

# COLOR GUARD

THE SPORT OF THE ARTS



**Ella Haberman, 12**, said, "Guard allows people to express themselves while doing it with people you grow to love, which makes it a lot of fun."



**Avery Romney, 9**,  
"My first season was fun. It was busy at first, but I really enjoyed it."



**Lizzie Blouin, 9**,  
"Guard made me a better person because of perseverance and work ethic."



**Madison DeLuca, 9**,  
"Color guard helps me calm down. It's my happy place."

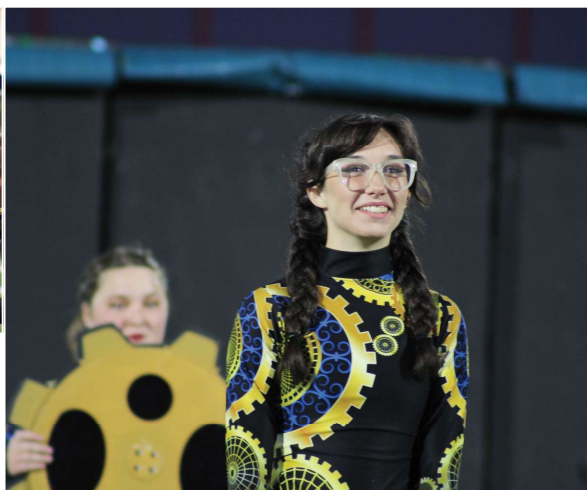


**Mariah Fortin, 9**,  
"Guard was a great experience. You just create friendships randomly."



**Cadence Hopkins, 9**, said, "It was really nice having a team that you know is there for you, and I built some really strong bonds. I had something to look forward to at the end of the day and people that I knew I could talk to if I needed anything."

**Amelia Makowsky, 12**, said, "I like competitions. I like getting the adrenaline rush before almost passing out because I'm so energized. And even if we don't get the score we want, we scream until we lose our voices. It doesn't even matter what we score, we have fun."





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The Vista Ridge Color Guard performed their marching show titled, "Into the Machine," in the fall. They performed their winter guard show, "Be Our Guest," during second semester.

1. **Catherine Utley, 11**, said, "When you're working with people so closely as a team, you get really close to people really fast. Guard gives me something to be confident about."

2. **Lillyann Koepp, 10**, said, "Guard made me more open-minded. It stands out because the environment is laid back and demanding at the same time. It's challenging, but you have to work through it."

3. **Jasmine Turner, 10**, said, "Guard has been super fun. I got super close to a bunch of girls on the team. It's made me open up more. Guard isn't as easy as most people think it is. It's hard but worth it."

## EQUIPMENT HIGHLIGHT



**LILYANN KOEPP, 10**, IS ON RIFLE LINE FOR THEIR SECOND WINTER GUARD SEASON. THEY SAID, "RIFLE IS CHALLENGING. YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO PICK IT UP AND BE AMAZING AT IT. YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH IT AND OVER TIME YOU GET USED TO IT. MAKING MEMORIES AT COMPETITIONS HAS BEEN THE BEST PART OF GUARD."

**MADISON DELUCA, 9**, LEARNED TO SPIN FLAGS FOR HER FIRST GUARD SEASON. SHE SAID, "FLAG IS HARD AT FIRST BUT ONCE YOU GET IT, IT'S MUCH EASIER. GUARD WAS GREAT. I GOT TO MEET SO MANY NEW PEOPLE. YOU HAVE STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR TEAMMATES."





# MARCHING BAND

INTO THE MACHINE

This year the Wolfpack Marching Band performed their show, "Into the Machine," at competitions and football games, as well as a free show for the friends and family of the band members. The marching band practices after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturday mornings to get ready for competitions. The band is under the direction of Andrew King and features a wide variety of instruments, plus a color guard.

In addition to field shows, the marching band also performs at the Veterans Day Parade in November and the Parade of Lights in December. **Julianna Connelly, 12**, the Spirit and Morale leader said, "With Marching Band I'm doing so much, and I'm actually getting out more. I have better grades, and I'm just doing better in general. It's kind of like a family. It's a lifelong commitment full of family and all sorts of amazing things."



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PHOTO BY KIMBER BREXON

**1. Macey Breckon, 9** said, "Marching band has helped me become a better musician and a better person. It has helped become a lot more comfortable in loud spaces as well."

**2. Stella Carle, 9** said, "Even though we didn't make state, I really liked it. Showing up to practice was fun, and I feel like I'm a lot more social in band."

**3. Connor Schwartz, 10** said, "I like marching band because it's like both an art and a sport."

**4. Kyle Woodcock, 12** said, "In Marching Band, one bad decision affects the whole band, so it really made me think about how my decisions affect others."

## SECTION LEADERS



"It has definitely made me more motivated and made me work harder when I want something because Marching Band is a lot of work. The joy I get from it has made me want to push myself. Marching Band is kind of like a family. Everyone is sweet and kind to everyone, plus at competitions all of the other teams are there to support you."

**-Savannah Case, 11, Front Ensemble Section Leader**

"The band director my freshman year came to Skyview to do recruiting and he mentioned that there was a color guard. I went to band camp, and I just fell in love with it. I feel like the sportsmanship makes band stand out from other activities. When certain bands go out during competitions, the biggest cheers are from other bands."

