

TINKERING WITH BOTS Caiden Kesler '22 and Tyler Hirsch '21 make some last minute adjustments to the team's robot during competition at East High School. This was the first competition of the season and set the stage for changes the team needed to make.

ALL EYES ON ME Parker Calkins '22 waving the Eaglecrest Robotics teams flag as their robot competes in another round.

RIVE TEAM Hirsch, Kesler, Levi Belnap '23, and Charles Martin '21 get ready for the first match of the season.

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Robotics team members learn the importance of

Fine-tuning the Details

Robotics team, went to East highschool to test their robot of a new design. Which they had finished the day before.

Marilyn Kemp, the robotics coach, recalls what it was like to build a new robot. "There's always an element of excitement and stress; it's always a double edged sword." Tyler Hirsch '21 expressed how much learning was involved within the process of building the new robot. Hirsch ended up being a beneficial asset for the team. Although he's a modest person by nature, Kemp and the team are grateful for his help and surprise talents.

"Tyler brings some programming background, which we weren't really aware of until we started on this so he ended up being an all around person," Kemp said.

Everyone on the team has a special job and or skill. Charles Martin '21 is good with paying attention to rules and detail.

"I really believe that you have to test it all out to be sure it works," Martin said. "Everything has to be top notch and on point because if something goes wrong with it then it can easily affect you in the future."

Caiden Kesler brings experience to the team. "My dad was a mentor for a long time for robotics, so I started early and was pretty experienced by the time I got into high school," Kesler said. Kesler is a programmer on the team, but Kemp said he also branched out into the design portion of it a lot.

Levi Belnap '23 is described by Kemp as the "baby" only because he's a freshman this year; however, he was on the team last year as a middle schooler so he has experience. Belnap is more along the manufacturing end. Mrs. Kemp said he's the type of person who can "always lighten the situation." Robotics will continue to build off this early season competition before Regionals in March.

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Stringing It Together

Orchestra serenades the audience with the sweet sound of music



YOU HAD ME AT CELLO The cello section of the orchestra adds a smooth sound at the fall concert. "It's weird to hear because you're thinking about it then you do it." Abigail Kemper '22 said.



THE SENSES WE FELT Playing the stand up bass adds a rhythm to the overall sound of the whole orchestra. "You can feel the vibrations in your fingers while you're playing." Alex Vanegas '22 said.

Orchestra had a creative take on the fall concert, where they had some members play with kitchen utensils. Adam McGuire, Lorenzo Zordani, and Dante Zordani wielded utensils to play the bowls. "It's a different instrument entirely," McGuire said, "so it's a lot harder to play certain notes because you don't know what to play automatically." McGuire and Lorenzo both enjoyed the opportunity, but Dante had a different outlook. "It was very hard to play," he said. "Most of it is basically improv."



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"Carol of the Drum because it's fun and I like to sing acapella."

PJ Rulla '20



"Licks because we split it into eight different parts at a time and its powerful."

Jessica McMillian '21



"O Come, All Ye Faithful because it's very upbeat and we sound the best."

Noah Vieyra '22



"Winters Waking—I like how slow it is, the harmonies are really beautiful, and the meaning behind it."

Chelsea Asibbey '23

What was your favorite song to perform?

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Tattoos from the Heart

It's not just about the ink they are getting, but the story that goes with it that's important



SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER HOLLIE KING

"My first tattoo was a frog. I went over to the wall and looked at all the different tattoo designs and knew I liked frogs. Now I call him my prince charming. He was my little frog until I met my husband."

"My other tattoo says hope. I put it on my wrist primarily because I don't ever want to lose it. I don't ever want to feel hopeless. I want to feel like there's always a bright side to things, and to always try and see what the future can hold and not just be stuck in the moment."



SOCIOLOGY TEACHER DEANN WILLIAMS

"I got diagnosed with chronic hives about three years ago. My doctors couldn't really tell me what caused it. I ended up getting depressed because I didn't have an answer. Someone was like did you know faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains, and it doesn't have to be a lot of faith. I haven't had hives for a year now, so what I ended up doing was getting a tattoo. It just reminded me that it doesn't mean what you're doing or what you're going through is the end for you."

"On my wrist I have the word courage written in my mom's hand writing because a couple years ago she had decided that she needed to make a change in her life. I thought it took a lot of courage for her to move closer to her mom. She did it so she could help out in ways she couldn't when she was in the military."

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