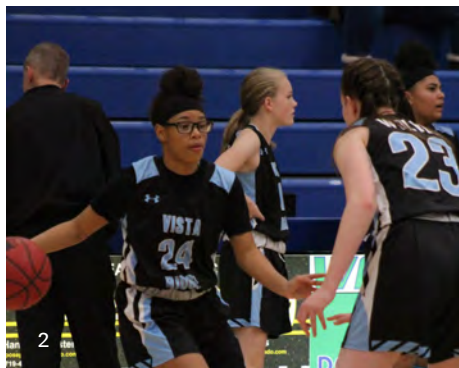
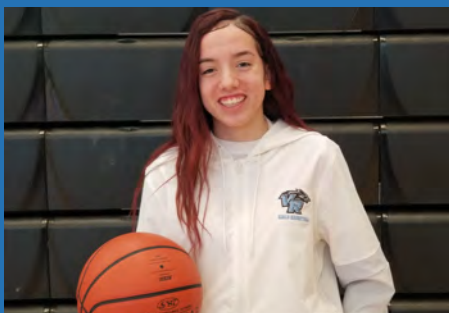


Actions Speak louder

1. As another player comes to defend **Jadan Cooley, 10**, she dribbles behind her back to set time and space against the opposing player before going up for a finishing layup. She vividly remembers thinking "We have been working so hard all season, this was an intense game and let us come out with a win to show off all that hard work"
2. **Soniah Evans, 9**, Practices a crossover with her partner **Ayla Muratovic, 9**, while they are warming up before the Doherty game.
3. **Shelby Gabrielson, 11**, is leaping for a jump ball against a Doherty student at their away game.
4. **Taylor Wortkoetter, 11**, looks around for a good pass to make in the warm up game 3 vs. 2 to prepare her movements and mind before the game.
5. **Sara Miller, 9**, dribbles up the court while scanning the court for an opportunity to find a pass or score against the competition. She thinks to herself "Whats the best thing to do? How can I be better for next time?"



ONE LAST SHOT



Serenity Campbell, 12, said, "Being the only senior can be kinda lonely, but I am glad to play. I help out the girls as a support system for more than just basketball season. The best part of playing for Vista Ridge for four years is meeting all the new people that have come and go. Seeing my progression as the years go on; I have improved my skills as a player tremendously. I am hoping to play for college because the sport helps keep things off my mind and makes me more social."



the way I see it...

"I have played for 6 years and I met my best friend playing basketball."
-Maliyah Carter, 11

"I can play multiple positions and it is a fun and entertaining."
-Annaiya Key, 9

"The bonds and the energy and the friendships you make cheer everyone up."
-Ajaney Juvera, 10

"I'm always open to improvement and want to do my best job in my games."
-Sara Miller, 9

"It is fun to be supportive of them and it isn't as stressful as playing."
-Aneica Espinoza, 11

"I love to play basketball and want to make it to the top. I practice a lot."
-Soniah Evans, 9



order on THE COURT

The girls basketball team this season is full of a diverse group of girls all here with the same goal: "Why not me, Why not now." **Shelby Gabrielson, 11**, said, "It means to show everybody who doubts us that we can do it and prove them wrong." These girls have incredible bonds on and off the court with practice, dedication, and hard work. The girls will have fun memories to look back on whether on the bus, on the court, or even just spending the night at a teammates house. **Aaliyah Key, 11**, confirms "Hanging out with these girls is fun. We make good memories, and we laugh a lot with each other." When they are not on the court they are still connecting with one another. This season the girls basketball coaches decided to do a "Big and Little" with teammates mentoring for the whole season. **Kendall Erickson, 9**, said, "It's nice having someone you can go to that teaches you and helps you with anything you need in and outside of basketball. It helps you understand someone and builds a bond. Basketball is so much more then a winning shot."

OFF THE Rebound

"I have been playing basketball since the 6th grade. Ever since then my goal has been to make Varsity. I completed that goal freshman year and made Varsity as a freshman and meeting my goal was very exciting for me. I continue to push myself and stay hungry for my up and coming seasons."
- Jayden Lacy, 10

"All teammates create bonds. I play well and have good sportsmanship."
- Ayla Moratovic, 9

"It builds leadership, and I am very motivated towards to the games and I come together with my girls."
- Kaityn Anders, 11

"Communication is key and it brings the team together. We all understand each other and get along well."
- Jadon Cooley, 10

"I build a second family. I have a will and never give up and I am very energetic on the court."
- Nydriana Hancock, 11

"Teamwork and a family bond. I love blocking shots and cheering on my teammates."
- Nevaeh Lewis, 11

"We're always encouraging each other to be the best we can be."
- Elizabeth Vogt, 11

"The bonds and relationships are my favorite part of playing basketball here."
- Taya McDanel, 9

