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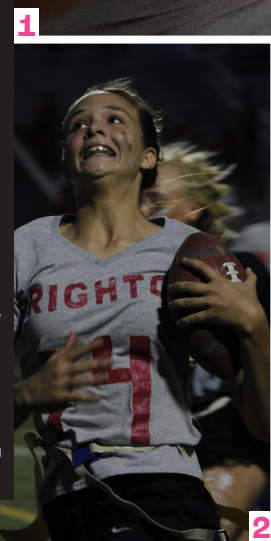
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Grades getting hyped for yearly Powder Puff and Peach Fuzz games

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1. LETTING OUT THE BEAST.

As the freshman team surrounds him, Regan Monroe '26 screams and rips his shirt to pump up the team before facing the sophomores in Peach Fuzz on Sept. 21 in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium. The freshmen did not beat the sophomores. "I had played a good game by making some smooth serves and some clean hits," Monroe said. "Even though our team did not come out on top, I would say that my time playing didn't go to waste." *photo by e.rolfs*



2. RUNNING FOR THE WIN. After intercepting the football, Haleyanna Martin '26 runs down the field before getting her flag taken away in the first half of the freshman vs. sophomore Powder Puff game. "We really wanted the win so we all played our hearts out," Martin said. "We celebrated our win by getting ice cream at Dairy Queen." *photo by a.flancher*

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THE BATTLE WAS SET FOR EACH GRADE TO COMPETE TO BE CALLED BULLDOG CHAMPIONS AT THE HOMECOMING POWDER PUFF AND PEACH FUZZ TOURNAMENTS. These events kicked off Homecoming Week.

With their decorated jerseys, the girls met on the football field Sept. 20. The freshman and sophomore teams competed with the freshman winning 14-7. Then, the juniors beat the seniors 9-0 after scoring a touchdown and pulling the flag of the quarterback in the end zone.

"It was great to make some points and beat the seniors. It gives us confidence for next year when we play," Taylor Madsen '24 said.

The boys met the next night in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium to compete in the battle of the classes for Peach Fuzz. The seniors ended up winning the tournament defeating all grades including the teacher team.

"There was nobody who was going to beat us on the court," Brendan Strait '23 said. "We came to win, and we did that."

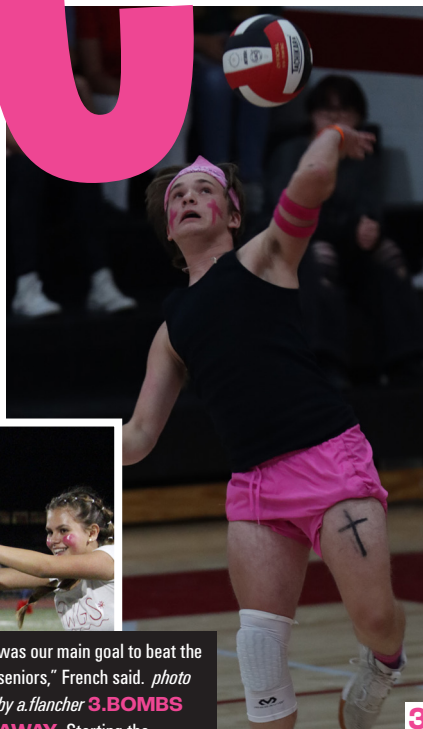
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"I HAD JOINED FOR THE FUN OF IT. THE BEST FEELING WAS WHEN I HAD SCORED A TOUCHDOWN BUT THEN RUINED IT WHEN THEY TOOK IT BACK."

kamryn villalobos '25

CALL ME THE MVP. Walking toward her team, Kamryn Villalobos '25 takes out her mouth guard to circle up during halftime of the sophomore vs. freshman Powder Puff football game. *photo by a.flancher*



1. NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK. Huddling up his freshman team, Head Coach Robert Walters, science teacher, debriefs the first half during halftime of the freshman vs. sophomore Homecoming Powder Puff game. "It's always fun to coach freshmen because they have so much energy and they have no idea what they are doing on the field," Walters said. *photo by m.henninger*

2. T-SHIRT TIME. Samuel Granado '26 holds up his freshman Peach Fuzz team shirt where he added the word 'sexy' above his name 'Sammy.' "The nickname 'Sexy Sammy' grew around eighth grade when we were trying to find adjectives that went along with our first names. I was originally going to be 'smart' then I thought to myself, 'I'm pretty sexy,'" Granado said. *photo by a.thomson*

