

ain't NOTHING SOFT 'BOUT it

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Despite challenging opponents throughout the season, the varsity softball team rallies together to play the game they love.

SHOUT it OUT

Isabella Alvarado ('27) defines common sayings that players shout out during games.

GETCHU ONE

"You get a really good hit to where you'll make it one the base."

NOW YOU SEEN IT

"If there's a pitch and it was a strike, and you didn't swing at it, you saw her strike."

WAIT ON IT

"If the ball is going so slow... if you go too fast you'll miss it, so you have to wait on it to go over the base."

ATTA BABE

"Atta Babe just means good job."

GOOD EYE

"When you're up to bat and [the opponent] throws a low ball but it's really close to the zone and you didn't swing at it."

Low to the ground. Staying low, Malaysia Schaffer ('24) gets ready to catch the softball. One of three seniors on the team, Schaffer reflects on what all she brings to the team. "My strengths in softball are definitely fielding. I definitely am a better fielder than I am a hitter or batter," Schaffer said. *photo by: sydney neri*





New beginnings. Hugging a teammate, **Kenzie Carpio ('24)** sheds a tear during her senior night. Carpio received flowers from her coaches and speeches from her team. "After this year I'll get to kind of figure myself out without having softball be an extra side piece but I'm also really sad to have to say goodbye to my teammates that I've been with for the last three years," Carpio said. *photo by: sydney neri*

Scoop it up! Playing second base, **Victoria Kendall ('27)** crouches low and catches the ball. During one particular game, she played the catcher while her varsity teammate pitched the ball. "[Playing catcher] is hard because that's not my main position, but it's still fun," Kendall said. *photo by: jasmine jamison*



it's GIVING... GRATITUDE

Senior athletes present shout out t-shirts to teachers who have made an impact on their high school career.

Lauryn Robinson ('24) gave her jersey number to her favorite teacher, **Mrs. Katie De Leon**. This is Robinson's first year at the school and she instantly felt welcome in Mrs. De Leon's class. Robinson believes that Mrs. De Leon has an impact on the student body and is very open and welcoming. Robinson said, "I'm new here, so I didn't really know any of the teachers but the second I walked into Mrs. De Leon's classroom... I just felt safe in there and I think that she's a very kind person," Robinson's perspective of the environment Mrs. De Leon has created at school is a safe place away from home. "I think that she caters her classroom to make everyone feel comfortable and everyone feel like they can just be themselves," Robinson added. *photo by: max kramer*

Batter up. Hitting a ball, **Ashlan Robinson ('26)** works on her swing during the team practice. Robinson loves cheering on her teammates and having her teammates support her. "I love how softball kind of allows you to reach your aspirations and goals and also just being on a team that's bigger than yourself," said Robinson. *photo by: jasmine jamison*

Hit a homer. High-fiving her coach **Ms. Melissa Martinek** after a home run, **Cecilia Tinan ('25)** runs the bases. Her teammates were at home plate ready to cheer her on. "Getting that home run felt great... a good way to end it for the seniors especially playing against a rival school," Tinan said. *photo by: sydney neri*

It's coming your way. Winding up her arm, **Melina Garza ('25)** pitches to her opponent. Garza plays an important role on the team as the pitcher and makes sure that her mentality matches that role. "My mindset [when pitching] is honestly to just do my job. I know my team has my back, and if I just do my job, things will hopefully go smoothly," Garza said. *photo by: sydney neri*

