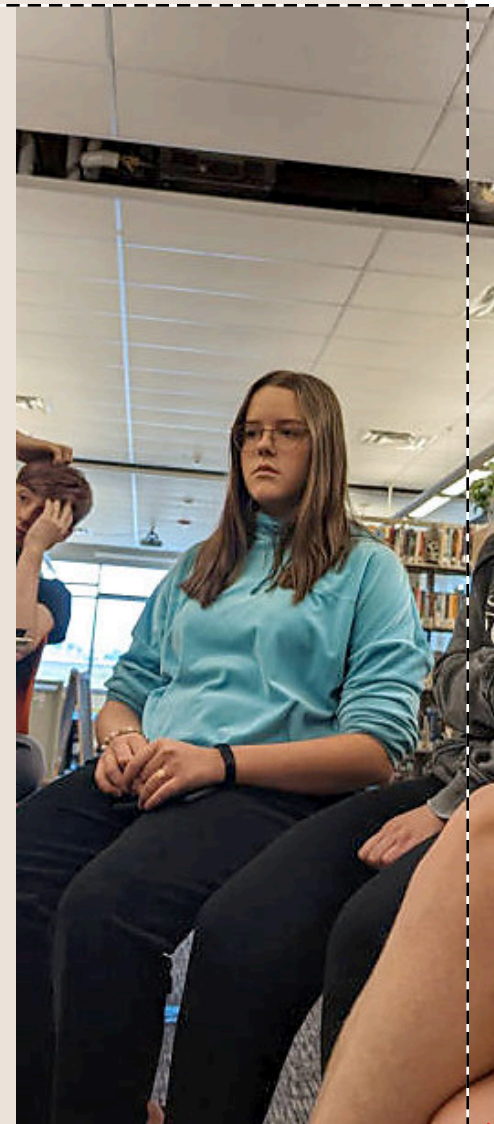




Sideout Showdown

Serve after Serve. The Jags fought strong for their way to the top in the first tournament of the season. "The Sideout Showdown was our first tournament and it went really well. I think our record was 3-1 so we made it to the championships and then we lost to Stargate. But for starting off the season, we definitely did so much better than I expected," described Libero **LiLi Foss**, who played alongside teammates **Jessie Schaffer**, **Emilee Harding**, and **Laila Gallaher**. Emilee had an equally positive perspective and explained, "We were able to communicate really well as a team and execute the skills we had practiced." She added, "We're definitely way better this year, I think that all of us have matured as volleyball players and since we only lost one person last year, we were able to move all together as a team."



