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## BULLDOG OF THE MONTH

### HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOG OF THE MONTH

Rose Baker '22 & Jiana Bradbury '21

Congratulations to Brittney Dunwody for earning student of the month for January! Brittney was nominated by Ms. Kohnert. "Brittney is super awesome, helpful, and she is a positive role model," she stated.

A little information about Brittney: she sleeps with her socks on! Her favorite holiday is Arbor Day, because she loves trees and she likes to go hiking for fun. In ten years, she wants to be an elementary school teacher and hopes to be married. Her favorite movie is "The Intern." Shawn Mendes is currently on her playlist. With the right opportunity, she would like to meet Tom Selleck. Thank you, Ms. Taylor for making the questions and for an amazing poster of Brittney Dunwody! Again, congratulations to Brittney for winning high school student of the month!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLDOG OF THE MONTH

By Rose Baker '22, Jiana Bradbury '21, Hailey Reynolds '21

Congratulations, Alex Gunderson for earning the Middle School Student of the Month for January. We all appreciate your consistent hard work for this school.

Alex Gunderson is a great role model for other middle school students. He listens to teachers and gets all of his work done and turned in, on time.

"When football season was here, Alex was a great manager, player, and partner to me," says Hailey Reynolds. "He also always made me laugh; he's kind and very caring".

"Alex is a very reliable person, you can count on him for everything. He's a very cheerful person and always smiling," states Jiana Bradbury.

# NEWS

## LARGE GROUP CHOIR

Chessa St. Clergy '22 & Haille Miskel '22

This year, later in April, Calhan Middle and High School choir will enter the large group competition. Large Group is not a singing competition; it's more a singing act, where you are judged on a scale from 1-5 (1 high to 5 low).

Large Group expects each school to bring a total of three songs to perform. Our music teacher, Mrs. LeeCathryn Highfield, has a few expectations for her singers. She says, "I hope for a perfect score and for all of my musicians to come together as a team!" Her only reminder is for the singers to "apply what we learn constantly."

Those entering the Large Group are excited, as well as understandably quite nervous. We all wish good luck to all of the performers!

## TRUMP TAKES OFFICE

By Hailey Reynolds '21 and Hailey Williams '21

On January 20th, 2017, Donald John Trump was sworn into the Presidency of the United States and took his official oath. President Trump made his first presidential speech explaining his plans to "start taking action" and "making changes to our nation," he said to *USA Today*.

Trump is beginning his action with eliminating or replacing Obama Care, a manufacturing regulation freeze, and confirmations of his appointed staff. "His tone is distinctly different from his predecessors," says Brandon Rottinghaus, a professor at the University of Houston who studies presidential proclamations.

U.S. drones have killed 5 Al-Qaeda operatives in central Yemen. This is the first such operative since President Donald Trump's inauguration. The "targeted drone strikes" took place in the town of Bayda, in south central Yemen, according to US Navy captain Jeff Davis, spokesman for the Pentagon.

"AQAP remains a significant threat to the region and the United States," Davis said, referring to the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the terrorist group's branch operating in Yemen. In his inauguration speech on Friday, Trump vowed to "eradicate [radical Islamic terrorism] from the face of the Earth." (*USA Today*)

# SPORTS

## GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS VS. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

By Kaylee Ricketts '21

Last year, the 2015-2016 season, the Warriors went 73-9, achieving the best record in the NBA history. At the end of the season, the Warriors had a 3-1 lead against the Cavaliers in the NBA Finals. The Cavs came back to tie the series 3-3. In the last seconds of the 7th game, Kyrie Irving had a clutch shot to win Cleveland's first sport championship in 52 years, which would not have been possible without LeBron James, just two years after returning to his first team. With the Miami Heat, LeBron won two NBA titles in four years.

The Warriors and The Cavaliers played each other on Christmas of 2016; with 3.4 seconds left in the fourth, the Cavs took the lead after another Kyrie clutch shot. The Warriors gave the ball to Kevin Durant, one of the Warriors newest additions, who was guarded by Richard Jefferson # 24 of the Cavaliers. Jefferson stepped on Durant's foot, which caused him to trip and fall, so the Warriors lost 109-108. The Warriors just hosted the Cavaliers on January 16th. The Warriors blew the Cavaliers out, with a score of 126-91. The Cavaliers star player, LeBron James, had only 20 points. The Warriors' four players, Klay Thompson, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, and



had only 20 points. The Warriors' four players, Klay Thompson, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, and Stephen Curry all combined for 78 points. Watch out 2017 Finals, here come the Warriors!

