

THE HOOFPRIINT

TRACKING EVERY STEP OF BRONCO PRIDE

TIME OF YOUR LIFE

CHASE ROBINSON

Centennial's Class of 2027 are now the seniors of the school. Senior year is a very notable year for many people. There are also a bunch of lasts during this year, which makes it sentimental. This is a time when kids become adults and have to go out into the real world.

The last chapter of your high school career is ending, and it's time to start a new journey to become who you truly want to be in life.

"I feel ready for it to be over, but it's also hard to leave the friends and memories I made along the way," said Tyler Opfer (12).

The senior class is ready to go out and pursue their dreams once and for all, but the lingering memories and nostalgia remain in the back of their heads.

"It's quite bittersweet," said Terin Donohoe (12). "But I'm ready to graduate."

There are a lot of mixed emotions from most people during their senior year. Yes, it's relieving to finally graduate from school, but after years of being stuck in school, you grow a connection to it, and it can be hard to let it go.

In all, Senior year can come faster than you expect, cherish the moments while you can because, before you know it, you're about to graduate and leave the place where you've spent most of your childhood.

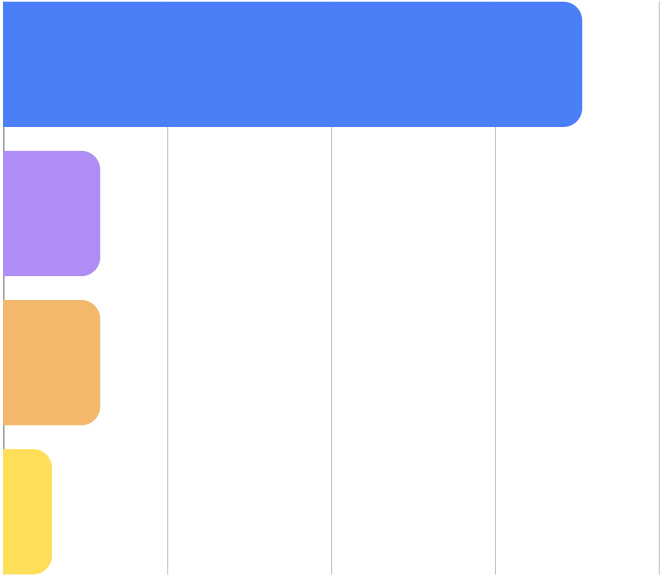
Senior Ryan Fehlhafer probably said it best: "You're only in high school once, so make the most of it before it's too late."

- College (2 or 4 yr)

● Training or Certification

● Workforce

● Military



Senior Jeans

On the first day of senior year, the Class of 2027 girls arrived in the traditional decorated jeans. "We got together at the park in Utica to decorate the week before school," said Nya Fischer. "We saw this as a trend on TikTok and thought it would be cute!" They hope to bring them out again during the year to keep the tradition going.

Last First Days

As senior year begins, students look forward to participating in school events and making lasting memories during their final year. "My last first day was emotional, but mostly exciting," said Hurley Harroun. "It was crazy realizing that this was the beginning of my last year and that all the little moments I used to take for granted were suddenly becoming memories."



SLOWING BECOME A SOPHOMORE

CHLOIE EDWARDS

Sophomore year brings new expectations and changes for students who are returning to high school with one year of experience behind them.

After experiencing freshman year, sophomores may already know their way around the school and understand the basics, but that does not mean the transition into sophomore year is easy. Students are still encountering new expectations from teachers and changes to routines.

For Cheyanne Brown, one noticeable difference has been the way teachers interact with students.

"Teachers are yelling at me a lot more," said Brown.

While Brown has noticed a change in classroom interactions, other sophomores have found that the biggest adjustments happen outside the classroom.

Bella Hardin said adjusting to the changes in sophomore year has meant learning new expectations while also navigating the school throughout the day.

"It's hard to adjust to new rules teachers have," said Hardin. "And the amount of walking needed to go from class to class."

With new rules and longer walks between classrooms, sophomores are learning that a second year of high school can still bring unexpected changes. For students like Brown and Hardin, sophomore year is bringing familiar hallways with new challenges and expectations along the way.



JOURNALISM IS READY FOR ORLANDO!

TYLER OPFER

Centennial's journalism class has fun things to look forward to as they plan for the upcoming Orlando journalism field trip in November of this year.

The Broncos fly out of Lincoln on November 18 to start the trip. The following day, students get to have fun at Islands of Adventure, a theme park where you can travel to book and movie settings. That night, they will attend the National Journalism opening ceremony. On the 20th, the Broncos will have their hands full with sessions and a wide variety of contests. And lastly, on the 21st, they will spend a relaxing morning at the beach and fly out of Orlando later that day.

"I am most excited to experience the big sessions and to enjoy time with my journalism classmates," said journalism student Gentry Zimmer (11).

But before the trip, students are completing fundraising to help pay for some of the expenses. So far, there have been dirty soda stands, numerous concession shifts, and an Eileen's Cookie sale. The journalism class is even putting together a presentation to present to the Centennial Foundation in hopes they will cover the cost of the convention.

"It is super important to fundraise. It definitely helps to cut down the cost," said Jarrett White (11).

Next up is picking the event to compete in. Students get a big range of events, including photography, writing, news design, broadcasting, and yearbook design.

Everything is booked, so all that is left is more fundraising and lots of building anticipation!

"November can't come any quicker!" said Nya Fischer (12).



