***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 2013-2018], 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 2018.

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**Class of 2018**

**Definition**

* + One of the top five classes in Cascade High School history. This group of young men and women excelled both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. Never to be forgotten, the class brought home the first ever state titles in both men's and women's basketball. Overall, the class was a tightly-knit group with a strong passion for success.

**Population (Class Size)**

* + 65

**Logos**



**Cougar Mascot: The Cougar**



**Top Stories in High School**

* First Ever Boys and Girls State Basketball Champions
  + Football 9-0 district champs- best season in program history
  + Race Cuckler and D.J. Miller get turned in for doing donuts in the parking lot by Mrs. Manternach
  + DJ Miller commits to Iowa Western
  + DJ Miller de-commits to Iowa Western
  + Had three groups go to All State Speech and two individuals.
  + Girls won Powderpuff every single year
  + Dance team is 3rd in the nation
  + Dance State Champion x2
  + *Grease the Musical*, 3rd Highest Ticket Sales in CHS History
  + Nick's near-death experience
  + First State Bowler - Derek Kuntz

**Cost of Living Averages**

* + Large Single Topping Casey's Pizza $12
  + Blackie's Ice Cream Avalanche $3.59
  + Blackie's Ice Cream Cone $2.25, up from last year's $1.99
  + Gallon of Gas $2.74
  + Casey's Ice Cold Fountain Drink (52oz) $1.49
  + $2.99 gallon of milk
  + 20 Wings at BWW on Thursday night about $15
  + New Pair of Nike tennis shoes $80

**High School Faculty and Staff Who Made a Big Impact on Us**

* + Mr. Ryan Altiere
  + Mrs. Alisha Smith
  + Mr. Matt Meier
  + Mrs. Angie Manternach
  + Mr. Milt Luckstead, Jr.
  + Mr. Tim Frake
  + Mr. Jacob Brindle
* Ms. Kate Till
* Mrs. Molly Recker
* Mrs. Sheila Beringer
* Mrs. Sue Knepper
* Mr. Tony Butterworth
* Mrs. Lori Manternach
* Mr. Bob "Coach" Davidshofer
* Mr. Mike Sconsa
* Mr. James Knepper
* Mr. Tim Smith
* Mr. Nick Boffeli
* Mrs. Mary Frake
* Mrs. Ginny Horsfield
* Mrs. JoAnne Harry

**Favorite Television Shows**

* + Criminal Minds
  + The Office
  + Grey's Anatomy
  + One Tree Hill
  + Shameless
  + Gossip Girl
  + Parks and Recreation
  + Family Guy
  + Friends
  + Riverdale
  + Pretty Little Liars
  + Friday Night Lights
  + 13 Reasons Why
  + Stranger Things
  + The Big Bang Theory
  + 90210
  + KWWL News
  + Impractical Jokers
  + Death Note

**Favorite Movies**

* + *Anchorman*
  + *Finding Forrester*
  + *El Orfanado- En Espanol*
  + *The Greatest Showman*
  + *Tommy Boy*
  + *Step Brothers*
  + *The Shawshank Redemption*
  + *The Godfather*
  + *Django: Unchained*
  + *Get Out*
  + *The Wolf of Wall Street*
  + *Central Intelligence*
  + *High School Musical 1, 2, 3*
  + *Goodfellas*
  + *Weird Science*
  + *Mulan*
  + *UP*
  + *Super Troopers*
  + *Gerald's Game*
  + *Avengers: Infinity War*
  + *It*
  + *Everything, Everything*

**School Activities**

* + Basketball
  + Golf
  + Football
  + Speech - Large Group & Individual Events
  + FBLA
  + FFA
  + Baseball
  + Softball
  + Band
  + Drama
  + Volleyball
  + Student Council
  + Wrestling
  + Track
  + Cross Country
  + Dance Team
  + Bowling
  + Cheerleading
  + Yearbook
  + Soccer
  + Math Club

**Ways We Entertain Ourselves**

* + B-Dubs
  + Drive around in a car
  + Fugitive
  + Post-11 pm McDonalds
  + Sit in a car in the high school parking lot
  + Saying we're going to play Fugitive and sitting in the parking lot talking for 3 hours
  + Honking past the Carrs'
  + Whitewater Canyon
  + Dairy Queen
  + Fishin'
  + Pancheros
  + El Barillito RIP </3
  + Sand Volleyball
  + Riding Mopeds on the Track
  + Supple's house
  + Going to Dyersville
  + Fortnite
  + Pickup Basketball
  + Kayaking/Canoeing