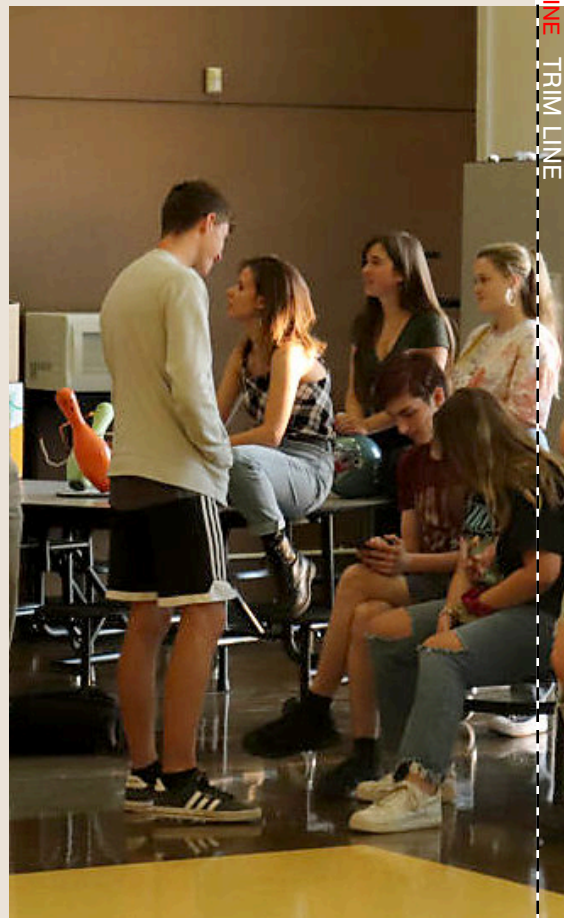
HERE BECAUSE I LOVE IT



Ava Chung has been a part of StuCo since her sophomore year. She would recommend it to anyone who wants to "be a part of a really great group of people who care about our school." Ava enjoyed Back to School Night and sharing her club with others. She loved hyping up StuCo. "It's a really awesome way to meet new people, while hanging out with your friends too.... You get a look into the behind the scenes of all the awesome events we host and get to make your voice heard."



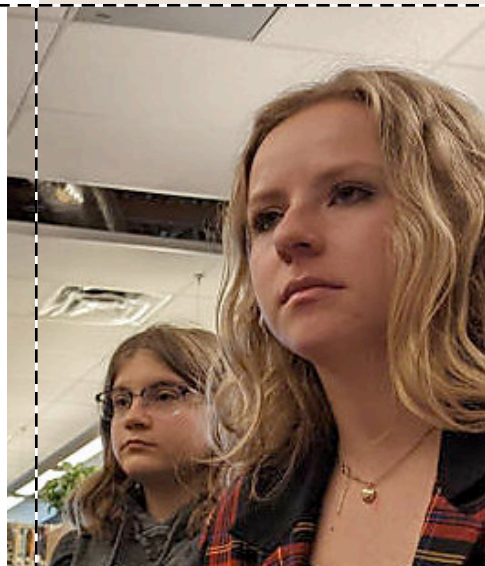
Sonia Mathai enjoys visiting with all the different clubs for Back to School Night. "I'm in NHS, Key Club, and my Zero Hour is StuCo. Those were the clubs I was most interested in. I definitely looked at a lot of different options and when I was considering, those were just the ones that piqued my interest the most. I did learn about a lot of different clubs which was cool. I do like NHS, I think it's a really cool club. I also really like Key Club. I think it's a great club for volunteer opportunities and getting involved with your community," Sonia shared.



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Avery Linton, Eden Woodward, and Elise Lien discuss *The Hate You Give*.

Banned Books. SLAB held book clubs, read-ins, and shared announcements to spread awareness about how some literature is being restricted in schools. One such event was Banned Books Book Club, in which participants read "The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas. "Book club was very somber but important. Our generation needs to have discussions about these topics and book club was able to have these discussions. We talked about why it is crucial to hold banned books week," shared **Sofia Hiller**, who participated with **Chris Meier** and **Eva Richling**. At the end of the week, a read-in was hosted to celebrate all banned books where students got free books. **Eden Woodward**, co-president of SLAB, exclaimed, "I was so proud of banned book week! I feel like it went so well and I feel like the student population really got the message driven home about banned books and the consequences of them and the impact that they have on our education." She added, "I think that banning books is bad because I believe that students should have the ability to have access to all the knowledge that they want."

behind the banned



Leyna, how do you say language in Mandarin?

Leyna Gibson went to Global Village Academy before JA where she learned Mandarin for many years. She believes that language is crucial to who she is. "I think it's important because there are more languages out there than just English, it helps people to converse and interact with other people and as I said before, it also teaches you about other cultures... I could see myself without it, but I wouldn't want to"

prepared or scared?



"It's literally the most depressing part about school. The fact that we constantly have to do drills in case somebody comes into school with a gun. Absolutely terrifying that we have to do a drill on how to hide from an active shooter." **Elliot Waters**



"I think it's good that we practice it but it's sad that we have to because of all the danger that happens. In case something bad happens, we know what we're supposed to do - we're supposed to hide away and not go out." **Sofia Meyer**



Troy Brown strongly believes that lockdown drills are important because his father survived the Columbine shooting. "They matter a lot and they should be practiced. People should know what to do in that situation. I do trust lockdown drills. They're important." Reminiscing on his father's story, he concluded, "There's not a crazy amount of stuff you can do, you just have to be ready."

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