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JUST BEHIND THE SCENES

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Every week, video production students record and edit video announcements for the student body

It's easy to look at the weekly video announcements and only take away how cold it's going to be on Tuesday, but what is harder to see is the amount of time and effort that the entire video production team puts in on a weekly basis. The class is taught by Mr. Merz but really, the work is done by the students. Once they have learned the fundamentals of filming, interviewing, editing, etc., the students take charge in making the announcements.

The first step in producing is interviewing and getting information from the teachers and students that are involved in the sports or events that are getting recognized that week. "My favorite part is actually being able to meet new people in the school and people in the clubs," said **Isabella Zebolsky (10)**. All of this preparation is done towards the beginning of the week. Once that is done, the crew goes on to filming the weather, news, sports, and other announcements for that

week. The students then choose who will be in front of the camera and who will be behind it filming. "There was a little pressure on camera with it going out to the whole school but i just did it for fun so it wasn't to bad," said **Abilene Canedo (10)**.

Once all the filming is done, the real behind-the-scenes work is done where students have a chance to show their creative ability even if they aren't the ones on screen. "I was doing the graphics and using photoshop. I was always behind the scenes," **Drake Ulmer (12)** said.

By the end of the week, the team of producers, reporters, and editors have made an entire video announcement that will go out to be shown to the whole school the following Tuesday. "I'm definitely [going to miss] being in the announcements, especially recently now that I have started figuring out how I like to edit my videos and how I like to talk in the announcements, it makes it fun."

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WE MAKE GOOD CHOICES

Freshmen health classes participate an activity with members of the Rotary to learn about how much impact their decision have



Celeste Corchado Renteria (9)
We got put into groups and then we had our leader explain different situations to us. She then had us try to make the right decisions on them.



Angel Guerrero (9)
I think this will help me in life because knowing that for every issue there is, you should be able to think it through and make the right decision is helpful.



Sam Fallon (9)
we all presented our scenarios that we had discussed as whole group at the end. I don't know if I'll use it too much, but it seems like it could be useful for some people.

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1. LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION. In front of the camera, **Toby Martinez (11)** and **Eddie Kurjak (10)** report the weekly sports announcements. By following the video production steps, they begin with writing scripts the week before. "For the first couple of weeks in front of the camera it was a little nerve racking, but now it's fine, there's not really anymore pressure," Kurjak said. **2. EYE ON THE PRIZE.** Covering the sports this week, **Beck Page (12)** poses in front of the green screen. Filming usually takes place on Thursday or Friday. "It's cool seeing yourself on the announcements later in the day, you get people coming up to you saying 'hey you're that guy from the announcements' like oh yeah," Page said. **3. SETTING THE STAGE.** Working on her computer, **Sophie Ruffing (11)** writes the script for this weeks video announcements. The script is the outline of what will be presented and said in that weeks video. "If it's a group idea then we kinda all participate in the making of the story, but if it's an individual who has an idea, they kind of take the lead and explain their ideas so we can all help," Ruffing said. **4. CAPTURE THE MOMENT.** Adjusting the angle of the camera, **Max Hall (10)** prepares to record a segment for the week's video announcements. They gather the scores from previous games for that week's video. "My favorite part is probably filming it because it is exciting and I enjoy taking the videos. Sometimes we have to retake it a few times because my hair looks bad," Hall said. photos by parker rosebrock

TAKE IT TO THE HOOP

JV Girls Basketball plays their first game at home against Erie



Jocelyn Chavarria Esquivel (10)
I got really mad because they kept fouling me and the ref wouldn't help, so I just tried pushing my way through and driving all the way. We ended up losing and didn't have a lot of chemistry as a team because it was our first game.



Sally Marshall (10)
I play point guard. My favorite feeling while playing basketball is when we all connect and work together as a team. This game we did a really good job with communicating and lifting each other up. Games like those are the most fun.

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