**How We Avoided Homework**

* + Throwing gummy bears at Gannon O'Brien's ceiling
  + Facetime random people
  + Doing nothing at Quentin Recker's
  + Netflix
  + Staying at the high school for an hour after drama
  + Watching YouTube
  + Put a TBH on snap story at Welter Seed & Honey Co.
  + Doing handstands
  + The Office
  + Fortnite
  + Extra curriculars
  + Sleeping

**Greatest Talents**

* + Irish Dancing
  + Holly Beringer singing
  + Race Cuckler's golf game
  + Our performance of *Grease*
  + Danejia Lobdell in Individual Events speech
  + Derek Kuntz's bowling skills
  + Luke Bertling and Gannon O'Brien playing guitar in Gannon's basement
  + Stirring the pot and starting drama
  + The cast of "If Men Played Cards as Women Do" by George S. Kaufmann
  + Basketball
  + Quentin Recker's ability to manipulate his voice
  + Gannon O'Brien's Smeagol voice
  + Mitchell Gibbs' ability to make money
  + Rachel Merritt's quick change in *Grease*
  + Liam Curoe's culinary abilities

**Classes We Recommend (Even if We Hated)**

* College Composition
* Anatomy & Physiology
* Statistics
* Precalculus
* Cultures through Literature
* AP U.S. History
* Kirkwood Courses
* Spanish
* Physics
* Calculus
* History through Media
* Government

**Favorite Sayings**

* + "Honestly I'm just so over it."
  + "That's fair."
  + "I NEEEEED it."
  + "Suh dude."
  + "You're joking."
  + "Yeah, probably."
  + "Go Cougars!"
  + "No, I'm the boss."
  + "Deano knows a guy."
  + "Dismiss to third period."
  + "Gauge's house or what?"
  + "It's Wednesday my dudes!"
  + "Really bookin' kinda cookin'."
  + "Hey, I have a song for passing period."
  + "DISGUSTANG!"
  + "Ay Tony."
  + "Chore boy."
  + "Hey I'm walking here!"
  + "Cougs by a mil!"
  + "The boys are back in town."
  + "In or out!"
  + "I can't hear you, I'm listening to Moneytrees on full blast"

**Common Slang**

* + Lug
  + Sweet
  + Bet
  + Skol
  + See-nora
  + WOAT VS GOAT
  + Tuff
  + I'm gassed
  + Didn't axe

**Not So Awesome Sayings (Mostly by Teachers)**

* + "Okay one more time." - Coach
  + "Portfolio due in one week." -Mrs. Manternach
  + "Look on OneNote."- Mrs. Manternach
  + "Go out for speech." -Mrs. Manternach
  + "Alright now, okay alright." -Coach
  + "My beard is older than you." -Mr. Knepper
  + "I can do any job." -Mr. Knepper
  + "When I was your age, I had a full beard and a mortgage." -Mr. Knepper
  + "I don't wear steel-toed boots because the stuff I lift is so heavy it would break the steel and sever my toes." -Mr. Knepper
  + "My dog tried to commit suicide for the fifth time last night." -Mr. Knepper
  + "The bell doesn't dismiss you, I do." -Mr. Knepper
  + "Don't know it, jot er down!" -Mr. Luckstead
  + "Come meet me in my office." -Mr. Luckstead
  + "Arright." -Mr. Brindle
  + "The biggest thing..." -Coach Hummel
  + "Happy Friday!" -Coach Curry
  + "Right side of the board." -Mr. Brindle
  + "They're good, not great." -Mr. Brindle
  + "Hey there guy!" -Mrs. Horsfield
  + "Bye now." -Bill Hutchins
  + "Our son Kenneth made money in college working at Menard's." -Mr. Luckstead
  + \*two-fingered wave\* -Mr. Luckstead
  + "I'm Ms. Till and I'm uncomfortable." -Every Drama Kid Ever
  + "You'll figure it out by the time you're a senior." -Mr. B
  + "I don't know if you know this, but I'm in the Julien Wind Ensemble." -Mr. B
  + Mrs. Manternach makes a stipulation on how to do our work; the rest of the class: "I'm not doing that."
  + "These are the girls on the bowling team." -Unknown
  + "I have a poptart." -Race Cuckler
  + Drama kids ask Coach an "or" question. Coach replies "Alright."
  + "Silencio, por favor." -Mrs. McDermott

