

BACK TO BLACK AND GOLD

Golden Boy Willis Browning '23 hypes up the senior section at the annual Back to School Assembly Aug. 12. It was Rock Canyon's first Back to School Assembly following Covid-19 and the flooding of the school gym. "I had interest in being a golden boy because I enjoy being a leader as well as having fun with the tradition," Browning said.
 photo by: h. rozen

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Golden Boys Brayden Duman '23, Ryland Mill '23, Willis Browning '23, and Ryder Bailey '23 chest bump in the middle of the gym at the Back to School assembly Aug. 12. The Golden Boys had to apply and were selected prior to the start of the school year. "It felt super surreal walking into the gym as a Golden Boy, and to think that it's been four years since my freshman year is crazy," Duman said.
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ALL TOGETHER NOW

All three pom teams performed together at the Back to School Assembly in the gym Aug. 12. The teams worked together for 2 hours, everyday, for two weeks to perfect the routine. "The Back to School Assembly is one of my favorite assemblies because it's the first time we dance in front of the student body as a team," Dani Zappavigna '23 said.
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GOOD POINT

STUCO members Kendall Deford '23 and Remi Arnold '23 speak to the student body in the gym at the annual Back to School assembly Aug. 12. Student council began planning for this event back in late July. "I love being a senior in STUCO, it feels great to be a leader for all of the younger members and to represent my class," Deford said.
 photo by: h. wrozen

students get involved in back to school activities during the first

WELCOME HOME

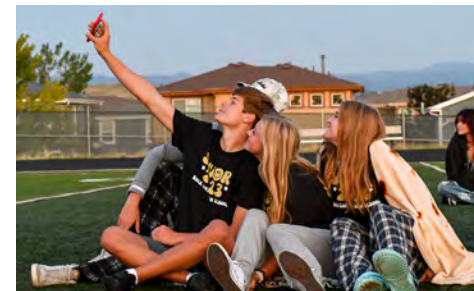


HERE COMES THE SUN

Senior class comes together at 5:45 a.m. to watch the sunrise, starting off their final year of high school



SENIORS, SUNSHINE, AND SMILES
 Ryan Sprengel '23 carries a table for the Senior Sunrise Aug. 23. Around 300 people from the senior class attended in celebration of the start of their final year. "It is amazing being in Student Council, you are able to pass down all of the knowledge and skills you accumulated since freshman year to the new members," Sprengel said.
 photo by: a. gustafson



SAY CHEESE

Cole Niewohner '23 captures the moment with a selfie of him and his two friends Katelyn Pocock '23 and Avery Tomlinson '23 at senior sunrise on the football field Aug. 23. Seniors were asked to arrive at 5:45 a.m. in order to eat the donuts provided for breakfast while watching the sunrise. "I'm actually up this early normally, I have a class at 6 a.m., so this was lightwork," Pocock '23 said. "Senior year is pretty good actually, I think it's probably the best year so far."
 photo by: a. gustafson



SIT BACK, RELAX, AND ENJOY THE SUNRISE

Seniors Anthony Chui and Alex Durbin lounge on camp chairs as they watch the sunrise Aug. 23. Chui spent the night on the football field with many other seniors before the sun rose. "I couldn't fall asleep on the field, it was too cold, but I loved the senior sunrise and I think it was a great event and opportunity for the senior class to spend some time together," Chui said.
 photo by: a. nandy

FREE TIME FUN TIME

students transition from summer to school



Alex Royal '24 hikes with her dog Buddha and friends Cameron Short '24 and Addie Jaeger '24 Aug. 28. The three hiked Red Rocks, but had to end early because of the rain. "The hike was super nice, but it was a little too chilly and wet for us to stay out for longer," Royal said.
 photo by: a. jaeger

NEW BEGINNINGS

link crew leaders prepare freshmen for their upcoming high school years



FOLLOW THE LEADERS
 Shwathi Velpuri '24 and Jade Spears '24 tour freshmen throughout the hallway Aug. 8. Link crew made a structured schedule and packet that went along as a guide for freshman orientation. "It was super fun and I was so glad that I got the opportunity to help the new students out," Velpuri said.



ALL DRESSED UP
 Link leader Avery Genuario '23 leads a freshman group on a tour of the school August 8. Genuario's group had Hawaii leis for their freshmen. "My favorite part was being in the classroom with my group of freshmen. I already knew one of them because of my brother, so it helped loosen up how it could be awkward with the link leaders for some people," Avery Genuario '23 said.

MORNIN' JAG

senior choir singers initiate new members by taking them to breakfast and welcoming them to the choir



photo by: c. yeater

EMILY JOHNSON '23

"I love getting to go pick up the new members because they have no idea that it's happening and it's a great opportunity to welcome them into the choir community."

AVERY MONROE '24

"It was super fun when we were all together at Village Inn and it was really good to be together as a choir and to build some community."

MORGAN TEMPEL '23

"I actually enjoyed getting kidnapped because they wake you up and paint all over your face. Plus it's fun to meet up with all of your friends for breakfast and hear past kidnapping stories."

