



Up to Bat Alyssa Fullmer believed winning was a culture for CT softball. "Every time I'm up to bat, I just think to "produce." When I am in the lineup, there is normally at least one person is on base," Fullmer said. Whenever she went up to bat, her main goal was to put the ball in play to help those players score runs to create that winning culture. Photo by B. Padalecki

Let's Celebrate! With a 6-0 lead over the Eaglecrest Raptors, the Cougars had a mid-game celebration. "Every time we win, we win as a team and we're all excited to cheer everyone on. Even if individually we had a really bad game, the team won so we're all really happy," Outfielder Kylie Twilt said. Whether it's a runner on base, a run scored or a game won, the team celebrated each by hyping each other up, doing handshakes and barking at their opponents. Photo courtesy of C. Roberts

Jumping for Joy As the Cougars led a home game 5-2, spirits were high when a couple varsity girls jumped up to express their elation. "This team to me is just really special because it's a place where you can come to have fun," Infielder Kennedy Brian said. She enjoyed being on the team because it was a place free of drama with a strong sense of sisterhood. Photo courtesy of C. Roberts

As the pregame stress built up for each player, Jenna Fullmer led her team in prayer. Many players on both the Varsity and JV softball teams participated in prayer circles every game and group bible studies every week.

"HAVING THIS CONNECTION TO GOD AS A TEAM HELPS US PLAY OUR HEARTS OUT FOR GOD AND HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF JESUS WHICH BRINGS US CLOSER AS A TEAM IN A SPECIAL WAY," Varsity **JENNA FERGER** said.

Fullmer started this program because her faith is a really important part of her life. **"I BELIEVE THAT I WAS GIVEN A ROLE ON THE TEAM FOR A REASON. I WANT OTHERS TO KNOW WHAT JESUS DID FOR ME, AND I WANT TO SHARE THAT WITH OTHER PEOPLE,"** FULLMER said. This tradition started in 2020, when Fullmer began praying before games with teammate Kelsey Bell. It has evolved to Bible studies every weekend through their own Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Program (FCA).

Sometimes they focus on more overarching topics, like who is Jesus, and other times they do more sport related topics like how to be good teammates.

Not only does Jenna lead those sessions, she also has a community outreach platform with around 25 leaders from churches in our community. **"I SEND OUT PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE TEAM SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS ALSO PRAYING FOR OUR TEAM,"** FERGER said. This has provided many girls on the team with opportunities to meet Jesus and grow in their faith. **"IT HELPED US CONNECT WITH GOD AND KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE PLAYING FOR,"** CHIARA PRYOR said.

Not every school allows their students to openly practice their faith like CT does with this softball team. **"I JUST THINK IT'S AWESOME THAT WE CAN DO THAT HERE WITHOUT GETTING IN TROUBLE BECAUSE PEOPLE SUPPORT IT,"** FULLMER said.

PRAYING for a win

CT Softball built connections through their shared faith.

" I just love the whole team's love for God and how we have each other's back. "

Let's Get Loud While in the dugout during a game against Grandview, the varsity softball team cheered their teammates on as they went up to bat. "We get super hyped up in the dugout and it's super fun when you see your teammate doing really well," Outfielder Jocelyn Steiner said. To promote positivity every game, the girls in the dugout chanted their game-day cheers and did little dances to celebrate each other's victories. Photo by B. Padalecki

on the GREEN

Boys Varsity Golf sends two players to state



Set Examples After putting the hard work in during the season, Chris O'donnell made it to state as a sophomore "It's pretty competitive. All the good golfers in the state come together. There's a lot of pressure," O'Donnell said. His talent came with good work ethic and a lot of weight on his shoulders. Photo courtesy B. O'donnell



Never Alone Although golf is a solo sport, the boys never felt alone. "I love the team aspect of such an individual game," Hunter Pepper said. "It's so fun to cheer on your team". Even though they played for themselves, the collaborative support was shown at every match. Photo courtesy of B. O'donnell



Flying Solo Unlike players in sports like football and baseball, the varsity golf team faced a unique type of adversity. "There's a lot of pressure and you have no help. It's all up to you," Jack McLean said. Golfers had no one to rely on other than themselves to secure their win. Photo courtesy B. O'donnell



The Good and the Bad Many of the boys agreed that golf allowed them to focus on their own performance. "You can have bad days and lose, or good days and win. It's everyone for themselves," Dalton Sisneros said. No matter what, he still loved being on the green. Photo courtesy B. O'donnell

the DAWGPOUND

Girls JV softball hit their opponents out of the ballpark

On a Roll Isabella Galka high-fives her teammates after scoring another run for the JV team in a shutout game against Eaglecrest. "If you get a home-run, it's exhilarating, and you're so proud of yourself. If you drive a girl in, that puts a point on the board so that helps a lot as well," Galka said. Every time she got a hit, she felt super happy and always had her head on a swivel. Photo by B. Padalecki



Sliding to Safety For Abby Anderson, who swung the bat at both Varsity and JV softball games, getting a hit meant her work had paid off. "I feel good if it's a good hit because I worked hard for it," Anderson said. Hours of practice were put into being able to consistently get hits game after game. Photo by E. Roberts

ACED IT

Boys varsity tennis won their match against Eaglecrest.



A. McNeil



S. Popolorum



D. Kim



S. Behera



T. Chancey

Take it from
UNDERCLASSMAN ON VARSITY

"I've learned to just stay humble and to not get mad or anything especially during games because everyone makes mistakes."

Brayden Forte

"It's tough sometimes but the upperclassmen push me to be better"

Madalyn Gibbs

"I love having mentors to look up to on my team"

Madalyn Landry