

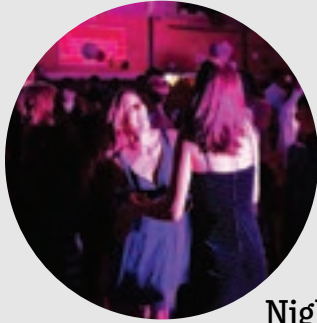


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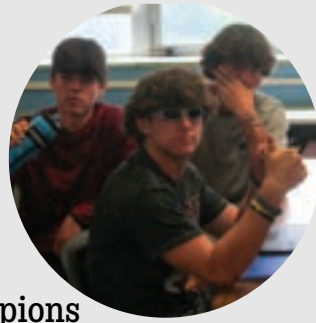
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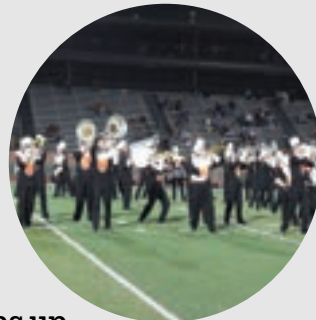
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Letter from the editor

As the school year progresses, the excitement of new teachers, new technology and a new GJHS that will grow for the better, is radiating throughout the school. However, much like the rapidly progressing construction of the new school building next door, many emotions have arisen for me and the staff of the Orange and Black.

For some there is an uneasy feeling of saying goodbye to these old buildings and part of the history that goes with it. As the last editor in chief of the Orange & Black in the old 1956 building that has served GJHS well, I urge all students to support their teams and clubs. To honor and live up to the great years of high school that have been lived long before the current students of GJHS.

I encourage the students of GJHS to help make the legacy of this old building an inspiring one and make the last year here the best one possible.

I hope to see many smiling faces in the student sections, at the dances, and in the hallways for one last great year in this old building.

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OPINION: Summer Blockbusters

The most notable movies that happened over the summer

opinion by **connor kinser**

A lot of good movies came out during the summer. Some are better than others, so I wanted to make my official ranking of all of the movies I saw in the summer of 2023.

I rated the movies on a scale of 1 to 5 stars. One being the worst movie I've seen and I don't want to see it again and 5 being a masterpiece that I have rewatched at least 10 times.

The Flash

1 Star

As a cross country runner this movie is painful to watch. The running cinematography is only what I can imagine as how Ezra Miller ran away from the cops in real life.

The main story is about Barry Allen (The Flash) going back in time to stop his mom from dying but this single effect leaves ripples in the timeline changing events; so Flash has to try and stop Zod (Check Superman: Man of Steel if you haven't seen it, then they're not gonna explain who he is).

If you're in for bad CGI, awful dialogue, and watching a criminal be the lead role this movie is for you.

Barbie

2 Stars

The sets and costume design were amazing for this movie.

The movie is mostly about Barbie figuring out how to be a real person and live in the real world. In the real world, Ken discovers the patriarchy (a term that was said about 50 times) and brings the patriarchy back to Barbie Land.

The best part of the movie is 100% Ryan Gosling playing Ken, with his amazing original song and very goofy

and over the top performance.

The story is also Barbie learning about how the real world kinda sucks but there are also good parts of being alive. One of my problems with this movie is it's too long and for no good reason. Will Ferrell and the Mattel business board could have been cut from the movie entirely. My final words for this movie are: "He is so me for real." - Ryan Gosling

Ninja Turtles

4 Stars

Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem was a very fun movie. This movie is inspired by a comic book spider verse style of animation.

The main story is about the four ninja turtle boys Mikey, Leonardo, Donatello, and Raphael wanting to live in the human world. Their father Splinter is against them going to the human world because he believes all humans are dangerous and would hurt the turtles.

With a crime rate going up due to a mysterious superfly and his gang of mutant criminals, the turtles stop the crimes. One of my favorite characters is definitely Jackie Chan as Master Splinter. Also the soundtrack for the movie has to have the funniest names in it.

I can't say all of them because they have swearing in them but some of them consist of Jackie giving such life and a real personality to the old rat. With a stacked cast and beautiful animation this movie definitely is worth a watch.

Spider Verse

4 Stars

This movie is truly one of a kind. It has the visuals of a lifetime with the most animators working on a

single movie ever: More than 1,000 animators worked on this movie in total. And it paid off.

The main character of this movie is Miles Morales. Miles has a personal conflict with his parents, a villain called the Spot and a moral conflict with the anti-hero Miguel o' Hara (Spiderman 2099). With him going to different universes and joining up with more Spider people.

The only problem with this movie is it is part one of two and it leaves off on a cliffhanger, which just makes you wish for more of the movie. Hopefully part 2 will come out next year. But it will definitely be worth the wait.

Guardians Of the Galaxy Vol 3

5 Stars

This has to be one of the best Marvel movies that the studio has ever made.

