

**1. AT SAGA CLUB.** Cadence Carlson, Aspen Green and KyraAnn Enley, 07, spend time with friends after school. The three friends enjoyed joking around every Wednesday afternoon. "I'm passionate about welcoming people. I think it's important for them to feel accepted," Carlson said. *photo by h. karcz*

**2. PLAYING MORNING, NOON AND KNIGHT,** David Reck, Carter Lips and Salvatore Muglia, 06, take part in Chess Club. Mr. Benjamin Lacey, language arts, used strategy to win a game against Reck. As the semester progressed, Lacey, as the club's sponsor, helped students prepare for the annual District Chess Tournament. "We work on chess puzzles, strategies and openings. I also play chess games against students," Lacey said. *photo by h. karcz*



**3. TAKING FANTASY TO THE NEXT LEVEL.** Jonah Rowilson, 08, keeps his cards secret, while playing against Benjamin Spielmann, 07, in Magic the Gathering Club. Rowilson has been playing the complex card game for two years. "My brother told me to try it out. It's fun playing against people who are really good, and people who are just starting," Rowilson said. *photo by k. hamilton*

**4. AFTER SCHOOL,** James Donahue, 06, and Max Ratcliff, 08, practice trivia with fellow team members in preparation for the Brain Bowl competition. Brain Bowl members answered a series of questions to gain knowledge for the tournament. "I like learning what I didn't know before, but also expanding my knowledge on topics I like, including science, math and music," Ratcliff said. *photo by s. skomal*

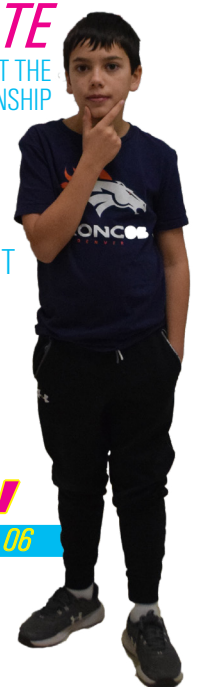


## CHECKMATE

MAKING MOVES AT THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

**I WAS NERVOUS AT THE CHESS TOURNAMENT, BUT IT WAS EXCITING. I PLACED THIRD IN THE DISTRICT. I DEVELOP A PLAN BEFORE MY OPPONENT CAN.**

**AIDEN RICENBAW, 06**  
*photo by s. skomal*



# OUR COMMUNITY

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## FOSTERING EQUALITY



**5. AFTER SCHOOL,** Joseph Hall, 06, plays against one of his peers in Magic the Gathering Club. "I like playing in groups because I'm not very good on my own still, and I like the people in there with me," Hall said. *photo by k. wallace*

**6. IN SAGA CLUB,** Zachary Heltzel, 08, Ms. Jenna Keirns, social studies, Lexie Stinson, 07, KyraAnn Enley, 07, and Aspen Green, 07, participate in a circle talk. SAGA stands for Sexuality and Gender Acceptance. Participation in the club provided Stinson with a sense of serenity, while spending quality time with her friends. "Last year, I was stressed out. I didn't really know who I was, and SAGA made me feel welcome," Stinson said. *photo by k. hamilton*

**MATH COUNTS PRACTICE MAKES PROBABILITY**  
**DEREK SPRAGUE, 07**  
"I have always liked doing math and since my sister was in Math Counts, I wanted to try it out. I like being able to work with other people." *photo by a. glazier*

**MICHAEL PURFIELD, 07**  
"I've always liked math. I like preparing for the competition by practicing different questions. Mrs. Dondelinger helps us prepare for the competition if we need it too." *photo by a. glazier*



**MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY,** members of SAGA Club participated in a variety of activities to ensure equality and heighten awareness for LGBTQIA+ issues.

"I feel that SAGA is a club that helps give a voice to people who aren't brave enough to use their own. With a Day of Silence, we give rainbow heart pins to everyone, which symbolizes the LGBTQIA+ community. Students participate by remaining silent to support others who do not have a voice," Aspen Green, 07, said.

Other members like Cadence Carlson, 07, joined because the club fostered a sense of community.

"In SAGA Club, we spread awareness about

SAGA and make sure everyone knows that it is a safe place for everyone to go," Carlson said.

SAGA Club allowed members like KyraAnn Enley, 07, to advocate for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

"Helping the community figure out their identity is a big part of our club. Not only that, but we also find ways to accept ourselves as well," Enley said.

Ms. Elise Kramer, social studies, cosponsored the club with Ms. Jenna Keirns.

"I feel passionately about ensuring all students have a place at Powell, especially students who might not feel welcome elsewhere," Kramer said.



**GIVING IT A GO,** Ashton Ellis, 07, plays a game of D&D on the request of his friends. After fighting a giant spider and attacking a friend, Ellis decided the game just wasn't for him. "I thought it was pretty unique, I just knew it really wasn't for me. I guess, I did it to play with my friends," Ellis said. *photo by a. bjomebo*



**FOCUSED ON THE TASK AT HAND,** Natalia Tomas and Liam McCoy, 08, play Dungeons and Dragons, a role playing fantasy game that has been around for 46 years. Tomas joined the club to spend time with friends. "I like that you are free to do whatever you like about your character," Tomas said. *photo by c. kalkofen*

WE'RE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUBS STUDENT LIFE

WHAT MAKES YOUR CLUB SPECIAL TO YOU?

"I like that you can be your own person and do anything in Art Club."  
HOPE SHAPIRO, 06

"In Sign Language Club, I am able to learn things to help people that can't hear."  
SONJA SANDOVAL, 07

"In TSA, I like the community and we can get the job done."  
JOSHUA WEMBER, 08

"Brain Bowl gives kids lots of opportunities to participate in their own way."  
MRS. WENDY ERICKSON, SOCIAL STUDIES

"Magic the Gathering Club is fun and you use a lot of strategy going against your friends."  
GAVIN HILLER, 06

"We get to do things in TSA outside of school and most clubs don't."  
ALY BRUNO, 06

"I get to play drums in Jazz Band, which I don't get to do in normal band."  
STEVEN SIMMONS, 08

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