***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 2016-2021], 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** **2021**

**Definition**: The class of Twenty-Twenty-Fun

**Population (Class Size):**  58

**Logos:**

**Cougar Mascot:** Nick Clark

**Top Stories in High School:**

* Aidan Noonan 3x State Champ
* No second half of our junior year of high school
* Getting to wear cords at graduation
* Jonah Jump
* Basketball teams win State Titles Freshman year
* No more masks
* Drake Relays 4x400
* Emma finishes 14th at State in cross country
* Two for Three Dollars McDoubles
* Eli hitting the greenhouse
* Fishing during golf meets
* “Hey Little Guy!” - Eli

**C****lass Memories:**

* “Don’t Do Drugs” by Vic Kauder
* Mr. Schuller’s Class
* TPing
* Aidan getting kicked out of class for “whistling”
* Gabe winging a presentation on how to wing it
* Cooper singing Disney songs in government

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

* Smoothie at bakery $5
* Price of gas $2.89
* 2 Monsters at BP $4.65
* Fruit snacks at lunch to trade $0.50
* Casey’s slice of breakfast pizza $2.29
* Loaf of bread $2.49
* 2 for $7 breakfast burritos
* Large Casey’s fountain pop $1.69
* Cheetos for Nolan's entrée $0.75
* $6.62 is the cost of a Subway meal
* Pizza Ranch Mondays is always $10

**H****igh School Faculty and Staff Who Made a Big Impact on Us:**

* Mr. Ryan Altiere
* Mr. Nick Boffeli
* Mr. Tony Butterworth
* Mr. Bob Davidshofer
* Mrs. Amber DeSousa
* Mr. Ryan Fritz
* Mrs. Ginny Horsfield
* Mr. Adam Kedley
* Mrs. Kelli Kloser
* Mr. James Knepper
* Mr. Milt Luckstead
* Mrs. Angie Manternach
* Mrs. Josie (McQuillen) Manternach
* Senora Rebecca McDermott
* Mr. Matthew Meier
* Mr. Luke Pisarik
* Mrs. Emily Phillips
* Mrs. Hailey Rausch
* Mrs. Molly Recker
* Mrs. Steph Ries
* Mr. Clayton Schuller
* Mr. Mike Sconsa
* Mr. Skattum
* Mr. Jacob Stewart
* Mr. Steve Weber
* Mrs. Kayla Wiley

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

* *Friends*
* *Grey’s Anatomy*
* *Outer Banks*
* *Shameless*
* *All American*
* *The Vampire Diaries*
* *The Office*
* *Impractical Jokers*
* *Lost*
* *Wandavision*
* *MindHunter*
* *South Park*
* *Criminal Minds*
* *Trailer Park Boys*
* *Family Guy*
* *Supernatural*
* *The Flash*
* *Avatar*

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

* *Dumb and Dumber*
* *The Hunger Games*
* *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*
* *Stanford Prison Experiment*
* *Thor: Ragnarok*
* *La Llorona*
* *American Assassin*
* *Happy Gilmore*
* *Talladega Nights*
* *Iron Man*
* *Step Brothers*
* *Holy Grail*

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

* Football
* Softball
* Cougar Pride Day
* Drama
* School Assemblies
* FBLA
* Basketball
* Prom
* Golf
* Napping in class
* Bowling
* Speech

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

* Tik Tok
* Driving around
* *Hay Day*
* Changing Mr. Pisarik’s music
* *Clash of Clans*
* Sneaking out past Mr. Knepper to go out for lunch
* Taking more than 2 laps on walk and talks

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

* Arguing to get our way
* Knowing how to have fun
* Procrastinating homework until the night before
* Complaining
* Creating drama
* Making subs leave
* Getting a week's worth of work done in 20 minutes
* Giving no effort and still passing
* Getting to school in 5 minutes or less
* Getting detentions

