions besides family
* Honking during drive bys for birthdays😊
* Sending each other way too many tik toks
* Anything that preoccupied myself from eating any more food
* Way too much Netfilx
* Eating
* Making 100+ surgical masks
* PS4
* Workout
* Worked on the homework I didn’t want to do
* Procrastinated with YouTube
* Having my younger brother cut my hair
* Cried
* Went for way too many walks
* Get dubs on warzone with the boys
* Stayed busy at the farm

**How We Communicated During Quarantine:**

* Just dropping off the face of the earth
* Zoom
* Writing a letter
* Snapchat
* Facetime
* Texting

**Something Unique About Our Class:**

* We were born into the year of 9/11
* Our senior year ended due to a worldwide pandemic
* Our 8th Grade trip being ruined by a snow storm, and getting stuck on a turnpike for 24 hours
* We never had our senior prom
* Might not have a traditional graduation ceremony
* Our girls never missed a state basketball tournament
* Our girls basketball seniors never lost a game at Cascade High School (53 straight home wins)
* We were the first class to have 100% AP US History pass rate

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