



**ON WHEELS:** After a day of school, Jacob Lancaster '19, Jackson Lancaster '19 and Zachary Kitchens '19 sit inside Lancaster's van. They used the vehicle as a hangout spot, and it could nearly always be spotted at school events. "When you are with your closest friends, it's fun to be together no matter where it is," Brenden Strohlus '19 said.

**AFTERNOON LIGHT:** During the halftime at the varsity football game vs. Douglas Country High School on Sept. 14, the marching band takes to the field at Douglas County Stadium. Copy by Taylore Todd; Design by Alexandria Fisher

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**CASTLE VIEW**  
energy



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**O**n a sunny Friday afternoon, just before a game that could decide the fate of the varsity football team, a group of five seniors sit gathered in the back of a green-lit 1994 GMC Vandura listening to music and preparing for the hours of intense crowd participation to come.

"With the van being a rather obscure place to spend time, it becomes a real conversation starter. When you are with your closest friends, it's fun to be together no matter where it is," Brenden Strohlus '19 said.

The van belongs to Jacob Lancaster '19, who bought it simply because he wanted to.

"Most people are surprised [when they see a 17-year-old kid driving a van]. I get the occasional 'What the heck is wrong with you?' with sarcasm, of course, and others are like 'That's the coolest thing I've ever seen,'" Lancaster said.

About six months after the purchase of his vehicle, Lancaster upgraded his stereo system by adding a new subwoofer.

"My favorite memory was when I first heard Jacob's new subwoofers. It's electrifying," Brett Helms '19 said. "It was like the world stopped for a second because the stereo was so good. The subwoofers would make the whole car vibrate. It was amazing."

Tailgating before football games allowed the boys to fully prepare to give all of their energy towards the players on the field.

"As a freshman, I never really went to any school events I didn't have to be at; I quickly realized that being a part of the community is fun. Having everyone in the van to tailgate at the CV DC football game and having all our good friends come with us was a super cool experience," Strohlus said.