***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 2013-2019], 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.

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**Class of 2019**

**Definition**

The Class of 2019 is full of unique individuals. As a class we focus on academics, athletics, activities, and having fun. Despite the forewarning of past teachers, we are managing to graduate.

**Population (Class Size)**

* 56

**School Mascot:** The Cougar



**Cost of Living Averages**

* Blackie’s ice cream cone - $2.25
* Pancheros burrito - $6.50 + $1.00 for queso
* Large single topping pizza from Casey’s - $11.99
* 60 cent boneless wings at BWW on Thursdays
* Grande carmel macchiato from Starbucks - $4.45
* Gas - $2.78
* Gallon of milk - $3.27
* Loaf of bread - $2.99

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

* Mr. Adam Kedley
* Mrs. Emily Phillips
* Mr. Matt Meier
* Mr. Travis Andrews
* Mr. Alex Ressler
* Mrs. Brynn Kolpin
* Mrs. Kelli Kloser
* Mr. Greg Vander Lugt
* Mr. Ryan Altiere
* Miss Kate Till
* Coach Bob Davidshofer
* Mr. Milt Luckstead Jr.
* Mrs. Alisha Smith
* Ms. Josie McQuillen
* Mr. Tony Butterworth
* Mr. Mike Sconsa
* Mr. Chris Curry
* Mrs. Angie Manternach
* Mr. Nick Boffeli
* Ms. Heather Scott
* Mrs. Ginny Horsfield
* Mr. Clayton Schuler
* Miss Vanessa Shipley
* Mrs. JoAnn Harry
* Mr. Ty Troutman
* Mr. Tim Frake
* Mrs. Molly Recker
* Mrs. Lori Manternach
* Mr. Luke Pisarik
* Mr. James Knepper

**Favorite Television Shows**

* Shameless
* Breaking Bad
* The Office
* Friends
* The Blacklist
* Psych
* Grey’s Anatomy
* One Tree Hill
* Vampire Diaries
* 90210
* All American
* The Bachelor
* Blue Bloods
* Hawaii 5-0
* Parks and Recreation
* Black Mirror
* How I Met Your Mother
* Trailer Park Boys
* Zoey 101
* New Girl
* Full House
* Longmire
* Big Mouth
* Spongebob
* Hannah Montana

**Favorite Movies**

* *A Star is Born*
* *Dumb and Dumber 2*
* *Kissing Booth*
* *The MCU*
* *Shutter Island*
* *Ice Age*
* *The Greatest Showman*
* *Bohemian Rhapsody*
* *10 Things I Hate About You*
* *Someone New*
* *Caddyshack*
* *The Hangover*
* *High School Musical 2*
* *Ted*
* *Starstruck*

**School Activities**

* Football
* Basketball
* Softball
* Golf
* Cougar Crew
* Wrestling
* NHS
* FFA
* Dance
* TAG
* Students Against Destructive Decisions
* Silver Cord
* Cross Country
* Speech
* Drama
* Band
* Track
* Cheerleading
* Soccer
* Volleyball
* Student Council
* Baseball
* FBLA
* Cougar Chronicle

**Ways We Entertain Ourselves**

* Drive around town
* Play fugitive
* Go to Dubuque
* Kayaking
* Get spray tans
* Pizza Ranch bulk
* Netflix
* Get our nails done
* Play poker
* Natalie’s backyard
* Bonk
* Parker’s garage
* Golf at Little Bear
* Nugget Royale
* Target run
* Wil’s basement
* Will’s basement
* Hang at the high school parking lot
* Play sand volleyball at the City Park or Happy Joe’s

**How We Avoided Homework**

* Snapchat
* Scroll through Instagram
* Nap
* Hang with the boys
* Bonk.io
* Netflix
* Nuggetroyale.io
* Starbucks trips
* Post on your finsta
* Clean your room
* Go out to eat
* Facetime
* Get ice cream from Blackie’s
* Leave the country
* Tell the teacher you didn’t do it
* Talk to Mrs. Phillips
* Trick the teacher to talk about themselves
* Play euchre in the New Gym
* Talk to Mrs. Doyle in the Library
* Drive around our small town with nowhere to go, AKA cutting the gut
* Get candy from Ked-dog

**Greatest Talents**

* Procrastinating
* Causing more stress by taking a nap instead of doing homework
* Getting away with anything and everything
* Playing a musical instrument
* Sharing every aspect of our lives on social media
* Using Microsoft Paint
* Drawing
* Burning popcorn
* Getting on Mrs. Manternach’s nerves
* The Ramblers performing
* Doing magic tricks
* Showing up to school just before the bell rings
* Pulling all-nighters