KAILYN STANICK '25

"My favorite part was getting to meet up with the entire choir and go unit village and it was just really fun."



photos by: r. synk

CARING COMMUNITY

Riley, Isabella Moroni '23, and Kambree Cowan '23 sit in a circle at Women's Empowerment Club in the choir room August 8. Approximately 30 people attended this club meeting, only one of them being a male. "I love Women's Empowerment because I've been in it since it started, and because I love seeing the community of people come together for similar beliefs," Cowan said.

WATER WARS

Sebastian Hurtado '23 drops a water balloon on Abigail Mendes '23 and Caden Yocum '25 in the upper parking lot Aug 3. The Marching Band organized a water balloon fight between all of the instrument sections for students to bond before the new school year. "Saxophones (our section) prepared pretty last-minute. I got to school about an hour before the water balloon fight," Hurtado said.

photo by: a.gustafson

BALLOONS AND BONDING

Brandon Mock '23 begins to toss a water balloon in the air during the marching band water balloon fight Aug 3. Marching band used this as a way to bond between different instrument sections. "Before the water balloon fight there were a lot of us getting prepped for the fight to get going, and we were there hours before," Mock said.

photo by: a.gustafson

CONCERT OF CHAOS

Abby Mendus '23 throws a water balloon at Luke Meredith '24 during the marching band water balloon fight in the upper lot on Aug 3. Different sections of the marching band fought with water balloons to see who was the best section. "It was so in the moment, you couldn't even tell what was happening. Balloons were flying everywhere, people were falling down. At one point, we ran out of balloons so people were just picking up the buckets of water and dumping them on everybody," Mendus said.

photo by: a.gustafson

LOW BRASS ON LOW SUPPLY

Sean Gaffney '25 blows up water balloons for fun during the marching band water balloon fight in the upper lot Aug. 3. Gaffney was on the low brass team, which had a huge disadvantage due to an oversight. "We forgot most of the balloons," Gaffney said.

photo by: a.gustafson

BUCKETS OF FUN

Adeline Johansen '25 dumps a bucket of water on Logan Amick '25 during the marching band water balloon fight Aug 3. Once the teams started ran out of water balloons they started dumping buckets of water on each other. "I felt good, he dumped a bucket of water on me so I had to return the favor," Johansen said.

photo by: a.gustafson



MAKING A SPLASH

band students kicked off the school year with a water balloon fight

GONE CLUBBIN'

activities fair welcomed students to become a part of a variety of clubs and groups



ARTISTIC APPEAL

Kaley Kingman '23 shows students and staff what it is like to be a part of the National Art Honor Society during the activities fair Aug. 23. The NAHS was new to the 2022-2023 school year as students thought it would be a good idea to include art as an honor society. "NAHS is like any other honor societies; you have memberships you can coordinate and you get community service credit."

photo by: k. vasquez



LINKING TOGETHER

Amanda Hoy '23 points to the Learning Link club poster at the activities fair in the main gym Aug. 23. There were over 60 clubs that students were able to participate in. Hoy explained a big part of their club was getting volunteer hours for the different events they sponsor. "We were trying to get members to join our club. We got so much participation and way more elementary students from Redstone were tutored this year."

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CARING CLUBS

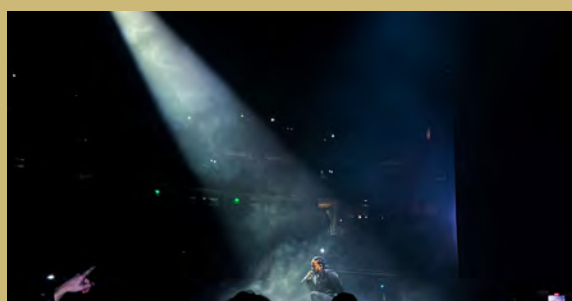
Tavishaa Vanjan '23 presents the importance of Med Club during the activities fair in the main gym Aug. 23. During this event students walked around and learned about different clubs and activities. "I am the president of Med Club and I am in charge of scheduling and leading meetings," Vanjan said.

photo by: c. yeater

KING KENDRICK

kendrick lamar brought his "big steppers" album to ball arena aug. 23 for the largest opening week

"I really liked the songs he performed, like the set list, and the lighting." -Sienna Tinker '25
"My favorite thing about the concert was probably the stuff they had on stage, like the sets." -Drew Cooke '25
"He's my favorite rapper ever, so I enjoyed seeing him perform." -Nate Hadi '24
"Family Ties" was my favorite because Baby Keem and Kendrick performed together." -Izzy Bartos '23
"Me and my best friend bought tickets right as they dropped." -Olivia Cadwell '23



ALL IN FOR ALL DAYS

students express frustrations with weekly all-days where all class periods are attended for 50 minutes every friday



"I don't like all days because I just get really tired and I don't have lunch until the very end of the day."
-Tori Greer '25



"I don't really like all days, I feel like they take forever. It makes the week feel like it went by so slow."
-Avery Weise '25



"I honestly think that it's too much, and a lot of teachers assign quizzes, so sometimes students have five quizzes in a day."
-Blanka Sniezyk '25

TO SING OR NOT TO SING

choir holds special significance for senior alex moroni

"I've always really been drawn to music and I had been in the middle school choir, so I was able to see how good the choir program at Canyon was."

