

WHAT'S YOUR
LEGEND
allison kramer, 12



"Senior Sunrise was just a good way to start the year with your friends. I can't believe it. It's going pretty quick. I feel like everyone just looks up to you and there's a lot more pressure from college and stuff. It made me feel really happy to just be able to start off the year strong."
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THE CLASS OF 2020 KICKS OFF THEIR FINAL YEAR BY WATCHING THE FALL SUNRISE

At the crack of dawn, the graduating class of 2020 huddled up on the football field. As the class sat on the field, eating pancakes and waiting for the sun to rise, the excitement was thick in the air. For some, such as senior Sage Pendleton, seeing everyone together was such a good feeling.

"My favorite part was hanging out with all of my friends and just getting to see everyone in one place all in the same time at 5 am," Pendleton said. "I was surprised everybody got there."

As the sun finally peeked over the horizon, the kids crowded together and posed for a picture. According to Pendleton, it was the kick off to senior year.

"It was cool to get all of your friends together early in the morning, pretty much for no reason to watch the sun rise,"

Pendleton said.

Pendleton's excitement was shared by many of her classmates, as Senior Sunrise marks one step closer to graduation.

"I think people have a different perspective on senior year, because it's the end of your high school life and you are moving on to better things," Pendleton said.

While Pendleton felt excited about the upcoming year, some of her friends, such as senior Michael Poffel, described the feeling as bittersweet.

"It's kind of a relief, but also kind of sad at the same time. I feel like for that whole class it was a really big deal for us," Poffel said. "It's probably the same thing for every class, but we've been waiting to be seniors, so now that we're actually here this year, it was a really cool experience to have."



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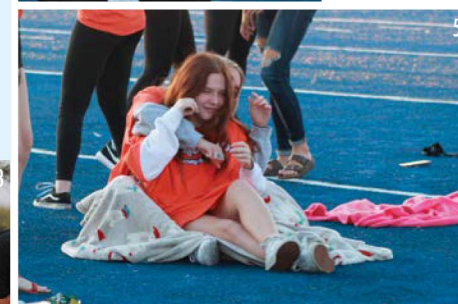
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together," Madrid said. PHOTO BY MADISON SCHICK 6. **LOOKING FORWARD** Gazing off into the sunrise, Zach Gottlieb, 12, watches the sun rise. "It will be good to graduate with all these guys because I've known them for so long, and I respect them," Gottlieb said. PHOTOS BY TESSA CLOLINGER 7. **ENDING TOGETHER** At 5 in the morning, Riley Ahrens, 12, talks to her friend, Brooke Philben, 12, as the sun rises. "Watching the sunrise with my friends knowing that the year is almost over, we just have to take everything and really have fun with it," Ahrens said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING

1. **RISE AND SMILE** Seniors pose for a photo for Keyser as the sun rises. Every year, Keyser came to document the senior sunrise. PHOTOS BY TESSA CLOLINGER 2. **FINAL BITES** After waiting in a long line, Mackenzie Sweet and Addison Lederer, 12, enjoy their pancakes together at 5 in the morning. The line stretched down the sidewalk and across the track. PHOTO BY MADISON SCHICK 3. **LAST LOOK** For one



of the last times, Principal Jason Jacob addresses the class of 2020 as a whole. As the sun rose, students posed for an official photo with Keyser Photography. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING 4. **READY FOR FUN** With a beach ball in hand, Brenden Shoemaker, 12, hurries to join his friends. Shoemaker was one of the many rising seniors to attend Senior Sunrise this year. PHOTO BY TESSA CLOLINGER 5. **SUNRISE SNUGGLES** Sitting on the turf, Paige Madrid, 12, reminisces about her time in high school over the past three years. Paige took pictures and videos to post on social media. "I was super tired, but it was worth it cause everyone was having fun

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• **BUBBLY BEGINNING** Starting the year off, Sunjoi Gandhi, 12, looked forward to spending time with her classmates, even though it was at 5 in the morning. "We all got coffee and hung out, I got to blow bubbles with so many kids. I think it put a really good beginning to an end," Ghandi said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING AND COURTESY OF SUNJOI GHANDI

How did Senior
Sunrise kick off
your year?

• • • "I thought it was a great experience to reconnect with all of my friends and just kind of have a senior bond with everyone."

ASHLEY MENARD, 12

• • • "It started off really good because I got to hang out with the entire senior class and kind of make some new friends and get closer together."

LAUREN STUCKEY, 12

• • • "It was a really good way to start off the year with a good happy tone, and everyone was together."

AVERY ROMIG, 12

• • • "It was a way that all my friends got together and, I guess, kicked off senior year since it marked the beginning of the year."

ADIT DESAI, 12

• • • "It acted as a positive start to my final year at legend. I was able to reconnect with friends that I had not seen in a while. Overall, it was a really fun experience."

MATT IRWIN, 12

• • • "It gave me a preview to all of the cool experiences that you get to have as a senior."

JULIA GEVING, 12