3. QUIET DOWN. With his teammate Brok Eddy '23 holding up an 'L' with his hands, Avery Clark '23 tells the juniors to keep it down before the senior and junior Peach Fuzz tournament. The seniors beat the juniors 25-18. "The best part was winning every game. Not one team came close to beating us," Clark said. "We were the real dream team, you know." *photo by e.rolfs*

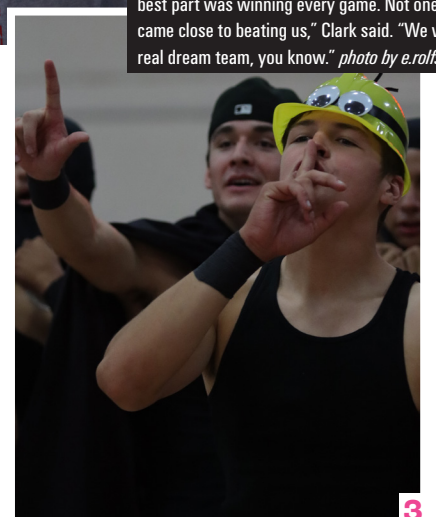
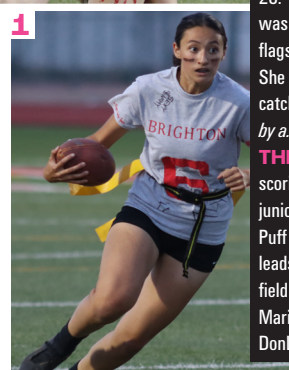


1. CATCH ME. Makayla Burke '26 runs down the field after getting passed the football in the first half of the freshman vs. sophomore Powder Puff game on Sept. 20. "One of the sophomores was like 'you're tying your flags', but I definitely wasn't. She was just mad she couldn't catch me," Burke said. *photo by a.flancher*

2. FOLLOW THE LEADER. After scoring a touchdown in the junior and senior Powder Puff game, Ava French '24 leads a victory train on the field as Kallie Chmelka '24, Mariah Lopez '24 and Cynthia DonLucas '24 follow along. "It was our main goal to beat the seniors," French said. *photo by a.flancher*

3. BOMBS AWAY. Starting the freshman vs. sophomore Peach Fuzz match, Dalton Chockley '25 serves the ball leading to the sophomores first point. *photo by e.rolfs*

4. GOING TO BATTLE. Sam Maxich '25 ties a pink bandana on Colten Barber's '25 head before facing the freshmen in Peach Fuzz on Sept. 21. "We chose the outfits because we wanted to support Parker [Rose '26] who was diagnosed with cancer," Barber said. *photo by e.rolfs*



"COACHING THE JUNIOR TEAM FOR POWDER PUFF WAS REALLY FUN. THE YOUNG LADIES THAT PLAYED WERE AWESOME. WE ENDED UP WINNING AND CELEBRATED BY THEM GETTING HATS. THEY WERE LAUGHING, SMILING AND HAVING A BLAST." **ROLANDO DAVILA, HEALTH**

"I WANTED TO DO POWDER PUFF SINCE I DIDN'T GET TO PLAY LAST YEAR AND REALLY REGRETTED IT. THE ENVIRONMENT WAS SO FUN OUT ON THE FIELD AND ON THE TEAM BECAUSE WE ALL JUST CAME TO HAVE FUN. I DEFINITELY WILL PLAY AGAIN NEXT YEAR AT HOMECOMING." **TAYLOR CHEESEMAN '25**

"I JUST LOVE HOMECOMING WEEK, ESPECIALLY ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT BRING THE SCHOOL TOGETHER. IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE. I ENJOYED THE TEACHER VS. SENIOR VOLLEYBALL MATCH EVEN THOUGH THE TEACHERS DIDN'T WIN." **JAMIE LEOPOLD, SCIENCE**

"HECTOR [SOLTELO '23] AND I WANTED TO SUPPORT THE SENIORS ON THE SIDELINES SO WE DRESSED UP AND WERE COACHES. THE ATMOSPHERE AND BEING ON THE SIDE LINES AND HYPING UP THE SENIORS MADE IT A FUN EVENT." **CANNON HEADLEY '23**