This movie has it all. It has stakes, it has comedy and most importantly it has heart. The movie is about the Guardians moving on from the events of infinity war when suddenly a rocket is attacked and put in a coma. The Guardians then have to go across the universe to save their friend rocket.

While saving Rocket, we get to see more into Rocket's background and past life. There we get to learn the reason why he's kind of a jerk and mean to the people he cares about. This is the only movie this summer that I saw that invoked real emotion out of me other than laughter (or in the Flash's case making me want to cry)

The recent phase of Marvel hasn't had a lot of good movies as of late but this is definitely one of the good ones.

Defining GJHS' Champions

story by miah hines

New class introduced to build student leaders

GJHS has introduced a variety of gym classes directed to benefit the athletes and leaders of Junction High School.

This variety of PE classes includes champion development (third hour), athletic weight training (first and second hours), and athletic conditioning (eighth hour).

“Trying to find separators, things that separate our programs from other programs, other schools and other athletes,” said GJHS athletic director Steven Woytek.

The new program, generally called Champion Development, was created to establish a class not just for student athletes but the student leaders of GJHS.

“It helps me to create more of a community with the theater being smaller this year,” said GJHS junior Madelyn Marks, who is a part of the champion development class.



GJHS students from left, senior Tycen LeFebre, junior Austin Music, and junior Jack Kaul, are a part of the champion development class. They each play various sports for GJHS.

Marks participates in theater and choir at GJHS.

Champion Development is held during third hour with GJHS head football coach Landon McKee.

Athletic weight training is targeted towards strength training and is typically held in the weight room with GJHS physical education teachers Dutch Johnson and Si Espinosa.

“It’s way more of a challenge for me and I always love challenges,” said GJHS senior soccer player Tadele Weber.

Athletic conditioning is directed toward core training and explosion of

power. This class involves PE teachers and coaches of many different sports at GJHS, bringing in their expertise.

GJHS football player, basketball player and track runner junior Mason Anderson said, “It helps with staying in shape and working on being athletic.”

Athletic conditioning is to help student athletes build specific skills for their sport with Espinosa.

Students introduced to the champion development class have been recommended by coaches, teachers or mentors involved with the school.

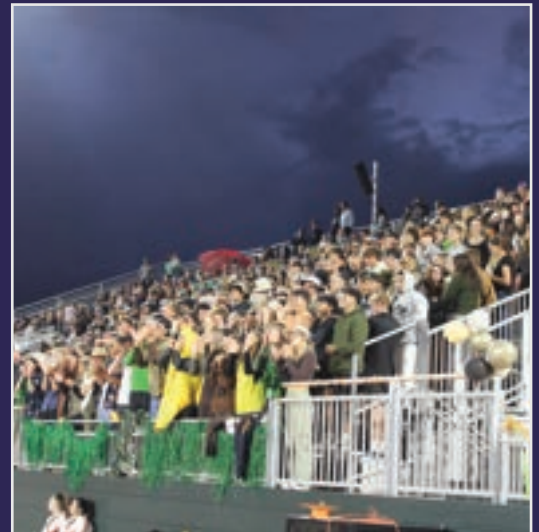


Students of the third hour champion development class study together on an assignment.



Left: Senior Jaelyn Hanson smokes a wall of juniors (Maya Sills, Moraya Howard, and Kayla Jakopic) during Powder Puff. Above: Kiah Thompson and a friend enjoy the Homecoming dance.

Night in the COSMOS



Above: The GJHS student section cheers the football team to victory at the Homecoming game. Left: GJHS football players break through a banner. Above Left: A look at the dance floor at the Homecoming dance.



Left: The GJHS Homecoming parade with Queen Sofia Grasso and King Anders Griffin. Top: The GJHS Marching Band performs at halftime during the football game. Above: Students wave their hands in the air while celebrating at the Homecoming dance.

photos by serenity **schmidt** & design by marie **calkins**



Above: Action at the net was intense during Ruff n' Tuff volleyball game at the Homecoming pep assembly. Right: Lily Kite, Zoe Plumb, Camille Ficklin, and Mason Bunce pause for a Homecoming dance photo. Above Right: The Lost Junction band performs at the Homecoming parade afterparty.



The past, present and future of the Haberdashery

The location of the important resource is not set yet in new GJHS school building

story by lila mottram & photos by serenity schmidt

The Tiger Boutique and Haberdashery, located in Room 114, has been a part of GJHS for the past four years, however, it wasn't always the way it is today.

In fall of 2018, Jodee Cronk's first Agents of Change advisory class had the idea to start a toiletries drive for a local teen homeless shelter, The House. This drive was run through a competition amongst advisories, which ended up being so successful that The House couldn't take everything that was collected.

Cronk had the idea to store the extra toiletries in her classroom's closet in case any students needed anything. Cronk's closet soon grew into the Tiger Boutique & Haberdashery, quickly including more than just toiletries, and becoming the school's very own thrift store.