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

* Composition I and II
* Public Speaking
* Government
* FCS
* Kirkwood Academies
* Industrial Technology
* Pre-Calculus
* Culinary Essentials
* History through Media
* Strength and Conditioning
* Construction
* Physical Education

**F****avorite Sayings:**

* “Work day today.”
* “I haven’t started yet.”
* “That’s a night-before-it's-due problem.”
* “I didn’t finish the assignment either.”
* “I’ll pick it up on Cougar Pride Day.”
* “Have a good weekend.”
* “Close enough.”
* “Wanna be partners?”
* “Shut it down!” – Mr. Pisarik
* “Happy Wednesday everybody.” \*Clap\* – Mr. Curry
* “Have a good day… girl.” – Steve Weber
* “There’s lies, damn lies and then there's statistics.” – Mr. Knepper
* “How’d ya know that? You’re wrong!” – Mr. Luckstead
* “Wait, that’s due tomorrow?”
* “Can you send me stats?”
* “Bold of you to assume.” – Gabe Lange
* “Literally.”
* “Walk and talk?”
* “Get in a stance fellas!” – Mr. Brindle
* “Like.”

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

* “Happy Monday.”
* “Put your mask on.”
* “Mask above your nose.”
* “You guys are NOT 6 feet apart.”
* “No talking during the announcements.”
* “Workout Wednesday!” – Mrs. DeSousa
* “The mile is next Monday or Tuesday.”
* “I bet you could find that on ItsLearning.”
* “Fun Friday!” – Mrs. DeSousa
* “Much gooder.” – Mr. Knepper
* “Office, now.”
* “Don’t forget to do your goal setting.” – Mrs. Manternach
* “Repeat 2’s today.” – Mr. Curry
* “It’s only Monday.”
* “Only 2 laps on your walk and talks today.”
* “This is the last chapter before the test.” – Mr. Knepper
* “There is no word bank on the final.” – Mr. Knepper

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

* Saying, “Yup,” when we aren’t feeling well or just don’t want to talk to you.
* Saying, “Fine,” so people don’t ask you any other questions.
* Saying “Good, how are you?” without processing what the question actually was.
* Asking, “Me?” because there are two other people in your grade with the same name as you.
* Saying absolutely nothing because you don’t feel like responding.
* Saying, “Oh I can’t complain. How bout yourself?”
* “Golden,” and keep moving.
* “Great,” dripping with enough sarcasm to slip on.
* “Oh, you know,” while not making eye contact and no further explanation.

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

* Yogurt Parfait
* Mandarin Orange Chicken
* Flatbread Pizza
* Hershey’s Fudge Filled Cookies
* Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
* Cheese Filled Breadsticks
* Casey's Pizza
* Cheddar Chex Mix
* Pop tarts from Mrs. Manternach
* Breakfast sandwich
* Everything, I’m always hungry
* Fruit Loops from Mrs. Recker’s room
* Turkey bacon flatbread
* Double cheeseburgers at the Bent Rim on Fridays
* Lots of toast
* Rice crispy treats
* Frozen pizzas at home
* Stromboli
* Subway
* Gushers

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

* We had an “appointment”
* Quarantined
* Couldn’t find a parking spot
* Didn’t do homework
* Slept in
* Had to use the restroom
* Just wasn’t feeling it
* Vaccine
* Someone died
* “Had a fever” during March Madness
* Harvest season
* Hunting season
* Had hay down
* Sheep got out
* Migraines
* Got stuck behind Willie Connolly

**C****ommon Slang:**

* “That’s fair.”
* “Bet”
* “Right”
* “Sheesh”
* “Money”
* “Like”
* “Double homicide”
* “RIP”
* “Tea”
* “No cap”
* “Low-key”
* “Baller”
* “Oh yeah, sure, sure.”
* “What do ya do.”
* “That’s a big OOF.”
* “That’s a lug.”
* “Period.”
* “Ope.”

