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## Bulldog of The Year

Haille Misek '22 & Chessa St. Clergy '22

To recognize the seniors since it's their last year, we decided to vote on Bulldog of the Year. After weeks of passing out packets to the high school and middle school students to survey who they think deserved senior if the year, we counted the votes.

Congratulations to Leo Prosser for winning this prestigious award! We interviewed a few of his teachers to get their opinion on Leo. We asked questions like how well does he do in school? Does he work hard? When it comes to sports, does he play fair? All in all, everyone had great things to say about him! Every teacher had something very similar to say. They said he is a very hard working student, and he is rarely a distraction. Once again, congrats to Mr. Prosser, and we wish you best in your future!

From your Calhan Bulldogs, keep barking!





## EIGHTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

By Haille Misek '22

On May 26, the entire middle school will be going on a field trip. In order to attend this trip, students were given a permission slip which states: "The students who are approved to attend will need no behavioral issues from now until the trip date."

Mr. Donovan Mitchell, Mrs. Amanda Kennedy, and Ms. Creighton will be taking the eighth graders on the end of the year trip. Eighth graders will be taken to Dunkin' Donuts at approximately 9:00 am. From there they will then head to Fox Run Regional Park. At about 12:00 PM they'll go to lunch at Northgate and Voyager, where they have four different fast food restaurants to choose from: Pizza Hut, Carl's Jr., Chick-Fil-A, and Taco Bueno. However, students can also get a sack lunch from the school.

After lunch, they are going to The Summit Entertainment Center for bowling, laser tag, and an arcade; students need to have \$10 when they turned in their permission slip in order to participate at Summit. After all the fun, they must head back to Calhan School. We hope not only eighth graders, but seventh and sixth grade enjoy their trip as well!

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## NJHS SERVES THE COMMUNITY

By Natalie Hlatki '21

As some of you may know, the NJHS has been hard at work, with community service, planning field trips, and planning parties.

Last week, we went to the over 55 senior luncheon and helped serve a delicious meal of baked chicken and bruschetta. We have helped serve multiple times, and each time has been very fun, as talking to the seniors always proves an entertaining time.

We had a very busy year, with it being the first time NJHS has been resuscitated in over ten years. We had a great time planning the Halloween social and the Valentine's dance. We hope you guys have as much fun going to them as we did. Hopefully, next year will prove to be as eventful, and we can't wait to see what next years! Lastly, a thank you to our year-long sponsor, Mr. Barron, and our trip sponsor, Mrs. Waugh.

## MAY MADNESS

By Isabelle Parker '22 and Kyleigh Smith '22

Every year our Elementary teachers and staff put together a day of fun called May Madness. This event includes several fun activities for the elementary school students in which to participate. Some of those events include hopscotch, obstacle courses, and cup stacking.

We recently asked some of the students how they felt about the day and we got a few of the same answers and opinions, such as "I like running and jumping and hanging out with all of my friends." (Lianna Upton) Cameron Schroeder and Caden Sorel agree as well. We also asked some older students in the 3rd,4th, and 5th grade.

We interviewed some of our 6th grade students asking how they felt about them not getting it this year. Here is the response we got when we interviewed the 6th grade student, Parker: "I wouldn't change anything about may madness, I don't care that we don't have it in 6th grade. I'd rather have a field trip." Taylor and Kia agreed with Parker. A 6th grader Ashlee thought that she would rather have may madness instead. She felt it was a great activity and everyone was involved.

This year May Madness was held May 26th. For 1st-5th grade this event was at 1 pm – 3 pm, for the younger kids kinder and preschool it was from 8:45 am – 11:00 am.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE MONTH

By Natalie Parks '21

This month students voted for Mr. Donovan Mitchell. As you all know this is the second time Mr. Mitchell has been voted middle school teacher of the month. Obviously he is very popular! He was asked the following questions, why did you become a teacher, do you have any inspiration's, what do you like to do in your free time, and do you prefer middle schoolers or high schoolers? Mr. Mitchell says that the reason he became a teacher is because: "it allows him to leave an influence on the young people that live in the same community that I was raised in."

He also enjoys coaching and leading extra curricular activities because of the lessons that can be learned through their participation. He has had many jobs but teaching is by far the most demanding, but in many ways teaching has been the most rewarding as well." The next question, do you have any inspirations? He said that "part of the drive

to being a great member of this school community comes from the great teachers and the great coaches." They helped lead him while he was enrolled at Calhan school district, making him into what he is today." Mr. Mitchell likes to play music in his free time. He also plays many instruments and currently play drums in a band that plays throughout the front range. "I love to be at the lake on the boat, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, and camping with friends and family. Coaching and being around athletics is one of my passions, and luckily I get to spend much of my time outside of school around many different sports and activities." Says Mr. Mitchell.

For the last question, do you prefer middle schoolers over high schoolers? He said that he doesn't prefer one over the other. "However I can say with conviction that I always appreciate the more mature and respectful group of young people." He also does not enjoy babysitting people who choose to do the wrong this all of the time. Once again congratulations to Mr. Mitchell!