After outgrowing its closet, the boutique was moved into an office in the 800 building across the street from the school, and in 2021 it was relocated to Classroom 114 for prime accessibility for both students and Mrs. Cronk, whose classroom is directly next to it. The donations have only grown from there, but still everything in the boutique is absolutely free.

"This community is fantastic. Whatever I say I need, it happens. That gives me great faith," said Cronk, administrator of the Tiger Boutique & Haberdashery.

But not everything has been sunshine and rainbows. Some students tend to leave the room a mess and don't



This is the wall of purses and bags in the Haberdashery, waiting for someone to claim them.

bother to clean up after themselves.

"I spend an inordinate part of my life reorganizing, refolding clothes, rehangng stuff, and picking up people's trash off the floor; and I know people treat businesses like that, too, like at the mall or wherever, and that's bad enough but the people working there get paid for it," said Cronk.

Over the years, the Tiger Boutique & Haberdashery has undergone many changes, but one of the biggest is yet to come. Installing the boutique into the new building has proven to be more difficult than anticipated.

"There originally was space built into the school for the school-based health clinic and then the school board voted that down so that space was offered to the boutique and, for me, it was a bittersweet thing. But with the health clinic back in the building, that space no longer exists," said Cronk. "People thought I would be upset when the board revoted and decided we could have the health clinic, but I'm absolutely not. We need both; the health clinic and the Tiger Boutique serve the same population of students and they should be offered all the resources from both of those entities."

But hope for the Tiger Boutique stands strong. "Everyone says that they are committed to making a space in the new building, we just don't yet know what that looks like," Cronk said. "They did offer space in what is currently the art-tech building which is going to be used for room for sports and they offered us space in the 800 building, but I think that would make my job a whole lot more difficult- I can't be teaching and running the boutique if it's that far away again."

While there is not a sure answer for the boutique next year, there is no doubt that the school is committed to keep it up and running.

But in the meantime, the Tiger Boutique & Haberdashery remains open in Room 114 during lunch, academy study time, and before school.



A poster found in Room 114.

Artifacts of GJHS

Historical items around GJHS are being preserved

story and photos by serenity schmidt

Grand Junction High School has many important artifacts, and students are curious about what will happen to them in the new building.

The current GJHS is getting very old, being built in 1956. With the new \$144 million building scheduled to open in Fall 2024, many students and teachers wonder what will happen to all of the artwork and artifacts. These artifacts include murals, class gifts, the stained glass window in the commons, and more.

“I’m hoping that they will be preserved. Even if it’s just digital photos that can be displayed in the new building. I don’t think it’s possible to save everything, physically. And I think we need to make room for some new traditions, artifacts, and memories,” said GJHS teacher Jodee Cronk.

Some of the artifacts, such as the plaques, are being stored in the now-empty East Middle School.

“The stained glass was donated to this school, specifically. But now that the school’s going away, it’s starting fresh. But, there will be new artifacts in the building that will hopefully last forever,” said Jilleann Warinner, a new college and career counselor and a GJHS alumni.

Although teachers have a little bit of an idea of what will happen to the important pieces of Grand Junction High School. GJHS students don’t necessarily know what is going to happen to all of the historical things in the current building.

The new GJHS is likely to have plenty of space for the old, yet important artifacts.



A gift from the class of 1988, possibly being preserved in East Middle School.



Grand Junction High School’s iconic stained glass window.

Meet the GJHS

story by maddy parkhurst

19 new teachers and staff members join the Tigers in 2023-24

Grand Junction High School has 19 new staff members on campus along with a new principal.

GJHS has seven new staff members in the Special Education department: Jared Fraser, Ginger Gibson, Clay Keithley, Nick Martinez, Alissa Pruitt, Katie Fehrman, Melanie Ruff, and Leslie Goldberg who is a sign language interpreter.

“I am a communication facilitator and I bridge the gap between a hearing language to a visual language and back,” said Goldberg.

Goldberg went to college at University of Northern Colorado. She was at Orchard Mesa Middle School last year with the same student.

GJHS has seven new teachers ranging from math to drama. The new teachers include Nick Bietz (math), Cleon Hodges (science), Elan Muniz (interventionist), Noah Schmidt (ELA), Sean Simpson (social studies), Bryan Carlson (drama), Jacob Rankin (math) and Irina Adams (culturally and linguistically diverse student support).

New drama teacher Carlson took over Audrey Neumiller’s job after she moved into administration as a vice principal of Grand Mesa Middle School.

“Drama and theater has been my life and I’ve been doing it since I was five,” said Carlson. He went to Colorado Mesa University and this is his first year teaching.

There are also two new math teachers: Bietz, and Rankin. Bietz is in Room 601 and Rankin is in Room 608.

“Middle school burned me out with kids just knowing that grades don’t matter and I wanted to see what it would be like in high school,” said Bietz.

