

# MAKE A **wish**

JAGUAR NATION STANDS AS ONE TO CELEBRATE TEN YEARS OF GRANTING WISHES AND AWAITS THE REVEAL OF THE ELEVENTH WISH KID ... **FABIAN**

## wish upon the stripes and stars

The Student Council and senior sections stand as the women's select choir performs the National Anthem, Feb. 21. Every student was encouraged to wear Wish Week shirts from previous years to create a sea of blue that filled the gym during the opening assembly. "The best part of Wish Week is seeing our wish kid smile and be happy, to see how excited they are is amazing," Caroline Pita '21 said. "Not only that but to see the excitement in the school, it's a great time where the school comes together and it's just awesome to see." Photo: M. Provost



calm BEFORE THE STORM

STUDENT COUNCIL PREPARES FOR WISH WEEK WITH BLOOD, SWEAT, AND SHIMMERS

Many students experience the start of Wish Week as the Rascal Flatts song, 'My Wish', plays while walking into the opening assembly. However, for Student Council, Wish Week preparation begins weeks in advance and continues until the morning of the assembly. From meeting Fabian for the first time, to spending over five hours decorating the school, to hosting a breakfast to welcome the wish family, Stuco experiences Wish Week for far more than just seven days. Just an hour before the opening assembly Feb. 21, Hailey Pepler '21 builds Legos with Fabian during Stuco's welcoming breakfast, which consisted of Einstein Bros bagels, yogurt, and water. The night before, Emma Goble '20 helps hang silver stars and letters, Feb. 20, in the 9000s pod while Jojo Pearson '21 staples the superhero spirit day banner in the upper hall. "Wish Week is my favorite time of the year because the whole school comes together, and we get to celebrate this one kid, celebrate their wish, and be able to grant it," Emma Goble '20 said. "Decorating is a long night, but seeing the end result and how it makes other people light up is amazing."

Photos: E. Shea, B. Wheeler, and N. Bogani



MAKE A change

THE TRADITION OF WISH WEEK OPENS WITH THE MIRACLE MINUTE, DARE TO SHARE, AND WALK FOR WISHES

"WE WANT FABIAN AND HIS FAMILY TO FEEL WELCOMED AND LOVED HERE BECAUSE THAT'S THE ENTIRE POINT OF WISH WEEK; TO SUPPORT THEM AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN," COLE DREYFUSS '22 SAID.

62,404

DOLLARS RAISED TOTAL

8 TOTAL WISHES GRANTED

12,404

DOLLARS RAISED DURING THE MIRACLE MINUTE

632,520

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED TOWARDS MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION IN ROCK CANYON'S HISTORY

dare TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY GET INVOLVED THROUGH DARE TO SHARE



Kate Jussila '20 and her sister, Paige Jussila '22, along with their friends, Jackson Bartos '20 and Logan McDonald '20, participate in Dare to Share by shaving their heads together Feb. 27. "Watching Kate and Paige shave their heads was super cool because you could tell it meant a lot to both of them especially because they could do it together," Bartos said. It started out as a joke between the sisters, until the day came, and they actually did it. "My favorite part about shaving my head was doing it with my sister," Kate Jussila said. "I have always wanted to shave my head and the fact my little sister wanted to do it made me want to support her."

Photos: I. Holzman



"IT WAS ONE OF THE COOLEST EXPERIENCES EVER, AND THE AMOUNT OF POSITIVITY WE GOT WAS INSANE, VERY UPLIFTING, AND FILLED ME AND MY SISTER WITH A LOT OF JOY," PAIGE JUSSILA '20 SAID.



1. chang-ing lives

Lily Gillespie '22 and other members of Student Council get ready to drop their change in the miracle minute buckets, Feb. 21. After previous years of injuries and chaos alongside excitement, Principal Abner encouraged the students to take their time to the gym floor. "My favorite part of Wish Week is the opening assembly when everyone finds out who the wish kid is," Gillespie said. "At Rock Canyon, we keep our wish kid very secret, and it's always a really fun reveal."

Photo: A. Brauchler

2. walking for one

Kira Hartz '20 initiates the Walk for Wishes while making her way through the purple streamers, Feb. 22. The walk was 1.7 miles around the Rock Canyon and Rocky Heights' campuses. "It was beautiful out with the blue skies, and it kept reminding me that this was my last Wish Week ever," Hartz said.

Photo: H. Olsen

3. rollin' in the dough

After the miracle minute, Leyton Garrison '20 and Fabian begin counting cash, Feb. 21. In just 60 seconds, the school raised over \$12,000. "Working with the wish kid all week is great because you really get to know the kid and the family on a personal level. This year, it was great to get the opportunity to plan all of the events and to see them all come together during the week," Garrison said.

Photo: B. Wheeler

4. smile and shave

Feb. 27, Robbie Reinhart '21 shaves his head to participate in Dare to Share for five dollars outside the drama hall. "I wanted to shave my head this year because it was an opportunity to really show Fabian and his family the commitment towards wish week that people have in a way that isn't really shown through a simple donation," Reinhart said.

Photo: M. Provost

5. wish upon a star

Madeline Ramsey '21 and Isabella Daboub '20 work together to paint a star on Reagan Oates' '21 cheek, Feb. 22. They helped run the face painting station during the annual Walk for Wishes. "I saw what the Student Council did for Wish Week, and I love the creative minds behind it," Daboub said. "Just being able to be a part of those four years we spend here at Rock Canyon is incredible."

