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“Being involved in three honor societies, football management, guitar, and theatre has allowed me to become a well-rounded student and thrive in the environment that Legend provides. With extensive opportunities and a promotion of good relationships, I have been able to push past my limits to prepare for my future.”
meadow moses, 11 “Basketball at Legend has given me the ability to make friends, meet new people, and help the incoming freshmen feel more comfortable. I’ve made connections being part of a team; it’s fun to be a part of a family that has made me feel like I have the potential to succeed because of the support from all around me.”
kinzie whitehead, 10

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“Legend gave me an amazing high school experience, and I wanted to do more for the community that is so important to me personally, so my goal as a teacher is to make every single kid feel like they belong and embody the excitement of Legend’s accomplishments as a new school.”
jesse vandivier, teacher “Because Legend has a stronger family than any other school, being able to participate in the chamber orchestra has set a new environment for me. I now strive even more to become a better musician and represent Legend through my involvement and by respecting the core values and principles.”
sahn kim, 9 “Legend has given me a chance to expand my passions and be a part of a community that is accepting to every type of person, especially as a Crazy. Keeping a balance between being respectful and still getting rowdy is super unifying and allows us to all be a part of something together.”
james hier, 12



A HERO IN DISGUISE

On the first day of school, August 9, AP US Government and World History teacher and Link Crew sponsor, Jesse VanDivier, welcomes the freshman class through the teacher tunnel. He believed being over-the-top with energy and providing a familiar face on the first day was important in making the freshmen feel comfortable at high school. "I think this tradition is so important because freshmen are all terrified entering high school with a bunch of grown up kids, and the sooner they can feel like they belong the better," VanDivier said.

PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING



PERFORMANCE PREPARATIONS Practicing for the upcoming winter concert, Sahn Kim, 9, plays the violin as a part of the chamber orchestra during first period. As concertmaster, Kim prepared for this concert by setting goals and accomplishing them, as well as participating in sectionals with his fellow violinists. "I'm excited to play in this concert because the songs are festive and I will be able to show my improvement to my friends and family," Kim said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING

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STARTING OFF STRONG

During the fall sports pep rally, Jake Hatton, 12, Perry McCord, 11, Daniel Timmons, 12, and Kyle Wesolek, 10, perform the soccer team's dance. Soccer did not win the dance challenge, but enjoyed working together and establishing strong school spirit for the upcoming school year. "This assembly with all of the team dances is a fun tradition because it helps unite the school and all of the fall sports teams," Hatton said. PHOTO BY TESSA CLOLINGER



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Sophomores: 610

Juniors: 505

Seniors: 541

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It's not just the ideas,
It's the memories.

Like when theatre is able to put on *Holes* and reunite us with our childhood. When the seniors win the spirit bear at the Homecoming assembly.

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I wanted to be a part of the legacy at Legend. It was so fun seeing all of the Crazies, teachers, and parents who supported us throughout the season and at State. Their belief in us helped fuel the belief we had in ourselves.”

briar moore, 12



1. **BEARY BIG DUBS** During the homecoming assembly on Sept. 6, Jackson Warner, 12, cheers with fellow football players as the senior class wins the spirit bear. Warner enjoyed this assembly because it was his senior year and his last time to experience homecoming school spirit. “The spirit contests are an important tradition because it makes it more competitive for classes and gets everyone involved,” Warner said. PHOTO BY TESSA CLOLINGER 2. **CHEESY DELIGHT** Jane Anderson, 9, talks to the church leaders who make the grilled cheese given out on Thursdays on Oct. 24. Anderson liked being able to talk to all of the people helping make grilled cheese when they came in, and being able to build a relationship with them. “Grilled cheese days have shown me a giving environment with everyone. Being a part of it makes me feel happy and appreciated by all those helping,” Anderson said. PHOTO BY ASHLEY JACKSON 3. **LET'S GET PUMPED** After winning a point at the state tournament, Briar Moore, 12, celebrates with teammates Chandler Fleming, 12, Peyton Dunn, 11, Riley Kadel, 11, and Sydney Dreiling, 12. “Being a senior, I wanted to be a part of the legacy at Legend. It was so fun seeing all of the Crazies, teachers, and parents who supported us throughout the season and at state. Their belief in us helped fuel the belief we had in ourselves,” Moore said. PHOTO BY RACHAEL HAMILTON



It's not just the story,
It's the tradition.