Bietz has been teaching for eight years around Colorado. He taught for one year in Denver and then Durango. He then taught at East Middle School until it was closed down.

GJHS has 144 staff members this year; 89 are teachers. The teachers are divided into different groups based on what classes they teach. The GJHS science department is made up of eight teachers.



Hodges is a new science teacher here at GJHS and is in Room 306.

“Grand Junction High School has a good reputation around the district for having a good staff and a good student body and I really wanted to know what that was like and wanted to be a part of that,” said Hodges.

He went to college in Florida and got his bachelor’s degree in biochemistry. Before Hodges came to GJHS he worked at Mt. Garfield Middle School. He taught at different middle and high schools in Florida for 24 years.



New drama teacher, Bryan Carlson, helping a student.

staff new recruits



The 2023-24 GJHS staff had its annual photo taken before the school year began. Including new additions, there are 144 staff members this year.

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Tigers fame past, present, and future



New athletic hall of fame introduced for GJHS
story and photos by alex kirch and spencer penkaty

Grand Junction High School has a new Athletics Hall of Fame that is going to be a collection of the school's greatest athletes.

Each decade of sports will have a committee which will be represented by either teachers or GJHS alumni. The decade committees' jobs are to look at each person that was submitted to that decade and determine if they should be in the athletic hall of fame.

"So we have decade committees of people that graduated in that decade so we have a 60s decade, 70s decade, 80s decade," said GJHS athletic director Steve Woytek.

The importance of the Athletics Hall of Fame is to honor the achievements of the all-time greatest Tigers. GJHS has seen many amazing athletes including Bill Musgrave who was a former quarterback, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for multiple NFL teams, or Paul Briggs who was an NFL tackle for the Detroit Lions, Andrew Walter who was an NFL quarterback for the Oakland Raiders, and Chuck Cottier who was an MLB player who played for the Braves, Tigers, Senators, and Angels.

"The idea is trying to build it similar to any other hall of fame where we induct individuals from Grand Junction's past into a Hall of fame where there's a nomination process. Where there's a group that selects and it admits members in and we'll do this once a year where there's a ceremony," Woytek said.

The hope is to have a similar hall of fame as the other schools in the valley and once a year, at the end of the year, we will have a ceremony to celebrate the new members of the Grand Junction Hall of Fame.

"Our first class is gonna be the class of 2024-25 in the

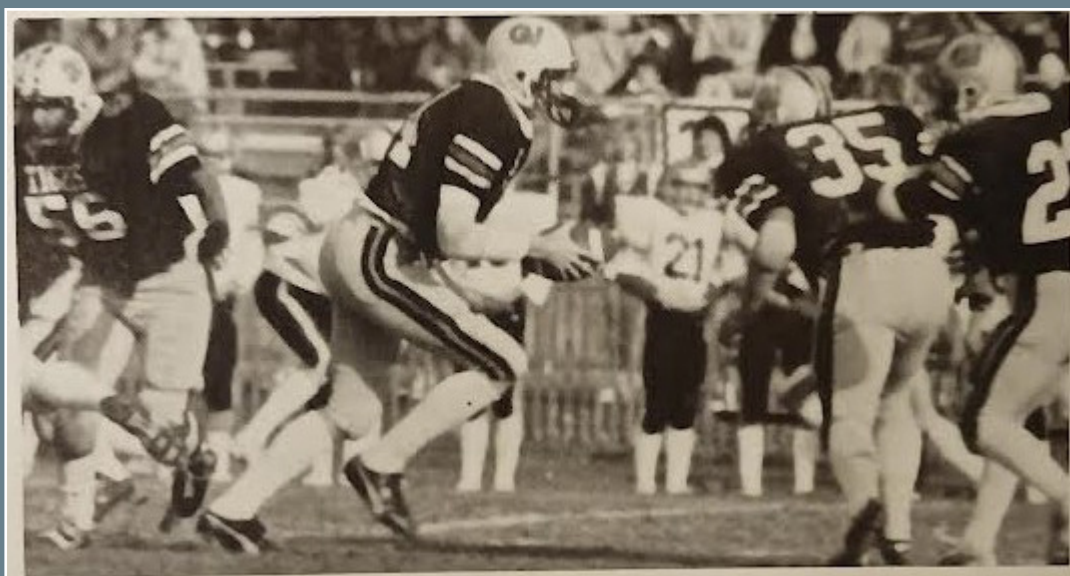
**Bill Musgrave hands off to
Judd Lovern for a touch
down.
Photo from an old yearbook.**



This is an example of how former athletes are honored now in the gym commons

new gym so we got about a year and a half to put this all together," said Woytek.

There is a place on the GJHS website to nominate people. If you go to <https://gjhs.d51schools.org/athletics> you will see the Hall of Fame Nominations link. From there a Google Form pops up with a couple questions that you need to fill out. Once that is filled out and submitted the name you submitted is sent to the athletic director. He will then send the nomination to the committee for the year that the person graduated, and from there it's all up to the committee to vote on if they should go in the hall of fame or not.