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

* College Composition
* Ag classes
* Accounting
* Statistics
* Carpentry
* Wildlife Management
* Anatomy
* Government
* Chemistry
* Kirkwood classes
* U.S. History
* Vital issues
* Calculus I
* Physics
* Forensic Science
* History through Media
* Any computer course
* AP U.S. History
* Spanish 4
* Cultures through Literature
* Public Speaking

**Favorite Sayings**

* “We’re seniors we can do anything.”
* “It’s a great day to be a cougar.”
* “My friend Tom got bit by a bug; pray for him.”
* “WHO STOLE THE SPANISH FINAL?”
* “Hey, you got me for chem?”
* \*slap on the back\* “Boy... (insert name here).”
* “I didn’t study.” / “Me either.” / “Oh, thank god.”
* “I’m getting called out.”
* “Night Boys.”
* “That is the WOAT.”
* “Screw it.”
* “That’s a tomorrow problem.”
* “ANNNNDD TIMEEEE!”
* “Do you have the Chem Test?”
* “Blame it on my senioritis.”
* “Teetering on the edge.”
* “WHERE’S THE NEEDLE NOSE?”
* “I’m clocked out for the year.”
* “Get out your ORANGE books.”
* “Work Work Work Work Work. Mrs. Manternach do you like that song?”
* “Sucks.” - Carson Van Deest
* “Excuse me?” – Mrs. Manternach
* “More red light.” - Coach
* “Wowwwwwww.” - Reid Rausch

**Common Slang**

* Fair
* What’s for Lunch
* You Knowww
* If you know you know
* Ahhhh
* You’ll have that
* Sucks
* I lost
* WOAT
* GOAT
* Mush brain
* Scade
* FTD

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

* + “Much gooder.” - Mr. Knepper
  + “Portfolio is due next week.” - Mrs. Manternach
  + “Dismiss to third period.” - Mr. Vander Lugt
  + “Meet at the T.”
  + “Take out a half sheet of paper.” - Mr. Luckstead
  + “Use your class time wisely! Stop playing that stupid computer game.”
  + “I see that you’ve put on some weight. Do you feel heavier?” - Coach Davidshofer
  + “Here, this is how you properly throat sing...” - Mr. Schuler
  + “It’s on OneNote.”
  + “Take care of Turnitin.com.” - Mrs. Manternach
  + “Now, we are running these mile intervals faster than race pace.” - Coach Davidshofer
  + “You’ll need this in college.”
  + \*shakes empty water bottle\* “Can you go fill up my water?” - Mr. Brindle
  + “Quick, quick, quick.” – Mr. Brindle

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

* Stressed
* Tired
* Grrr
* Bien
* Mal
* Surviving
* Good, how are you? \*no response back\*
* \*Smiles but is dying inside\*
* Be quiet
* \*Silence\*
* Mornin’
* Oh, just fantastic

**Favorite Lunch Items**

* Cheddar Ruffles dipped in ketchup
* Mashed potatoes, popcorn chicken, and buns.
* Cheese filled breadsticks
* Quesadillas
* Taco salad
* Sloppy joes
* Soft shell tacos
* Chicken bacon wrap
* Breakfast sandwich
* Orange chicken
* Carmel apple parfait
* Pizza crunchers
* Delight dessert
* Chicken strips
* French toast sticks
* Raisels

**Why We Missed School**

* Senior skip day
* Athletic event
* To catch up on Netflix series
* Finish our portfolio
* Personal day
* Overslept
* FFA State Convention
* To get a spray tan
* Had a hair appointment
* Wisdom teeth surgery
* Doctor appointments
* “College visits”
* Chores
* Hospital
* Didn’t finish the thesis
* Just wasn’t having it
* Another snow day
* Haircut
* Mono

**Things We Didn't Learn Until We Were Seniors**

* How to write a paper
* APA formatting
* How fast high school goes by
* How to get to class on time, still learning
* Everyone makes honor roll
* You don’t have to please everyone
* Being happy with a C
* Dating sophomores is cool
* Not to overstress about school
* Mr. Knepper isn’t all that scary
* P.E. is offered in a book

**Things We Still Haven't Learned**

* How to win a powderpuff game
* How to use literary theories
* How to analyze text
* How to not procrastinate
* How to correctly format a works cited
* How to leave our bookbag in our locker
* How to pass Composition
* Whether there is a quiz in Anatomy or not
* How to keep handouts
* Finding OneNote useful
* How to prevent senioritis
* How to write an entry slip
* How to show up to school on time