FROM GERMANY TO NEBRASKA

JARRET WHITE

Meet Nora, a foreign exchange student from Germany attending Centennial High School in Utica, Nebraska. Nora Gothe is from Gifhorn, Germany; she would be a sophomore at Humboldt Gymnasium Gifhorn HI, but here she's a senior.

"I have always loved travel and wanted to experience the American high school and culture," said Gothe. "I have always wanted to come to America and experience things I have always dreamt of."

Gothe's first impression of the American high school is how weird it is to have a lot less people in her classes. She also stated the classrooms are way more individualized than what she is used to.

"My favorite things I have experienced since I've been in America are meeting the super nice people," Gothe. "The hardest part about leaving Germany is leaving my people behind and not eating German bread for almost a year."

While adjusting to a new culture and meeting new people is a major part of the exchange experience, Gothe also noticed significant differences once the school year began.

"The biggest difference between Germany and Centennial is the grading system," said Gothe. "People here focus more on fun activities such as sports and extracurricular activities; people in Germany focus more on grades and schooling."

As Gothe gets used to adjusting to all things American high school and Centennial, she's still finding things that surprise her daily.

"The most surprising thing is that almost everyone can drive!"



New York in the Middle

Nora Gothe (12) had the opportunity to visit New York before arriving in Utica to begin the school year. Getting to visit some national locations is part of the exchange program.

FIRST MONTH, FIRST TIME BRONCOS

HURLY HARROUN

With the first month of school coming to an end, students are getting their new routines down. New students are figuring the school out, and old students are reconnecting with teachers and friends they didn't see all summer.

For junior Dakota Butzke, hanging out with her best friends every day is her favorite part of the year so far. Also, she plans on having the goal of staying on top of homework and not stress herself out.

"Don't wait on tomorrow, because tomorrow may not show," said Butzke.

With junior Leah Dodds, coming to the school this year, she says that she is loving Centennial so far. She also says Centennial and Seward are so different from each other. The sports, classes, and teachers are nicer.

"Centennial is way nicer than Seward," said Dodds. "The people are a lot more welcoming, and classes are easier."

Starting the first year of high school can be scary, not for freshman Molly Fehlhafer. She states that her first year of high school is going well and is way different from St. Paul. She loves playing volleyball with everyone, is learning lots in class, and the teachers are great.

"There is a lot more walking, but it's okay," said Fehlhafer. "I'm most excited to meet people and make friends through sports and clubs."

As the school year continues, students are looking forward to making more memories and enjoying everything a new year has to offer. "I am so excited to see what this year brings," says Dodds.

AFTER 21 YEARS

GENTRY ZIMMER

As Mr. Johansen is coming to a close on his last year of teaching and coaching I gathered a few interviews to see what legacy he has created from his time here.

Mr. Johansen served as the woods teacher, cross country coach, and track coach at Centennial High School for 21 years. Before Johansen taught at Centennial, he taught at Weeping Water High School for nine years.

"Mr. Johansen is the type of teacher and coach to not put students or athletes above one another for their performances," said senior Nya Fischer. "Everyone has an equal opportunity and chance to show what they have."

Mr. Johansen has always been the teacher and coach that believes in you and pushes you to grow and continue to get stronger.

"There is always another goal to reach after meeting one," said Johansen

With Johansen leaving, what will feel different after he's gone?

"I feel like it's going to be an adjustment because he has taught here for so long and has been a great coach since I have been here," said freshmen Stella Steele. "Next cross country season will feel different without him."

A big thank you to Mr. Johansen for the dedication we have received from you at Centennial. What you do is not easy and it is recognized. We are beyond grateful to have had you as a teacher and coach.

"Who knows what's next for me as I transition from Mr. Jo and Coach Jo to Grandpa Jo!"



Final Cross Country Season

Coach Rob Johansen finishes his last year as a Centennial Broncos Cross Country coach with one of the largest teams of his career.

Words of Wisdom from Coach Jo

Hard work really pays off.

Don't give up on kids.

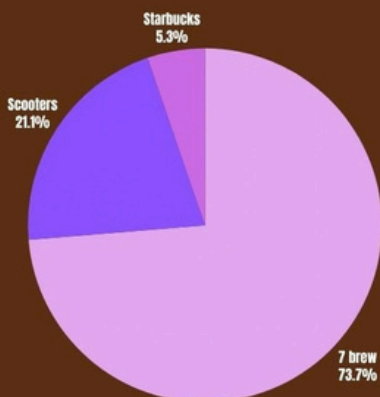
"Coaching creates lifelong relationships after high school."



THE COFFEE CRAZE

7 BREW *VS* SCOOTERS *VS* STARBUCKS

Where do you visit most?



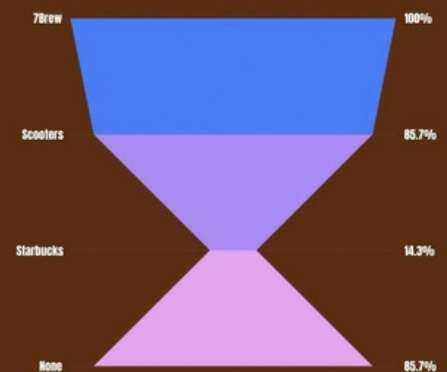
Results

7Brew is the clear winner for Centennial students as the Number One choice for coffee orders.

Fun Fact

7brew is named after the 7 original drinks they offered when they first opened in Arkansas in 2017.

Going for coffee specifically



This shows where the preferred place to get **coffee** is, instead of an energy drink or a lemonade that the different places offer.