Why waste a perfectly good abandoned building?

by marie calkins
& connor kinser

After May 23, 2024, most of us will never step foot in this building again. Let's get creative and make the most of what this 68-year-old building has to offer before moving into the castle next door.

Golf Course:

Our extensive hallways and makeshift additions to the building, as well as the uneven courtyard ground, would make for the perfect golf course. Set up a few flags and tees and you've got yourself a challenging course.

Who wouldn't want to tee off on a shot down from the top of a Cafeteria table? Or in areas of the courtyard. Just be very careful not to trip.

Yard Sale:

Open the doors to the public and stick a price tag on everything we're getting rid of and we'll have a massive yard/garage sale. Funds could go to anywhere but the teachers because their salaries are plenty. The district gives them plenty of money to fund their classrooms, supplies, and boost our education. We can use the surplus of lawn space to adequately display items

Burn it Down:

The desks and remnants of the old building could totally go to next year's Homecoming bonfire. Or as an alternative, we could create our own Burning Man Festival. We already have the desert aspect, and a bunch of radically minded students, we're just lacking the pyrotechnics, nudity (let's keep it that way!), and mutant vehicles.

2024 Demolition:

For our last graduating class, let's give every senior a sledgehammer and let them do some damage. They are the last graduating class of the 1956 building, they deserve it. Everyone can have their own time destroying whatever they want – except for Whiteford's room – that one is mine, it does have the most weapons and equipment to aid in destroying after all. (we know what's in that locked closet, Whiteford.)

The Green Mile:

What better use for the infamous "green mile" than to use it as an ultimate bowling lane. Or better yet, let's recreate the actual "The Green Mile." Take a stroll down it. There might just be a special chair waiting at the end. If you sit on said chair, there's a chance that you could get superpowers and become just like the Norse God Thor.

Hide and Seek:

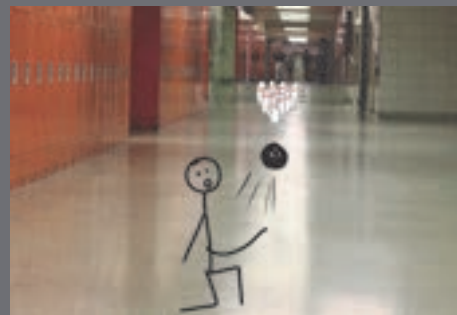
Stage huge games of hide and seek, preferably in the dark. Think of the vast hiding spaces: The basement passageway to the mortuary; in ceiling tiles – you'll have asbestos to keep you company – in the collapsable bleachers; in the 800 building – the game would be over and the building like demolished by the time you got there though; in a

vending machine with some mice; in the theater lighting catwalks; in the clothing racks in the Haberdashery. You get the idea.

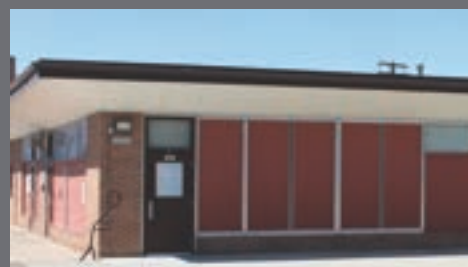
Whoever wins gets a Tesla. Mr. Beast himself said he would come down and host the challenge for everyone to play.



Sam Figure (supposed GJHS student) teeing up in the courtyard.



Sam Figure getting a strike down the green mile.



Sam Figure hiding behind the 800 building.

story and photos by: O&B staff

Volleyball

GJHS volleyball set off the season with head coach Jeniel Eilers leading an all-new coaching staff. The assistant coaches are Kayla Stack, Kaycie Makimoto, and Ian Leui. The Tiger varsity team features 17 girls, with six seniors.

“I want to have good leadership skills and be a positive teammate to all the other girls,” said GJHS senior Olivia Kimmel. Leadership and teamwork has been a big focus in building the team with the new coaches this year. The top players this season are senior Averi Wagner for kills and blocks, and junior Anara Munkhtogoo for assists.

Pictured on the right Tiger volleyball celebrates after a block in a varsity game against Central High School.



Cross Country

Max Robinson is the new head coach for cross country at GJHS.

“I think everyone on the team would tell you the goal for this season is to have GJ runners represent our school at the state meet,” Robinson said. “You can qualify for the state meet at regionals as a team or as individual(s). We are capable of qualifying runners on both the boys and girls side.”

The top runners for the Tigers are seniors Tyson Lefebre and Albert Booth, juniors Connor Kinser and Bryce Flannagan and freshmen Bailey Pommarane, Maggie Silzell and Sarah Richards. Robinson said GJHS has not had an individual at the state meet since 2020 and hasn't had a team qualify since 2012.

