

just **AROUND**

AP Environmental students discuss the benefits of going on field trips to get hands-on learning outside of the classroom

the river

While many AP classes involve lectures and sitting in class most days, AP Environmental Science goes on multiple field trips throughout the year to give students the opportunity to learn hands on.

"Field trips definitely make learning a lot more fun and gives us new experiences which we wouldn't be able to learn in the classroom," Robert Head '20 said.

On Aug. 29, students had the chance to go to the South Platte River to catch, identify and release insects, test water conditions and hike as a class.

"We hiked around the river and got to see how the beavers build dams, and we

got to test the pH balance of the river to determine if it was healthy or not," Yaidy Sanchez '20 said.

Many students prefer getting out of the building and being able to experience the field work to determine if they want to pursue a career in environmental science.

"My favorite part about AP Environmental is just all of the hands-on learning and being able to figure things out on my own, and actually doing stuff rather than reading it from a textbook," Hayden Cloven '20 said "I am kind of interested in going into environmental science, so it's a good class for me."

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starting the season **OFF RIGHT**

The Gridiron Club hosted Back the Cats, a fundraising event for the football team

Back the Cats is organized by parents involved in the Gridiron Club. The football players also attended the event. Tickets were available for sale as a way to raise money for the program.

The event is an annual fundraiser that includes auctions and guest speakers. The event also helped to connect the team with the community.

Back the Cats took place on Friday Aug. 16 at Plum Creek Community Church.

Back the Cats started four years ago as a way to raise money from selling tickets. Last year the guest speaker was a former Broncos player. This year we had a former coach from the University of Colorado," Zane Claypool '20 said.



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retreating the **STRINGS**

The orchestra program holds an annual retreat to help the musicians bond

what it is

"Orchestra retreats are pretty much to have fun again as an orchestra community, since we all have been playing together since middle school. It's just a fun day when both orchestras, Chamber and Saber Strings, get together because we don't see each other that often as a whole group," Emma Ewoniuk '20 said.

how it helps

"I have been playing the viola since fourth grade, and it still helps us perform better when we do combined songs as both orchestras because we're all so much more into it because we are having so much more fun," Ewoniuk said.

new year,

NEW PANTS

Senior girls take part in a new trend of decorating pants to wear to football games



pictured: Madilyn Radcliff '20, Makayla Boekes '20, Molly Ricker '20

"I spent close to \$50 after buying the pants and materials to decorate them. I just kind of did whatever I wanted and made a lot of mistakes but that's what made the pants unique. I only wore the pants two times, but I still think it was worth it because later on in life, it'll be a memory I have from senior year that I'll never forget."

briana bonsignore '20

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1. SEARCHING FOR SPECIES: After catching creatures like crawdads, Yaidy Sanchez '20 determines the species of the insects by comparing them to a chart. While others believe the field trips helped learning, Sanchez had a different opinion. "I feel like the field trips we take are more focused on aquatic biology, not environmental science," Sanchez said. **2. DUCKY DERBY:** While conducting a water test, Robert Head '20, waits for his rubber duck to float down the river. The ducks were used to time the current of the river. "The river trip was really fun, even though I forgot a water bottle and hiked about 4 miles. It was really cool to catch crawdads in the river," Head said. **3. WADING AROUND:** In an attempt to catch different insects and crustaceans, Jack Tuttle '20 and Hayden Cloven '20 hold a net steady in the river's current. Cloven took the class because of personal interest and a recommendation. "I actually took the class because it was recommended to me by my sister and she thought it would be a good fit for me," Cloven said.

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pictured: Shade Dunda '21, Maxwell Lerner '20, Hunter Whittlesey '23

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