***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