

**holiday shopping**

"I spend way more than I save and always buy food even when I don't have that much money in my account. Holiday shopping for me is crazy, I have a lot of people to buy for, but I enjoy it."

*jose barragan johnson '24*

"My shopping habits are actually very good. I'm good at managing my money except when it comes to food. I don't really do holiday shopping unless it's online."

*kaylee haight '23*

"My shopping habit depends on my stress. I'm a control freak so I like to have control of my emotions and stress, but during the holiday season I definitely over-buy. But it can be stressful because I overthink about the 'perfect' gift."

*madison trader '23*

**WELLNESS CARDS:** Kids fill the tables in the library, writing and signing cards for the senior center on Dec. 7. Members were asked to sign one or two cards before they left. "The purpose of the holiday meeting was to finally distribute our NHS shirts, hand out some certificates, and write holiday cards for the elderly," Avery White '23 said. **DOING GOOD THINGS:** Reviewing what she wrote, Avery White '23 reads over her card. White enjoyed the meeting and started to look ahead to the next service opportunity. "I think doing more homeless supply drives is a great idea for NHS," White said. "It's a great way to help the community and I honestly think people had fun putting everything together."



**HELPING HANDS:** After she dropped off her supplies to the supplies bag station, Ashlynn Bannister '24 does her part in signing cards. Her contribution to the homeless bags opened her mind to others' situations. "Doing these meetings really puts everything in perspective and I realized how lucky we are to have the things we have, especially for what I had," Bannister said.



**MORE MERCH:** At the NHS meeting, Kyra Markert '23 helps hands out t-shirts to the new inductees. As an officer, Markert was responsible for leading part of the meeting. "I feel like we accomplished a lot, we made so many homeless bags that we were able to disperse into the community. It was a relatively positive atmosphere in the library," Markert said.

*holiday*  
**helping**

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY GIVES BACK TO THE CASTLE ROCK COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

During the holiday season, NHS held a meeting to give back to the homeless community. "Our holiday meeting's purpose was to put together a bunch of supplies for homeless people. We included a bunch of snacks, water bottles, feminine products, and just everything that someone might need but couldn't have access to, especially in the cold weather," Ashlynn Bannister '24 said.

Kyra Markert '23 had certain motivations to be involved in the season of giving and serving. "I feel like we accomplished a lot, we made so many homeless bags that we were able to disperse into the community," Markert said. "It's a great option to get involved and have fun."

After the meeting, members walked away impacted and inspired.

"I think I learned a lot from this experience, about how much impact CV students can have when we all come together to achieve one goal. We did all of this in one day, in one meeting which is honestly pretty amazing," Markert said.

"My favorite part of the meeting was definitely packing the bags because we got to make different bags for different people," Bannister said. "It really put into perspective my situation compared to others."

At the end of the day, Markert, Bannister, and other members enjoyed serving, enough that they were eager to do more.

"I really hope we continue to do more events, we have so many members and so many reasons to give back, we can bring success to those in need," Markert said.

*written by j. penrod*



**celebrating**  
*st. nicolas*

**FRENCH AND GERMAN CLASSES CELEBRATE AND LEARN DIFFERENT TRADITIONS**

**zachary**  
*ricmer '23*

"It was super fun to see how different cultures' holidays were from American ones. There's a lot of cool history behind little things in all cultures that you wouldn't normally expect."

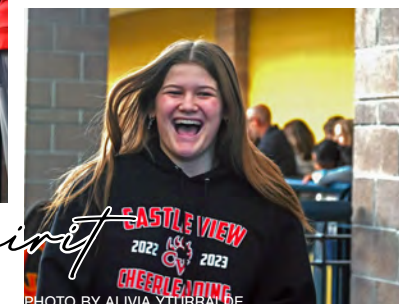
**nathan**  
*wild '23*

"I like the chandeleur holiday tradition of flipping a crepe in your non-dominant hand and holding a coin in the other. If you flip it right, your lucky for the rest of the year. It's tricky, but also fun."



**more than**  
*school spirit*

**SCHOOL RALLIES IN THE HALLWAYS TO SEND OFF CHEER AND POMS TO STATE**



**she said**

"The best part was when they called our names and we walked up. It did feel like an honor. We have been working so hard for state. It felt good that we were being recognized before we went to compete," Nicole Weyand '24 said

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"It felt like a big honor to walk. I love being able to represent Castle View at the state level. Being a senior added an extra bit of sentiment to walking. Seeing our community show up for us just before we compete, makes us take a lot more pride in our sport," Grace Coyne '23 said.

**she said**

"The cheer state walk out is a way for the school to give us good luck before we go perform at state. I feel honored because it's nice knowing the school has your back," Annabelle Tibaldo '24 said.