

If I were to have to miss a practice or something came up, it's not like a huge deal that I'm not there. It's flexible. I mean, we're all, like, there to win. But on top of that, it's a very nice community. Everybody's like, super respectful. It kind of keeps the community in check and keeps everybody honest. It's not a registered sport, and we don't have referees. So if I, like, fouled you or something like that, it's up to the people, like an honor system. Playing ultimate frisbee, you have a lot less pressure to perform or, like, you don't have to be perfect. You can make mistakes. It's much more welcoming and easy going.

— **Blake Nelson (11)**



Students connect through ultimate frisbee community whose **FIELD?**  
**OUR FIELD**



**SKY HIGH** Out-jumping a Fairview player, Blake Nelson (11) makes the catch in an ultimate frisbee game on Oct. 14. Nelson loved how, even though, the competition on the field could be vicious, teams found ways to be friends after the games ended. **LOCKED IN** Looking for an opening, Tanner Peavy (11) scans the field to pass the frisbee during a game on Oct. 14. He had seconds to throw it to a teammate, so he had to focus. "I look to see if the defender is behind them because it is harder for them to defend the disk if they are behind them," Peavy said. **SMILES WORTHWHILE** Scoring a point during their fall tournament, Beck Moran (10) high-fives teammate Cameron Kirk (10). The team celebrated after winning the match. "I go and congratulate the thrower because it was usually a super awesome throw, and then I go in high-five all my teammates and celebrate with them because it was a good point," Moran said. **STEPPING OUT** Moving away from her defender's block, Cailin Kennedy (12) finds a teammate to pass to in a match with Denver East High School.

This... or That...  
**Just Sit**

- Twitter **83%**
  - X **17%**
  - Real **70%**
  - Dupes **30%**
  - Animated Movies **77%**
  - Live Action **23%**
  - Renaissance **31%**
  - Eras Tour **69%**
- “Twitter since when I search it up on my phone I forget it is called X now. So I can never find it.”  
— **Evan Eberhardt (11)**
- “Dupes because they are a lot less expensive for the same thing.”  
— **Elise Redding (9)**
- “Animated. They have more freedom in the creative process and can be whatever they want to be.”  
— **Dylan Hall (10)**
- “Renaissance. Taylor is too repetitive like she has 1000 boyfriends. She also sounds whiny.”  
— **Avenly Fox (9)**

based on a @mohimix Instagram poll of 436 respondents



AP goes back to **DUMBBELLS TO DECIMALS**

**TRAIN THE BRAIN** Teaching Algebra, math teacher Aaron Paddock helps Jack Robarge (9) and Eleanor Marshall (9) understand difficult concepts in his class. Paddock was a physical education teacher for the past two years but moved back to teaching math to fill in for a colleague on maternity leave. "I love working out and playing sports with students in PE, but the intellectual part of teaching math and engaging your brain, I love that as well," Paddock said. **DIFFERENT DYNAMICS** Grading assignments, Paddock writes on a student's work at his desk. The switch from the gym to the math classroom wasn't too difficult. "The majority of my career was teaching math, so it was an easy transition back, largely because I haven't been gone for long," Paddock said. **THE NEW NORM** Talking to his class, Paddock helps them understand new topics. He taught algebra only for the first half of the year before returning to his PE position in January. "So second semester, I'm back at my PE position, and Mrs. DeStefano is back as a math teacher," he said.

**JUMP SCARE!**

What's your worst school nightmare?



"I feel like it's showing up to a class completely unprepared for a test."  
— **Jack Bedard (11)**



"Probably like being pantsed. Imagine someone walking up behind you and pantsing you."  
— **Hana Kelly (9)**



"My worst nightmare is going to school and it's a dream, but then realizing it was real."  
— **Miles Mesmer (11)**

MY HOT **TAKE!**



"I think that Arby's is extremely underrated because they have a wide selection of very good food in my opinion."  
— **Ben Redding (11)**



"My hot take is that pugs are ugly and it is inhumane to keep breeding them."  
— **Milo Needle (12)**



"My hot take is that the toast at Cane's is the worst part of the meal."  
— **Alyssa Adams (12)**



"My hot take is I think pickles are disgusting, and they are just gross in most ways."  
— **Zoey Gomes (11)**

# the WRITING on the WALLS

## FIND THE...

- Waldo
- Pig
- Turkey
- Umbrella
- Skis
- Pumpkin
- Violin
- Wi-Fi
- Mushroom

"I think the graffiti on the bathroom connects people because there's a drawing or a funny saying, and someone responds."

— Kara Peters (11)

"I think graffiti does build community. I like seeing what other kids are thinking. It's always a nice reminder that we're all sitting through the boring lectures together."

— Lauren McKenzie (12)

"Sometimes graffiti connects people. Sometimes it divides them. It can be controversial and weird, but some of the drawings are funny. Like, I saw a buff squid."