**How We Answer the Question “How Are You?"**

* + "Ugh."
  + \*glares\*
  + "I'm tired."
  + "I wanna go home."
  + "Yeah."
  + "Decent."
  + "Probably."
  + "Not too bad, yourself?"
  + "Madeline, stop asking me that!"
  + \*Silence\*
  + "Mal."
  + "I'm good, how are you?"
  + "Alright."
  + "Good, good!"
  + "I'm dying."
  + \*screams internally\*

**Favorite Lunch Items**

* + Buttered corn
  + Tenderloin
  + Chicken bacon wrap
  + Quesadillas
  + Sue's cinnamon rolls
  + Breakfast sandwich
  + Parfaits
  + Taco in a bag
  + Cheese filled breadsticks
  + Chicken nuggets and mashed potatoes
  + Buffalo chicken wrap
  + Mandarin orange chicken
  + Mashed potatoes, no gravy, extra butter

**Why We Missed School**

* + Personal days
  + Shopping
  + Sleeping
  + "Doctor's Appointment"
  + Deer hunting
  + Fishing
  + Leaving early for sports
  + Just wasn't feelin' it
  + Golf meet starts at 8:00
  + Working on the portfolio
  + 5 Minutes late to first class, called it a day
  + "College visits"
  + FFA state convention
  + Needing to do homework for another class
  + Senior Projects

**Things we didn't learn until we were seniors**

* + I love high school
  + Be nice to everyone in Jr. High because you might become best friends later
  + Don't take success for granted
  + High school goes by really fast
  + Be a role model
  + GPA doesn't matter
  + Cherish every single day
  + Give your best effort in everything you do
  + How to make Mr. Knepper cry

**Things we still haven't learned**

* + How to function as an adult
  + How to do taxes
  + How to cite a source without easybib
  + Ethics
  + Anything at Kirkwood
  + Formatting a bullet point
  + Which door to go out for a fire drill
  + Coach's Immortality

**Things that make us Anxious**

* Knowing the portfolio is due tomorrow
* The beginning of play week
* Finals for Composition
* The weather
* The moments leading up to any sporting event
* Stepping into the blocks at a track meet
* Formatting literally anything

**Passions**

* + Fishin'
  + Musicals (*Hamilton*)
  + Fermin'
  + Dancing
  + Guitar
  + *Lord of the Rings*
  + Angus Cattle

**Foreign Exchange Students**

* + Janis Locher from Switzerland
  + Gabriel from Brazil
  + Toto from Thailand
  + Vincent from Germany

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

* + Mr. Luckstead's jokes
  + What we are going to do with our lives
  + The proper way to write an entry slip
  + Why NHS Meetings are in the morning instead of during Cougar Time
  + Why Mrs. Manternach is in love with OneNote
  + Why Saturdays only come every 7 days
  + Why the weekend is only two days long

**Things that are Customary**

* + Being late to band
  + Not showing up to Comp
  + Maddie Weber dropping her coffee everyday
  + Being late to Spanish
  + Doing the portfolio the week its due
  + Complaining about minor inconveniences
  + Barking in the student section
  + Putting Lawrence/Laurence in the sound booth
  + Clarence traveling the country
  + Red light is used throughout the entirety of the play
  + Turning the mics down after mic check
  + Skipping Kirkwood
  + Mr. Luckstead flipping a hammer
  + Not studying for anything in Spanish
  + Going to Gannon O'Brien's house after every Friday or Saturday basketball game
  + Going to Perkins after Drama performance
  + "Closing Time" is the last song of every school dance
  + Tailgating before football games
  + Drive your tractor to school day

**How You Know You Are Famous**

* + Two-time Basketball State Champs
  + John Trumm being the FFA President, Prom King, and NHS President all in one year
  + Reaching the 3rd highest attendance for spring musicals since 1981
  + Gannon O'Brien and Madeline Ludwig being the Homecoming King and Queen, best 2A drum majors, and are dating
  + Holly Beringer winning the Iowa FFA Talent Show
  + Danejia Lobdell being named to All state all 4 years
  + Having elementary school kids know your name