Photo: L. Wardbrown



# SHOW YOUR spirit

DRESS-UP DAYS AND DINNER DATES KEEP THE SPIRIT OF WISH WEEK GOING

**captain for a cause**  
 "I'm in Student Council, so I have to dress up for the events, but I also enjoy dressing up because its for a good cause and most of the spirit days are easy to dress up for," Emma Renard '21.  
 Photo: L. Moote



**smiles and straw hats**  
 "I dress up everyday to help support Fabian's wish because all the days are centered around his favorite things," Shelby Johnson '20 said.  
 Photo: L. Dressler



**take me to hawaii**  
 "I'm a freshman and I wanted to go all out for my first Wish Week, so I'm dressing up every day," Abby James '23 said. "I decided to just wear a Hawaiian shirt for today because that's all I really had that was like tacky tourist."  
 Photo: L. Dressler



**talk tacky to me**  
 "I felt like this outfit was the best presentation of what a tacky tourist is," Amanda Banks '20 said. "It's fun to dress up and everyone else told me they were wearing hawaiian shirts so I figured I would to."  
 Photo: H. McDowell



**making magic**  
 "Wish Week is a time where Rock Canyon students can come together to create one magical and special week for one lucky wish kid," Myles Rubin '23 said. "It is about something that is bigger than ourselves."  
 Photo: B. Calhoon



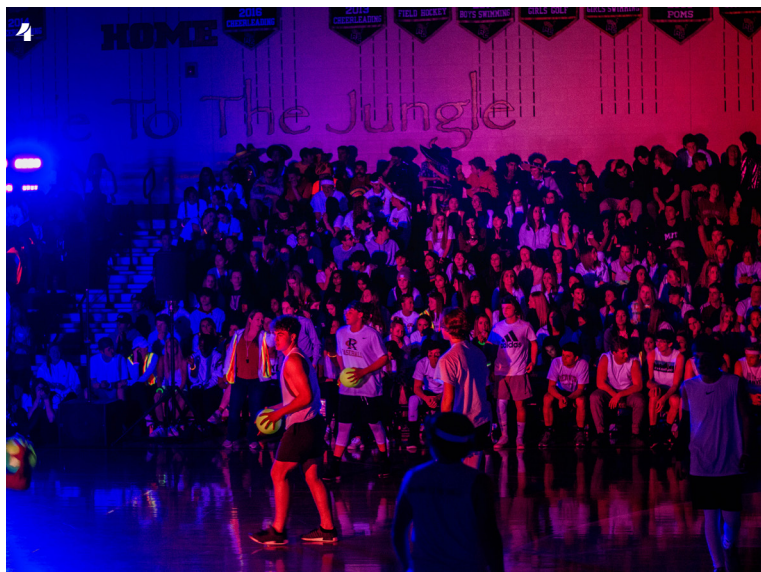
**every penne counts**  
 "I chose to come to Noodles because I want to help support Wish Week in any way I can," Katie Rochau '20 said.  
 Photo: M. Seltzer



**1. I got news for you**  
 Before the closing assembly, Fabian and his brother, Los, walk around the school with their fresh editions of the Rock newspaper Feb. 28. The eight-page paper included a recap of the week. "Seeing Fabian walk around with our issue and seeing his enjoyment was so fulfilling," newspaper Editor-in-Chief Amanda Brauchler '21 said. "His reaction inspired me and reminded me why newspaper is so important."  
 Photo: R. Mohr

**2. swishes get swatted**  
 Gianni Bonnici '20 jumps into the air, attempting to block Grant Wischer '20 Feb. 25. The two teams, each consisting of seniors, competed to make it to the final game, but Bonnici's team represented the seniors in the end. "My favorite part is seeing everyone coming together to support the game in honor of Wish Week," Bonnici said. "I will miss balling with the boys and competing against other teams."  
 Photo: M. Brown

**3. ending up the competition**  
 Smirking at the opposing team, Will Herrin '20 competes on 'Scissor Squad' Feb. 25, in the Swishes for Wishes tournament. Although reigning champs, Scissor Squad couldn't go back to back and instead Ca\$h Wagon\$ won it all. "My favorite memory was going out on the court for the third year in a row



## MAKE IT matter

SWISH FOR A WISH AND BLACKLIGHT DODGEBALL BRING FRIENDLY COMPETITION TO A GREATER CAUSE AND ALLOW STUDENTS TO MAKE THEIR EFFORTS MATTER



**5. dodge, duck, dip, dive, dodge**  
 With Jojo Pearson '21 announcing, the blacklight dodgeball tournament begins Feb. 24. The fee to enter and to participate was five dollars to help raise money for Fabian's wish. Each team was required to have 8-10 players and two coaches. "I participate every year as a coach for our dodgeball team," Kyle Riner '21 said. "I think I'm a pretty inspirational guy, and people look up to me."  
 Photo: M. Provost



**6. three-ee-ee**  
 Throwing up their hands and hoping for a three-point shot, Jalen Ashley '20, Diego Neyra '20, and Rick Roth '20 support their team Feb. 25. The Swishes for Wishes tournament took place at 7pm the Wednesday of Wish Week. Each grade sits in a separate section, rooting on their teams from the stands. "I wasn't really rooting for anyone specifically, but the atmosphere was really good and fun," Tyler Epp '21 said, who cheered from the juniors' section.  
 Photo: M. Brown

**7. dressed to the nines**  
 Coaching their team from the bench, Matt Mejia '20 and Sage Wheeler '20 call the plays for their team Feb. 25. Their team, 'Scissor Squad' lost to the juniors in the championship game. "It felt great to win the first game, the guys did a wonderful job," Wheeler said. "I'm lucky to be their coach, there was aggressive defense, but they got through it."  
 Photo: M. Brown

