



GIRLS GOT GRIT

[Powder Puff]

Homecoming week is a time for fun, school spirit, and powder puff football. powder puff is when Junior and Senior girls compete in a flag-football game at the District 20 stadium; it is a game of class rivalries, and high competition. In this exhilarating game, boys and girls have the opportunity to switch roles. Many girls were excited to play powder puff, even if they didn't have much experience playing football. "I joined powder puff because I've watched the games in the years before. It's great because everyone already knows

each other and we basically all grew up together," Madilyn Risch '20 said. To guide the girls, assign positions, and help their class win, boys signed up for the role of coaching. The coaches held three practices before the final game in order to prepare the girls. "We asked the girls what they were interested in playing and based on that, we could find the perfect position for them," Marshal Ehrlin '19 said. The coaches went crazy while cheering for their fellow classmates. Finally, the powder puff game would not be possible without the

cheerleaders and fans watching. Boys that decided to cheer, practiced, put in time and effort, and even wore old school cheer uniforms to cheer on the girls and guide the crowd. "The scoreboard cheer was the best because at the time we were winning against the seniors who were rigged to win," Shane Bryan '20 said. In the end, the seniors won in the beginning of overtime when they were given the football on the five yard line. Despite being upset, all Juniors are ecstatic for the game next year. *story by ashleigh decker and devyn jones*



"I would recommend Powderpuff to underclassmen because it allows you to be a role model and show school spirit."
- Jade Kinsey '19



Competition was very high at the powderpuff game and everybody wanted their team to win. "I'm a competitive person so winning means everything to me. It's a fun atmosphere when you do win," **Vanessa Botto '19** said. Botto handed the ball off to **Alexandra Coletta '19** to lead her team to victory in the last play of the game.



◀ Rivalries and tension might have been high, but the girls ultimately joined powderpuff for the fun. "It was super fun. We all have no clue what we are doing but it is worth it," **Sage Stenhaug '19** said. A lot of students participated so that they could spend time with their friends.

Powderpuff is an opportunity for girls to try a new experience. "I never get to spend time with my friends in that kind of setting on a playing field. I got to know my friends in a different way," **Julia Alaska '20** said. Julia was one of the two junior quarterbacks.

New friendships and bonds are made through Powderpuff. "It helps connect you with your class and I met a lot of people through it that I normally wouldn't have talked to," **Colleen Devino '19** said. The seniors had 80 students participate in this event this year.



[Cheer'd Up]



◀ Around seven seniors and two juniors were cheerleaders at this big game. "I decided to be a cheerleader because I thought it would be pretty funny and a good time," **Brandon Sanger '19** said. The cheerleaders performed routines for the audience, lead cheers, and entertained everyone.

◀ Everybody in the crowd worked alongside the cheerleaders to cheer on their classmates. "My favorite part of Powderpuff was hopping into the crowd, leading cheers, and cheering against the seniors," **Shane Bryan '20** said. The cheerleaders had a halftime performance to entertain the crowd while they wanted for the game to continue.