

We went into the year with a lot of questions

about the new principal, **Ms. Aleshia Armour**, about her Motivational Mondays and Stay-Woke Wednesdays, and about what happened to the pedestrian bridge.

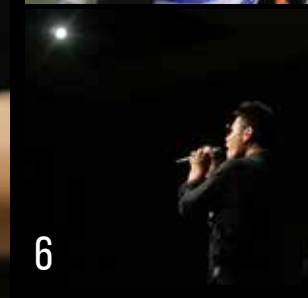
We slowed down for the new speed bumps on our way into the parking lot, and we got to know our new admin, coaches, and advisers.

Still we ask our parents to pick us up at the bridge even though there isn't one,

and still we **RISE** every morning, ready for anything, like **freshman Kierra Johnson** who makes sure her second-grade sister gets to school on time.

We adapt to the changes, and through pain we find strength, like **junior Amira Nash**, who cared for her father as he battled cancer,

and like **senior Kit Gamez Scriven** who learned to walk again after being paralyzed for three months.



1. GOING FOR THE SHOT, senior Joseph Editone III takes a touch shot against Grandview to bring the team within two. The varsity basketball team ultimately lost by three points. "This basketball season was fun and enlightening, although it didn't go the way many of us had planned," Editone said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA
2. FILLED WITH JOY, junior Meream Camara participates in spirit week. Camara came up with her outfits the week the spirit days were announced. "I'd go home and think about all the stuff I have then, throw things together to see what fits," Camara said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE
3. FLEXING IN HER JAMMIES, senior Abrianna Robinson stands at a basketball game. Robinson wore pajamas that she had since she was little for Wish Week. "They have always been super big on me," Robinson said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA
4. RISING ABOVE, senior Wray Szenderski is lifted up during Chicago the musical. "It took some mental preparation and a couple practices to just not care if I was going to fall," Szenderski said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE
5. AT LUNCH, senior Habiba Elamo dances for East Africa day. Elamo dressed up to showcase his heritage. "I love everything about my culture but my favorite [part] was our music, cultural clothing, [and] most importantly, our connected and caring community." PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE
6. AT THE BAND CONCERT, senior Ezra Pohan sings a solo. Pohan was in band and choir. "I like singing because I've been doing it since I was a kid so I have a lot of experience with my voice and I love to share that talents with others by creating music." Pohan said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA
7. YELLING IN SUPPORT, junior Soad Mackawi cheers on the football team during a blackout. Mackawi attended all the football games to support the school. "It's important to show school spirit because our team performs better when they have support," Mackawi said. PHOTO BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA

and still we

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