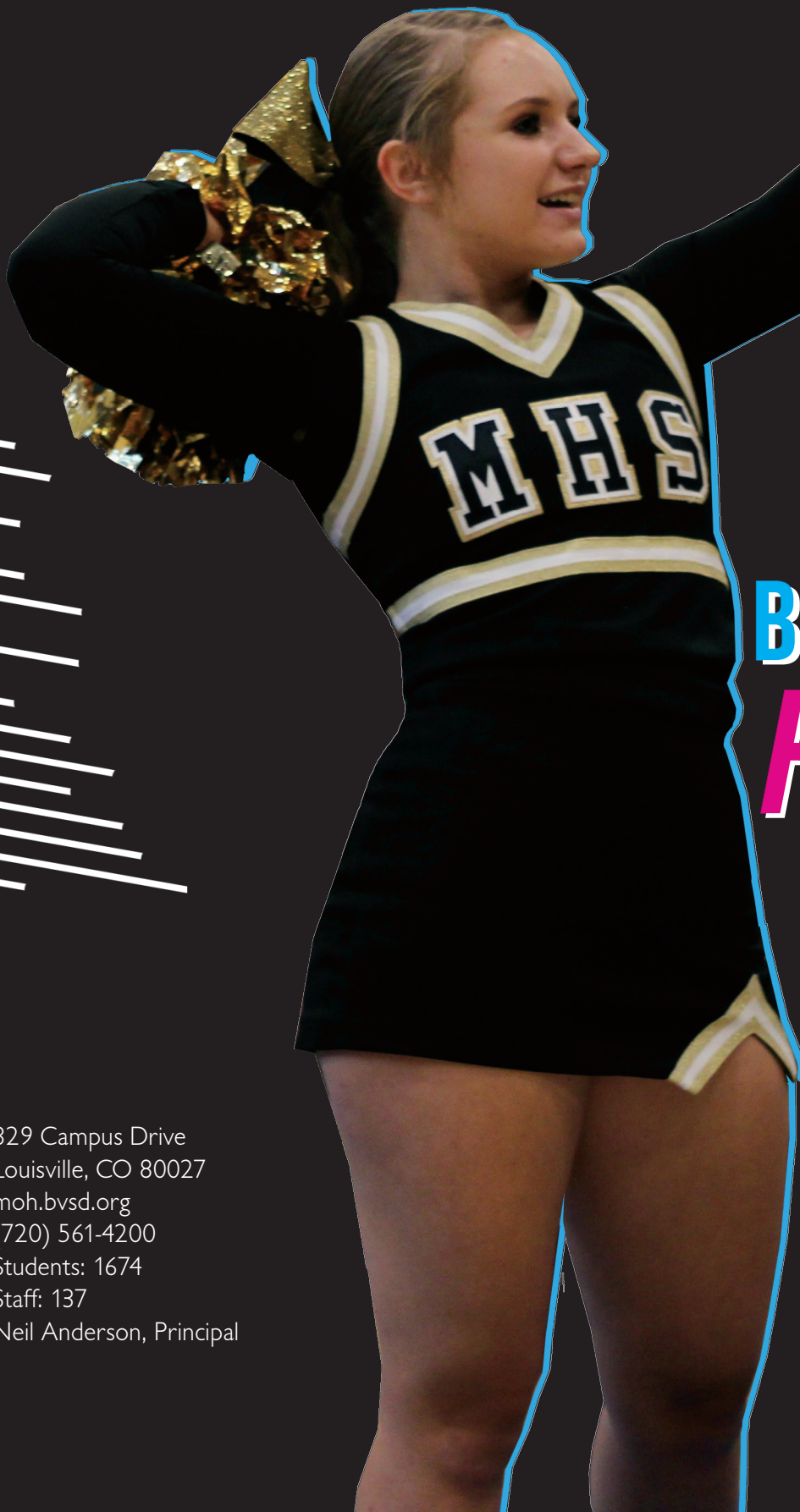


# MONARCH

HIGH SCHOOL MOSAIC 2020



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**WELCOME TO MONARCH** Isabella Gigliotti (11) cheers to hype up the gym at the Homecoming pep assembly Oct. 4. The cheer team spent hours each week rehearsing, and Homecoming week was a fun opportunity to show their skill. "I would say something fun about cheering at pep assemblies is the ability to show off the cool and new routines we work on to the school," Gigliotti said.  
photo by erica matthies

# BUT, FOR REAL...

Listen to this...