**Things that Make Us Anxious**

* Composition
* Our futures
* Mr. Curry patrolling the cafeteria during lunch
* Nick Boffeli almost running us over with the blue chariot
* Mrs. Horsfield making us run the pacer
* Hydroflasks falling over
* Paying for college
* Seeing Mrs. Manternach and Mr. Kedley whisper in the back of the room
* The P.E. mile
* Listening to Mrs. Kurt and Mrs. Doyle gossip behind the library desk
* Mr. Knepper not doing anything and staring at students
* Writing scholarships

**Passions**

* Fishing
* Avoiding work
* Traveling
* Cows
* Sleeping
* Playing every computer game possible in Mrs. Manternach’s class
* Trash talking teachers
* Cats
* Arguing with Mrs. Manternach
* Golf
* Bonk.io
* ATV riding

**Foreign Exchange Students**

* Alex del Rio - Spain
* Gabriel Sampaio - Brazil
* Ema Juspovic - Sweden
* Toto Jirapong - Thailand
* Madeleine Lange - in England

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

* How to get to OneNote
* How to track change papers
* How someone fails the National Guard test
* Why Mrs. Kurt coughs nonstop year after year
* Why Mr. Brindle thinks a ginger mustache is acceptable
* Why the younger classmen are not scared of us
* Mr. Brindle’s rounding rules, 3.794 out of 4
* Why teachers hate us
* What Mr. Frake is trying to say with his sign language
* Why the fruit snacks were so hard to open
* The location of my water bottle

**Things that are Customary**

* All-nighter portfolio week
* Starting the portfolio the week it is due
* Finishing assignments in class the period they are due
* Canceling school during state basketball but not any other sport
* Having “Cougar Time” three times a week
* Not following the lunch line order
* Getting a spray tan during “Free Spray Tan Week”
* Running to lunch
* Using Slader for math assignments
* Expecting to pass with little to no effort applied
* Wiping your hands on the bean bags after eating popcorn
* Going to Wil Roling’s house after a dance
* Driving a lawn mower or tractor to school on hick day
* Unassigned assigned seats
* Ignoring the other more successful sports like cross country
* Football being the most important and liked fall sport
* Not doing Physics. Ever.
* Never studying for/doing anatomy
* Heading to the lounge instantly

**Things that Scare Us**

* Not being able to graduate because of Ms. Scheckel’s government class
* Mr. Vander Lugt peeking his head into the class
* Getting called down to Mr. Vander Lugt’s office
* Mrs. Manternach’s wrath
* Show-week

**How You Know You are Famous**

* When Nick Boffeli greets you by name in the hallway
* When you are on the front page of the newspaper
* Getting republished all over VSCO
* When Sue puts your picture on the wall in the lunchroom
* When you are the TH Athlete of the Week
* When the girls win State Track two years in a row
* When both girls and boys win a State Championship in the same season
* When you are named second best tree farmer in the state of Iowa
* When you are related to over half the school

**Songs**

* “Red Nose”
* “With My Team”
* “Old Town Road”
* “Don’t Blink”
* “Hick Town”
* Any Morgan Wallen song
* “All Night Longer”
* “Take Me Home, Country Roads”
* Any and all Disney songs
* “Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue”
* “We ready” @cwess
* “Baby Shark” @triplerilez
* “Cheap Thrills”
* “American Pie”
* “Run this Town”
* “MO BAMBA”

**Favorite Books/Story**

* None
* Sparknotes
* Twitter
* That book where George kills Lenny (*Of Mice and Men*)
* That one where the one guy accidentally marries his mom (*Oedipus the King*)
* *The Adventures of Captain Underpants*

**Nicknames**

* Night Boys: Riley Reed
* Dan: Devin Freeman
* Joe: Cade Wessels
* Night Girls: Ava Morreim
* Widdles: Whitney Clemens
* Liddog: Lidia Boffeli
* Keddog: Mr. Kedley
* Bergs: Madeline Rhomberg
* MK: Madison Kelchen
* T-Bear: Mr. Andrews
* Purple: Kennedy Schlemme
* Bugs: Tom Knepper
* Slants: Reid Rausch
* Robinhood: Robyn Takes
* Silver Fox: Mr. Frake
* Oshack: Aaron Winters
* Sweatpants: Jacob Wojcio
* Dusty: Logan, Reid, and Tom
* Conge: Connor Conlin
* J-Dog: Connor Conlin
* Cowboy Carter: Carter Simon
* Crater: Carter Simon
* Cart Path: Carter Simon
* Charter: Carter Simon
* Roomba: Carter Simon
* Tank: Logan Otting
* Log: Logan Otting
* Fear: Will Otting
* Quack: Will Otting
* Chonk: Jeremy Wojcio
* Ronnie: Jeremy Wojcio
* Amish: Jeremy Wojcio
* Dome: Carson Van Deest
* Shnoz: Carson Van Deest
* Shark Boy: Carson Van Deest
* Bdog: Mr. Brindle
* Brindle Bopper: Mr. Brindle
* MK^3: Madison Kelchen, Marie Knepper, and Morgan Kremer

