

## HECTOR SOTELO SANCHEZ '23

"My home away from home would have to be Mexico. My parents grew up there, and it just feels like a safe place when I am there. I like to visit even though we don't get to visit a lot to admire the small things like the culture and scenery."

## SAVANNAH WALKER '21

"My home away from home is definitely my boyfriend, Logan's house. His family is now my family, and it feels just as safe as my house does. They make me feel so welcomed there and we have created a lot of a good memories."

## ANOTHER WAY WE



## LEARN TOGETHER

**WHO:** Kirby Federocko '21, Reagen Hindman '21, Robert Jorstad '21 and Mckenna Yates '21

**WHAT:** The group attend their first quarter online classes and worked on their school assignments.

**WHERE:** Mckenna's basement

**WHEN:** Oct. 2

**WHY:** It allowed us to keep each other focused. I'm sure many people have had a hard time paying attention during their classes. Many of us also had the same classes, so we could ask each other questions without interrupting the class. It was nice to just learn with other people, and really made it feel like we were in school." **ROBERT JORSTAD '21**

STUDENTS GATHER AT FRIENDS' HOMES DURING ONLINE SCHOOL DAYS

photo by r. jorstad

## YOU CAN'T DRAG ME TO THE GROUND.

Longmont High School cornerback Daniel O'Brien '21 tries to make the tackle on Eli Bowman '21 as he tries to return the ball after the kickoff during the fourth quarter on Oct. 9. The Bulldogs defeated the Trojans 32-17. "One guy broke through our blockers, so I stiff armed him to get past him," Bowman said. "With this being the first game of the season, the game was full of intensity because I wanted to be there, and I wanted to play." photo by j. bishop

**THIS IS OUR HOUSE.** Running out of the inflatable home tunnel, Zaine Hood '20, Jack Flancher '20, James Smith '20 and the rest of the Bulldogs head

to the home sidelines to face their opponent, Longmont High School on Oct. 9. The team ran from the north side of the field instead of the traditional south side due to Covid restrictions requiring them to use a different locker room. "Running out of that tunnel is very exhilarating and it meant more with it being the first game of a short season. You run out with a sense of urgency and pride that you can't find anywhere else," Hood said. photo by j. bishop

**LIFT ME UP.** Christian Johnson '21 holds up Maxson Cisneros '22 after Cisneros scored a late touchdown on a halfback screen against Longmont High School on Oct. 9. photo by m. ruser



**FIST BUMPING.** After the team scores a touchdown in the third quarter against Longmont High School, Assistant Coach Erick Pollack and Freshman Coach Phil Bandoch fist bump Jordan Sandoval '21 on Oct. 9. **FORTY YARD PUSH.** Noah Canale '20 runs the ball down the field breaking through Longmont's defensive line to set up the Bulldog's next play in the third quarter on Oct. 9. Canale ran 40 yards before falling to the turf. "I remember this play like it was yesterday. I was filled with adrenaline, and I wanted

to put my team in a good position for the rest of the game," Canale said. **BACKUP PLAN.** In the second quarter, Eli Bowman '21 tries to pull down Erie's Mason Veve '21 while Simon Cespedes '21 runs up in front to make sure the opponent goes down on Oct. 30. "Erie ended up breaking the zone outside to the right. Eli came down hard and we knew this kid wasn't going down easy. I was keeping an angle on him so that in case Eli couldn't take him down, I could," Cespedes said.

photos by j. bishop



## FOR THE EXTRA POINT.

With Eli Bowman '21 holding the ball in place, James Thomas '21 attempts a field goal kick to score an extra point against Windsor in the third quarter on Nov. 13. "Kicking and punting can change the game. It sets up the defense to hopefully put them in a good position to play. Eli Bowman and I are constantly thinking about what is the best thing to do to allow our team to

score," Thomas said. **A PEP TALK.** After defeating the Windsor Wizards on Nov. 13, 14-12, Head Coach Jeffrey Giger has the team huddle around him to congratulate them in their last game of the season. "In that moment, I wanted to make sure that the team knew how proud I was of them because we were not sure if we would make the playoffs or not," Giger said. photos by j. bishop



ON THE ROAD MEANS

# A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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## CHRISTIAN JOHNSON '21

"I was filled with so much excitement because it was such a huge play for Max (Cisneros '22) scoring that touchdown against Longmont. I couldn't have asked for a better season and group of guys and coaching staff to play with."

Football team fan support makes up for typical home-field advantage

**AT THE END** of September, football coaches and athletes were informed that the Colorado High School Sports Association (CHSAA) was giving them the option to move from Season C to Season A. By District 27J opting into this change, it meant that the high school program had over two weeks to begin practices and prepare for their first home game against Longmont High School on Oct. 9.

"I was nervous because we had such little time to get timing down and the reps we needed with our teammates," Vershon Brooks '21 said. "Despite all that we were given the opportunity to play and none of us wanted to take that for granted."

Senior Night was held on Oct. 9 as athletes were recognized next to their parents before the game began. This soon would become their only home game as on Oct. 16, Tri-County Health Department issued a public health order that spectators were prohibited at CHSAA sanctioned sporting events.

Athletic Director, Ms. Lindsey Solano, worked with other athletic directors to move all football games to locations where spectators were allowed. Even at a different location, the high school remained the home team for all scheduled home games.

"With us being on the road a majority of the season, it developed a mindset for our team that it was us against the world and nothing was going to come easy this season. We wanted our fans there to make noise in crucial moments and celebrate our big plays. This made it feel like a home game." **NATHANIEL GRIFFETH '22**