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“ALL I KEPT TELLING MYSELF THROUGH THE ENTIRE COMPETITION WAS WE HAD TO WIN. I HAD TO KEEP EATING AS FAST AS I COULD, WHICH IS NOT EASY, BUT WE DID IT.”

isaiah struck '23

WE JUST WON THAT. Flexing his muscles, Isaiah Struck '23 and partner Kristopher Burge '23 celebrate winning the eating contest at Class Games. Burge ate Chick-fil-A biscuits while Struck ate microwavable macaroni and cheese. *photo by e.rolfs*



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1. WE FEEL LIKE THE CHAMPS. Christopher Theisen '23 holds up his arm while Aidan Tracey '23 carries him along on his back after the seniors win the eating contest at Class Games. "Anytime that the seniors come out with the win we celebrate," Theisen said. "It was cool to go to Class Games and just get to be with my friends and senior class." *photo by e.rolfs* **2. FULL OF LAUGHS.** Taylor Cheeseman '25 falls to the ground laughing after missing the chair that Annie West '25 sat in while competing in Musical Chairs. "I really wanted to win the contest, but I was glad that Annie got to stay in a round longer because we wanted to compete together," Cheeseman said. "It was really hard to hear the music though, so I hope next year they can fix that." *photo by n.nevarez* **3. WE GOT THIS.** Brody Wadkins '25, Dominic Schroder '25 and Braeden Heinz '25 get closer to pulling the rope to their side while competing against the seniors in Tug-o-War. The sophomores beat the seniors. "After awhile your hands start to slip and you lose your good grip on the rope," Schroder said. "The seniors were the hardest to beat, but we ended up doing it. Our team had fun competing." *photo by e.rolfs*

1. GET SOAKED. Joey DeLay '25 gets ready to throw water balloons at the members of the junior class. The sophomores were eliminated in the second round. "In the first round, I was missing like crazy, but once we made it to the second round, I was able to get a few hits in there," DeLay said. *photo by e.rolfs* **2. SAY CHEESE.** In front of the bonfire, Kaelynn Sanchez '24 and Damaris Gutierrez '24 pose for a photo for one of their friends. "The Bonfire is a great tradition that I am glad that we get to have because it's a lot of fun to get to be there with your friends," Gutierrez said. *photo by h.dyck* **3. IT TAKES THREE.** Solomon Smouse '23 gets some help from

student government members Tyler Huss '23 and Cooper George '23 in the frozen T-shirt contest. The juniors won the contest. "The shirt was frozen, and I did everything I could to get it to untangle so I could put it on. I asked the boys to help me since they were seniors," Smouse said. "I should have thrown it on the ground to see if that would have helped." *photo by e.rolfs* **4. JUST EIGHT SECONDS.** Closing his eyes, Cooper Brunson '25 rides the mechanical bull representing his class in the bull riding contest. "It actually was a lot of fun getting to ride the bull. It's a little difficult doing it while the whole school is watching you though," Brunson said. *photo by e.rolfs*



AS STUDENTS ENTERED BULLDOG STADIUM THAT AFTERNOON ON SEPT. 15, THEY PUT ON THEIR CLASS COLORS AS CLASS GAMES BEGAN. Science teacher Robert Walters got on the microphone and called down contestants to represent their class.

"It was cool that everyone brought their competitive spirit to the event," Kristopher Burge '23 said. "It was cool to watch the bull riding contest because it was something new for our school and you can tell everyone was having a good time."

Student Government monitored the contests that included a frozen T-shirt contest, Musical Chairs, Tug-o-War, a water balloon fight, an eating contest and then a bull riding contest. The juniors came out victorious winning the most competitions.

That evening, students gathered at the Vikan dirt parking lot as the local fire department lit the Bonfire. The band and spirit squads performed and Student Government played music.

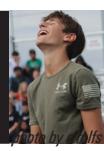
"The whole atmosphere was fun," Sam Brown '26 said.

