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LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Adam Young, 11, and Trey Conquest, 12, jump on a pogo stick during the opening assembly. This helped get the crowd hyped for the upcoming school year. "My favorite part of the assembly is seeing all the students after a long time. It really makes me happy to see the whole school come together," Young said. PHOTOS BY CHANDLER FLEMING

1. JUMPING INTO THE NEW YEAR Engaging with each class at the beginning of the opening assembly, Principal Jason Jacob introduces his mysterious annual act, this year, a pogo stick. Mr. Jacob thought it was important to be vulnerable in front of the students to illustrate the supportive environment of the school. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING **2. HYPE-MAN RIDER** As he walks through the tunnel of teachers during the first day of school, Ashton McKinlay, 9, high fives Mr. Nick Rider, Social Studies teacher. "This assembly gave me an idea of the energetic atmosphere at school, and I think that it's an important tradition because it made me and

other freshmen feel welcomed on our first day," McKinlay said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING **3. GOING RETRO WITH POGO** Rudy Gish, 10, jumps on a pogo stick with Mr. Jason Jacob in front of the



school after being chosen out of the crowd. "It was my first time using a pogo stick, so I was a little scared but having Mr. Jacob by my side was comforting because he was my coach," Gish said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING **4. STARTING FRESH** Addressing the student body



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at the opening assembly on Aug. 7, James Hier, 12, introduces the new school year and upcoming events that are going on for the students. He enjoyed talking in front of the school because it was good opportunity for him to lead and improve his public speaking skills. "It's a little nerve-racking talking in front of the whole school, but it gets easier when you realize you know everyone in the stands," Hier said. **5. A TASTE OF LUCK** Allison Sedano, 9, receives Lucky Charms from her current history teacher, Mr. Jesse VanDivier, while walking through the freshman tunnel. "It was super comforting to see all of the students together and understand that I'm not alone while finally becoming a part of the Legend family," Sedano said. **6. SETTING THE TONE** Playing the clarinet with Luke Funk, 10, and Solara Vue, 10, Austin Smith, 12, brings energy to the crowd during the opening assembly. "I think this assembly is really important because it's the first time that everyone gets together to start off the year, and being in the band it gives me the opportunity to set the tone for the year and get the crowd excited and involved," Smith said. **7. A SPIRITED WELCOME** During the opening assembly on Aug. 7, Elijah Ramsey and Daniel Rosson, 9, enter the gym through the freshman tunnel. Ramsey was full of uncertainty, but the energy throughout the student body made him feel comfortable. "My favorite part was seeing the overall spirit and how the assembly helped freshman adapt to the environment of the school," Ramsey said. PHOTOS BY CHANDLER FLEMING



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By Chandler Fleming and Ellie Cecil

PRINCIPAL JASON JACOB JUMPS INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT THE OPENING ASSEMBLY AUG. 7

Going through a sea of change within the four years spent in high school, one thing remains the same—Principal Jason Jacob's annual trick for the beginning-of-the-year assembly. With this tradition, Mr. Jacob hopes to create a culture and climate that is fun and exciting, but that also models the school's core values.

"I think that it really sets the tone for the school year and creates a high level of excitement," Mr. Jacob said. "My goal is to make students want to be at Legend, not only for school, but for the fun memories that come along with their time here."

In addition to starting the year off well, Mr. Jacob believes the assembly is a good way to keep people

engaged and show the students and staff a glimpse of his personality.

"I want the students to know that I can have fun and that I can be someone that they can connect with," Mr. Jacob said. "At the end of the day, I hope that students can go home and tell their parents about the unique traditions we do here."

Since it is the first time that the entire school comes together for the start of a new year, Mr. Jacob tries to have a lot of spirit and energy while engaging with the students and the different classes.

"Actions speak louder than words, and here we emphasize the meaning of family," Mr. Jacob said. "So it's nice to get everyone to come together and start the new year off as one big family, with positive energy and a strong sense of unity."

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"I think the most bittersweet part of the assembly was realizing that it's my last time with my team and getting the entire school ready for the new year in a unique way. All of the poms girls have really good spirit, and as seniors some of us felt like leaders, which was a really different feeling from all the other years."

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What was the best part of the opening assembly?

"The best part of the opening assembly was the energy in the gym with all of the classes there and how excited everyone was for the new school year to start."

LANDON BOYD, 11

"Seeing the initial school pride was a great experience, and it was awesome to see the whole school being so welcoming towards the freshmen."

RACHAEL HAMILTON, 11

"Being a senior and doing all the chants with everyone was the most memorable. It was fun being the oldest for the first assembly in the 2019-2020 school year."

MILE NETHERCOT, 12

"I liked being a part of something bigger than myself and being a freshman, learning all the chants and participating in the student section."

JENNA NETHERCOT, 9

"It was really cool to be a part of the opening assembly because I was surrounded by all my friends in the front row, where we could do all of the chants with a lot of energy."

JAXON MUMA, 11

"This year's assembly was really fun for me because I'm a senior and I was able to lead the school's energy with 'This is Our House,' and other chants."

TREY CONQUEST, 12