We're judged and labeled with a surplus of stereotypes.

*"They're all addicted to social media."*

Ok, but to be fair, who didn't love Charli D'Amelio's newest Tik Tok?

*"They're all lazy, they don't know the value of hard work."*

Eight hours of sleep is recommended by almost all scientists- gotta make sure to get our beauty rest.

*"They can't look up from their phones ever."*

There is so much happening in the world; we have to stay informed. I need to read my daily BuzzFeed news update on the impeachment process.

*"They're getting crazier and crazier these days."*

Yes, the burden of fixing yesterday's issues has fallen on our shoulders; situations are becoming more and more dire. World War III is about to go down in Iran right now!

But for real, we are so much more than that, more than stereotypes, or judgments that are cast on us by others. More than what some "Boomers" may think of us.





**CENTER STAGE** Michael Ryterski (12) and Jennifer Shoulders (12) perform *Variations on the Death of Trotsky* during Student-Directed One Acts. These performances opened many doors for theater students. "I feel like One Acts teaches you tons of things. It teaches you how to become a better actor through the close performance space, as well as how to interact with your cast to tell a story and evoke emotion in a very limited amount of time. Along with these, since our one acts are directed by students, it gives people the opportunity to direct, organize, and take artistic liberties that aren't always available," Ryterski said.

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**PEP IT UP** Ayden Harris (12) poses to demonstrate his Coyote spirit during a pep assembly. These school spirit events were a critical part of the high school experience. "I think all students should be at pep assemblies! It may be crowded and loud, but that is the Monarch experience that you don't wanna miss," Harris said.

photo by julianna knoll



# LET'S BE REAL...

Our classmates are athletes, singers, actors, workers, volunteers, intellectuals, writers and dreamers.

We are diverse.

Full of enlightening perspectives, unique stories, and empowering ideas.

Julia Sanders (12) goes to the climate march and rallies to save our home, hoisting posters above her head, and chanting with the crowd about how our home is burning, and the need for climate regulations.

We really have insane school spirit.

Owen Hallgren (12) and Nate Bricker (12) always get us rowdy, and before we know it we are marching, and screaming "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt" at the top of our lungs, while they stand on the rail and scream.

Wow, our athletes are unbelievably good.

We are left wondering what our spring athletes could have accomplished if only they were given the chance...

Poms is one of the best teams in the whole state. I don't know how they do those back flips- I don't think I'd ever get up again... never forget the threepeat.

# OK, REALLY...

Yes, there is so much we are still discovering about ourselves, our school, and each other.

But we really are the future- future leaders, singers, writers, business owners, and athletes.

Maybe we don't have it all figured out, and we don't know where we will be in ten years from now.

But that's alright; we are dreamers, visionaries, and fantasizers, we will figure it out.

We aim high and we've achieved so much.

Melanie Roberts (12) placed fourth in the whole state for balance beam, Josie Furst (10) crafted amazing speeches and delivered them flawlessly, Alisha Herremans (10) rocked the business world and qualified for DECA state, Tessa Awald (9) burned it down in the courtroom, and Sierra Matz (9) sang her heart out on stage.

But no way we are done.

Not even close.

We've only just begun, just wait, you'll see.

Gen Z-ers are for real.



# BUT, FOR REAL...

This year changed us.

We had to learn to deal with obstacles, letdowns, and massive changes.

COVID-19 taught us that adapting was key.

We dealt with our spring activities being ripped away from us with no warning.

We feared losing our cherished spring traditions: BBQ's, yearbook signings, and prom.