**Attire**

* Birks even if Sconsa makes fun of them
* Basketball shorts even in –10° weather
* Black leggings
* Oversized sweatshirts
* Sweatpants everyday
* Never dressing up nice
* Crocs
* Chacos
* White slip on vans
* White converse
* Khakis on game/meet day
* Football jerseys on gameday, except when Frake took them away from us
* Jersey Thursday
* Nike Elites

**Hairstyles**

* Shower hair every day
* Messy bun
* Flow
* Fades
* Track braids
* Football hairstyles
* Bed head
* Shark boy hair

**After School Jobs**

* Aquin Little Angels Daycare
* Shady Rest
* Mowing
* Fidelity Bank
* Fareway
* Fillmore Bar & Grill
* Subway
* Riverbend
* Blackies
* Fillmore Fairways
* Key West Animal Clinic
* Brother’s Market
* None
* Hawkeye Care Center
* Ohnward Bank & Trust

**Colleges Attending**

* + University of Northern Iowa
  + Loras College
  + University of Iowa
  + Iowa State University
  + Coe College
  + Iowa Central Community College
  + Northeast Iowa Community College
  + University of Wisconsin-Platteville
  + Ellsworth Community College
  + Northern Iowa Area Community College
  + Kirkwood Community College
  + Augustana College
  + Black Hawk Community College
  + University of Dubuque
* Western Iowa Tech Community College

**Iconic Moments**

* Connor breaking his pitching wedge on senior skip day
* Ruining the Chemistry tests for everyone else
* Getting banned from Mrs. Manternach’s office
* Juicy Juniors group chat
* When we couldn’t enjoy senior skip day because Mrs. Manternach decided to have presentations for Cultures that day
* Skipping the Cultures presentation
* Angel getting into a fight with Jag
* Cade’s Twitter account/Brindle’s investigation
* Stealing the Spanish final
* When Ava tripped over her own feet in P.E. and skidded across the floor
* Logan crashing his car into a tree
* Parker getting ejected against West Branch
* Carson Van Deest after Homecoming

**Memories**

* June 2nd kayaking trip
* Football tailgates
* Kennedy and Mae performing their iconic “Red Nose” dance at the football tailgates
* Driving to every football game listening to “Run this Town”
* Boys and girls winning the Basketball State Championship as juniors
* Lidia and Cassie dropping Anatomy second trimester
* Being State Track Champions during 2016 and 2017
* Girls’ Cross Country State Title in 2015
* Upsetting #1 ranked Waukon at home junior year in football
* August 4th kayaking trip with the boys #superdad
* Ped Gang
* *Mamma Mia!*

**Conspiracies**

* All the teacher gossip goes down in Ms. M’s room during lunch
* Mr. Meier for principal
* Speech kids get better grades in Mrs. Manternach’s classes

**Greatest Mysteries**

* Who put the #2 pencil in Mr. Knepper’s ceiling?
* Who turned in the Juicy Juniors Snapchat group?
* Who was the fourth person the Composition euchre players were waiting for?
* Who wrote the Mr. V quote on the ruler in Ms. Scott’s room?
* Who downloaded illegal stuff so we had to stop using the wifi?

**Contributors (in alphabetical order)**

Garron Barber

Lidia Boffeli

Brett Bower

Cassie Brehm

Whitney Clemens

Connor Conlin

Mae Felton

Madison Gehl

Hailey Hannan

Madison Kelchen

Elizabeth Knepper

Marie Knepper

Derick Koppes

Morgan Kremer

Ashley Kurt  
Madeleine Lange

Kate Manternach

Ava Morreim

Nolan Noonan

Angel Nunez

Taylee O’Brien

Logan Otting

William Otting

Reid Rausch

Amanda Rea

Natalie Recker

Madeline Rhomberg

Kennedy Schlemme

Carter Simon

Robyn Takes

Rachel Trumm

Rebecca Trumm

Carson Van Deest

Addy Weber

Aaron Winters

Jeremy Wojcio