**- Amelia Makowsky, 12, Color Guard Captain**



"I joined Marching Band because music conveys emotions you can't explain. It's different because we are all in it together, and we accept everyone. No one is ahead or below. Band has changed my life. It is my outlet for emotion. I am able to put my feelings into the music and make it beautiful. Band is my therapy and my safe place."

**- Payton Gnas, 11, Low Brass Section Leader**

## LEADERSHIP



Vista's marching band performs their show for friends and family to prepare for competition.



**Mr. King**, Vista's band director, said, "Marching band helps students realize they can work harder than they ever thought they could. The best part of being a marching band director is seeing the immense growth over a season."



**Andrew Crigger, 12**, the band's drum major said, "I definitely have become a much harder worker and have learned to persevere through hard situations. Marching Band stands out because of the community and friends you make. Everyone gets to participate."



**Brayden Hutchinson, 12**, the other drum major said, "Marching Band stands out because of the community and family that it builds. It has taught me discipline and to have grit. My favorite part about being drum major is being able to represent the band."



## CHEER SENIORS

LEFT: "Cheer is really about being together as one, supporting the school spirit, others, and just having fun,"

**Ashlyn Moriarty, 12**

RIGHT: "Everything before the competition, the vibes the music, it all made the team closer,"

**Taylor Council, 12**



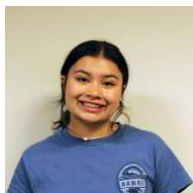
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## FINDING A PASSION

Cheer tryouts happen at the end and beginning of the year. Both JV and Varsity are competitive with JV placing 2nd at state.

### JUSTICE LEWIS, 9

"I joined cheer because I heard about the amazing culture and bond that they make. We all do community service, and go to the Summit, plus hangout at each other's houses."



### MORGAN O'BRIEN, 10

"The tryouts are kinda of a long process, but it turns out to be really rewarding. We're all sisters and brothers, we may not like each other all the time, but that bond is unbreakable."



### AMBER SIMMONDS, 9

"The team has to be my favorite thing. I've made so many friends. I now have people to go to when I need them. I really look to them and inspire to be like them both in cheer and in school."



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1. Varsity at the winter showcase performing for the all the show and getting ready to compete at nationals.

2. **Isabella Sackett, 12**, one of the captains for the Varsity team, is lifted in the air as a flier during a football game.

3. At the beginning of the year, Varsity at the Pep Rally performing to get the school ready for the Homecoming football game.

4. The Varsity team takes a breather between cheers to watch the football team at the Homecoming football game.

## EVENTS OF THE YEAR

1. **Camden Glasgow, 12**, poses with the team at a football game. After going to state and placing first he said, "It was just a indescribable feeling knowing all the hard work paid off."

2. **Abigail Morgan, 11, Alyssa Guiao, 11, and Justice Lewis, 9** are ready for the first pep rally of the year.

3. The Varsity team cheering at the Homecoming game.

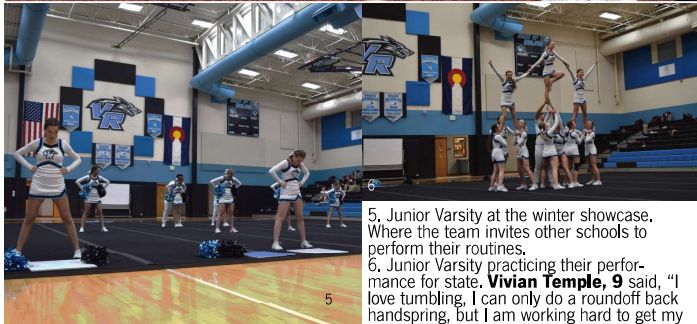


# CHEER

THROUGH THE YEAR THE CHEER TEAMS SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S SPORTS TEAMS AND STUDENT BODY.



**All the Way to Nationals**  
The Varsity CoEd team cheers at the first pep rally. The team placed first won at state cheer this year. This gave them the opportunity to go to nationals in Florida, where they placed 8th.



5, Junior Varsity at the winter showcase. Where the team invites other schools to perform their routines.  
6, Junior Varsity practicing their performance for state. **Vivian Temple, 9** said, "I love tumbling. I can only do a roundoff back handspring, but I am working hard to get my roundoff back tuck."



**ADDYSEN KRULL, 10**

"State was my favorite competition because we really just came together as a team and we were team bonding and we came together a lot more than the other competitions."



**EVELYN XENOS, 10**

"I saw it the year before and was really inspired to join. Competition is my favorite of the year and we did really well this year placing 1st in league and 2nd in state."



**JISELLE HALE, 10**

"My favorite thing to do in cheer is stunting, and performing this year at league was amazing, just so much fun, but state was also lots of fun when it came to competing."

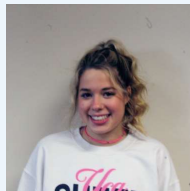
"IT REALLY HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO BE A LEADER OF THIS TEAM" **BRANDON BILLINGSLEY, 12**

## VARSITY CHEER



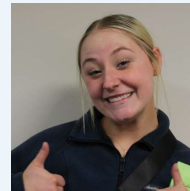
**Madison Billingsley, 10**

"We're all really a team, especially this year, it was a really great environment to be in. We all just appreciated and love each other."



**Bella Bermudez, 10**

"Meeting new people is my favorite thing in cheer, and just the experience of having a new team each year."



**Abigail Morgan, 11**

"Being able to see what we went through in the beginning and to now, seeing how much we have grown. You put in so much hard work and to have that come out of it was such an award."