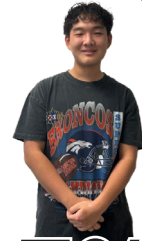
— Luca Medina (11)

"Every couple of years there's a whole new set of words that students are using. It makes it hard for me because once I get to know the new slang, it's gone. I think the word of the year is rizz...I don't know what the heck that is. I had to look it up. The one from my youth that they're bringing back is dope. I'm glad people know what dope is now because back in the day that was my word."

— Social studies teacher Justin Abbott

# Daily DECISIONS

Do students prefer morning classes or afternoon classes?  
**Morning Classes?**



"The first half of my day because I have two off periods and the classes I like the most."

— **Josh Kim (11)**

**27%**

or... **Afternoon Classes?**



"The second half of my day because I don't like mornings. I'm just way too tired."

— **Abby Prescott (9)**

**73%**

based on a @rethink Instagram poll of 213 respondents



**BOO-YAH!** Goggled up, science teacher Charles Schoep explains the barfing pumpkin demo. On Halloween, the science department held demonstrations for students to come watch. "We've been doing this for a while, so most students get a chance to see this once or twice," Schoep said. **FIRE IN THE HOLE!** Going airborne, science teacher Rob Linnenberger launches the self-carving pumpkin experiment takes place on the lawn on Halloween. In prior years the experiment was held inside, but after concerns for loud noises and damage, it was moved outside. "We had a previous chemistry teacher who ended up getting such a good reaction that the top of the pumpkin completely blew through a ceiling tile, and he had to replace it," Linnenberger said. **OOZING OOBLECK** Playing with oobleck, Emily Niemeyer (11), Dylan Ehrnstrom (11), and Bella Groelz (11) watch as it drips down their hands. Science classes made oobleck and learned about how it acts as both a liquid and solid. "We just got to play with slime and learn about the chemical formulas and how it makes it the way it is," Niemeyer said. "It was very fun. I love oobleck."

# CREEPIN' it REAL

Chemistry classes hold annual Halloween demos



What I have been in charge of for the 10-15 years we've been doing this has been the barfing pumpkin, which is hydrogen peroxide with soap. You catalyze the reaction with potassium iodide, and it makes bubbles come out really fast. The students like it. It's fun. Sometimes you need a break in school and we just sort of decided we're going to—sometime around Halloween—take a day and have some fun and do some Halloween chemistry demos.

— **Science teacher Charles Schoep**

# SKI ya' later!

Love for winter sports ignites new club



**THE CHAIRMEN** Sitting on a giant red chair at Eldora Ski Resort, co-founders of the Freeride Club Christian Fuicelli (11), Evan Moynihan (11), and Drew Smith (11) take a break from skiing and snowboarding to snap a picture. One of the first places they went this year was Eldora. "We've only gone up a few times, so I'm sure by the end of the year, we'll have some crazy stories to tell," Fuicelli said. **POWDER PALS** Planning the next club outing, Smith helps club members choose which mountains they are going to next. Smith, Moynihan, and Fuicelli had skied and snowboarded together for several years prior to establishing their club. "I have been skiing since I was about 4 years old," Smith said. "I've been skiing with Evan since about eighth grade and with Christian since last year." **MAKING A POINT** Holding a club meeting, Moynihan and Fuicelli talk about creating club stickers. Mohi Freeride was a new club founded by three juniors who share a love of skiing and snowboarding. "We're all very passionate about skiing and going and doing tricks in the park and stuff, so we were like, why not just found a club so that we can gather everyone who has the same passion, and we can all go together," Moynihan said.

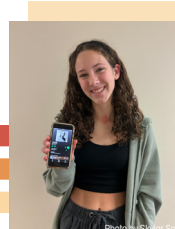
# ADVENTURES in AVIATION

Students go behind the scenes at airport

**TRUCK TIME** Checking out the trucks at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Jake Miller (11) experiences what it's like to be in the drivers seat of an airport fire truck. Aviation classes went on a field trip to the airport on Nov. 14 to learn about how an airport is run. "I liked seeing the big fire trucks they use to clear out any hazards that might happen," Miller said. **PREPARE FOR LIFT OFF** Watching a plane take off, Luke Hays (10) takes a video to capture the action. The classes got a full tour of the airport including the tarmac. "I learned the jobs you can take at an airport, as well as what it's like to be at an airport," Hays said. **WINGING IT** Taking a tour of the airport, Asher Martin (11) and classmate Oliver Alvarado (12) get a behind the scenes look. "I enjoyed getting up close and personal and seeing all the aircrafts," Martin said.



# MY FAV SINGER!



"Taylor Swift. She just has a lot of different music, and I've been listening to her recently. I don't have a favorite song, but my favorite album is Reputation."

— **Kate Eichinger (9)**



"I love to express my musical tastes with classical music as well as Disney hits. They bring me through stressful and hard times in my life."

— **Logan Siusarchyk (10)**



"My favorite singer probably would be Taylor Swift because she has a lot of variations and genres with her music. Her songs are not just one specific thing."

— **Ava Smith (11)**



"I like a lot of things, but rap is my favorite. I like the beat that comes with it and how they can get you hyped at times. My favorites are Baby Keem and Drake."

— **Oliver Alvarado (12)**