## **COACH OF THE DENVER BRONCOS**

By Jaidon Burch '21

Coinciding with the last game of this season, the Denver Broncos also lost their coach, Gary Kubiak, who retired after 22 years of coaching. In my opinion, Peyton Manning should be the new coach because he was a really great football player. He also knows all the plays for the Broncos and just about everything about the team. However, the team hired a new coach Vance Joseph, formerly the defensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins.

Who would pick a defensive coordinator as head coach of the Broncos? What we really need is someone like Peyton Manning. Someone who knows the Broncos. Vance Joseph was a good defensive coordinator, but we need someone who knows how each player works.

Just the same, if they picked Joseph to be the next head coach, then I am okay with it as a fan of the Broncos. I am glad that Kubiak retired, because he has been playing for a long time he has been with the Broncos in many capacities including player and coach. Now he can spend more time with his family.

## **GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL A TOURNAMENT**

By Sarah Archuleta '22

In January, our middle school girls A team played in the end-of-season tournament. In the first round, we played Simla. If we won, we would play on Saturday for the championship. Sadly we lost to them, 26-22, though we played hard and it was a close game. We were still able to play Saturday, but we played Elbert for 3rd place. We played hard and it was a close game with a final score of 25-24 for 3rd.

How do you think you did as a team? "As a team we did awful there needed to be more trust and better plays," says Tara Graham.

Do you think we could have played any better? "Yes, definitely!" states Tara.

How do you think season went? "It went well, but it could have been better." -Tara

All in all, the girls had a great season with a record of 13-2. The girls played with enthusiasm and it is sad that the season is now over. In high school, the 8th

graders will do great things. Hopefully, the 7th graders will step up to be the leaders in the new season next year.

From your Calhan Bulldogs, keep barking!

## **CAROLINA PANTHERS AND SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

By Jaidon Burch '21

The Panthers and the Seahawks have competed against one another 11 times, along with 3 postseason matchups. This season the Seahawks put the Panthers into the ground because the Panthers had beaten them in their last game of the 2015-16 season. While the Carolina Panthers put up a good fight. It was a good game, the Seahawks got 40 points to Carolina's 7.. It is the best the Seahawks played this season.

At the time, the Seahawks had 8 wins 3 losses and 1 tie game with one overtime tie, while the Carolina Panthers had 4 wins and 8 losses. I am not sure why Carolina, last year's Super Bowl finalist, had a losing season, but in my opinion it's because of Cam Newton's bad sportsmanship.

## **A FOOTBALL LESSON**

By Jaidon Burch '21

Football has been around for 88 years. A long time ago they didn't have much protection. All they had was a leather helmet. Then they got better protection. But with the great protection, they were able to knock out the quarterback if they wanted to. The Chicago Bears at one time was one of the number one teams, until the sport added rules and got new players.

One of the best players in the older days was John Elway, who played quarterback for the Denver Broncos. He would throw a ball so hard that you would have a indent in your chest from the tip of the ball. That's when they started to add more rules to the game so no one could get extremely hurt. I would have to say that football is one of the best sports I have ever seen.

# **FEATURES**

## **DEALING WITH YOUR SINGULARITY**

By Natalie Hlatki '21

With this season of love surrounding us, it can be a pretty depressing time to be single. It seems as if

everyone you know is in a relationship, which can get tiring after a while. So what can you do? Let me tell you one thing; you most definitely, do not need to start dating the first person you see. Not at all. Staying single is a great thing, because it will just make it so much better when you meet the person who you're meant to be with. I know it can be lonely (believe me, I know), but here are three things to remember when you're third wheeling.

First, if you're in middle school, take solace in the fact that most of your friends' relationships won't last past high school. This definitely don't apply to every couple, but there are literally billions of people in the world. Once you and your friends start to meet those people, you can say goodbye to all those middle school true loves.