Like when the Crazies lead the school in a ride on the Titan.
When the students line the main hallway on a Thursday waiting for fresh grilled cheese.

It's not just the myth,
It's the reputation.

Like when both volleyball and football put up the best records in program history.
When we are recognized as a Unified Champion school.

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2. **TIK TOK TIME** Doing a popular Tik Tok dance, Titus gets the crowd excited for the regional volleyball game against Greeley West on Nov. 9. Titus hadn't been to a lot of volleyball games so it was nice to see a different side to the school spirit. "Being Titus has made me more passionate about school because it's made me feel like a Titan and be more involved by going to more events," Titus said. PHOTO BY LAUREN PENINGTON



It's not just a journey,
It's an adventure.

Like when we rush to Chick-Fil-A during lunch with freshmen hidden in the car. When we parade through neighboring streets spreading the spirit of Homecoming.



1. **THE SHOW MUST GO ON** Portraying Stanley Yelnats IV, Nate Smith, 12, talks about digging with Issac Greenfield, 10 on Nov. 6. "Through this play I learned that change is necessary and change occurs, but it's what we do with this change that can impact those to come and lead them towards a brighter future. How the play ended brought us all together in a way we hadn't been able to do all year, which showed us how to become a family again," Smith said. PHOTO BY LAUREN PENINGTON 3. **HOORAH FOR HOMECOMING** During the Homecoming Parade on Sept. 4, Emily Newton Hampton, 9, screams at the top of her lungs for the class of 2023 with her fellow freshmen. Her favorite part was being able to see some friends from Cimarron and represent Legend. "The parade shows how we all have spirit and are looking forward to supporting our school in a unique way, that not only makes us happy, but others too," Hampton said. PHOTO BY TAYLOR HARTNETT

It's not just a school,
It's a Titan family.

Like when we rally to raise money for sophomore Allie Howell and Make A Wish. When we honor our veterans with signs throughout the hallways and a special choir performance on Veterans Day.

It's not just the next four years of your life,
It's the legacy you leave behind.

Like when juniors Elizabeth Tennyson and Krystal Tanner implement Sources of Strength. When Jesse VanDivier, Brooke West, and Meg Parkinson return to teach at the school they attended.

