

# BACK IN BUSINESS.

SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 18 STUDENTS START OFF THE YEAR WITH A BANG  
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## WE SENIORS WEAR COSTUMES TO FOOTBALL GAMES DRESS UP.

Traditions were one of the most common ways to keep school spirit thriving. One of these traditions was the senior class dressing up in costumes to lead the student body's cheers at football games.

**JAKE PETERSON, 12,** took the lead at the football game against Heritage High School in a Fred Flintstone costume. "I picked the costume because one of my good friends,

Jack Jones, wore it [last year] and he wanted me to wear it," Peterson said. Many of these senior costumes were passed down from previous students to create a legacy through many generations. "Ever since my sophomore year, I wanted to dress up for the games. I like it because it's a big tradition at Arapahoe and makes me feel like a part of the community," Peterson said.



1. CHEERING ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM, TABOR BIRKHOLZ, 12, MICAH DILLON, 10, show their spirit at the Heritage rivalry football game. The game was white-out themed, and seniors wore colorful costumes at the front of the student section. Photo by A. Evangelista. 2. SHOUTING TOWARDS THE STUDENT BODY, ALEXANDER "ALEX" SHEPHERD, 12, ANDREW COPP, 12, CHRISTIAN SANDERFORD, 12, AND JACOB CAO, 12, wear matching banana costumes. The group led a "Go Bananas" chant at every home game. "A lot of people have done it over the past years so we just thought, 'why not us this time?' Overall, it is really nerve-racking hyping up the crowd and screaming our lungs off, but it's totally worth it in the end," Copp said. Photo by K. Sanchez.

## FRESHMAN FIRSTS.

FRESHMEN SHARE ABOUT THEIR NEW HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

"I thought high school was going to be really hard and I was going to struggle, but so far my grades are good and classes aren't that difficult. I enjoy off periods and lunch because I've never been able to go out and eat off campus for lunch."

LORALEI McNULTY, 09



Photo courtesy of Mia Goodman

STANDING WITH HER FRIENDS, CARLEE REESE, 09, MIA GOODMAN, 09, AND ELLA NAME, 09, snaps a picture with "Mohawk Mania Bob" at King Soopers. Known for his colorful mohawk. Bob had over 87 thousand Instagram followers on @mohawkamaniabob. "It was really interesting to learn how he did his hair like that," Goodman said.

## A RUSH TO LUNCH.

LUNCH IS CHANGED FROM 45 TO 30 MINUTES LONG  
30 MINUTES

"For some people, that is the only break they get all day."

KYLER "KY" COULSON, 10  
"Walking to subway and back gives us 10 minutes to eat. That's under 1 inch per minute."

JACOB BYNUM, 12  
"I prefer more time to get food if not packing my lunch, and I also use time to get work done."

MOLLY WINDSLOW, 09

## SENIOR BACKPACKS.

Photos by E. Alder

SENIORS SHOW OFF AND EMBRACE THEIR "SILLY" BACKPACKS



IN A LIBRARY STUDY ROOM, MONTGOMERY "MONTY" MILETICH, 12, presents his multicolored Super Mario backpack. Miletich was looking for something that could hold all of his school supplies. "I picked this one because it was the biggest one I could find." Miletich said.

MACKENNA HOLMES, 12

THEME: Paw Patrol  
"I went to all of the Targets and this was literally the only one left at any of them. So I bought it."

ZOE "ZO" BOBBIN, 12

THEME: Lightning McQueen  
"I really wanted it because I saw it at Target and I really wanted it but then my friend bought the only one left so I had to go to Ken Caryl to buy it."

JESSILIA KADARISMAN, 12

THEME: Paw Patrol  
"I was looking at a lot of places for my backpack but this was literally the only one left at Target so I had to get it."

FINN CONN, 12

THEME: My Little Pony  
"I got a few different backpacks but none of them fit or looked good, so I had to return them. With all hope lost, I went to Arc and ended up finding this My Little Pony backpack."



## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SENIOR TRADITION?

"My favorite part is the senior costumes because I like seeing what everyone comes up with, and the 'Jesus' costume is amazing."  
GAVIN MacKENDRICK, 12

"My favorite part is probably the party chant and just trying to be louder than the other team's side."  
HOPE MILLS, 12

"My favorite toms tradition for football games is either doing our pregame or marching with the band around the field."  
MARIN DISBROW, 12

"My favorite tradition is singing the fight song with the football players after the game."  
EMMA PICKETT, 12

"My favorite is probably wearing our overalls as seniors and also our rival game against Heritage."  
NEVE BORGERDING, 12

"My favorite toms tradition is the seniors running the flag before the football game every game."  
ELIZABETH "BETH" CROOKHAM, 12

"My favorite senior tradition is wearing the senior sweats and 'WAW' gear because it unites us as a class and it's super fun to see everyone participating."  
SOPHIA "SOPHIE" PALLMAN, 12

"[My favorite senior tradition is] all the seniors wearing costumes."  
QUINTEN GARDNER, 12

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