1. SMILING BRIGHT, sophomores Sahra Mohamed Khadara Farah model twin day outfits. "Finding an outfit wasn't too hard because we already dress similarly," Mohamed said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **2. UNDER THE NET,** Mr. Carter Krueger sends the ball back to his opponent's side for the next volley. Krueger never played at a professional level, but played for fun. "I played volleyball all through middle school and high school and," Krueger said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **3. AS DAMIEN,** junior Taja Brown stands with glasses and a blue hoodie in the cafeteria. Brown participated in all events for meme day. "Damien expresses himself without regrets and it reminded me so much of myself," Brown said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE **4. WITH FOCUS,** junior Micheal Sitorus faces off against Fabian Lopez in a match of Super Smash Bros. Sitorus had the whole crowd cheering for him at one point during the match. "This is my first time [playing], no warm-up, just went in," Sitorus said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **5. COVERED IN STICKERS,** junior Mariana Ortega Rivera shows off her hydro flask costume for meme day. Ortega Rivera spent three days making her costume, but was certainly not a visco girl. "And I oop," Ortega Rivera said. PHOTO BY ALFONSO GALICIA DELGADO **6. TO THE AUDIENCE,** senior Amberlee Gibson gives a thumbs up at the AA show. The proceeds from the show were donated to Destene. "The hardest part about the skit shows is trying to come up with ideas that will be enjoyable for the audience and enjoyable to act in," Gibson said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA

SUPER fabian

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT RAISES MONEY FOR DESTENE

During the Mario Kart tournament, **junior Fabian Lopez** faced off against **junior Michael Sitorus**. Lopez had the experience, but Sitorus had the crowd.

Lopez played Mario Kart for two years prior to the match.

"I have more knowledge of what I am doing in the game," Lopez said.

Sitorus had never played Mario Kart before.

"This was my first time. No warm up, just went in," Sitorus said.

Lopez's experience became obvious as the match began, when Sitorus quickly lost one of his lives.

"Michael, Michael, Michael!" The crowd chanted, encouraging him to keep playing.

Junior Natnael Giday oined the crowd chanting Sitorus' name.

"The chanting started when Michael fell off the map and we all were telling him to get his act together," Giday said.

The chanting was able to throw Lopez off.

"It was hard just winning the game in general, since there were a lot of people cheering for both of us, there was a lot of pressure," Lopez said.

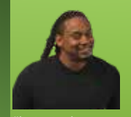
Even if it didn't help Sitorus beat Lopez, the crowd continued to chant for Sitorus through most of the game.

For the winner of the tournament, **senior Benjamin Ma**, waiting to play the winner of Lopez and Sitorus's match, the crowd brought a sense of competition.

"I am glad they were cheering. I like hearing that kind of stuff, I think it's good for the game and good for the competitive environment," Ma said.

COMPETING still

TEACHERS WIN THE ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



"I started playing volleyball after I was done with my football career. I started off playing at the island, playing sand, just for fun."
Mr. Kendall Gregory

"I played on intramural teams for fun all 4 years. I also play in a rec league now too!"
Ms. Sydney Herman

"I played club volleyball at Iowa State University. I was a setter and libero for the A-Squad and played all four years of college."
Mr. Gil Trevino

who's that POKÉMON?

THE MEANING BEHIND AA'S POKEMON SHIRTS

"I really loved Pokémon growing up. I remember the scene from one of the movies where Togapi got dropped into the river and they had to run off to save him! It was always my favorite movie and with such a large choice of Pokémon I picked Togapi because it reminded me of that."
Ellie Vice, 11

"I picked Umbreon because it's the dark type evolution of Eevee. Because I'm usually in tech I'm always in black and in the dark. I also just love Umbreon I think its such a cool evolution"
Sam Straight, 12

MATCH made in heaven

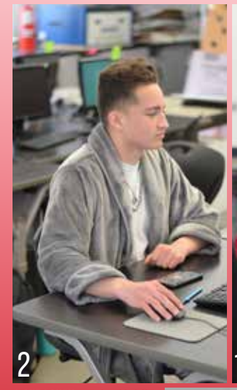
DUOS PLAN THIER TWIN DAY OUTFITS TOGETHER

"Everyone says we already look like twins so we thought we would have fun with it and just completely dominate twin day, we were going to wear other sweatshirts but we liked the blue ones better."
Yesenia Vadillo Herrera, 11

