

ATHLETES AND STUDENT COUNCIL SPREAD SPIRIT TO YOUNGER STUDENTS DURING HOMECOMING WEEK

HOW MUCH spirit DO YOU HAVE

1. spirit speaking

Seth Sewell '20 speaks at the spirit parade, Sept. 17. Stuco students took a bus to the elementary schools to talk to the younger students. "We explained to them what sports and other activities we do," Sewell said. Photo: E. Shea

2. and all that jazz

For his fourth year in a row, saxophone leader Matthew Deckerman '20 performs at the annual Spirit Parade along with 70 other members in marching band Sept. 17. Each year during Homecoming week, sports captains, school leaders, spirit teams, and band members visit feeder schools to get the community involved in the celebration and festivities of Homecoming. "With this being my last year, I run every practice, every competition and every event like it's going to be my last," Deckerman said. Photo: E. Shea

3. surf on the turf

Lauren Schulz '20 and the cheer team pretend to ride a wave during the 'marching' cheer at Wildcat Elementary school Sept. 17. Along with the Poms team and the other student activity leaders, the cheer team travelled to five feeder elementary schools to promote jaguar spirit. "I love seeing every sport being represented and spending the day with my friends," Schulz said. Photo: A. Brauchler

4. quiet coyote

At the spirit parade Sept 17, Erin Keen '20 quiets down the Wildcat Elementary school students to start the cheers. Student Council, Band, and varsity representatives went to Wildcat, Timber Trail, Redstone, Buffalo Ridge, and Rocky Heights. "My favorite part was seeing all the kids super excited to see us and some of them wearing future jaguar t-shirts," Keen said. "It was a whole day of spreading school spirit with friends and getting to see cute little kids get so excited to see us." Photo: E. Shea

dressUP

CAMO, PAJAMAS, SPORTS JERSEYS, AND JAG SPIRIT FILL THE HALLS OF THE JUNGLE THROUGHOUT HOMECOMING WEEK

"I really like the simplicity of the dress up days and how so many people dress up because its so easy." Brennan Crock '20 said with Blake Young '20. Photo: M. Nowak



"I dressed up for all the spirit days every year but I decided to wear a Broncos jersey because I am a huge Broncos fan and have been for a while now." Katie Rochau '20 said. Photo: R. Mathieson



"I really liked the jersey theme because I get to see what teams people like and how that makes us all different, it helps us all come together as a school to show our spirit," Evie Branish '21 said with Hannah Kim '21. Photo: B. Jaworsky



"I just enjoy lounging around, getting comfy, and doing homework in my onesie. It gets me excited for the sporting events, like Ruff n' Tuff and Powerpuff." Sage Wheeler '20 Photo: R. Hart

float LIKE A BUTTERFLY

INSPIRED BY THE ROCK 'N' ROLL DANCE THEME, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DECORATES THEIR FLOAT FOR THE HOMECOMING PARADE

whatever floats your boat

Emma Warford '23, Megan Anderson '21 and Naomi Hawkins '22 sit on the volleyball Homecoming float Sept. 20. Rock N Roll was the theme for this years float. "My favorite part was throwing candy to all the kids because it looked like they were having a lot of fun," Anderson said. Photo: M. Evans

rockin and rollin

Cate Duncan '20 poses with an inflatable guitar for the homecoming volleyball float at Brooke Lange's '22 house Sept. 20. The team decorated the float the day of the parade by using a trailer with different fabrics. "The spirit parade was fun because we decorated the float and I had an amazing time with my teammates." Duncan said. Photo: M. Evans



chili MAKING...