Secondly, if hanging out with your friend and their significant other make you feel alone, even left out, then don't hang out with them. It may seem hard to do, but just tell your friend that third wheeling isn't your idea of a fantastic Saturday afternoon. If he or she truly cares about you, you guys will be able to work something out with each other. True friendships have a way of working out like that, just remember to communicate.

Lastly, your other half is out there some place, and probably as single as you are! If you have patience, he or she will find you. Your prince (or princess) probably isn't galloping toward you on a white steed. More likely, he or she is on a turtle somewhere, very confused, so give it some time. One day you'll ride off bridal style into the sunset on your giant turtle!

## **FLOWER POWER**

by Rose Baker '22

Have you ever heard of the Rafflesia arnoldii?? Well, if you have, then you probably know that it is the world's largest and stinkiest plant. When the plant is fully grown, it releases a deadly smell which compares to that of a rotting body. When mature, it can grow up to three feet long, as well as weigh up to 24 pounds. The plant's horrible smell is released to attract its main pollinator, the carrion fly. The Rafflesia arnoldii, among thirty other blooming plants, is known as the "queen of all the parasitic organisms."

The Rafflesia arnoldii soaks up normal water and nutrition with its vine. The harmful bacteria doesn't have any foliage, originates, or real root base. The plant does not generate chlorophyll, meaning it can't

execute the entire process of the photosynthesis. As a result, "the odiferous aroma is the only way of its survival."

<http://factslist.net/2013/04/worlds-largest-flow-er-rafflesia-arnoldii/>

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE MONTH**

Haille Misesk '22, Chessa St.Clergy, '22 Sarah Archuleta '22

This month we had many teachers come close to winning teacher of the month for middle school. This month's nominated teacher was Mr. Tim Bettger, our Drama/Theatre Arts teacher.

Many students voted for him citing the qualities of being kind, understanding, fun, and cool. Quoting Mr. Bettger, he said, "I feel humbled, thrilled, and appreciative for being chosen Teacher of the Month! Drama is important to me; I love theatre!"

He has a tip for other drama teachers: "Love your students and be understanding."

Thank you, Mr. Bettger, for being such a great teacher here at Calhan!

## **WORLD'S CUTEST DOG**

Rose Baker '22

The world's cutest and most famous dog is the Pomeranian, also known as "Boo." This dog is a cute, fluffy little teddy bear that makes for a great small pet for children. Its fur is a light tan color with darker spots of color on it. Pomeranians have a lifespan of 12-16 years, generally weigh 3 to 7 pounds, and are 7-12 inches tall to the shoulder.

As you can probably tell, this is a tiny, light dog. This animal has so many great reviews from friendly families to single ladies. Congratulations to the Pomeranian breed for being the cutest and one of the more famous dog breeds!!



## **CALHAN'S FIRST FAST FOOD STOP?**

Kaylee Ricketts '21 & Kyleigh Smith '22

Do you ever get hungry while you're out and feel like you've been eating at the same place for days? Well, that's how Calhan citizens feel sometimes. We only have two restaurants in Calhan; sometimes it can get old eating at the same two places over and over again. That's why we have come to the idea of adding a new fast food restaurant into our town.

We had a vote throughout the school of Calhan, allowing us to see the school's top picks. Our top picks were Wendy's and Chick-Fil-A. This shows that if we had the opportunity to have another fast food restaurant in Calhan, these would be our top choices.

Quoting Danna and Danika Meyers: "We really only have one main food source. When people are out working and have a long night, they really don't want to come home and cook a meal." In addition, Dale Drew said, "It would be convenient for most people, because they won't have to drive as far just to get something they like to eat."

Respectively disagreeing, Misty Lenon states: "They would most likely and logically go out of business, because we don't have enough people in our town to keep a business running."

So what do you think? Should we petition for another restaurant in Calhan, or would it simply go out of business? Calhan Bulldogs ... keep barking!

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS AT CMS?**

Haille Misk '22 & Sarah Archuleta '22

We found out that many people here at Calhan Middle School enjoy photography. Photography is something that a lot of students think would be a good class to be offered to the middle school.