"Everyone says we already look like twins so we thought we would have fun with it and just completely dominate twin day, we were going to wear other sweatshirts but we liked the blue ones better."
Jaden Williams, 11

"We didn't know we had the same jerseys, but we knew we both had black nuggets jerseys. We matched shoes. It was different, it was unique"
Elijah Garcia, 11

"He hit me up the day before and told me to wear my jersey and I was down, it just kind of happened."
Trevon Jackson,11



1. MID LAUGH, senior Habiba Elamo enjoys her lunch. This was her last wish week."This year was memorable because more people participated and we were all very unified," Elamo said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE **2. IN A ROBE,** senior Hayden Bogedahl focuses on his work. Bogedahl was glad that he was able to be comfortable throughout the school day. "I always wanted to do something with a robe to have the whole pajama day feel," Bogedahl said. PHOTO BY MANHARSH MOHAN

3. MID CONVERSATION, freshman Nahili Kalil sports a red hijab and white barrettes. It was Kalil's first wish week experience."I enjoyed the assembly and I enjoy wish week as it was an amazing thing to experience as a freshman," Kalil said. PHOTO BY SAJA KHALED **4. WAITING FOR THE CHEERS OF THE AUDIENCE,** teacher Mr. Mitchell Carnahan performs with the rest of his skit team. The performance was thrown together in a matter of hours. "When we heard our group name called as winners, it was unbelievable," Carnahan said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **5. LEANING WITH A SHRUG,** sophomore Paris Mirandawonderfull rocks plaid bottoms. One of her favorite parts about Wednesday's wish week was the fact that she could wear her pajamas all day. "Even though my shirt kept falling down, I was glad I participated and was comfortable," Mirandawonderfull said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA

RED carpet

SENIORS WALK DOWN THE RED CARPET WITH THEIR FAMILIES AT SENIOR NIGHT

1. Maia Hill and her **mother Nicole Hill** walk down the red carpet with arms hooked together. "It felt good to but also bittersweet ending a chapter of my life that I've had for a long time," Hill said. **2. Joseph Editone III** along with **mother Kyandra, brother Jeremiah** and **little sister Sarah** in his arms. Not only was his family his support system, but they inspire him to always do his best. "My mom is just constantly pushing me to do my best and reach for the stars and never give up," Editone said. **3. Ahjalaah McNeil** along with **mother Tawana** and **stepfather Awton,** smiled brightly for a photo. She felt really happy that her parents were able to come as they helped her the most through this journey. ""I learned this season that with a team, effort is the key to success," McNeil said.

A TEACHER TALENT SHOW RAISES MONEY FOR DESTENE'S QUINCE

teacher's got TALENT

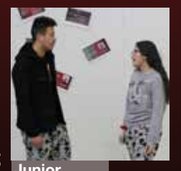
First Place: Performing Arts teacher **Mr. Andy Ray**
Performance: A rendition of an SNL skit
Preparation: "We ripped off a skit and we went in for lunch one day and threw it together in a few minutes. We rehearsed it like three times."
Motive: "Working with the other teachers and collaborating with them and making fools of ourselves together brought me closer to the other teachers."

Second Place: Guitar Club sponsor **Mr. Steve Helfant**
Performance: Played the electric guitar and sang "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars
Preparation: "I usually perform in coffee shops and bars so I've been doing that for the past couple of years now."
Motive: "I like to think that makes me a little less of a teacher and a little more of a person."

Third Place: Tech specialist **Mr. Trevor Maddox**
Performance: Performed "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" by KT Tunstall with Ms. Adria -Herscher and Mr. Steve Helfant
Preparation:"It's kind of funny, originally I was supposed to do my performance with Audria Herscher, but I'm a procrastinator and I didn't practice the song I was supposed to. We ended up picking a song two days before the show and rehearsed it like three times.
Motive: "Coming from a high school that really didn't do things like that, it was really exciting to hear that I'm a new employee here and I could do something that I can engage in on a level of being an actual employee."

DESTENE'S FAVORITE COLORS FILL THE SCHOOL WITH SPIRIT AND CREATIVITY

last MINUTE spirit



Junior Javier Perez matched his Mickey bottoms with his girlfriends'. "We put it together last minute but I enjoyed dressing up because I got to match with Denise," said Perez.

Junior Taliyah Claiborne got her face painted in the morning before school. "I was excited to be part of such a big group that was also dressing up," Claiborne said.

Junior Sanghee Kim wore a black beanie and a red hoodie. "I like wish week because it makes us help others but in a fun way because some people might feel pressure," Kim said.