Softball

The GJHS softball team slides into the '23 season. Key players are Jaxon Clark, Lindsey Cooley, Kiah Tompson, and Kaylie Kellerby. Jaxon Clark has a batting average of 0.571. Lindsey Cooley has an on base percentage of 0.604. “I think compared to sophomore and freshman year, us working together as a team is just all coming together and allowing us to win more games,” said Lindsey Cooley.

The Tigers beat Palisade 15-5 at Palisade High School. Pictured to the right is GJHS junior Maycie Sinicki up to bat.



Football

The Tigers football team won their very own homecoming game. They won the game 28 to 7 against Mountain Range. Some of the key players this year consist of junior Will Applegate, junior Aiden Boss, and sophomore Drew Marsh. Marsh has received 51 yards per game. Applegate has 57.5 of Rushing Yards per game. The head coach this year is the same as last year Landon Mckee, who has been coaching the Tigers for the last 4 years. “It's definitely a lot better. We can grow a lot with a lot of juniors on varsity.” Aiden Boss junior Football player for Grand Junction High School.



S P O R T S

Fall sports kick off the 23 season



Boys Tennis

The Boys tennis team won the Southwest League championship.

The top boys for singles are freshman Nikolas Miller, senior Evan Sever, and freshman Peter Phillips. The top doubles are senior Isaac Boyer and senior Jameson Boyer, and junior Nick Silzel and freshman Jack Welling.

“The season is going really well but we are a pretty young team so we will be a lot stronger in the years to come,” Jameson Boyer said. Pictured to the left is Nick Silzel and freshman Jack Welling, doubles partners low fiving.

Soccer

Head coach Jonathan Pando leads the GJHS boys soccer team. A highlight of the season so far was a 5-4 comeback victory against Durango.

Sophomore Luis Mendez is the top scorer for the Tigers. Some key players for GJHS are junior Dutch Bullock, sophomore Angel Perez leon, and junior Edison Dean.

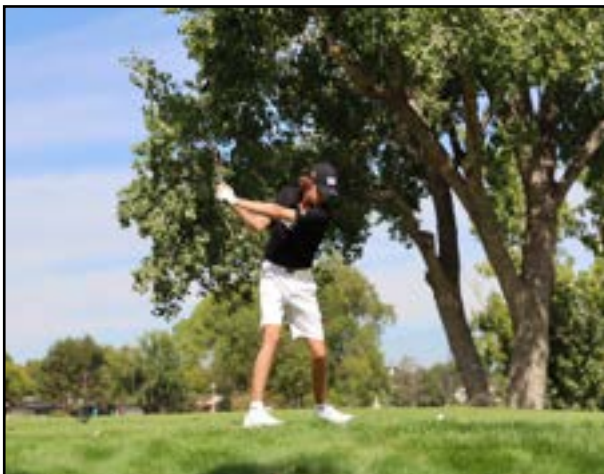
Golf

The golf season has been outstanding for the Tigers with the team placing first in seven out of the 11 events they have played.

“Our goal is to win in every tournament we play in,” said 23-year GJHS boys golf coach Thomas Lefebre. “To always improve at every tournament.”

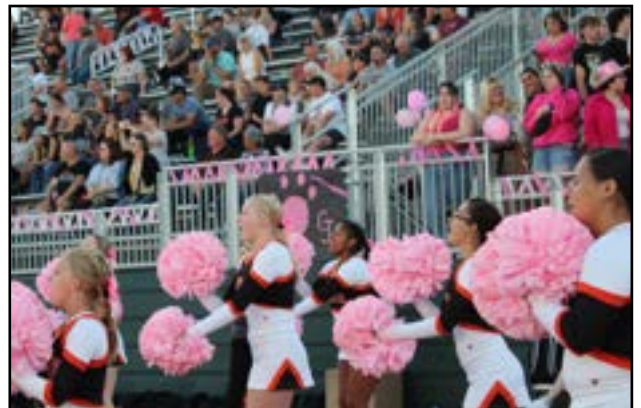
Grand Junction’s varsity foursome of junior Ky Korte, sophomore Hunter Simmons, senior Maddox Lovato and junior Jack Kaul combined to lead the team to the regional tournament championship Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Bookcliff Country Club. Korte and Lovato led the team at regionals with scores of 77 and Kaul was one shot back at 78.

The Tigers had a team score of 232 to win regionals by six strokes and qualified as a team for the Class 4A state tournament held Oct. 2-3 in Montrose. Pictured above junior Ky Korte driving during regionals held at the bookcliff country club.



Cheer

Cheer helps support the GJHS sports and keep everyone involved in the student section. Outside of supporting the sports they also compete in cheer competitions. Grand Junction high school junior Taylor Armstrong said, “Since I’ve been on the team we’ve been first place in the 4A all girl division. Two years ago we placed 8th out of about 27 teams in state. Last year we made history by placing 3rd out of 27 teams and making it to finals for the first time.” Cheer regionals are Nov. 18 and the state competition is Dec. 2. The Tigers are coached by Teaa Warinner.