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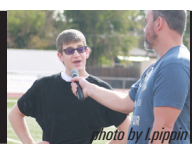
"I LOVE THAT THE BAND GOT TO KICK OFF THE BONFIRE. WE PLAYED 'HEY BABY' AND 'RADAR LOVE.' IT WAS MY FIRST HOMECOMING, AND I LOVED HOW EVERYONE JUST CAME TOGETHER AND THEN DANCED TOGETHER TO THE MUSIC. I FEEL LIKE EVERY YEAR WILL KEEP JUST GETTING BETTER AND IS SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO." **MARLAYNA FREITAS '26**



"CLASS GAMES WAS SO MUCH FUN. MY FRIENDS MADE ME PARTICIPATE IN THE MUSICAL CHAIRS COMPETITION. I CAME IN SECOND TO LAST. IT WAS REALLY HARD TO HEAR THE MUSIC OUT ON THE FIELD. DESPITE THAT THOUGH, I TOTALLY WOULD DO IT AGAIN. I LOVE HOW EVERYONE CAME OUT TO COMPETE AND JUST SHOW THEIR SPIRIT." **TRAVIS TUFANO '25**



"WITH THIS BEING MY LAST HOMECOMING, I WAS GLAD THAT I WENT TO THE BONFIRE. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD TIME GETTING TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS WHILE WE WATCH THE FIRE LIGHT UP AND THEN DIE DOWN WITH THE MUSIC PLAYING AROUND US." **FERNANDO CANO '23**



"IT WAS DIFFICULT TRYING TO GET THE SHIRT TO UNRAVEL AS IT WAS REALLY FROZEN. AFTER A FEW STRATEGIES, I WAS ABLE TO GET IT THOUGH. CLASS GAMES WAS A LOT OF FUN, AND I WAS GLAD I GOT TO REPRESENT MY CLASS." **RAINIER NIDAY '24**

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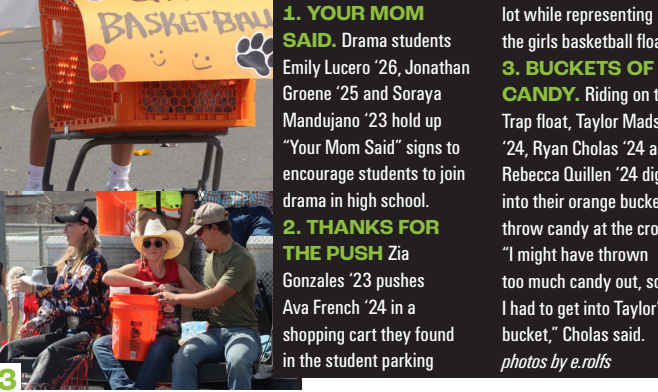
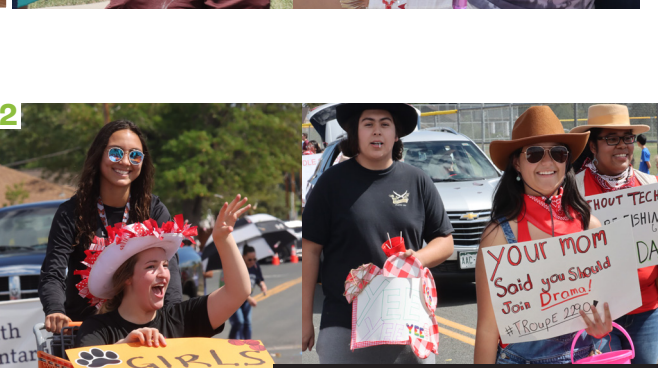
AND NO ONE CAN RAIN ON OUR Parade

Community shuts down to cheer on high school floats

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1. GOATS AROUND. Taking a drink of his soda, Josiah Contreras '23 sits next to the goat named Lizzie while riding in the senior float on Egbert Street in the Homecoming Parade on Sept. 16. "The only reason why I was seated with the goat was because they only liked me. I felt so special," Contreras said. "It was pretty cool seeing everyone's ideas come together as we were putting the float together with a farming theme. It was also funny to see everyone freak out about the goat." **2. DANCING DOWN THE STREET.** Gay Straight Alliance member Nick DeBerg '24 twirls the LGBTQ flag while dancing to music while marching on Skel Street. "Representation is important, and I am glad that GSA gives us a chance to celebrate who we are," DeBerg said. **3. BUBBLES ARE EVERYWHERE.** Sitting on the girls swimming float, Olivia Carson '23 blows bubbles at the crowd so they could feel like they were moving underwater. **4. TAKE A PIECE OF CANDY.** Travis Goforth '24 marches in the parade as barrel boy while handing out candy to little kids sitting alongside Egbert Street. "I knew I was the only person who could pull this off, so I got a barrel and went around the town handing out candy. I honestly felt like I was on top of the world," Goforth said. *photos by e.rolfs*