We asked a few students why they would take the class, and we received a few of the same answers. "I would take it because it would be fun." "I would take the class because it gives you something to do." However, Emmi Britton said, "I would enjoy a photography class, because taking pictures is like a therapy for me. It makes me very happy!"

Since we are in the seventh and eighth grade, students only have mild experience with taking artistic photos. Therefore, we as students would love to learn, the amazing art of photography! Just one question: would you take this class if it were offered?

## **CMS WRESTLERS OFF TO WINNING WAYS**

By Coach Bill X. Barron

After just a few days of practice, five middle school wrestlers traveled to Simla for a BFL match-up tournament on a Monday. All established themselves as winners to be counted upon. Teams represented, in addition to the host Simla (S) and Calhan, were Stratton (ST), Deaf & Blind School (D & B), Bennett (B), Kiowa (K), and Miami-Yoder (MY). Overall, out of the four wrestlers competing we had two 1st place and two 2nd place showings, with a total of 11 wins out of 13 matches.

Our lightest wrestler, 6th grader Aiden Jack, has several years of club wrestling and that experience immediately paid dividends as Aiden was unscored upon in 3 bouts, earning first place at 95 pound by pinning his MY opponent Hilton, beating Jordan (B) by major decision, and besting Sigmon (K) by pin.

In the 100-pound class, 7th grader Odiahus Bishop made the announcer pronounce his name several times on his way to a 1st place finish, as he dominated his 3 matches despite being brand new to the sport. Odiahus pinned Clark (MY), Sellers (S), and Shean (ST); the first two were quick falls in 17 and 19 seconds, as could have been the third match which Odiahus extended for additional experience.

At 110 pounds, 6th grader Taylor Knox opened with a pin over Albin (MY) then beat D & B's Shadow 7-0. Taylor had a bit tougher 3rd opponent to whom she gave a fight before succumbing to a pin enroute to a 2nd place finish.

Finally, at 130 pounds, 8th grade Mike Gettner showed marked improvement from last season. Wrestling in the largest weight group, Mike took home second, losing only Simla's Nathaniel by a 7-2 margin, then beating Clossion (S) 8-3 and pinning McMillin (SY) and Smith (K).

## **HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE MONTH**

By Haille Misk '22 & Chessa St. Clergy '22

For high school, a few teachers came close to winning February's Teacher of the Month. Of course, we could only choose one teacher, and that was Ms. Hannah Thomas! Ms. Thomas says she feels very flattered, honored, and humbled that her students voted for her. "I became a teacher because I feel it is important to influence the people who could be running our nation some day."

We asked her a few personal questions as well. "Having my kids in the same school really teaches a mother her boundaries! Some of my hobbies are photography, being out in the sun, hiking, staying in the mountains, and playing with my nephew."

Congratulations, Ms. Thomas. Thank you for being a teacher we celebrate!

## **UPCOMING MOVIES OF 2017**

Kyleigh Smith '22 & Haille Misk '22

- "Lego Batman" ~ January 10th
- "Dog's Purpose" ~ January 27th
- "Beauty and the Beast" ~ March 17th
- "Guardians of the Galaxy" ~ May 5th
- "Wonder Woman" ~ June 2nd
- "War of the Planet of the Apes" ~ July 14th
- "Thor" ~ November 3rd
- "Star Wars VIII" ~ December 15th

As you can see, there are all exciting trips to the movies to be made in the year of 2017!

## **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE**

By Natalie Hlatki '21 & Natalie Parks '21

In just a few short weeks, the band students will be attending one of the most fun things a band kid can do, solo and ensemble! You may be wondering: what in the world are we talking about? Well, let me tell you!

Solo and ensemble is a countrywide competition between musicians. There is either a soloist or a group of people who play a short song in front of a judge. Solo and ensemble are very important in a musician's life, because it teaches you to perform in front of a judge. It might make you realize that you want to be a musician when you are all grown up!

Musicians are judged on a scale of 1-5: 1 meaning superior, 2 meaning great, 3 meaning good, 4 meaning fair, and 5 meaning poor. To new musicians, it seems nerve-racking, but in reality it is where memories are made. Overall, it will be a great experience!