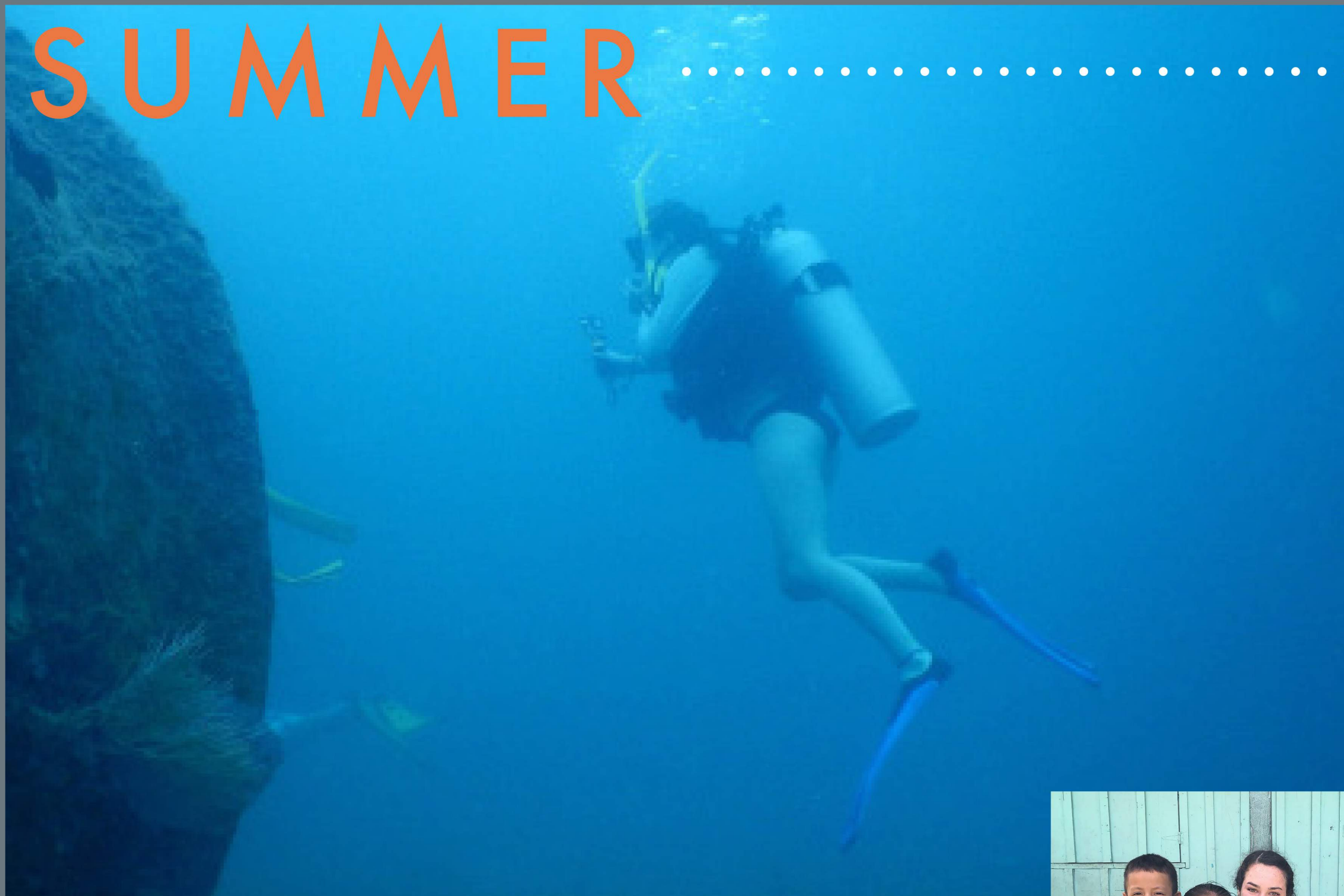
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SUMMER



“ This trip helped me get out of a mindset that I was stuck being a patient all the time. It allowed me to fall in love with coral restoration and making a change for our planet. It felt good to know that I was doing something to help our ecosystems thrive once again.”
kenzie bay, 11

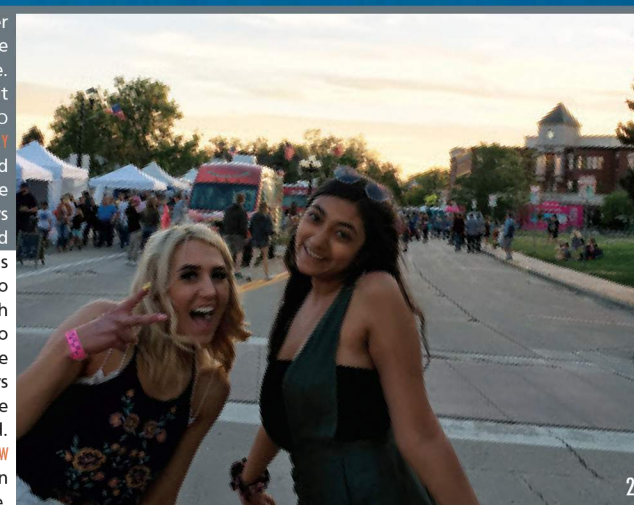
*It's not just the late nights and car rides,
It's the experiences we create.*

Like when senior Megan DeWeese visits Mesa Verde with her family.
When a journalism camp unites freshman Caitlin Tate with her peers and future mentors.

*It's not just the lessons in the classroom,
It's the explorations of our world.*

Like when junior Kenzie Bay finds her passion for the ocean while doing coral restoration in Florida.
When a trip to Belize allows senior Rachel DeRose to connect with students from another culture.

