



Standing third in line, behind seniors Adrian Aguirre and Omar Carrillo, senior Elijah Zavala stands with his hand over his heart. Before every home football game, the Super Savage Sound System plays the National Anthem. "It makes me proud," said Zavala. "Our band always sounds awesome." *Photo by Maddy Williams*

Good Luck.

Charm



I always get dressed the same way. I play better when I stick to this routine.

Josh Pizano, freshman



My grandpa will call me before every game. He lives in Texas, so it's nice to hear him say "Good Luck."

Alex Castaneda, sophomore



I always wear a black moisture wick t-shirt. I do this to keep myself warm.

Gabe Estrada, junior



Diago and I say a prayer before the game. We make sure to pray for his mom.

Adrian Aguirre, senior



Listening to the quarterback's call, sophomore Devyn Kincade prepares to hike the ball against the Woodland Park defense. Kincade is a first year center and said the position comes with a lot of responsibility. "If I don't do something right, it could ruin the whole play," Kincade said. *Photo by Maddy Williams*



Motivation.

Finding ways to bring excitement to the team

Helmet stickers, a turnover chain, and bets to encourage players are ways the football team found their motivation.

Stickers were earned by reaching team goals, their offensive and defensive goals, and individual goals. Players received their stickers for the prior game at the following walk-through.

"The stickers really just helped drive the whole team to come together and make plays," sophomore quarterback Zane Rankin said.

Another way the team sought motivation is with a chain they wore around their necks. The chain was made by Rankin during his Metals II class.

The idea was brought to the players by Coach Daniel Hall who got the idea from

the University of Miami.

"They seemed more excited to play," Hall said. "You would always hear them on the sidelines saying I want the chain or I want stickers on my helmet."

When the team decided to make the chain, they chose the LHS arrow to represent Savage Nation.

Senior captain Austin Sneller, got the chain after receiving a touchdown pass from Rankin during the game against Rocky Ford.

The chain brought spirits up when the team was down,

"Getting the chain makes everyone want to make a big play," Rankin said. "It's what could make or break a game."

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Sophomore Jesus Reyes, outside linebacker, celebrates a tackle against TCA. Reyes looked to teammate Javier Gonzalez, sophomore, on the sideline and pointed to himself and said, "They are going to retire this number. Bet." *Photo by Reygan Gibbs*

After making an interception during the annual Whistle Game, sophomore Damian Ramos received the turnover chain. Ramos had eight interceptions on the season. "It felt like any other game," Ramos said. "Except I picked off the number one quarterback in the state." *Photo by Reygan Gibbs*