

the *kidnap*; "In the middle of the night the seniors came and "kidnapped" us and took us to a [senior's house]. We all had so much fun and shared so many new memories together," Cross Country runner Gia Capizzi '26 said.

5-4
boys varsity tennis record

queens
of the
diamond
girls softball ends with a 6-17 record for their season

throwin' heat
Warming up at home to play against Columbine High School, varsity shortstop Sydney Boulaphinh '24 throws the ball Aug. 22. Boulaphinh committed to Stanford her junior year. "It feels amazing to be committed and I am super excited. I feel like I have found where I am supposed to be," Boulaphinh said.
photo by: a. gustafson



catch me at home
Catcher Ella Ferdig '25 grabs the ball during a home game Aug. 22. The team lost to Columbine 3-14. "I am a catcher because we weren't going to have one, so I stepped up to do it," Ferdig said.
photo by: a. gustafson



“My favorite part of the season was the last game because we were able to finish off with a win,” Julia Hay '24 said.



pitchin' for perfection
Pitching ball at home, Delaney Mimless '26 plays against Columbine Aug. 22. The Jaguars lost 3-14. "I pitch because my dad was a pitcher in college, and I wanted to try something new," Mimless said.
photo by: a. gustafson



fast fieldin'
Sloane Sprague '25 prepares to receive the ground ball Aug. 22 at home. Sprague played short stop for the first time during this season, and played third base in the past. "My favorite part of the season was playing alongside my best friends for their senior seasons," Sprague said.
photo by: a. gustafson

forehand funzies
Dannush Alakappan '24 prepares to volley the ball to his teammate during practice Aug. 23. Alakappan played three and four doubles for the varsity team. "It was a really good community being with everyone on the team including the coaches. I liked getting to bond with everyone," Alakappan said.
photo by: l. couch



lots of love for lineups
Dax Hayward '25 fist bumps senior captain Will Strabel during lineups Aug. 24. The team played Castle View's varsity team at home, losing 3-4. "My favorite part of being captain is helping my teammates in practice and having a fun time," Strabel said.
photo by: m. cecil

“My favorite part about the season was that I got to play with all my friends and the practices were way more fun this year,” Lleyton Couch '25 said.

backhand ballers
Dax Hayward '25 receives the ball against his Highlands Ranch opponent during the first match of the season Aug. 22. Hayward, a three year varsity player, secured the spot of three singles this season. "I'm number three singles as I played all summer long, and put in a lot of work towards the mental strategy side of tennis. I think this sets me apart from a lot of other players," Hayward said.
photo by: e. lemeshusky



causing a racket
Senior Ian Gruszczynski backhands the tennis ball during his match against Highlands Ranch, Aug. 22. This was varsity's first match of the season against one of their biggest rivals. "It was nice to get into the community to connect with other students that share the same interests," Gruszczynski said.
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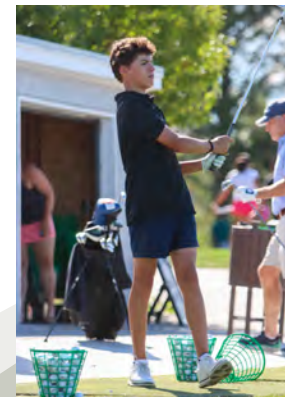
ace ace baby
Gavin Ross '25 swings to hit the ball Aug. 22 against Highlands Ranch. Ross played two doubles with partner Lleyton Couch '25. "Playing the sport I love is just that much better when I can enjoy it with other great people on the court," Ross said.
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it's not *raquet* SCIENCE
boys tennis racks up a couple of wins and starts the season 2-3

talk
birdie
TO ME

boys golf begins their season aug. 30 with a practice session at the lone tree golf course

chippin' it
Dylan Genuario '26 chips the golf ball out of the bunker during the team's practice, Aug. 30 at Lone Tree Golf Course. The varsity team consisted of 12 golfers. "My favorite part of the season was getting to be around my friends and be a part of the community," Blake Brekken '26 said.
photo by: a. gustafson



iron man
DJ Pines '26 watches his shot off the tee at the driving range during practice Aug. 30. Pines placed himself in a spot where he could improve into the top spots next year throughout the season. "It was a surreal experience to be on the team and help them win the [state championship] trophy," Pines said.
photo by: a. gustafson