1. **DIVING DEEP** During the end of her trip to Key Largo, Florida, Kenzie Bay, 11, takes part in a wreck dive. This was a special trip for Bay as it was right after her surgery. PHOTO COURTESY OF KENZIE BAY 2. **FRIENDLY FESTIVAL** Julia Jakuboski, 12, and her friend Sunjoi Ghandi, 12, pose for a picture at the Parker Days festival. Although the crowds had increased compared to previous years, Jakuboski was still able to have fun while hanging out with her friends. "It's always great to see friends from Parker that I've lost touch with, and Parker Days is definitely a good place to have that opportunity," Jakuboski said. PHOTO BY ZACH MELLEMA 3. **NEW OPPORTUNITIES** Visiting a school in San Ignacio, Belize, Rachel DeRose,



12, poses with some of the children from a school. DeRose and her travel group brought small games and activities for the children to make the experience more memorable. "We got to hear about the school and the kids' schedule from their principal, and it was cool to see how different their education system is from ours. We also had the chance to play with all of the kids for an hour, which was a fun opportunity because we got to know them more personally and connect with them," DeRose said. PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL DEROSE

FALL



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I really like to see the Legend community come together for the one day of the bonfire. It's also nice to see all of the passion from the school coming together.”

tanner ptak, 12

*It's not just the hours of work,
It's the times you'll never forget.*

Like when school gets cancelled because of snow and we spend the day sledding with our friends.

When AP Literature students finally submit Ms. Tripp's research paper after eight weeks of stress.

*It's not just the school dances and
extracurricular activities,
It's the unforgettable bonds you create.*

Like Mr. Orlando Otis continuing to succeed with members who have been in band for four years.

When graduates come back to reconnect with their favorite teachers during Homecoming.

1. FIREY PERFORMANCE During the homecoming bonfire on Sept. 4, Tanner Ptak, 12, performs with the band. Ptak enjoyed being able to play for everyone at the bonfire and being able to participate in school spirit. "I really like to see the Legend community come together for the one day of the bonfire. It's also nice to see all of the passion from the school ignite for one thing," Ptak said. PHOTO BY RACHAEL HAMILTON

2. SWINGING TO SCORE On Sept. 26, Braden Nelson, 11, returns the ball to his opponent in an attempt to score a point while playing Ponderosa. "This season I got to meet new people, and be able to enjoy a new sport that I hadn't tried prior to the season," Nelson said. PHOTO BY LAUREN PENINGTON



3. BIG SMILES Iris Pixler, 9, is crowned Homecoming Lady during the halftime show of the Homecoming game on Sept. 6 as her parents look on. Pixler had a lot of fun during Homecoming week because she liked seeing all of the student spirit and it helped make her feel more comfortable at school. "I was a little nervous before the game because I wasn't sure of the outcome but when they announced my name, I was definitely excited," Pixler said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING

WINTER



“ I will forever hold this moment with me till the day I die because of how the love and support I received that day made my world light up. There’s no better place than Legend to feel that much love and joy.”
 allie howell, 10

*It’s not just your friends and peers,
 It’s the community we share.*

Like when we come together to raise \$100,000 for one of our own. When we host one of three jazz festivals in the state to support the world of music.

*It’s not just another rival game,
 It’s the unity we bring to represent our pride.*

Like when Braden Boley, 11, beats Ponderosa with a buzzer beater. When the band gets the crowd crazy with the school fight song.

1. UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS At the closing assembly of Wish Week on Feb. 21, Allie Howell, 10, cries and laughs with her family because of the overwhelming support and love that she received throughout the duration of the week. This moment meant the world to Howell because hearing the chants of her name and the stories of other kids like her was touching and emotional. “I don’t think there’s a better place to be than Legend because of all the love and support that is given out that makes Wish Week so special and memorable,” Howell said. PHOTO BY TESSY FLETCHER **2. WHAT’S THAT SOUND?** Volunteering at the Jazz Festival on Dec. 5, Daniel Rosson, 9, and David Brown, 9, talk about music during their free time. During this



event, Rosson was a tech assistant who managed sound with amps and microphones. “I think this is such an important tradition because it is one of three festivals that are put on in Colorado, and it really shows how much Legend appreciates and cares about music while celebrating the art,” Rosson said. PHOTO BY TESSY FLETCHER **3. PASS THE ROCK** During a game against Douglas County on Dec. 11, Delaney Quinn, 11, passes the ball to her teammate. “Although we didn’t win, this game was beneficial because it made us want to work harder and push in practice to do our best going forward,” Quinn said. PHOTO BY AVERY ROMIG

PEOPLE



“ Being able to lead a ride on the Titan in front of the school was an amazing experience because it was the first time I was able to interact with every single student in the school with my own identity.”
aidan lewis, 11

*It's not just a crazy ride,
It's the rollercoaster of a lifetime.*

Like when Aidan Lewis, 11, gets to lead the school in his own way. When speech and debate competes against other schools to make a name for Legend.

