

YOTE YAK

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Yote Yak: Cade Walker, 9th Grade, High School Football



- How long have you played football?** Since 5th grade. So five years.
- What's your favorite thing about football?** Probably playing in the games.
- What position do you play?** I play left tackle.
- Who is your favorite NFL team?** The Seahawks!
- What is your favorite food?** My favorite food is chicken!
- If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?** I would go to Seattle because I want to see CenturyLink Field!

Yote Yak: Claire Robertson, 11th Grade, High School Volleyball



- Who is your favorite superhero and why?** I don't really have a favorite, but I like Iron Man and Captain America. They're the bomb!
- Which superhero do you think would be the best volleyball player?** The Incredible Hulk! Except there might not be anything left of the ball once he was through pounding it!
- If you could have any superpower, what would you choose to have and why?** I'd choose to be invisible or to fly! Because, really who wouldn't want to have surprises like that in your pocket for everyone?

J-Day

By Gabriella D. Davila and Arizona L. Svendsen, Staff Reporters

Do you know what "J-Day" is? Well, if you don't, we will tell you! J-Day is a day for students from all over Washington State to meet and gain knowledge on how to become better journalists. It is officially known as The Washington Journalism Education Association High School Journalism Day.

We attended the conference on October 27, 2014 at Whitworth University in Spokane. We participated in many sessions and learned all sorts of new things to help make this newspaper better for you and for us! The sessions we attended included **Humans of Your School, Communication Controversy, Social Media, and Working on a College Newspaper Staff.**

Arizona had the opportunity to interview the keynote speaker, Stephanie Vigil, who is an anchor for KHQ, the NBC television affiliate in Spokane. When asked "What is the one thing that most people don't know about you?" Stephanie said, "I don't like to wear makeup or suits at all and I am a total tomboy." So why did Stephanie choose a profession in which she must wear those very uncomfortable clothes? She loves being a journalist because she loves to tell stories.

We all had a chance to interview other students at the conference. One student we interviewed was Nathan Longhurst, a freshman from Freeman High School. Nathan had never been to J-Day before, but said his favorite part was the food. We completely agree with him on that! Nathan also enjoyed how informational the sessions were at the conference.

Nathan said that his friends would describe him as smart, funny, musical, and obsessive. He is a member of his school's math team, literature club, and yearbook. He plays 10 different instruments, runs marathons, and competes on his school's track team.

Overall, we learned more about the people around us and how to write stories that our fellow Coyotes would want to read. In order to become a better journalist, you must be able to live up to the standards that are set for you and take the job seriously. You have to believe that everyone has a story to tell, and the story they have to tell might just be something that will help you understand the things that are happening in your life at that moment in time.



Opening panel discussion



Arizona and Stephanie Vigil

TEACHER TALK: FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR NEW TEACHERS AT KSS

By Arizona L. Svendsen, Staff Reporter

Meet Mr. Chris Richards, KSS Band Teacher and SUPER HERO



What is your favorite instrument and why? Trombone, because it has the ability to play the most fun sounds.

Which superhero would make the best musician? Professor X from X-Men, because he could play the music with his mind.

What is your favorite football team? The Green Bay Packers.

What is your favorite piece of music? Immer Kleiner, it is awesome to play on the clarinet because as you play you slowly dismantle your clarinet until you are only playing on the mouthpiece.

Which instruments do you play? Clarinet, trombone, saxophone. I had to learn how to play them all in college.

TEACHER TALK: FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR NEW TEACHERS AT KSS

By Sean L. Davis, Staff Reporter

Meet Mrs. Shelly Yenney, KSS Business/Computer Teacher and SUPER HERO

How long have you been teaching? I have been teaching for 32 years!

Where did you teach before KSS? I taught in Ephrata.

What made you want to become a teacher at KSS? I had the right experience for the job and I would not have to travel far to go to work.

What do you do during your days off? I run, visit family, do house jobs, and cook!

What is your favorite food? Taco salad.

What is your favorite sports team? The Utah Jazz!

What is your favorite computer program? Adobe Flash because there is so much you can make it do and it is very interactive.



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COACH TALK

By Gabriella D. Davila and Arizona L. Svendsen, Staff Reporters



Meet Mr. Jamal Weems, High School Football Coach and SUPER HERO

What motivates you to coach football? It's the ultimate team sport where you can learn life lessons and create life lessons. I love that it takes a group of guys to work together.

What's your favorite football team/player? I'm a big Seahawks fan! I'm from Seattle so I'm a diehard Seahawks fan. I don't have a favorite player really, but I'm a big Tom Brady and Calvin Johnson fan.

What do you believe makes a successful athlete? It takes drive and will. You have to be able to motivate yourself. You must be persistent. It's not easy to be successful, but you must be willing to work. Anyone can be successful if they try.

How long have you been coaching? Do you coach any other sports? I've been coaching for five years. I also coach girl's basketball with Mrs. Beard.

If you could say one thing to every athlete out there, what would it be? Never give up, whatever it is. If it's a game situation or anything in general, pursue your dream because life's too short to give up.



Meet Mr. Daniel Robertson, High School Varsity Volleyball Coach and SUPER HERO

Why did you want to become a volleyball coach? I started coaching when I was 16. I fell in love with the game; how intricate, complex, reliant, fast, and hard it is. And how it involves teamwork.

When did you first start to play volleyball? I first started playing volleyball on a men's team when I was 12 years old.

Who is your favorite super hero? My favorite super hero would be Dash from the Incredibles.

Who is your all-time favorite volleyball player? My favorite volleyball player would have to be Karch Kiraly.



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