

# Trojan Tribune



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## Calendar

### Thursday, October 19

5:00 pm - HS VB in Nucla

### Friday, October 20

All Day - End of First Quarter

9:30 am - HS XC Regionals in Delta

### Saturday, October 21

8:00 am - Frech Students in Grand Junction

11:00 am - HS VB in Dolores

### Sunday, October 22

All Day - 6th Grade Travels to Crow Canyon

1:00 pm - French Students in Telluride

### Tuesday, October 24

3:30 pm - French Studens in Olathe

## Heard in the Halls

"I'm not really the smartest tic-tac in the pack."

### The End is Near

by Mackenzie Gibbs

"It's just crazy that most of us have known each other forever," said senior Courtney Alvarez as she looked around senior seminar. "It's going to be so weird not seeing you guys every day."

The end of first quarter is quickly approaching. Most students are astounded by how quickly this year is passing. For seniors, this is exciting and a bit scary.

"You mean to tell me that I am only 3 quarters away from being done forever?" asked senior Sam Tyler. "It's just insane that I'm almost done."

Some seniors, are not so excited for the school year to end quite yet. "I don't have any of my future plans figured out," said Aaron Gregory. "If the year were to end right now, I would be in trouble. Once I know where I'm going and what I'm doing, though, of course I'll be excited."

In contrast to last year's graduating class (with 9 of the 12 graduates staying in state), the class of 2018 are hoping to attend school all over the country, and even internationally. "If I can learn German by the end of the school year, it would be super fun to go to school in Germany," said Gregory.

"Since I spent 6 weeks DC this summer, I know that city very well," said Elizabeth Williams. "If I went there, it would not be so new and scary and I could adjust more comfortably."

Williams is not the only student who got inspired through summer travel. "I went to New York City this summer and absolutely fell in love with it," said Evan Vann. "If I can get into a school there, it would be a dream come true."

But a dream-come-true future has a price attached to it: the college application process as well as financial stresses on top of regular school-work is not a walk in the park. "The FAFSA took me hours to do," said Keegan Eddy. "It was so work intensive and the maximum Pell Grant amount this year is \$5,500. It makes me wonder if it's worth it."

An added stress is the simple concept of acceptance. "Most of the schools I'm applying to are super selective," said Vann. "It is completely possible that I won't get into any."

Some seniors though, do not think of it as much of a problem. "If I didn't get accepted to any school, in a way it would be kind of a blessing," said Gregory. "Then, I could avoid debt and live in a cave forever."

## The French are Back in Town

by Cliona Pasek

The country of romance, wine, and unique cuisine, France has enchanted the entire world. This week, Ouray gets to enchant the French, as Ouray School welcomes a group of 15 French students who have come to experience American life. Many Ouray students are hosting for a second time, having spent time with French students in February earlier this year.

Host student representatives from each class drove to Denver, on October 14, where they met arriving French students at the Denver International Airport. Staying overnight on Saturday, the French students got a little taste of Denver with some American pizza.

Driving to Ouray on Sunday, the French students arrived in Ouray at around 6 p.m. and went to a potluck provided by host families. After their meals, they went home with their hosts. These students and their families have volunteered their time and homes in order to make these foreign students feel welcome.

"It was an interesting and insightful experience. It's cool to see people from other cultures and their lifestyles," said freshman Sadie Dunham.

For the past week, both the host and French students have participated in planned activities such

as a trips Mouse's Chocolates and Box Canyon Falls, and on Saturday will be traveling to Grand Junction to see the Colorado National Monument and Mesa Mall.

"The French students are very nice people, they are lots of fun to be around and you get to learn lots of stuff about them and their culture," said freshman Kalli Bridges.

French teacher Ms. Taylor Chase arranged everything. From the host families to the activities to the travel plans, she made sure that these students would have a fun and comfortable environment to experience.

"It will impact everything from their understanding of how we live our day to day lives, what we eat, what we think about our country, what we think about the world. All they will have seen will be images on the television which we all know you can't always trust, but that is all they've seen so far," said Ms. Chase.

These new students will stay in Ouray through October 26. Mrs. Chase said, "This will be a life changing experience for them and will revolutionize their understanding of us and our understanding of them."

## A Day of Show Biz

by Ally King

On September 29, ten Ouray High School thespians visited the CMU theater department to learn how to make zombie makeup, tour the theater department, and see a play. "It was such an exciting experience," said junior Sidney Murch.

"They have such amazing talent," said freshman Sadie Dunham "to be able to perform such a

show." "It's a Grand Night for Singing" is a musical performed by three female and two male actors. "It was definitely an interesting play," said junior Cody Castle. The play was based on the evolution of love relationships. "These

actors put a lot of hard work into what they do," said theater teacher Mrs. Alyssa Preston.

The students also experienced many aspects of technical theater. For instance, students got to experience using actual makeup up and fake blood to create wounds on their arms and face. "It was hands-down the best thing that we did all day," said sophomore Maddie Clark.

"Their costume shop is huge," said Sam Tyler. It is full of thousands of costumes and props. "I can't believe there were actual cloaks that The KKK wore," said Sadie Dunham as she looked at the white and blue costumes donated to CMU from a historical figure. CMU can create costumes for any actor's shape and size. Sidney Murch said "I saw at least 15 mannequins all with a different body type than the one next to it."

Some students decided on the spot to compete in the Theater Tech Olympics. "I learned how to build

the adaptor for a light," said Maddie Clark. In the Theater Tech Olympics, students competed hard to sew 3 buttons on a cloth, build an adaptor for a light, and find tools in a scavenger hunt as fast as possible.

"I can't wait to come back next year," said Sadie Dunham. "It was the experience of a lifetime."



## Ask Anna

Dear Anna,

Every fall I always seem to see just a random bunch of aspen trees that are noticeably more red than the ones around it. Why are more aspens red than others?

~Tree Hugger

Dear Tree Hugger,

After doing some handy-dandy research I was able to finally find a website that explained the colors in simple abc english. This is what I was able to understand and learn:

As the Earth moves around the sun and the seasons change, many chemical adaptations occur within the trees and plants around us. When the nights become longer and days shorten, deciduous trees start to conserve their sugars that the leaf generated during the summer. This is due to their swiftly approaching resting period. Just like bears, trees have their own sort of hibernation. Everything quiets down to rest during winter. Perhaps this is why some poems describe winter

as "silent" or "asleep."

The trees, once they begin the process to go into a resting period, use cells to cut off the flow of nutrients to the leaf. The leaves, no longer being feed, start to fade away in yellows and oranges. But I'm here to tell you about the red leaves.

The cells that execute the leaf normally form in such a way that no sugars are left in the leaf. Those cells are also the reason why the leaf can easily snap off at a certain point. However, sometimes things turn out different! When the sugars are left in the leaf, trapped, they still produce a thing called anthocyanins. The anthocyanins causes the leaf to turn red. Boom! That is what I learned from [www.WalkingMountains.org](http://www.WalkingMountains.org) and searching up "fall colors" in their helpful search bar.

The colors also differ because of "sunlight, temperature, and moisture" as [www.WalkingMountains.org](http://www.WalkingMountains.org) also mentioned.

Hope that gives your wild questions closure!