

Ya Like Jazz?

Jazz band spreads holiday joy throughout the school in the form of their music

When Nicholas Conner '20 entered his freshman year, he wanted to bring his love for guitar into his time at Eaglecrest. He decided to join jazz band, and now he is on his fourth year of being in the group, and his second year of being in level two. Throughout the years here, Conner has grown a love for the music he plays.

"After I joined, I was able to grow a love for jazz that I didn't have before," Conner said.

School comes with work and commitments, so when it comes to practicing, Conner can have a hard time finding space in his schedule.

"I have more priorities, but I still make sure to get a least half an hour in daily," Conner said.

All of the practice the group puts in is shown during their concerts, like their recent winter performance. Some of the pieces were challenging, including Ginger Bread Boy, which was Conner's favorite song to play.

FINDING THE RHYTHM Nicholas Conner '20 strums along to one of the pieces in the Winter Jazz Band Concert.

FLYING SOLO Dylan Manning '21 plays a solo in the middles of one of the Jazz Band songs in the concert.



Welcome Raptors

Advice and information for incoming freshmen, from a freshman

When it comes to entering high school, it can be overwhelming for new students.

"I didn't know what to expect, so I was quite nervous. But, I was also very excited. Going into high school feels like a new start," said Graycen Chamberlain '23.

Raptor Welcome Night is used to help students become more prepared. Freshmen flood the hallways and the gyms, looking for activities they can be apart of to make their transition a little bit easier.

"Join clubs and after school activities," said Chamberlain. "It can feel awkward at first, but the people in clubs start to feel like family."

Eaglecrest has lots of options of clubs and activities for students to join, so there are many opportunities to make new friends and find surroundings that are comfortable for you.

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SAFELY SWIMMING Serena Jefferson '20 watches people swim at the Utah Indoor Pool where she works as a lifeguard.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING? Alexia Montalvo '21 watches boys play at Utah Indoor Pool where she works as a lifeguard.

MIXING MONEY Sarah Cuento '20, takes the time out of her week so serve ice cream and cookie dough to excited customers at the Mixing Bowl.



Dough for Dough

Sarah Cuento '20 scoops ice cream and cookie dough for work

Summer or winter, we raptors are always down for some ice cream, and Sarah Cuento '20 provides the sweets and treats working at local cookie dough and ice cream shop Mixing Bowl Cookie Dough while going to school.

"It's actually very hard balancing work and school considering how much I work," Cuento said. "However, it's nice because I don't have much longer until I graduate."

"I got a job so I could make my own money," Cuento said. "I've always loved ice cream and Mixing Bowl has the best ice cream, so that's why I applied there."

Like Cuento, there are multiple students who work at

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Sarah Cuento '20

Mixing Bowl that also have to balance work and school. Being able to connect with other high school girls is a huge bonus, with two girls from Smoky Hill, one from Grandview, and Cuento also works with fellow raptor Malia Logan '21.

"It's so fun [to work with someone from school] because we get to talk about what to do for spirit weeks and game nights," Cuento said. "We also can relate to different teachers we have and what we like/don't like about school."

Every job has their trials and tribulations for every high school student, no matter where you work. But getting to work with other kids your age and meeting new people makes every shift a new experience.

"My favorite part is being so close to all the girls and having fun with them while working," Cuento said.

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Gift Giving

Finding out what Raptors' favorite gifts were this holiday season



Trip to Nepal

Aviral Sapkota '20

"It was my favorite gift because I got to see my family and go to my grandparents homes. The best part of the trip was learning more about my culture and family."



Trip to Mexico

Alma Torres Lopez '20

"Being able to go out of the country and visit my family who I don't see often is the greatest gift of all. The memories created with them is worth more than anything else."



Tattoo

Ty Robinson '21

"It was big for me because I've always wanted one. It's a thing that will stick forever, so I had to chose carefully."

Holiday Traditions

Ring in the season with what matters most

WHAT "I celebrate Chanukah and New Years as my two big holidays. Chanukah being a Jewish holiday, and New Years being more from my Russia side," Anton Karabushin '21 said.

WHO "Our grandparents come over for one night and we pray and light a candle for the menorah. For New Years, many people from my family come over."

WHEN Chanukah starts on the 10th of December and goes to the 18th. "We say the prayers and light the menorah every night."

WHERE The Karabushin home.

WHY "Chanukah is celebrated to celebrate the Miracle of the Oil in the Second Temp lasting for 8 days, when it was only enough for one."



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