STUDENTS JOIN TOGETHER AT THE ANNUAL CHILI DINNER HELD FOR HOMECOMING WEEK

chili picking

Megan Coon '21 looks at drink options during the Chili Dinner Sept. 20. Choir puts on a Chili Dinner annually before the Homecoming Bonfire and the proceeds help the Choir program. "I was with a couple of my best friends. We go every year because we take part in the parade." Coon said. Photo: K. Glauser

companions and chili

During the Chili Dinner Sept. 20, Anna Benevento '23 talks with her friends. Choir puts on a Chili Dinner annually before the Homecoming Bonfire and the proceeds help the Choir program. "I was with a bunch of my friends at the dinner and it was a lot of fun," Benevento said. Photo: K. Glauser

HOW TO make A FIRE

THE FIRE SCIENCE CLASS CREATES AND MANAGES THE BONFIRE DURING HOMECOMING WEEK

Hordes of students surround the blazing flame. Their cheeks flush as the intense heat radiates through the chilly September air. Sparks fly as the fire cracks and jumps over the pallets of wood it consumes. Huge, polyester and nylon hoses snake through the legs of the crowd and find their way to the base of the fire. Controlling them is a handful of fire science students.

Every year, the fire science program is tasked with the management and creation of the Homecoming bonfire. They worked and trained to ensure the safety of students during the event.

"Participating in an event such as the bonfire helped us get some experience with fire and taught us the right way to put a fire out, which helped a lot later on in the school year," Brad Wills '21 said.

Since its creation in 2011, the fire science program has given students the opportunity to earn concurrent enrollment credit and a path to a career as a firefighter. With the initial \$90,000 grant to start the program, the school purchased a firetruck, ambulance

and bunker gear that students still use nine years later.

"Deciding to apply to fire science was the best choice I ever made," Issy Kiefert '21 said. "I have met some of my best friends that I know I will know for a long time, as well as getting real immersion into the careers I will be pursuing soon."

The program partners with the South Metro Fire Station for training drills on search and rescue, forcible entry and hose maneuvers. With this, a firefighter from South Metro helped to advise on the best location for a bonfire and how to control large fires outdoors. For the fire, they chose the field adjacent to the student parking lot, near the intersection of McArthur Ranch and Quebec. By working together, the students and firefighters ensured safety during the event.

"I enjoy being at the bonfire. You just get to talk with your friends. It's also kind of peaceful and interesting getting to see the fire," Chiara Hunglinger '22 said.

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SCOPE THE AREA

Before the Sept. 23 bonfire, a captain from the South Metro fire station came to help fire science find the best location for the bonfire. The captain also helped to monitor the wind, to ensure safety during the event. "The bonfire almost didn't happen because of the wind," fire science student Brad Wills '21 said.

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

With Chief Allen Chapman's help, fire science collects pallets of wood as fuel for the fire. They prepare the pit with the wood before the bonfire.

PREPARE THE TRUCK

To prepare the truck for the bonfire, the fire science students connected the truck to the nearest hydrant with hoses. "We had to connect multiple hoses to each other and had to find a far enough fire hydrant to connect the hoses to," Wills said.

SUIT UP

Finally, before starting the fire, the fire science students donned their 45-50 pound gear. "It is very hot in gear and it does give you a sense of protection," Keaton Carnes '21 said.

steps TO THE DANCE

FROM THE ASSEMBLY, TO GETTING READY, TO PICTURES, HERE ARE THE STEPS



a cheerful homecoming

Shriya Amara '21 watches from the junior section during the Homecoming Assembly in the Gym Sept. 19. Student Council gets students ready for Homecoming festivities and cheer and poms perform during the assembly. "I really liked the cheer and pom performance because they were really fun to watch," Amara said. Photo: I. Holsman



hairstyles for homecoming

Bailey Jannuzzi '22 curls her hair prior to the Homecoming dance, Sept. 21. She spent two and a half hours getting ready. "I helped some of my friends get ready, I curled some of their hair and we also did press on nails," Jannuzzi said. Photo: L. Smart



picture perfect

Freshmen Rocco Chartand, Daniel Morton, Luc Belvill, Peyton Green, Kaden Rahne, Preston Stevens, Seth Nohavec and Brayden Johnson pose for their homecoming pictures, Sept. 21. "My favorite part of HOCO was taking pictures with a really cool view," Seth Nohavec said. Photo Courtesy: B. Schriever