1. YOUR MOM SAID. Drama students Emily Lucero '26, Jonathan Groene '25 and Soraya Mandujano '23 hold up "Your Mom Said" signs to encourage students to join drama in high school. **2. THANKS FOR THE PUSH** Zia Gonzales '23 pushes Ava French '24 in a shopping cart they found in the student parking lot while representing the girls basketball float. **3. BUCKETS OF CANDY.** Riding on the Trap float, Taylor Madsen '24, Ryan Cholas '24 and Rebecca Quillen '24 dig into their orange bucket to throw candy at the crowd. "I might have thrown too much candy out, so I had to get into Taylor's bucket," Cholas said. *photos by e.rolfs*



1. IT'S ALL SUNFLOWERS. Alexa McWilliams '23, Aaliyah Rodriguez '23 and Zoraida Vazquez '23 ride in the senior farm theme float next to goat Lizzie. "We decorated the float in sunflowers. It was really hot so we threw water bottles," McWilliams said. **2. FLAGS UP.** FFA President Elsie Oswald '23 carries the FFA flag while riding her horse in the parade. *photos by e.rolfs*

INSTEAD OF ATTENDING CLASSES, STUDENTS REPORTED TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BUILDING TO HELP BUILD THEIR HOMECOMING FLOATS FOR THEIR CLASS, SPORT OR CLUB. Students were either stationed at the agriculture shop, the auto shop, or the student parking lot. Groups created floats to the them "Wild Wild West."

Students spent from 7:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. finishing their floats. Then Student Government members directed each float and groups of students to line up in rows in the student parking lot.

The Homecoming Parade began at 1:00p.m. as Grand Marshall Stephanie Carpenter, athletic secretary, led the way down Ron Cox Avenue, traveling through town on Egbert, South 5th and ending on South 10th Street.

"It was so much fun getting to decorate the floats and then getting to ride in them as all of the elementary and middle school students as well as the community lined up to cheer us on," Riley Doherty '26 said.

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"I WAS HONORED TO BE CHOSEN THE GRAND MARSHALL OF THE PARADE. I LOVE BRIGHTON AND THE STUDENTS. GETTING TO REPRESENT THE HIGH SCHOOL MEANS SO MUCH TO ME."
stephanie carpenter, athletic secretary
FEEL LIKE ROYALTY. Stephanie Carpenter, athletic secretary, waves at the crowd on Egbert Street as she kicks off the Homecoming Parade for the high school as the Grand Marshall. Carpenter was chosen by the high school faculty to be the Grand Marshall. *photo by e.rolfs*

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"REPRESENTING THE LINK CREW FLOAT, I COULDN'T HELP BUT SMILE BECAUSE I SAW SO MANY KIDS FULL OF JOY WHEN I THREW CANDY AT THEM. IT JUST MADE HAPPINESS BURST IN MY HEART." **MIA JAQUEZ '23**

"ON THE FFA FLOAT, WE ALL JUST TRIED TO INTERACT WITH THE CROWD AND JUST HAD A GOOD TIME TOGETHER. OUR THEME WAS BANDITS, SO PEOPLE [LIKE IVAN VASQUEZ '23] DRESSED UP." **ANDY GARRANO '23**

"OUR BAND LOVES GETTING TO PERFORM ESPECIALLY DURING THE PARADE. IT CAN BE HOT OUTSIDE, BUT WE MARCH ON AND PLAY OUR INSTRUMENTS." **CONNOR HOLDEN '23**

"I LOVED WATCHING THE FRESHMEN HELP BUILD OUR FLOAT, AND THEN GET TO RIDE ON IT DURING THE PARADE. IT'S AMAZING TO SEE HOW THE COMMUNITY COMES OUT TO SUPPORT OUR AMAZING STUDENTS." **RACHAEL HAGER, ENGLISH**

"I LOVE HOW WE GOT TO WEAR FUZZY HATS AND CHEER ALONG THE PARADE PATH. IT WAS REALLY HOT OUTSIDE THOUGH, SO WE HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE STAYING HYDRATED. THE LITTLE KIDS MADE IT ALL WORTH WHILE THOUGH AS THEY CHEERED FOR US." **LILLY PIPPIN '25**

AND WE KNOW HOW TO STOP TRAFFIC **085** homecoming parade