Junior Amira Nash cozied up in her onsie and posed with her friend."I feel so good because we helped her get her dream and that was really cool to me," Nash said.

still COUNTING

STUDENTS SHARE HOW MUCH THEY THINK OUR SCHOOL RAISED DURING MIRACLE

"During miracle minute, I think we might have raised like a couple hundred dollars."

Naethur Vidow, 11

"I think that we raised over a thousand dollars for the Make A Wish Foundation."

Timothy Pardosi, 11

"I think we raised 500 to 1000 dollars maybe, depending on how many people donated."

Deven Mills, 9

DESTINED to be together

ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING AND AFTER THE WISH WEEK ASSEMBLY

Translating

"Translating for destene was honestly kind of nerve racking for me. It was like I was pretty much speaking towards the mother and I didn't want to be disrespectful to her. Translating for Miguel was pretty much 2nd nature for me, it was like I was translating for my Uncle or Grandpa."

Josh Herrera, 11

"I think it was amazing being able to translate, I feel like we connected a lot on a deeper level."

Lizbeth Barrera-Hernandez, 11

Decorations

"[Ms. Jackie] me informó de que iba a ser una donación para la niña que le iban a hacer un trasplante de corazón y que estaba bien para ayudar a la escuela y a la niña para tener su quince."

Mr. Miguel De La Rosa

Food

"There was plenty of food. It was nachos because that was her favorite food and tamales. We were just talking about how wish week was successful and how everything went well."

Pablo Obando, 10

"The food was really good I love how they incorporated Destene's favorite food from nachos to tamales and everyone there enjoyed the way it tasted as well,"

Sarai Venegas, 11

1. TIARA ON, Destene laughs with the people who made her quinceñera lunch possible. "The dances and the decorations were my favorite part of the day," Destene said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **2. GRABBING A SNOW CONE,** freshman Brendan Cornell waits in line at the Kona Ice truck. Cornell got lime and blue raspberry flavored shaved ice. "It tastes good because those are my favorite flavors," Cornell said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **3. DANCING FOR THE CROWD,** freshman Yuridia Ramirez Marquez poses after finishing one of her routines. Marquez performed a mash up of a traditional quince dance. "I will definitely remember the smile that she [Destene] had on her face when we started the second song," Ramirez Marquez said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **4. WITH DESTENE,** sophomore Stephanie Torres hugs Destene during her lunch. Stephanie helped hang up hall decorations. "The most memorable thing was being able to see Destene and her family," Torres said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **5. HYPING THE CROWD,** sophomore Tyana Rogers preforms with the step team. "I joined the step team because I thought it would be a fun experience and it brought something different to Overland," Rogers said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **6. RAISED UP,** senior Antonio Sanchez-Vergara crowd surfs at the Wish Week assembly. "I started crowd surfing because I was in the moment," Sanchez-Vergara said. PHOTO BY ALFONSO GALICIA DELGADO

what's the MOVES

COMPARING THE DIFFERENT DANCES DONE AT THE ASSEMBLY

"I joined because I just moved to Overland and I wanted to find a team full of friendly girls and I thought this environment would be fun."

Erica Garrison-Norris, 11

"We did a traditional quinceñera dance as our starting dance then we went into a short surprise dance."

Lesly Vargas, 10

"I wanted to try something that I knew would be challenging and out my comfort zone and at the end of the performance I was so proud."

Ms. Katie McQuown

COLORS of spirit

STUDENTS EXPRESS HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE CLASS SHIRTS

"Personally I like [the shirts] but I feel like the colors aren't that cute, but maybe other people would like them."

Razan Mohamed, 9

"I kind of dislike [my color] if I'm being honest it stands out against the white, the black and the dark blue, I would have rather a darker green at least."

Emily Harper, 10

"I think we should keep this tradition because it shows off our school spirit more and I feel like that's what brings us all together."

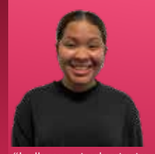
Tia Thompson, 11

"I like that we got white because we can put paint and stuff on it and it goes with everything."

Kobee Fatzinger, 12

still LISTENING

STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THE SONGS PLAYED AT THE ASSEMBLY



"I allows students to show their school spirit and get along with others as well."

Victoria Marshall, 12

"I find it really cool and nice that we all get to participate, everyone can join in together and have fun."

Andrew Huynh, 10

"I saw my English teacher twerking, that was an experience ."

Robert Makholm,10