

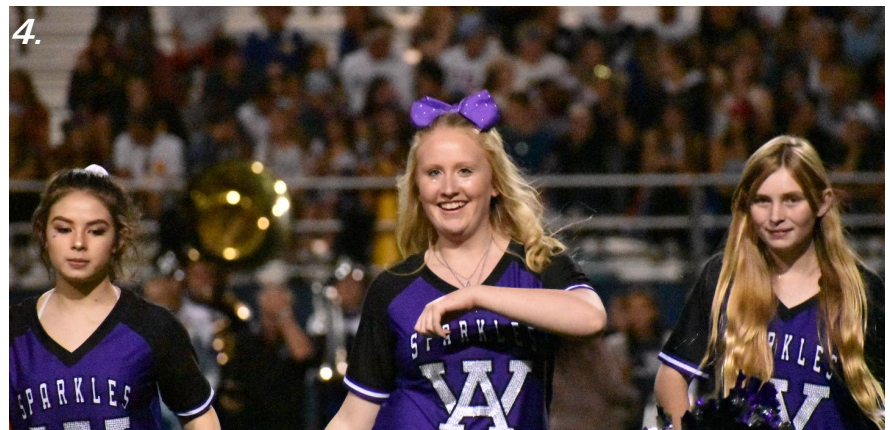
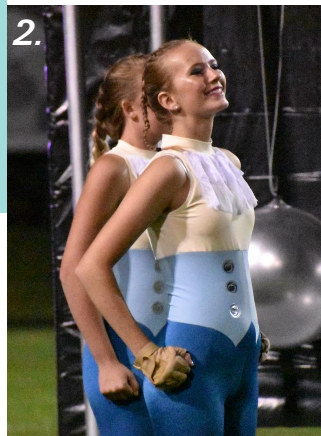
kicking off *HOMECOMING*

AWest celebrates an annual tradition at the football game.

On September 14, the Arvada West football team ran onto the field at NAAC. The lights were bright and the crowd went wild. It was homecoming! We faced Wheat Ridge high school playing a closeout game of 40-0. "It was super cool to play regardless of how Wheat Ridge played. It was a great opportunity," said **Jacob Gittins ('21)** about playing in the game.

At halftime Poms and Cheer performed their homecoming routines, and later, Sparkles performed to "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman. Finally, Homecoming King and Queen were announced, **Kiernan Wilson ('19)** and **Osei Berko ('19)**! "We love how AWest accepts Kiernan as an individual and not just a student in the challenge room," said Kiernan's parents. "Being nominated really makes us proud as parents and we are so thankful for the support the whole school provides Kiernan with."

The second half of the game passed without Wheat Ridge scoring a single point. "I was so proud of my team and the fact that they can still play well even if we have missing players. It was an exciting win," says **Blake McCabe ('20)**. *Story by Maddie Adams*



absolutely MANTASTIC

The barbershop quartet, Mantastic Four, has been apart of the Arvada West Music Department for eight consecutive years.

"We get to pick our own songs and are completely self oriented, so if we feel like a song is too hard we can just pick a different song or just change the key of it, and it makes it a



Story and photo by Sunae Bruce

lot easier for us, but it's fun," said **Clay Woodall ('21)**.

"I didn't really know two of them at first right away but when we first started practicing [...] I just instantly knew I liked it," said **Jacob Landskov ('21)**.

"I think they don't realize how much we sacrifice to be in it, we pretty much give up an entire day on a weekend, every week, to rehearse," said **Calen Brudos-Nockels ('20)**.

"Its always a little worrying when you get into a new group when you're so used to someone with more experience [...] it'll just take a couple more rehearsals and we'll be fine. It has potential," said **Daniel Percuoco-Porras ('19)**.

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fresh new start

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What's the best way to a Freshman's heart? Food! The annual Freshman BBQs is an event that the Link Crew puts together to introduce the incoming freshmen to the world of Arvada West. Students got to play Ladderball and corn hole, face off against one another with games of volleyball and football, and create their own mementos with homemade tie-dye shirts.

in the words of Tiersa Tafoya ('20) "It's a chance for [Freshman] to kick off the start of high school."



1. Crowning Queen. Kiernan Wilson ('19) smiles with her mom and dad as people cheer her on. "We are so thankful that people see Kiernan as an individual at this school and support who she is," said her mom, Nicki Wilson. **2. Standing Tall.** Madison Miller ('20) stands at attention with the other color guard girls as the marching band begins to play. "I love color guard, it's my second family and we are so supportive of each other," said Miller. **3. We're Number 1.** Cory Carigan ('20) runs out onto the field with his team and the American flag, "I was so proud to see them so happy after that win," Carigan said. **4. Sparklin'.** Lottie Schurade ('21) dances with the Sparkles at halftime, "Honestly, Sparkles is just an amazing program in general and the Sparkles just light up our day! We are such a family," said Schurade. **5. Roaring.** The crowd, dressed in a purple-out, cheers on their team during the shut out game. **6. Focused In.** Evan Hurlburt ('21) comes off the field. "I loved being able to see all the people in the crowd cheering us on," said Hurlburt. *Photos by Fiona Verschoor*



EVERYTHING about Madison Pixler



Madison Pixler ('19) plays basketball and soccer, two high-energy sports offered as part of the athletics department. "[Soccer] is a long term endurance game, where as basketball is a fast endurance game. They both make you think as a team," said Pixler.

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Freshman Barbeque, Mantastic 4