Enforced dress code

A more strictly enforced dress code is on the list of new changes here at GJHS

story and photos by alexia bailey

Among the many policies that changed this year at Grand Junction High School, the dress code stands out as one of the most influential and transformative for the student body.

The dress code aims to make students more professional-looking and get them ready to dress like working adults. This year, GJHS staff are cracking down on the dress code.

As the 2023-24 GJHS student handbook states: "We work to help students understand and dress appropriately for their school day and extracurricular activities, while also providing equity and upholding the standards of the community."

In past years, the dress code seemingly targeted female students. So this year, GJHS principal Jory Sorensen said that he transformed how the dress code was enforced to be less biased. Equity and fairness are two of the foundations of the dress code.

"I was very careful to make sure it wasn't targeting one gender or the other. Boys break dress code too," Sorensen said.

The dress code has always been a hot topic, but more so recently. Some students believe that the dress code is written to be biased toward female students. Others believe that it's too late to enforce the dress code.

"I follow the rules from last year and years ago. I

don't follow the new rules," GJHS senior Regan Catt said.

Catt also said that the dress code was still biasedly enforced, especially pertaining to crop tops.

"It's outrageous," Catt added.

The official GJHS dress code itself has not changed. It is now enforced in a more strict and positive way than in years past with Sorensen frequently thanking

everyone for meeting the dress code over the announcements in the morning.

The dress code, found in the 2023-24 GJHS Student Handbook, is two pages long. Some of the most commonly contested things within it are:

* That "tops should at least touch the waistband of pants when students are seated; excessive exposure of the midriff is not appropriate for school."

* "Strapless tops without a cardigan, shrug, or other outer layer," may not be worn.

* That "earbuds, AirPods, or headphones that impede your ability to hear staff instructions may not be worn in common areas and should not be worn in class."

* That "a student who is asked by a teacher to remove his/her hat or hoodie must comply."

* And "if the objects/items on an item of clothing cannot legally be purchased by a minor, they are not appropriate for school. This includes, but is not limited to, drugs, alcohol, guns, tobacco, etc."

* Or "clothing that disrupts the teaching-learning process."



GJHS senior Regan Catt poses in her dress code appropriate outfit.

Seeking the truth about Haunted Tours

story and photos by eli schultz

Grand Junction High School Haunted Tours are happening for the last time but students wonder how true the stories are.

Teachers, students, and even custodians at GJHS all share a big interest in local paranormal activity.

A common story told during the haunted tours supposedly took place in the auditorium. The unfortunate story is about a senior theater student who lost the lead role to a freshman, and in an emotional reaction took his own life while working the spotlight.

According to the haunted tours story told by teachers, the chair that the student was standing on when he took his own life still appears in the auditorium during dress rehearsals or during big theater plays.

GJHS French teacher Jodee Cronk, who leads haunted tours, said, "It happened before I got here if it did happen."

Cronk said a previous theater director, Jonathan Jones, during the nineties and early two thousands was once locked in the theater morgue when a chair was lodged under the door knob.

However, no real evidence has been found supporting any theater student at the time taking their own life.

Another GJHS story on supposed hauntings called the 'Ghosts of the Upper U' tells of three English teachers going insane and being sent to an asylum.

The story is about how the teachers went insane because of

the asbestos in the walls. The story alleges an entire room on the Upper U was closed off and the old door can still be seen behind lockers as proof.

The 'Ghosts of the Upper U' story has a few flaws. The main hole in the story is that the room allegedly closed off due to asbestos is a doorway that actually leads to English teacher Carla King's Room 220.

Arguably the most tragic story told on haunted tours is called the 'Red Ball.' The story tells of a special needs student who used to go to GJHS and went everywhere around the school with a red ball.

Allegedly a group of "jocks" threw the ball down the stairs into the theater morgue - a basement space where old costumes and props are stored. The group baited the vulnerable boy down the stairs and locked the unfortunate kid over a long weekend. Allegedly one of the first floods in GJHS history took place and the unfortunate boy drowned in the morgue.

Heather O'Brien, the assistant principal at GJHS, said that if a kid ever died in the morgue then it would have been all over the news.

"As humans, we like to scare ourselves," O'Brien explained.

So far no solid evidence or information of a flood or a child's death in the morgue has ever surfaced meaning the rumors are most likely false.

A true story that took place in GJHS happened when Cronk, a GJHS alumni, was only 9 years old. Cronk said she used to help

alongside her mother in pageants that took place in GJHS.

Sherly Bonaventura was a young lady who participated in GJHS pageants and was the unfortunate murder victim to Christopher Wilder on March 31, 1984.

Bonaventura was a pageant participant and met Cronk when she was only nine years old. The dressing rooms for the pageants used to be in what is now the choir room. A man was chased off when he was found looking through the window.

