

1. RACE TO SPACE. Henry Erickson (12) blocks out the opposing midfielder in the race to the ball. Erickson has realized that he has become more of mentor to the younger players rather than a player who is there to learn. "It's been a new thing for me but just the leadership role has been the biggest part of the season, as far as the way I handle wins and obviously more losses, looking at our record, and the way I kind of have had to kind of just speak on the behalf of the team and compose myself in a way that represents the team and the school and the name on our jersey's," Erickson said. **2. SHOOT FOR THE SKIES.** Lining up the kick, Jaime Rivas Purata (11) prepares to pass upfield. Playing against Thompson Valley, the team wanted to provide a good last game for their seniors. "The game didn't goes as we planned it to go, but we gave it all we had. We played as a team

and we lost as a team," Rivas said. **3. SLIDING INTO PLAY.** Dakota Richards (12) dives to regain possession of the ball before the midfielder enters the defensive third. (The 1/3 of the field containing your goal). Richards main goal as a player is to continue to stay positive. "I know a lot of times I get down on myself if we are losing or if the teams not doing good and kind of give up on myself but I just need to stay positive with the team so that we could continue to do good," Richards said. **4. CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.** Dodging the defenders, Ethan Campbell (12) keeps control of the ball. Playing in a season that lasts only a few months the boys need to make every moment count. "It does make you excited but at the same time you just have to live in the moment because it does go by really fast and I'm going to be a senior next year," Campbell said. photos by maya kierstein



FANCY FOOTWORK



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The varsity soccer team steps it up a notch to compete with the Thompson Valley Eagles in the boys senior night game

As the lights came on, the stands overlooking the field filled up with friends, family, and dozens of Arriba members. Facing off against Thompson Valley, the team prepared to work their hardest for their seniors last game.

"We didn't play our best but I think it was one of my most passionate games because it was my senior night and I wanted to play my best for the other seniors," Isaac Chavarria Esquivel (12) said. "I had good vision and just feel like I played well in general," Chavarria said.

The Arriba club cheered from the stands as the soccer team joined forces with their members to put on a great night, of course the deserts and music before the game helped also. "We never get high school turnouts. We aren't the best but they were all cheering for us

and I felt rejuvenated sitting in the goal hearing their encouragement," Connor Taylor (10) said.

The game was full of intensity and chances for the team to score. Unfortunately, the team was defeated by the Eagles. "Overall I think we played really well. There are things we could've done better. We could've worked better as a team," Angel Guerrero (9) explained.

Although the score showed a loss for the varsity team, the boys came away having learned more from each other than just from the goals scored. "I think it was a great night for the seniors being able to come out and share their goals. It really motivates me to keep going and playing as hard as I can because you could see how happy they were that night and it really excites me to think that one day I can experience a night like that." Guerrero said.

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HOSTS WITH THE MOST

The Arriba club hosts a donation based dessert bar to raise funds for college visits before soccer senior night



✓ Dancing

Monserrat Hernandez Mora (12) At most Hispanic events everyone is smiling and dancing, and Arriba thought that was an important element to include. "It was very uplifting and inclusive, we were very cultural driven and exciting," Hernandez said.



✓ Dessert

Janet Ramirez (11) All of the food offered were Hispanic desserts. "I thought that it gave the people more knowledge on the food that the Hispanic culture has," Ramirez said.



✓ Face Painting

Ivan Balderrama Rodriguez (9) The club chose to include face painting to promote spirit for the senior soccer players. "I'm glad I was able to go to this and experience something that no other club has ever really done for the community or the players of any team," Balderrama said.

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