"My favorite choir event this year was getting the opportunity to work with Eric Whitacre (the most famous modern choral composer) during the first quarter. It was such a mind-blowing experience."

"Currently I've been singing for 9 years. For me, it's something that allows me to express myself and connect with myself."

"The choir kidnapping from my junior year in the Echos Choir was very chaotic but completely worth it. It was the first time I felt included in a class in that way."

"Every song has a special place in my heart. 'The Seal Lullaby' tells the story of a mother seal singing to her baby, but I immediately thought of my younger sister and how I will be leaving for college at the end of this year



NO STRINGS ATTACHED

feeder fest - a concert with elementary, middle and high school students - unites communities.



GOT MUSIC?

Reid Bona '25 plays the viola at Orchestra's annual Feeder Festival in the gym Dec. 7. Elementary and Middle School students played their instruments with the high school students. "I joined orchestra because I thought the instruments were interesting and cool," Bona said. **photo by: r. kim**



FEED SOME LOVE

Cheryn Jun '24 plays with her peers in the gym during the festival Dec. 7. Jun worked on her songs for a few weeks before the performance. "The Feeder Festival is an opportunity for students preparing for high school to perform with larger groups," Jun said. **photo by: r. kim**



BOWS UP

Greg Watkins '26 rests during the Feeder Festival in the gym Dec. 7. The Feeder Festival helped introduce more younger students to the orchestra community. "I have done orchestra since I was in elementary school and it is always such a fun community to be apart of," Clara Benko '24 said. **photo by: r. kim**

"AFTER QUITTING CLUB SWIM, I'M STILL TRYING TO GO OUT FOR SENIOR YEAR SWIMMING, AND MAKE VARSITY," NICOLE DAMIAN '23 SAID.



\$5 to see "Clue" performance sept. 22-24

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER

Gwendolynn Riddoch '23 acts afraid whilst Braden McCollam '23 points a prop gun towards her during rehearsals for the Performing Arts play, "Clue" in the auditorium Sept. 16. Riddoch played the starring role of Ms. Peacock in the production. "My favorite thing about my character is that she is like an older version of me if I were crazy," Riddoch said. **photo by: m. fierro**



HERE'S A CLUE

stage creates a spotlight for thespians to have an creative outlet



MURDER ON MY MIND

Kaylen Stancik '25 skips on stage during rehearsals in the auditorium, Sept. 16. Actors began preparing for the audition process during the summer. "The best part has been watching the aspects of the show, like the set, lights, and sound come together during tech week," Stancik said.

photo by: m. fierro

MAYHEM, MYSTERY AND MADNESS

Seniors Anna Benevento, Gwendolyn Riddoch, Emily Johnson and Braden McCollam, the starring cast of "Clue" rehearse during an after school practice at 3 p.m. in the auditorium, Sept. 16. Clue tickets sold for 5 dollars. "My favorite part was getting to meet a lot of new people like the new freshman, I love being on a stage," said Arianna Johnson '23.

photo by: m. fierro



POINT AND SHOOT

While performing Braden McCollam '23 points a prop gun towards stage left during rehearsals in the auditorium Sept. 16. McCollam performed in his last play with the Rock Canyon's production. "If I could give advice to someone who wants to try theatre, I would say just jump right in. The worst thing that happens is you don't make it, but even that's an experience!" McCollam said. **photo by: m. fierro**

ACT OUT

Anna Benevento '23 and Lola Claggett '25 perform on stage during rehearsals in the auditorium after school, Sept. 16. The cast and crew of Clue met everyday after school, prior to the show at 3 p.m. "I decided to do the play because I love Rock Canyon's drama productions, the community is incredible and beyond that getting to act beside them is a feeling I couldn't describe in words," Claggett said.

photo by: m. fierro

LOOKING SHARP

ice cream after the fall choir concert brings together students to celebrate the end of the quarter



I SING FOR ICE CREAM

Kyle Walsh '25 laughs while talking with his peers at Dairy Queen after the choir concert, Oct. 12. During the school year choir students took part in four concerts, one per quarter. "In choir, everyone not only needs to focus on memorizing pitches and rhythms, but all the dynamics in our music," Walsh said. **photo by: c. yeater**



ICE CREAM AND SHOUT

Caden Yocum '25 sings in Dairy Queen with his friends after the Fall Choir Concert, Oct. 12. During this event, choir members from Douglas County area gathered at Dairy Queen after their concerts. "I was singing because I was with all my choir friends and I was having a good time also we were just singing a song that we learned in choir," Yocum said. **photo by: c. yeater**



FA LA LA FAMILY

Cate Walls '26 joins her classmates in Dairy Queen after the Fall Choir concert on Oct. 12. Going to Dairy Queen was a celebrated tradition, that gave students from several local schools the chance to unite. "I went because we have such a great community and spending more time with them is just really nice to be around everyone" Walls said. **photo by: c. yeater**