**Songs**

* + "Chunky"
  + *Hamilton* Soundtrack
  + "Money for Nothing"
  + "Boys of Summer"
  + "Teenage Wasteland"
  + "Amish Paradise"
  + *The Greatest Showman* Soundtrack
  + "Closing Time"
  + "Sincerely Me"
  + "The Loophole"
  + "Goodnight Sweetheart"
  + "I Don’t Really Wanna do the Work Today"
  + "Big John"
  + "A Thousand Miles"
  + "Rubbin' off the Paint"
  + "Five More Minutes"
  + "The Boys are Back in Town"
  + "Lowrider"
  + "Crazy Rap aka Colt .45"
  + "Remember When"
  + "The Boys of Fall"
  + "Forever Young"
  + "Welcome to the Jungle"
  + "Get Low"
  + "Going Down for Real"
  + "First Burn"

**Favorite Books**

* + *Fahrenheit 451*
  + *1984*
  + *Where the Red Fern Grows*
  + *Atlas Shrugged*
  + *The Hobbit*
  + *Roots*
  + *Band of Brothers*
  + *The Color Purple*
  + *The Selection Series*
  + *The Hunger Games*
  + *The Art of the Deal*
  + *The Great Gatsby*
  + *Hatchet*
  + None of the above

**Nicknames**

* + Gauge (Gannon O'Brien)
  + Race (everything)
  + Doug (Quentin Recker)
  + Jag (John Gadient)
  + Button (Quentin Recker)
  + Lieon (Liam Curoe)
  + Burnt Dog (Luke Bertling)
  + Hollywood (anybody)
  + Rich Gudenkauf (Mitchell Gibbs)
  + Curb Check (Brianna Ostwinkle)
  + HaleyBob (Haley Johnson)
  + Fousty (Madison Foust)
  + Reddip (Mitchell Redmond)
  + Pank (Evan Knipper)
  + Mars (Marcella Bruns)

**Attire**

* Crocs
* Socks with sandals
* Scrunchies
* Birks
* Athletic clothes
* Sweatpants everyday
* White shoes
* Michael's Indian chain and snakeskin shoes
* Fousty's hobo sweatpants
* Jeans and boots
* Never dressing up a day all year
* Suit and tie for basketball gamedays

**Hairstyles**

* + Mullet
  + Danejia's Weave
  + Flow
  + Grease Hairstyles
  + Messy buns
  + Bedhead @ Evan
  + Fauxhawk @ Nick

**After School Jobs**

* + Farming
  + Daycare
  + Mowing Lawn
  + Cutting hay
  + Fareway
  + River View Ridge
  + Subway
  + Sleeping
  + D&L Trucking Line Inc.
  + Umping

**Colleges Attending**

* + University of Northern Iowa
  + University of Iowa
  + Iowa State University
  + Kirkwood Community College
  + Iowa Western Community College
  + Ferris State University
  + NICC
  + Creighton
  + Loras
  + University of Dubuque
  + Clarke
  + Coe
  + University of Wisconsin, Platteville
  + St Ambrose
  + Wartburg
  + Hawkeye Community College

**Iconic Moments**

* Mo Hitting Benji with her car
* Coach's chair breaking
* Coach Brindle throwing his hands up after winning state
* Race making a three at state
* Getting walked to lunch by Shipley
* Liam ordering pizza during Cultures the day we wrote this
* Nick Welter choking on a bottle cap
* John Trumm bringing a chicken to school for hick day
* Gannon O'Brien accidentally defecated in his pants at lunch and threw his undergarments away in the bathroom.

**Conspiracies**

* Coach's legs are prosthetics
* Coach is a Phoenix
* You get extra credit if you go out for speech
* You will get an A if you wear leggings on test day

**Greatest Mysteries**

* Where did Ezekiel go?
* Who left potatoes in Shipley's room?
* What happened to Nick's cat?
* Who the girls on the bowling team are
* What happened to Gannon's dog?

**Contributors (in alphabetical order)**

* + Holly Beringer
  + Luke Bertling
  + Marcella Bruns
  + Maggie Carr
  + Race Cuckler
  + Liam Curoe
  + Madison Foust
  + Jonathan Fransen
  + Taylor Hogan
  + Haley Johnson
  + Evan Knipper
  + Brittany Koppes
  + Derek Koppes
  + Derek Kuntz
  + Danejia Lobdell
  + Madeline Ludwig
  + Tonya Menke
  + Rachel Merritt
  + Gannon O'Brien
  + Brianna Ostwinkle
  + Shannon Rogers
  + Abbie Ruggeberg
  + Zoe Ryan
  + Austin Sanders
  + Sarah Soliday
  + John Trumm
  + Travis Trumm
  + Caleb Weber
  + Madalyn Weber
  + Nick Welter