### SENIOR CLASS OF 2017

By Lainey Clark '21 & Natalie Parks '21

This year's senior class is one of the smallest of twenty since the class of 1948 of fifteen. For this article we decided to interview a few seniors, Joan Pinedo, Matthew Matamales, and Anne Shaffer. Joan came to Calhan her freshman year, making this her fourth year at Calhan. Her senior quote, "I'd rather be a warrior in a garden than a gardener in a war." She says that she had a very good high school experience. She will be attending Western State University in Gunnison for college and is excited for new adventures! Congratulations Joan and good luck in the future!

Matthew has been at Calhan for four years, basically for his whole high school career. His senior quote is: "I word you no points, and god have mercy on your soul." He will be attending Mesa University. His high school experience, in his words: "It was alright."

Anne has been a Calhan student since kindergarten. Her senior quote is: "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up the most certain way to succeed is to try one more time." She will attend CSU Fort Collins, her high school experience was "alright."

Congratulations to Joan, Matthew, and Anne for graduating! Also, congratulations to all the other Seniors graduating! Great job!

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Tara Graham '21 and Sarah Archuleta '22

The year of 2016-2017 was a very important year to 8th graders: Lainey Clark, Natalie Parks, Natalie Hlakti, Jaiden Monger, Logan Glaser; and 7th grader Tara Graham. They had the honor of being selected as top students of the 7th and 8th grade. They were chosen to be part of a communal society by teachers and other board members. "We learned a lot this year and were able to gain a lot from it. We just hope that next the kids who are expected have as much fun as we did."

They were involved with community events such as volunteering at the senior luncheons hosted by Brad Campbell. We hope to see them progress more and more as they go into high school and become eligible to become part of National Honor Society.

### TEEN CENTER

By Natalie Hlatki '21

If you have not been to the Calhan Teen Center recently, it has gone through a large change. The Center has revamped its look, and the board is currently trying to paint it with new, bright colors that make you think of a tropical day on the beach. Mr. Kevin Acre also stated that he proposed the idea of tables with umbrellas, hammocks, and a horseshoe pit. Clearly, the Teen Center is really improving its look, and it will be a great place to hang out this summer. So don't forget to tell your family members and friends about the best place to hang out over the summer: it's right here in your neighborhood!

# Seniors



# FEATURES

## VALEDICTORIAN

By Chessa St. Clergy '22

Zachary McCrary has earned the honor of being named Class Valedictorian for the highest academic average of a graduating senior. Emily Gallegos was super close but also is absolutely amazing, making her the Salutatorian. We wanted to say congratulations to both Zachary McCrary and Emily Gallegos for their outstanding commitment to their studies.

## SONGWRITING MASTER EMBRACES

### STUDENT CREATIVITY

By Kyleigh Smith '22

Mrs. LeeCathryn Highfield, our Calhan songwriting director as well as choir maestro, goes above and beyond every single day, teaching two amazing classes to both middle and high school students. During songwriting class, each student creates his or her own song words, along with the fun of adding a tune to it.

"Creating my own song alongside my peers is an interesting new experience for me," states Zenobia Daniels. Songwriting is an enchanting class, one which I enjoyed it so much! A huge thank you to Mrs. Highfield for her time and consideration toward her class as well as providing time for the newspaper to interview her.

## FAST FOOD STOP

Kaylee R '21 Kyleigh S '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 us Calhan citations feel sometimes. We have only 2 restaurants in Calhan, and sometimes it can get old eating the same two things 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 through the school of Calhan which allowed us to see what our top picks were. The top picks were Wendy's and Chick-Fill-A, which shows if we had the opportunity to have another fast food restaurant in Calhan those would be our top choices.

Quoting Danna and Danika Meyers: "We really only have one main food source and when people are out working and have a long night they really don't want to come home and cook a meal." As well as Dale Drew saying: "It would be convenient for most people because they won't have 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"

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## CALHAN STATE TRACK RESULTS

Sarah Archuleta '22

As you know State track is a great opportunity to showcase your skills and running ability and compete with the best of the best! This year our high school track athletes went to win! Our qualifying athletes who placed were Juniors: Savannah Teetor, Brittany Fuchs, Ben Kelly, Charles Sparks, Courtney Lee and Sierra Knox. Our two Seniors to place were Anne Shaffer and Kiley Renzelman; our sophomores were Mikey Mikita and Bailee Carter and our only Freshman to place running was Dani Kasselder. We broke some school records one was for our girls 4x200 team with a time of 1:48.61 with the girls Savannah Teetor, Anne Shaffer, Kailey Renzelman, and Brittany Fuchs. They took second place.

We only had one State Champion who was Mickey Mikita in Pole Vault with a jump of 13'3". Overall, for the placings girls got 8th place with 32 points and boys received 5th place with 19 points. Our high school student athletes went to state to compete and did awesome! Good job to everyone who qualified and went to state. Extra congratulations to Mikey Mikita for being the only Calhan student to stand on the podium and take 1st for 2017 in the pole vault.