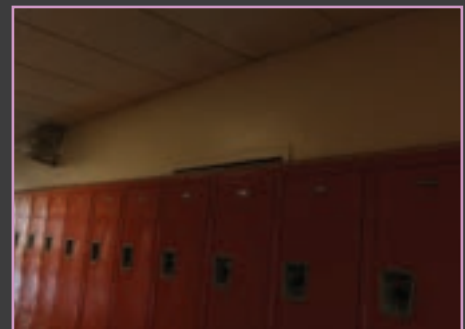
A few days later, Bonaventura was kidnapped at the Mesa Mall and was last seen talking to a well-dressed man that looked similar to that of Wilder.

Her body was found along a road 12 miles north of Kenab, Utah.

The tragic story of Bonaventura is the only true known "spooky" story that took place at GJHS.

The case of Bonaventura made the New York Times and the Daily Sentinel.

The GJHS haunted tours are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Oct. 11, and Friday, Oct. 27. Both dates are 7 to 11 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 per person.



The mysterious classroom door blocked off by lockers on the second floor of GJHS.

Marching Band steps up

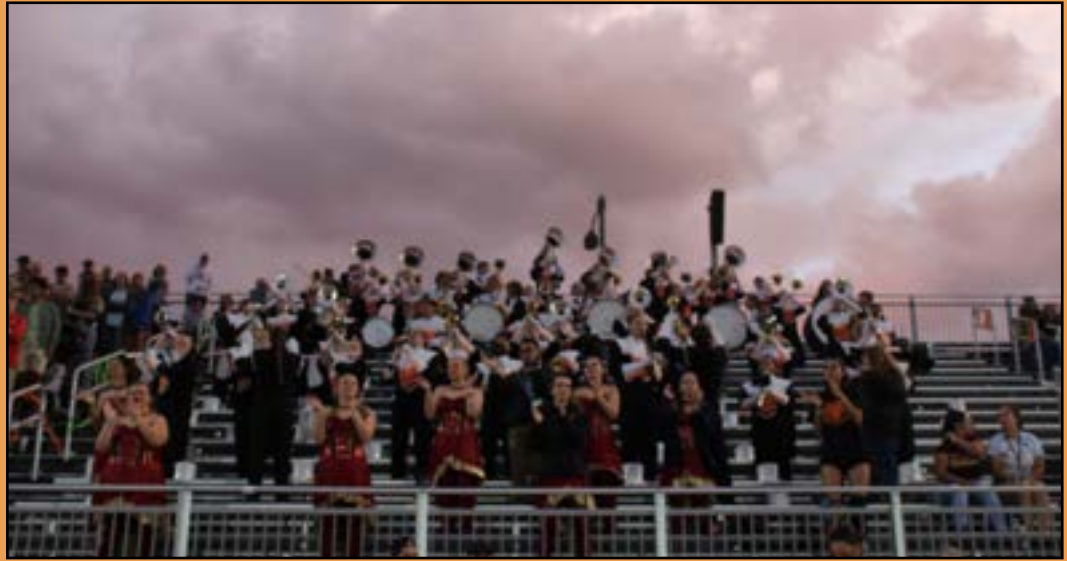
More than 80 students keep busy performing for GJHS band

story & photos by ramona ripple

The GJHS Marching Band is one of the top extracurriculars here at GJHS. As one of the most popular music programs that GJHS offers, the Marching Band does a lot for the school and its students.

“Marching Band gives students a sort of structure in their lives. We’re very orderly, we rehearse a lot, kind of like the military. Which is really positive for them, I think,” said GJHS band teacher Isaac Lavadie, who’s been with the band for 17 years.

“[Band] gives me a bit of a purpose, like during the day all I’m thinking is ‘okay, I’ve got this class



GJHS Marching Band performs during halftime at the Homecoming football game on Sept. 15th.

next, but then I’ve got Band,’ so it really just gives me something to look forward to and to have the motivation to keep going. It’s basically just a nice mental break from the

stressful school day,” said GJHS senior and band conductor Albert Booth, who’s been in band since his freshman year.

Since school started, the Marching Band has done multiple events and performances, the most notable being the Annual Valley of the Bands Extravaganza, the GJHS Homecoming Football Game, and the GJHS Preview Concert. There will also be a number of competitions during the year.

“We’re also really excited for September 30th, which is our first competition of the year. It’s against all the Western Slope marching bands, so there’ll be about 16 different bands there,

and around four in our division,” said Lavadie.

On October 27th and 28th, GJHS Marching Band will attend this year’s state competition. It will be held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Although last year didn’t go too well, with GJHS placing in the late teens, this year is expected to go much better.

With GJHS enrollment on the rise, there are more than 80 students in the Marching Band this school year, which compared to last year’s roster, which sat at 65, is quite a lot. Although according to Booth, they could still benefit from a larger roster.



GJHS Marching Band performs at the Annual Valley of the Bands Extravaganza.

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