

We say GVK!

CT's rival, Grandview, sits only three miles away.

Watching minute by minute, sitting on the edge of your seat, competing against your rival at their "home" stadium at your campus, standing on the bleachers in the gym, or yelling on the sidelines, rivalries are what keep sports exciting, ask anyone. Not only do rivalry games bring more excitement, but spirits are higher and players are more competitive. For CT, the den's rival is only three miles away. Meeting at the line of scrimmage, gazing at your opponent on the other side of the field, stepping up on the block, means that much more when you are going up against your rival.

Grandview High School was built in 1998, five years before CT. Grandview is our biggest rival not only because we are each other's biggest competitors, but because we are right down the road. We are competing to see who dominates our area best. The Cougars or the Wolves?

Students, teachers, and other members of our community fill the stands, wearing their best CT gear to show support for their home team. When it comes to games against Grandview, the hype is real. **"I FEEL LIKE WHEN IT COMES TO A RIVALRY GAME IT ENDS UP JUST BRINGING OUT DIFFERENT EMOTION. LIKE PEOPLE THAT USUALLY DON'T SHOW UP, SHOW UP, AND I THINK THAT THEY REALLY GET INTO IT. AND YOU KNOW, ANY SCORE THAT WE MAKE, OR MISTAKE THAT THEY MAKE. IT JUST AMPLIFIES IT. I THINK IT JUST MAKES IT SO MUCH MORE FUN,"** EVAN ARMSTRONG said. The atmosphere has you hanging on the edge of your seat, waiting to see what each second has to offer. Whether it's basketball, volleyball, or wrestling, our school always brings the hype. **"I HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE GYM. WHEN YOU PACK OUR GYM IT GETS LOUD. IT'S ENTERTAINING AND FUN,"** Athletic Trainer RYAN HOOK said.

Students at CT can likely agree that events against Grandview are the most intense for that reason. **"THE GAMES ARE ALWAYS A HUGE DEAL, AND IT'S GRANDVIEW,"** PAYTON FEDELL said. Not only does CT want to beat Grandview for the ultimate bragging rights, but sometimes there's more at stake. **"IN LACROSSE, WE HAVE A PREDATOR'S CUP, SO ANYTIME THERE'S A TRAVELING TROPHY, THEN I THINK THAT INCREASES THE STRESS, YOU WANT THAT TROPHY TO COME BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL,"** COACH BLAKE MACKLIN said. Bringing the trophy back to your school is the ultimate victory.

At the end of the day, we are one community and rivalries should make our bonds with each other stronger. Who doesn't enjoy a little banter? 20 years of Cougar Pride, and we still have so much more to give.



"I think each team really wants to beat that other team really, really, badly."



GET PUMPED! It's loud, and it's intense. Girls volleyball has an unbeatable energy with everyone close together chanting and yelling. "I think it was last year. It was an away game at Grandview. Our stands were packed, their stands were packed, and it was just loud the entire time. We're more focused and we have more fun with it. This one we have bragging rights almost, everybody is wanting to beat them," Senior Zoe Ackerman said. Photo by E. Roberts.

FRIENDLY FEUDS The heart of sports lies in friendships. Hometown rivalries are always the most intense, with your friends on either side of the line of scrimmage. Senior O-Lineman Chris Parker said, "It's kids that we've grown up with, they are across the street. Even though it's friendship, it's fun to play against them on the field because we are friends." Photo by E. Roberts.

Take Your Mark Junior Sarah Woren takes her spot on the block, side by side her opponent. Grandview. "I was really excited to start the season with a good meet, but I was also pretty nervous as there was a lot of pressure to win again. Meets against Grandview are always super intense and fun and definitely harder than a regular dual meet," Woren said. Each team fought until the very last race. Photo by S. Miller

cut-throat competition

Who do you think is CT's biggest rival?



The Huddle is Real At home rivalry games, the student section makes sure to bring the hype, planning themes for everyone to participate in. "Oh, it was an exhilarating atmosphere. We were just really excited and people were really into it." Ben Reichert said. The student section cheered on their team till the final minutes. Photo by S. Miller



Maybe Next Year For boys soccer, this game was more than just a rivalry. Throughout the program's 20 years, the varsity team has never beat Grandview. "Once we got scored on it, it was really sad because like, this was our year," Marcelo Ruiz said. Despite this major upset, Ruiz is hopeful that they will bring home the victory next year. Photo by S. Miller



WHOS on TOP? During any competition or sport, CT always prevails. "CT's on top, no matter what," Jackson Rickards said. He helps to lead the student section in chants along with many of his fellow senior friends at home games. Photo Courtesy of J. Rickards

Take it from **SCHOOL RIVALRIES**

"Grandview, and I don't know, that's just what I've always been told."
Madalyn Kissler

"They bring out the best in entertainment during our rivalries with Grandview, that's the big one."
Mr. Steve Carpenter

"Rivalry games because they're more competitive, and I feel like people work harder."
Allie Waggoner