But we survived COVID-19, and we got through those long school days prior to our E- Learning.

But let's think back to the first seven months of school...

Those what felt like endless block periods of SLCC were pretty brutal, too- Lunz really did it to us this year, from in-class essays to annotating paragraphs on paragraphs. At least we learned a lot.

But despite what those Boomers may have thought, we did it- from the late study nights, to long shifts at work, to full day techs and online classes.

To be fair, sometimes we doubted ourselves, but we never lost sight of those state titles we wanted, the grades we worked for day in and day out, or the performances we had rehearsed for daily.

We crushed this year, we showed up everyone who didn't think we had it in us.

We used our grit and resilience, and channeled our inner RBG.



**A SEASON TO REMEMBER** Aaryn Tennesen (12) gestures to his teammates after a play on court. While the overall season was not the Coyotes' best, the memories that Tennesen and the team created on the court were indelible. "My best memory from this year's high school basketball season was during the Chatfield game when I scored 14 in the fourth quarter and made the game winning shot," Tennesen said.

photo by liz danekind





**LEARNING TOGETHER** Lindsay Haight (12) plays the flute during a marching band routine. Haight learned leadership skills from her time in the band. "When I first came into the Marching Band it was refreshing to have friends who were seniors and helped me through the things I was going through my freshman year. Now I am in the spot where I can help those who are younger than me and give them tips on what they should do in certain situations. It really helped me through a lot and I hope that I could do for my younger friends what my older friends did for me," Haight said.

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# WE ARE REAL

We accomplished ten times more than even we thought possible.

We beamed with pride when our own Katey Lewicki (12) was named 5A Swimmer of the Year and was once again a state champion.

We couldn't even pretend to be shocked when Cooper Hanley (11), Cosmo Mitchell (12), and Liam Barnes (12) punched an automatic ticket to the International Science Fair for their Science Research Seminar project...

We tried to understand how many hours upon hours Anna Wexler (12) and Ellie Guanella (12) spent in The Hub perfecting the book you now hold. You can thank them later.

We recognized that Keelee Muus (11) is basically a professional artist now, the next Van Gogh, some may say; did you hear her painting was on display at the Louisville Library? That's rad.

We were amazed when Callum Conaghan (9) balled out for tennis. He was on varsity, and made it to state as a freshman. For real, who else could do that??

MoHi Perk served the BEST coffee. We really didn't think we could have gotten through the day without that pick me up. Major shout out to Mehala Venkateswaran (10); she brewed the best coffee!

Our students were stellar.

# IT'S BEEN REAL

We held back tears as we came to the realization with our parents that this year wasn't going to end how we expected.

We expected to laugh with our friends as we tripped over our dresses at Prom, we expected to sprint down the halls after each other as the Spoon Game was underway, we expected to cry at the Gauntlet as our memories from the last four years danced across the screen. We expected to stand next to our classmates as we threw our caps in the air at graduation.

But when COVID-19 hit our district, we realized this might not be our reality.

We shifted our views and hopes for the senior spring. We looked forward to what was to come in the fall.

Our next chapter was in front of us. We had to say goodbye- goodbye to Monarch, familiarity, and our comfort zone.

In a year, we seniors would be all around the world, making new best friends to drive to ice cream with, the windows rolled down at 12 a.m. with One Direction throwbacks blaring, forming new study groups that help us with the impossible Econ project we were assigned, and finding that professor that just gets it-that new Dups.

We were going to go out into the world, become the next AOC, Taylor Swift, or Kobe Bryant. We would be following our passions, voicing our ideas, and fighting for our rights.

But no matter where we went, who we were with, or what we were doing- we would always be together, we would always be Coyotes.

Let's hear one more Sko Yotes...





**CENTER STAGE** Katy Sun (12) holds her ending pose as she finishes performing a Poms routine during a home basketball game. A Poms veteran, Sun learned valuable life skills from her time on the team. "From my four years at Poms, I think the most important thing I took from Poms is how to prioritize your time and learning to read the team atmosphere," Sun said.

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