

THE WAY WE SEE IT.



Are you ready to rumble?
Hayden Horstman (6) and William Hickman (6) participate in the mock rumble, based on the book *The Outsiders*. A rumble is a competition between the Socs and the Greasers. "It was cool racing each other and going through the obstacle course," said William.

it was...

A continuous struggle.
Some turned homework in on time, while others totally spaced it.
We balanced busy schedules.
Math homework, football practice, friends!
How did we juggle it all?

We navigated complicated relationships,
and branched out of friend groups.
Dated for the first time.
Learned that heartbreaks hurt,
and friends change.

We tried to live up to the expectations,
from teachers, parents and each other.
The pressure was real!
We learned as we went.
And dealt with it as best as possible.

The opportunities were endless:
Band, Yearbook, Sculpture?
Sometimes we discovered our passions...
writing, debating, coding.
Sometimes we discovered our weaknesses..
exponents, integers, algebra?

We set new goals!
Get on honor roll.
Become an office TA.
Turn in all work.
Get to school on time.

At times we hated it.
At times we loved it.
Through the drama and the gossip.
Through the grueling schoolwork.
All while we created bonds.

Middle school was complicated,
fun, traumatic and stressful.
We had different perspectives,
But we got through it!

And this was the way we saw it.

Goofing around. Carley Getz (8) and Lucas Sessions (8) pose for a quick photo. Lucas rocking the flash t-shirt on cosplay day as well as Carley wearing Corey Neumeier's (8) cape from his cosplay. "My arms were too short, I was a t-rex," Carley said. **Cosplay day sparks creativity!** Sadie Bean-Osburn (8) and Maya Dawson (8) are wearing homemade costumes. Sadie wearing a Vaporeon costume and Maya cosplayed as a dark angel. "It's neat that our school let us dress up," Sadie said. **Fun times!** Abigail Moores (8) and Julia Gnuechtel (8) are enjoying the nice day, messing around. They both showed off their fun Pajamas for spirit week. Julia showed off those classy foxes with glasses and a bowtie and Abigail wearing yetis. "I had no idea what we were doing we were just messing around, being weirdos," Julia said.

