



**UNEXPECTED TECH ISSUES.** To the audience at the talent show everything seemed to go very well, but behind the scenes there was chaos and quick improvisations. "We had some problems beforehand like we couldn't get the amp to work, so they had to mic the guitar which took a long time but I managed it and did really well," Ariadne Sutherland said. No matter how many things went wrong at the show, the students tried their best to perform to the best of their ability and make money for Braxton. Photo by A. Goris



**THE SHOW MUST GO ON.** Performances never go as planned, but two students at the talent show experienced major difficulties. "Behind the scenes, I actually broke my finger an hour before the performance so we were panicking, but I decided to do the performance no matter how bad or painful it was," Aila Bushee said. Changing the song at the very last minute to try and make it easier on Bushee, Nya Garza and Bushee persevered and ended up with an impressive performance. Photo by A. Goris

**EVERYTHING MELTS AWAY.** Stepping on the stage to open the talent show, Emily Oh was the first to experience the environment on stage as well as backstage. "We kept energizing each other and the environment was so peaceful," Oh said. The environment was set by the audience and other performers as Oh sang "This Love" by Davinich. Photo by A. Goris

**ON THE SPOT.** Improv is one extremely challenging type of music especially when you are on a stage in front of an audience. "I performed with a group of people, I played saxophone, it was an improv piece so it was out there and wild," Cameron Baraik said. A performance of simultaneous instruments each playing their own thing, the audience was in for an unexpected treat. Photo by A. Goris

## FIDGET AND FOCUS

Students struggle to stay focused. Fidget toys to the rescue.

**“ Spread the Love.** This rowdy English 10 class has a bad case of ants in their pants, never being able to focus in class. Their teacher, Mrs. Foard, decided to take action by providing fidget toys. "I feel like a little kid again!" Albert Webber said. Webber loved this idea and takes a mini break from school to make a heart. Who said education can't be fun? Photo by A. Sarmiento

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## You are my SUNSHINE

CT Choir continues the tradition of singing valentines



**SING FOR LOVE.** Brayden Billingslea a member of the CT Choir who is participating in the singing valentines during this month of love. This annual activity is one of his favorites. "Watching the people receive their singing valentines was my favorite, it was funny," Billingslea said. Once they were finished, their small groups would go back to the choir room and would keep on practicing. Photo by J. George Ruge

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS

DECA takes on state at the Broadmoor hotel in Colorado Springs



**State Bound!** In February DECA traveled to state at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. The students attended different events based on what skills they had to provide for DECA, "I did role play for principles of management," Anya Ashish said. Each and every student did great at state. Photo Courtesy of E. Chafen



**Friendship.** Not only is going to state fun but being surrounded with friends to experience it is even better. "I just loved being with my friends and being at a hotel with them," Anya Ashish said. There was nothing but smiles from the students all weekend. Photo Courtesy of E. Chafen



**Business Students.** Many of students each year join DECA and love the experience, "DECA is a business group of people that are dedicated and motivated to be successful," Nya Garza said. Garza went to state and did amazing at her entrepreneurship role plays. Photo Courtesy of E. Chafen



**Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork.** DECA is their own type of family where they all support each other. Sitting at the events cheering on their friends and getting support back was shown all throughout state. "Honestly it was all so much fun," Christopher Holland said. Photo Courtesy of E. Chafen

## CT'S got TALENT

Talent show raised money for Wish Week

**“ The performance was impressive. I wish I could be as talented as them. ”**

**S**tudents and parents join together to watch performers show off their talents while raising money for Make-A-Wish, so they could grant Braxton his wish. The talent show raised nearly \$800 for Wish Week. But this talent show didn't just raise money for Wish Week, it connected people.

**"I THINK EVENTS SUCH AS THE TALENT SHOW HELP BUILD COMMUNITY, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT SUPPORT SYSTEM ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TO WISH WEEK," ANNA CHILTON** said. Wish week is a time where everyone is united and comes together to make a difference in the world. This week not only makes Braxton happy, but it helps other kids get their wish. Make-A-Wish makes so many people with really severe diseases happy and in the process makes the people raising money feel good about the impact.

This talent show was one part of a huge week, but it didn't quite go as planned. **" SHE WAS AT A HOSPITAL AND DIDN'T SHOW UP UNTIL 10 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW TIME. SHE WASN'T SURE IF SHE COULD PLAY BUT SHE TRIED IT OUT AND DESPITE IT NOT BEING EASY, WITH ONLY ONE MINUTE TO DECIDE, SHE SAID**

**LET'S DO IT!" NYA GARZA** said. Even with a broken finger, Aila Bushee decided to play the guitar at this show. The importance of the cause was what took over Bushee's mind and no matter how much pain she was in, she felt like she wanted to tackle the challenge, which in the end came out with a beautiful song and the audience had no clue there were any issues.

**"I THINK BECAUSE THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE PERFORMING IN THE TALENT SHOW THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THEIR FRIENDS, THEY ALSO SUPPORTED BRAXTON WITH THE MONEY THEY PAID TO GET THEIR TICKET," NAOMITA SITUMEANG** said. Friends supporting each other is really common at CT and other benefits coming with that is an added bonus.

**"I WAS VERY PLEASED WITH MY PERFORMANCE, MISTAKES WERE MADE, BUT IT WAS OVERALL GREAT, I WAS JUST HAPPY TO BE SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE," DAVID GUY** said. The cause of this performance is what drove these students to try out for this show. Having a talent show raise that much money for a kid with leukemia shows the impact of community.

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**VALENTINE'S Day**

"My boyfriend and I went to lunch and a movie. I also spent time with my friends eating food and playing games."

Megan Guttenburg

"My boyfriend and I went to an Avalanche game!"

Megan Alexander

"I took my girlfriend out to Target and then we went back to her house and exchanged gifts."

Jack Seve