## **TRACK TEACHES LIFE LESSONS**

By Natalie Hlatki '21

As we all know, track season is rapidly approaching us; it's only six weeks away!! I don't know about you guys, but I am super excited! To me, track is the best sport out there, so I'm devastated when people

hate on it and give it a bad rep, but I'm here to try and change your mind, and convince you to run with the Bulldog track team this season!

So first off, track is way different than other sports, but in all the good ways. First, unless you're running a relay, you're not on an official team. Sure you have your running buddies, but when you're running on the track it's just you against yourself. You set your own pace, and improve at your own rate. If you're not much of a team player, like me, this can be extremely beneficial because you learn to work better, where only you can push yourself.

Like every other sport, track can be physically demanding, it's mentally demanding as well. When you don't have people constantly encouraging and pushing you, it can be difficult to get up and run every day. When you're on the last lap, and there is one more person ahead of you, it can seem impossible to pour on the speed and sprint. But if you can overcome that mental barrier, it makes the sport all that much sweeter!

Lastly, running is a great stress reliever. I don't know about you guys, but I received great satisfaction in sprinting past my opponent's just before the finish line. If I can convince at least one person to join track this year, I would be so happy. I promise that even though it's a demanding sport, it teaches you so much about yourself, and you won't ever regret it!

## **THE VALENTINE'S DANCE**

By Natalie Parks '21

On February 11th, 2017 there is a middle school Valentine's dance! Not just any regular dance, there will be a photo booth, dance-off competition, and a crowning of the cutest couple! To crown the cutest couple, there will be a ballot box where everyone can vote, and the winners of the dance-off and cutest couple earned prizes!

This dance was sponsored by your very own National Junior Honor Society! We hope to see you all there!

## **VALENTINE'S DAY IN HISTORY**

By Lainey Clark '21

We all know that Valentine's Day is the day of love. The only reason I love this holiday is because I get chocolate! Every February 14th, millions of people around the world come together to celebrate love in the name of St. Valentine. The history of Valentine's

escape from Roman prisons, from where they were sometimes beaten for their faith. According to one legend, one Valentine sent a letter to his love signed: "From your Valentine," which is also an expression still used today.

Although the tale will forever live on, personally I believe there is more to the story than what is told. escape from Roman prisons, from where they were sometimes beaten for their faith. According to one legend, one Valentine sent a letter to his love signed: "From your Valentine," which is also an expression still used today.

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## **ARE YOU FAILING? HERE'S HOW TO SUCCEED**

By Lainey Clark '21

We all know that classes can be hard. People get stressed just thinking about classes. Well, fear no more, because I have some theories that might help.

Come to class prepared. Coming to class with everything needed can really help you remember to write down notes.

Establish a note-taking strategy. Having notes can really help you study for test and help with homework.

Participate in class. It helps you pay attention in class and doesn't let your mind wander off! It also shows your teacher that you want to put in the effort to work hard.

Complete assignments thoroughly and on time. Put some effort into every piece that you get, because you never know if it could be on a test.

Ask questions. If you are confused and need help, don't be afraid to ask, because then you might get the better feel of the assignment.

Last but not least, study! Studying can help you pass tests and learn whatever you didn't know. Make sure to use strategies that help you. I hope these help. Good luck!



# Thanks For Reading the Bulldog Press!



## **CMS CELEBRATES NEW NJHS LEADERS**

By William X. Barron, NJHS Sponsor

On February 9th, Calhan Middle School inducted a new class of National Junior Honor Society members, the first one after many years between the last induction. A commemorative plaque will be placed in the middle school hallway.

A special committee evaluated applications from current 7th and 8th graders to determine those who would best represent the school in the NJHS standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Pictured above are the 2016-17 recipients (right to left): Lainey Clark 8th, Logan Glaser 8th, Tara Graham 7th, Natalie Hlatki 8th, Morgan Hodges 8th, Jaiden Monger, and Natalie Parks 8th.

With nearly forty family members and middle school faculty in attendance, Principal David Slothower and Advisor William Barron opened the ceremony. Then National Honor Society members Emily Gallegos 12th and Sierra Knox 11th read statements explaining each of the five qualities, while lighting the candle symbolizing the ongoing light within each student.