*It's not just the hallways full of students,
It's the stories of our friends and peers.*

Like when Sunjoi Ghandi, 12, wins a tech theatre scholarship at Thescon for her work. When Chancey Cunningham wins the Apple Award for his relationships with students of all kinds.

1. MILE HIGH FIVES During the Unified Champion School assembly, Aidan Lewis, 11, gives the Broncos mascot, Miles, a high five as he walks onto the gym floor when his name is called. Lewis was proud of everyone during this assembly because of what they accomplished and how they were able to come together. "Legend has taught me how to meet new people that I have something in common with, and this community has allowed the idea of friendships to become more broad and inclusive," Lewis said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING 2. **THANOS WAS WRONG** At a speech and debate meeting, Sophia Werner, 11, demonstrates a practice debate in front of her peers, speaking about Thanos' actions being



wrong. Because she was the only member representing speech and interpretation, Werner tried to be a mentor to her peers, helping them with their public speaking skills. "I love being able to represent Legend when we compete against other schools, and I really enjoy seeing how much the club has grown with new people," Werner said. PHOTO BY BLAKE DEHAAS 3. **OH MR. CLADWELL** Performing *Urinetown*, Lucas Barta, 12, portrays Mr. Cladwell at the beginning of his exciting number about his character. This song in particular was about how incredible, yet evil his character is, which allowed Barta to incorporate some of his goofy personality. "This musical was really fun to perform because of how unique it was, leaving people thinking after the final scene. I tried to put my all into this performance to make it the best it could be and set an example for those around me," Barta said. PHOTO BY LAUREN CLANTON

It's not just the culture,
It's the Titan way.

Like when students go all out for spirit days during Homecoming and Wish Week.
When Student Government creates spirit days during online learning.



1. **LEAPS AND BOUNDS** During the Unified Champion School assembly on Jan. 15, Tia Hanneman, 9, jumps to give Mr. Jacob a high five. Her favorite part of the assembly was seeing all the students that came out to support them and how everyone came together to appreciate their accomplishment. "It was really special for me because I was able to feel respected and comfortable in an environment where I can learn better and make new friends," Hanneman said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING
2. **DANCING QUEENS** At the Wish Week Feeder Festival on Feb. 15, Amelia Pulsipher, 10, and her friend from California dance with a young girl from the neighborhood alongside Maya Stroman, 10, and Kate Kennedy, 10. Pulsipher's favorite part of the festival was seeing future Titans get together to have fun and make Wish Week special. "The Feeder Festival is such a great way to include the future of Legend into one of the best weeks of the year, and make sure that the community feels how close we are as a school," Pulsipher said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING
3. **WHO WANTS TO RIDE THE TITAN?** Waiting for the results of the Crosstown Throwdown on Nov. 21, James Hier, 12, leads the student section in a ride on the Titan. Hier's role throughout this year's Throwdown was to bring energy to the student section and incorporate cheers with the other three schools' sections. "Seeing more than two student sections doing cheers back and forth was really crazy because it created a different dynamic throughout the competition and it made a lot more people want to get involved and go crazy," Hier said. PHOTO BY CHANDLER FLEMING

It's not just a goodbye,
It's a greeting for the future.

Like when Ryan Cordova, 12, plans to attend the US Naval Academy.
When over 15 athletes sign a Letter of Intent to play sports at the collegiate level.

It's not just the end of an era,
It's the beginning of the rest of our lives.

Like when seniors watch the sun rise and the sun set on their most memorable year.
When the Titan family spreads from coast to coast with the story of their time at Legend.

It's not just any story.

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