



**Making a difference.** Smiling with her fresh haircut, **Rucha Katdare '25** helps bring the community together. Planning Bald 4 Bucks since January, Katdare believes that the event is vital to making the school environment more connected. "It's a way to bring everyone together because we all are academically and socially stressed, and we all come together to support one cause that's important and affects people's lives everyday," said Katdare. *photo by: ashley childs*



**Leap of faith.** **Nathan Marion Galay '23** receives a fresh new doo from his friend **Aaron Tran '23** as he shaves his head in support of his mom, who has fought the disease. Although Tran had the best intentions, the shave did not go smoothly. "The first doofus was named Aaron Tran... he held the razer wrong, so rather than cutting it smoothly it very much scraped the back of my head. [It was worth it because] it's just another means of support," said Galay. *photo by: devyn miranda*



**It's raining hair.** Ticked by his freshly shaved locks, **Peter Richardson '24** embraces the moment with friends. His second year shaving his head for Bald 4 Bucks, teachers and friends joined in to give him a memorable experience. "When Kaylee's little sister [shaved her head], I thought, 'I can't not to do it' I can't be the only one that's not bald," Richardson said. *photo by: devyn miranda*

**Following tradition.** Having his head shaved by friend **Cale Carpenter '24**, **Maciu Ramaqa '24** makes a last minute decision. What pushed Ramaqa to make the jump and buzz his hair was the environment of the assembly, and his own personal connection to the cause. "I've done it for the past six years... I started when my friend's mom had cancer, so I started raising money for that, it's just become something I do every year," said Ramaqa. *photo by: devyn miranda*

**Take your place.** Smiling as his hair is buzzed, **Quinn Kreck '23** soaks in the energy from the day. Kreck found the experience to be really fun, but it also held a deeper meaning. He said, "To be able to donate to something this big and finally being a part of this event after being here for so long is really great." *photo by: ashley childs*

**Showing support.** Smiling with his pals, **Tegan Derickson '24** shaves his head as a group activity with his friends. The assembly was a good experience for Derickson, as he has personal connections with the cause. "My motivation to shave my head was I have family members who have gone through cancer, so it was good to support them... it was also a good little bonding experience with my friends," said Derickson. *photo by: devyn miranda*





**Tears of joy.** Hugging **Parathana Mathad '24**, **Evelyn Ryan '23** cries over the emotions of the moment. Ryan made an impulsive decision to shave her head after being inspired by her community. "I really felt the support of Rampart, and of my found family in that moment," said Ryan. *photo by: olivia alaska*

**Birthday boy(s).** Cheering on his friend, **William Mahar '24** keeps the energy high. With Bald 4 Bucks falling on his birthday, Mahar enjoyed spending his special day with friends celebrating the fight to end cancer. "Bald 4 Bucks to me means 'community', because it's a fundraiser and a way for everybody to unite as one against something and become a big community," Mahar said. *photo by: devyn miranda*

**Deja vu.** Having his head shaved by **Louisa Wachter '24**, **Mr. Grant Stoughton** was thrilled for the chance to take part in Bald 4 Bucks. He challenged his students that if they hit \$1000, he would bleach his hair and \$1,250 would allow the highest donor to give him a mohawk. Stoughton has a personal connection to the event; "[Shaving my head] reminded me of when I shaved my mom's head because her hair was starting to fall out; the fear mixed with hope and the moment of connection is something I'll never forget and I think all the people involved in the event will carry it with them," he said. *photo by: dillon cox*



**Active and aware.** Getting his head buzzed by friend **Chase Arnold '23**, **Lance Judson '24** spreads awareness. Judson believes that shaving his head shows his support for children who suffer from the disease. "I feel like it's a good way to show awareness, and that I don't need my hair and the fact that kids have to go through losing their hair to cancer... so why not," Judson said. *photo by: ashley childs*

**Charity case.** Squinting as he goes bald **Logan Rowan '23** continues his annual tradition of shaving his head at Bald 4 Bucks. Although he didn't originally plan on shaving his head this year, Rowan made a last minute decision to finish his fourth year at Rampart by shaving his head for the fourth time. "I was walking into my English class when my friend Sophie offered me \$100 to shave my head, so I got the \$100 and spent \$20 to get my head shaved and donated the other \$80," Rowan said. *photo by: ashley childs*

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Two seniors participated in live news segments in the early hours of the morning to spread the message of Bald 4 Bucks and what it means to the student body.



**Live and in person.** Shaving his head on the morning news, **Eli Bastiaansen '23** rings in Bald 4 Bucks at 6:30 A.M. As the Bald 4 Bucks Chair, Bastiaansen held a vital role in organizing the event and watching his hard work pay off. "So many people are dealing with so many hardships, and seeing the smiles on their faces of just pure joy [was my favorite part]... being able to shave your head or cut your hair for something so much bigger than yourself and use your hair as a symbol for your love, respect, and sympathy for people who are dealing with cancer was incredible." Bastiaansen was also motivated by his own personal experiences with cancer in his family. "I got really emotional especially because I was sharing a big part of my story of what my family has been facing with my uncle who has dealt with leukemia and lymphoma, and just being able to put the event together and dedicate everything that I had done to him meant a lot to me and to my family, and to know that I was doing this to honor him." However, Bastiaansen was not the only one who participated in this news segment; **Ryan Dean '23** also showed up to show his support for the LLS fundraiser. Dean has shaved his head for Bald 4 Bucks in the past, but said that doing it on the news made it a more unique experience. "It's more of a public proclamation that you support something... it was so unique for me," he said. *photos donated by: ms. alexis bailey*