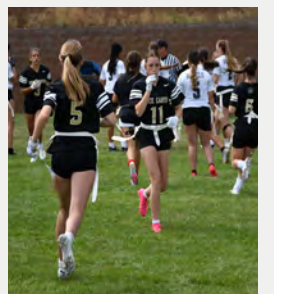
technique time
Marcus Orner '26 practices his chipping with assistant golf coach Charlie Rutenbeck during practice Aug. 30. Orner and his teammates practiced at Lone Tree Golf Course to prepare for their tournament. "Shooting my personal record of a 78 was one of my favorite moments," Orner said.
photo by: a. gustafson

find that flag
girls flag football begins their inaugural season

Jaguars gridiron girls got to pilot flag football as Colorado High School Activities Association finished its second year allowing the sport for girls in schools. The Jags made it to the playoffs in their first season, but lost to Regis.



every yard matters
Sophomore Rory Geis sets up on the line before the play begins, Aug. 19. Geis played safety on the defensive line. "Our first game was fun because I got to see everyone there and be a part of something new," Geis said.
photo by: k. filizetti



head in the game
Chayse Joramo '26 runs off the field during line changes at the team's first game of the season, Aug. 19. The team went to playoffs but lost in their second game to Regis 0-6. "Being able to go to the playoffs was such a fun experience and opportunity for me," Joramo said.
photo by: k. filizetti

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high schools
participated in girls
flag football

blood tales

forensic science students visualized how blood splatters differently depending on the crime

carl the corpse

Cole Lindsey '24 reenacts a crime for a lab in Cydney Tinsley's Forensics class Sept. 26. The lab let students learn hands on about blood splatters from crimes like stabbing and showed their learning through hypothesizing what happened to 'Crime Scene Carl.'

photo by: o. matteucci



"I liked how the lab worked. I didn't really understand the different blood splatters before the lab. I think this lab was my favorite lab so far," Nick Burke '25 said.



blood dripping down

Sophie Tobin '25 observes and tests different types of blood spatter techniques in Cydney Tinsley's Forensics class Sept. 26. The lab was the last chance for students to understand the content before the unit test. "I learned a lot, I liked being able to kind of just scope out the crime scene and trying to figure what happened to Crime Scene Carl," Tobin said.

photo by: o. matteucci

the surprises OF september

the "darling daphnia," a team in the biotech research class work on pre-trials for their experiment by setting up culture tanks and testing equipment

precise pipetting

As she suctions a Daphnia magna using a DPTP, Jordan Engerman '24 transfers the organism from their tank for imaging in Susie Petri's class Sept. 27. To image the Daphnia magna, the team used an EVOS digital inverted microscope, which allowed them to see the inside of the organism. "It took us weeks to perfect our research question and finally decided to test the effects of Sertraline on Daphnia magna because it is close to our mentor's project from last year and their knowledge will be very helpful," Engerman said.

photo by: a. witmer



heating up

Julia Hay '24 prepares for pre-trials for Biotech in Susie Petri's class Sept. 27. Hay's Biotech team "The Darling Daphns," cleaned their lab space with basic husbandry techniques to prepare to test their research question. "The Daphnia magna are very interesting to work with because they are transparent, meaning you can see the inside of their body under the microscope which is really cool," Hay said.

photo by: a. witmer



transfer techniques

During Biotech Sept. 27, Julia Hay '24 uses a net to transfer the Daphnia magna from one tank to the next. The team had basic husbandry procedures laid out as a constant for their research. To be able to conduct these cleaning procedures, they had to transfer the Daphnia magna out of their original tank. "I am excited for these pre-trials because they will allow us to practice the procedures needed for our experimental trials," Hay said.

