

Senator Square: Always darkest before the dawn



Is this pandemic over with yet? Nope! Not to beat a dead horse, but what is everyone doing with all this time off? For some, time off would be a fantastic development in their busy lives, and for others, time off would be an awful development because they are not able to pay their bills if they cannot go to work. The point here is clear; those who need time off cannot have it, and those who have time off do not want it. This is where hope, attitude, and contentment come into play. It is time for a laugh. According to Ellen DeGeneres, “Do you live each day as if it is your first or your last? Either way, you should probably have a diaper on.” Sure, Administrators, teachers, and especially the students in the Carson City School District wish the pandemic would end, and fast, but they are hanging in there and not complaining. How could they complain? They are shining like lights in the darkness because every intelligent person knows it is always darkest before the dawn. On average, and this is not official of course, but it has got to be close, administrators, teachers and students are sitting in front of their digital devices between two and four hours longer than normal each day. Most of these teachers have around 170 students, so each day involves dialoguing with students, answering emails, and meeting via Zoom, Google Meet, or Google Hangout, in order to provide online assignments, teach their classes, give feedback, and get all assignments posted and graded each week. And they are keeping a positive attitude while they do it. According to CHS teacher Julie Gabica, “I am exhausted with chasing every student and every parent and every guardian and every grandmother and every family dog

with every circumstance using every method of communication known to man and carrier pigeon every minute of every day; I am ready to jump into your screen (I have a photo of the ocean behind me on my Zoom account) and ride the waves, unlike the tsunami we are riding and trying to survive right now.” Gabica went on to comment about where she would rather be by saying, “At least at Lake Tahoe the worst that could happen is that I could get wet.” The dawn of a new day is approaching. According to Governor Sisolak, “By so many metrics, we’re on the map for being one of the best states at taking social distancing seriously...and no one should be surprised, because when you stay home for Nevada, you do it for your neighbors, your family and your community.” The sun is shining, a new day is approaching, so make sure you are living every day to its fullest.

CHS TEACHER’S BOOK NOT JUST FOR TEACHERS



Carson High School’s own Special Education Teacher, Kyle Anderson, recently wrote, and saw published, his book, *To the Edge: Successes & Failures Through Risk-Taking*. Anderson said his desire to publish began in March, 2019: “After many months of refining an idea, I started writing a book, and after a couple of months of writing, I presented my idea to Edumatch Publishing.” Anderson said, “Within a few weeks, and after a few changes to what I had written, Edumatch offered me a contract to publish my book.” “Over the course of the next few months, I completed my first draft, sought input on the text from a variety of people, designed the cover, and completed revisions needed after my editor read my draft” Anderson added. As of March 7, Anderson’s book, *To the Edge: Successes & Failures Through Risk-Taking*, became available for purchase. What is this book about? To The Edge takes a look at Anderson’s life and career as an educator and analyzes times in

which, he said, “I have taken risks, had consequences, good and bad, from those risks, and I have learned that from those risks I was able to shape who I am as a person and educator today.”

Through reading this book, Anderson’s goal is to inspire others to take more risks in their lives and careers. Anderson is not only excited to share his learned experiences, he also invites his readers to contact him. He said, “Readers may connect with me and learn more about the book on my website: totheedgeedu.com, my blog, andersonedtech.com, [twitter@andersonedtech](https://twitter.com/andersonedtech)), through [instagram@andersonedtech](https://www.instagram.com/andersonedtech), and [instagram@totheedgeedu](https://www.instagram.com/totheedgeedu). He may also be contacted, via email, at andersonedtech@gmail.com, andersonedtech.net, and his book may be purchased by looking for *To The Edge* on amazon.com/, and barnesandnoble.com/. Kyle Anderson is also a Google Certified Educator, Level 1 and 2, Google Certified Trainer #GoogleET, Certified

Microsoft Innovative Educator, Pear Deck Certified Coach, Apple Teacher, Mac and iPad , and a Flipgrid Certified Educator.

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE INVITES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONNECT

Sarah E Lobsinger, Professor of Education at Western Nevada College, said “Hello, School District friends, I wanted to share this invite with all of your staff members because I would like to connect education students and events with local school districts.” Lobsinger went on to say, “I would like to invite you to ‘like’ and follow our new WNC Wildcat Teach Facebook page; we will use this page to share stories, upcoming events, and more, so check it out at facebook.com/wncwildcatteach/.” “If you have a page you would like us to follow, or posts you would like us to share, let us know” Lobsinger added. For more information, please call Sarah Lobsinger at 775-445-4427, or email her at sarah.lobsinger@wnc.edu.