**T****raditions:**

* Seniors parking in the library parking lot
* Tailgating before football games
* Tessa always cracking her back before lunch
* Disrupting class; being off task

**T****hings that Make Us Anxious:**

* Speaking in front of people
* The College Composition portfolio
* Running the mile in P.E.
* Starting lines at XC meets
* Breakout rooms
* The 7-chair weave in PE
* Talking in Zoom classes
* Chemistry projects
* College search
* Introduction to Literature
* Speaking in front of the school for an assembly
* Going on an SAE visit with Mr. Luckstead
* Phone calls
* Math finals
* Nick’s keys
* Hearing Mr. Vander Lugt’s walker coming down the hall

**A****rt Created by Us:**

* Maddie Knapp design for class sweatshirt.

**P****assions:**

* Pimped out trucks
* Getting your hair done every other week
* 100-percenting hard video games

**F****oreign Exchange Students:**

* Kevin
* Alex
* Toto

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

* Math
* Legal parking spots
* How to work headlights
* Mr. Meier’s PowerPoints
* How to remove the extra space option
* How to wear a mask
* How to walk properly (it still does)
* How to add more than 2 page numbers on a word document.

**Things that are Customary:**

* Illegal parking
* Wearing mask below the nose
* 5-lap walk and talks
* Naps during Kirkwood classes
* Answering phone calls during class
* Nolan and Eli making lunch trades in the lunch line
* Ray getting yelled at
* Eli opening the window even when it is freezing
* Tessa bringing a winter coat no matter what the weather is
* Procrastinating every assignment and project no matter what class

**How You Know You Are Famous:**

* Emily Conlin’s tiktok page has 59.2k likes
* Your name is Aidan Noonan

**Songs:**

* “Heat Waves”
* “Electric Love”
* “The Nights”
* “Money for Nothing”
* “Magic in the Hamptons”
* “Drunk Driving”
* “Gold Digger”
* “Cigarettes on Patios”
* “Don’t Fear the Reaper”
* “No Sleep til Brooklyn”

**Favorite Books:**

* *The Hunger Games*
* *The Fault in Our Stars*
* *Harry Potter* series
* *Lore*

**Nicknames:**

* Geesh (Carson Staner)
* Corky (Cody Kremer)
* Carl (Cael McDermott)
* Norb (Nora Noonan)
* Noran (Nora Noonan)
* Alisher (Alyssa Koppes)
* Sammy (Mr. Brindle’s name for Samantha Frasher)
* D-Shade (Sydney D’s nickname from Mr. Sconsa)
* Boss Hog (Ray Martin)
* Chino (Eli Green)
* KJ (Kaleb Topping)
* Vic the Quick (Mr. Brindle’s name for Vic)

**Attire:**

* Leggings and oversized sweatshirt
* Jeans and boots
* Dudes
* Birkenstocks
* Masks
* Winter Coat
* Nike Air Forces
* Slides
* Converse
* Shorts year-round

**Hairstyles:**

* Mullet
* Middle part
* Bun

**After School Jobs**:

* Daycare
* Two Gingers’
* Fareway
* Working for Casey’s mom - Koppes Kreations
* Moski’s BBQ
* River Bend Retirement Community
* Pfab Trucking
* Dagwood’s

**Top Colleges Attending:**

* University of Iowa
* Iowa State University
* Kirkwood
* UNI
* Loras
* NICC

**Contributors (in alphabetical order):**

Dane Bertling

Faith Bower

Emily Conlin

Emma Cram

Brooke Denniston

Sydney Doschadis

Libby Felton

Nolan Frasher

Samantha Frasher

Eli Green

Tessa Hill

Lauren Johnson

Tyler Kaalberg

Claire Knepper

Alyssa Koppes

Gabe Lange

Julia Ludwig

Jonah Manternach

Ray Martin

Anna McDermott

Taylor Menster

Shannon Morris

Carson Nauman

Aidan Noonan

Nora Noonan

Emma Ostwinkle

Kole Pedersen

Cooper Rausch

Rachel Rhomberg

Anna Sanders

Alyson Spear

Emily Trumm

Sydney Weber