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splitting the work

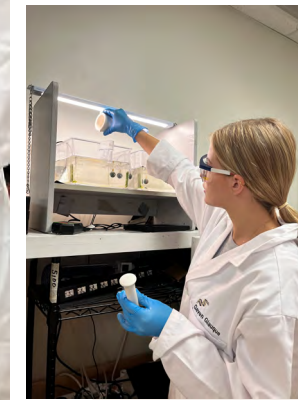
Refining their science skills, Jordan Engerman '24 and Julia Hay '24 split the Daphnia magna into two tanks during Susie Petri's Biotech Class Sept. 27. Engerman and Hay attempted to increase the Daphnia magna population for their pre-trials. "We plan to perform our pre-trials over the next couple of weeks to prepare for our experimental trials which are after winter break," Hay said.

photo by: a. witmer

practice makes perfect

Jordan Engerman '24 feeds the Daphnia magna for her teams Biotech pre-trials in room 5200 Sept. 27. Engerman and her groupmates used the Daphnia magna to practice for their experimental trials. "I like working with the daphnia because they do not need a lot to keep them alive, and they culture very quickly in the right conditions," Engerman said.

photo by: a. witmer



in knead OF SOME sweets

bake my day club sold treats in the commons and used their profits for philanthropy

batter up

At the Bake My Day bake sale, Puja Kotapati '26 purchases a baked good in the commons Sept. 28. Bake My Day club hosted one bake sale per month this school year, with the proceeds benefiting a different cause each month. "September is suicide awareness and prevention month, so we're donating to suicide awareness and stuff like that. The theme is 'Pumpkin Spice' for September, which I think is pretty popular. Everyone likes pumpkin spice, and so it will hopefully sell really well," club member Aimee Barton '25 said.

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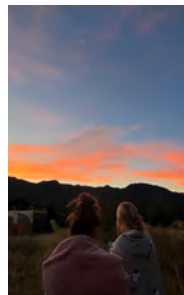
flour girls

Pragya Alugati '27 and Srimanvi Mandupu '27 choose treats at the Bake My Day bake sale in the commons Sept. 28. The club donated the proceeds to the Rocky Mountain Crisis Collective. "People are having fun, and they're just getting to raise money for something that they like doing, which is really fun," customer Vashuda Goel '25 said.

photo by: c. farson

labor day lake trip

a group of friends take a trip to the mountains to celebrate labor day weekend with camping and paddleboarding



"My favorite part of the trip was definitely the scenery, I loved all the rock formations down there [Skaguay Reservoir] and the wildlife was super cool. The lake day was tons of fun because we got to paddle board and hang out in the nice sun before it became overly cloudy," JD Freivogel '24 said.

photo by: a. jaeger



paddlin' on

Nate Hadi '24 and Kaden Olsen '24 paddle board with friends at Skaguay Reservoir Sept. 2. They went on a three-day camping trip in Cañon City over the long Labor Day weekend. "I would go again because it was a really fun experience and something I don't usually get to do," Hadi said.

photo by: a. jaeger

"I went on the group camping trip so I could spend time with my friends. My favorite part was hanging out around the campfire," Reagan Duffy '24 said.

lift off

"Being there made me feel happy because it was fun and a wholesome event. You don't get to see hot air balloons every day," Stella Birnel '24 said.

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air balloons taking off

"[The hot air balloons] were all so different and unique [because of] the cool colors patterns and designs," Trevor Olsen '24 said.



the spill; "I'll never forget the time I tripped up the stairs in the 9000 pod and spilled my drink everywhere because I was in a rush," Maddy Sova '24 said.