2020 CARNETA YEARBOOK COMING OUT SOON; LAST YEAR’S IS AVAILABLE

Yes, this year’s Carneta is almost here. Right now, CHS adviser Patt Quinn-Davis and CHS Administrators are working out best ways possible to get the books delivered to students. Missed buying last year’s Carneta yearbook? Because of an overrun, CHS has some of last year’s Carnetas for sale at the incredible price of \$50, so pick one up. This sale is available through the end of May. Email CHS Journalism teacher and yearbook adviser Patt Quinn-Davis at pquinn@carson.k12.nv.us to get a yearbook from years ago, last year, or even one for this year.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Senator Scholarship Scoop is online at carsonhigh.com by clicking Academics, Counseling Department, and The Scoop on the left. The CHS Guidance Office is also there to help students by calling 283-1915, or emailing counselor Amanda Chambers at achambers@carson.k12.nv.us to make an appointment.

CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER FOR CARSON HIGH SCHOOL 2020 SAFE GRAD

Do not need it anymore, donate it to support Carson High Safe Grad 2020. Drop off donation time will be May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CHS North parking lot, 1111 North Saliman Road. Looking for the following items to be donated: Adult and children’s clothing, shoes, sandals, sneakers, boots, jackets, coats, purses, wallets, belts, ties, blankets, bedspreads, comforters, towels, linen, stuffed animals, books, and small household items. All items must be in either large boxes or garbage bags and must be reusable. Tax write-off receipts will be provided. Also, if dropping it off is a problem, email the CHS Safe Grad boosters to arrange a pick up at carsonhighsafegrad@gmail.com. Have left over items from a yard sale, contact CHS Safe Grad boosters to donate. Proceeds from the clothing drive go to support Carson High Safe Grad 2020 and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AND SUPPORTING SAFE GRAD

Now is the time to volunteer as a member of the 2019-2020 CHS Safe Grad Committee. Though life, like a phone call, has been put on hold, modern times and modern healthcare show this will not last forever, so do not throw in the towel yet. Safe Grad meetings occur the second Saturday every month at Remax Realty, 716 North Carson Street on the 2nd floor. Interested? Go to carsonhighsafegrad@gmail.com., and look into helping continue to make this event a reality. Safe Grad is looking for sponsors and raffle prize donations too because this event has no other

means of support than that of the community. Nubia Leon is the Social Media Advertising Coordinator, and she may be reached at carsonhighsafegrad@gmail.com. Also, please contact CHS Safe Grad Secretary, Wendy Yang at 720-6160, or President Kyra Hinton at 434-760-0635.

RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Called Renown Health 2020 H.S. volunteer programs are open to all sophomore, junior, and senior students interested in the medical field. Applications are available in the CHS Career Center, or students may call 283-1910, and seniors graduating in 2020 will have their applications rerouted to college volunteer programs. Make the most of this pandemic quarantine, and begin preparing for a future career in the medical field.

TEXTBOOK BROKERS SCHOLARSHIP

Answering eight questions earns students a chance at a full textbook scholarship for Fall 2020. One in 50 applicants will win. In order to be eligible, applicants must be of freshman standing and planning to enroll with the University of Nevada, Reno, Truckee Meadows Community College, or College of Southern Nevada. Apply at booknv.com/ by clicking on the “Scholarships” tab.

BOURQUE SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors pursuing a post-secondary degree in music, and currently participating in CHS Choir or Musical Theatre should apply for this scholarship. One \$750 scholarship will be awarded to a student meeting the above qualifications, and who is getting his or her Fine Arts Diploma from CHS. The application is Due on or before May 8. In order to apply, students must email CHS Counselor Amanda Chambers at achambers@carson.k12.nv.us. Applications are available at carsonhigh.com/new/main/guidance/scholarship%20apps/Bourque%20Scholarship.pdf.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The CHS Student of the Week is Nancy Santiago-Roman. Nancy was nominated by her Spanish teacher, Natividad ArriazaDePhillips, who said “Nancy is a student in my Spanish class, and she always connects with me; also, she does all the work before anybody else, so she is a hard working sweetheart.” Congratulations to Nancy Santiago-Roman, a CHS student who stands out for her hard work and kindness.

Phil Brady is an English teacher at CHS.