5 levels
of different ceramic classes

**now
learn
HERE**

students took advantage of elective classes and facilities



pumpkin spice and everything nice
Aimee Barton '25 inputs card information from a customer of the monthly bake sale hosted by Bake My Day Sept. 28. Club members donated all of the proceeds from the pumpkin spice-themed bake sale to the Rocky Mountain Crisis Collective. "We bake each month and then we give all the proceeds to different types of charities. I love [our club] because it brings everyone together," Barton said.
photo by: c. farson



searching for zeros
In math teacher Tianna Pytte's room, Tatum Allen '25 finds the zeros to a fourth degree polynomial involving imaginary and irrational numbers Sept. 27. The Trigonometry/Precalculus class was offered candy in exchange for finding the zeros of a polynomial function on the whiteboard at the front of the classroom. "Getting the correct answer after all that work felt relieving and exciting," Allen said.
photo by: a. gustafson



solidarity in the library
Gia Capizzi '26 studies in the library during her off period Sept. 13. Capizzi was reading Into the Wild and filling out an annotation guide for her English 2 Honors class. "I find the best way for me to study is to have complete silence in a calm area with no distractions," Capizzi said.
photo by: k. pringle

up up and away
Marley Johnston '24 assembles her water rocket in Jack Vannatta's physics classroom Sept. 28. Johnston made the rocket to meet two criteria; one, to reach a maximum height and two, to protect the eggs during the landing or fall. "Building the rocket took some time and trial and error but we got there eventually. I'm super proud of the outcome and even though our egg broke, it still went pretty high," Johnston said.
photo by: r. kim

**here
the sky
IS NOT
the limit**

physics teacher Jack Vannatta's sixth period class designed water rockets to launch eggs 100 feet in the air without the egg inside breaking.
Physics teacher Jack Vannatta assigned his class a rocket project during Homecoming week to reduce stress and allow for a little bit of fun.



thrown into throwing
Beginning to shape a cup, Ben Mowery '25 forms a puck and creates an indent in the center during Ceramics III Sept. 3. Ceramics teacher Kennetha Miller sat down with each student during class to help them with their projects. "I'm glad that Mrs. Miller did this with everyone because I think we all need a little more help. We were thrown into a project the first week of school and I think it helped everyone slow down," Mowery said.
photo by: m. sova



throwin' bowls
Elizabeth Forehand '25 trims her thrown pottery project in Kennetha Miller's third period ceramics class Sept. 18. In order to make her project more symmetrical, Forehand used a loop tool to shave down the side walls prior to putting it in the kiln. "My favorite project we did in class was throwing the bowls because I threw good bowls and they're both painted so cute," Forehand said.
photo by: m. sova



**music
family**

"Orchestra is my favorite subject because the class is like a family and I love being able to express my feelings through an instrument," Maggie Butler '27 said.

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instruments in an orchestra

The first time I picked up a violin was in fourth grade at the elementary fair. I fell in love with it and never wanted to give it up even though some people thought I would," Butler said.



The impact of the SSN snack cart
we are together AT THE cart



midday solace
Students regularly lined up for the SSN snack cart during Access on Gold days. Students bought drinks for \$2 and snacks and candy for \$1 each. Chloe Bishop '24, Jack Madigan '27, Carmen Rogers '27, Leanne Mackzum '25, and Sam Dizmang '24 chatted with peers and teachers while earning money for field trips and class experiences.
photo by: a. wilson

"The snack cart is important because it teaches skills as simple as communicating with people, reading body language and learning to exchange money with cash and credit cards," SSN EA, Myrian Renzelman said.



side hustle
In front of the 3000's pod, Chloe Bishop '25 holds a credit card reader for students to pay for snacks from the cart Sept. 14. Bishop and Mark Larson collected money and helped customers every Access period. "I go to the snack stand because I am always hungry and they have great options. I mostly just get the candy because the sugar will last me for the rest of the day," Zoe Dermondy said.
photo by: a. wilson

in for
THE **kiln**

first semester ceramics III students experience their first throwing project