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RAMPAGES 2024



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Teammates to family. After a successful inning, **Cecilia Tinan ('25)** makes her way back into the dugout. For Tinan, softball is more than just a sport, it's an uplifting community. "When you go to softball, it's not just your teammates, it's your friends. When you go to practice, no matter what mood you're in, someone's always there to cheer you up," said Tinan. *white cover picture; photo by: sydney neri*

Safety first. Balancing the tuba on his shoulder, **Dean Thompson ('26)** marches across the field during summer band camp. To ensure that he stays safe while marching such a heavy instrument, Thompson focuses on form and strength. "You really have to keep the right form and hold it the right way or it's gonna hurt... there's a specific spot on your shoulder that you need to put it in," said Thompson. *yellow cover picture; photo by: roevyn korwek*

Hold on tight. Dogpiling on top of **Mr. Justin Abbott, Peter Richardson ('24), Mason Thoma ('24), and Gavin Boatright ('24)** make the most of senior event day. Through his four years of high school, Boatright has built a strong relationship with Mr. Abbott. "He's a big mentor of mine and I look forward to hanging out with him after high school and having a good friendship with him," said Boatright. *black cover picture; photo donated by: ms. alexis bailey*

Heads up. Enjoying a sunny day, **Jaime Valdez ('24)** throws a frisbee across the field. Valdez has played football for most of high school, and the sport has become a big part of his life. "[I'm going to miss] the after school weights for football, and brawn at dawn," said Valdez. *blue cover picture; photo donated by: ms. alexis bailey*

Home away from home. **Ashlan Robinson ('26)** prepares to shoot the confetti cannon during the infamous Bald 4 Bucks assembly. Robinson loves Rampart because of the community it offers. She says her favorite part about the school is, "how many different activities and clubs there are for all the different interests. You feel like you belong and have a place," said Robinson. *title page picture; photo by: mckenna cherry*

Bring the hype. Waving the Rampart flag in the air, **Madison Szpunar ('24)** gazes out to the field with the crowd behind her. As a senior Rowdie, Szpunar has thrived on boosting the energy of the student section. "I enjoyed going to late night games and football games just because everybody was all together and we all became one big crowd of joy and spirit," said Szpunar. *opening 1 picture; photo by: bailey shepherd*

Fuel the chaos. Throwing his hands in the air, **Lucas Klich ('24)** cheers alongside his teammate **Maxmillian Carling ('24)**. For most, chaos can be overwhelming, while some use it to improve their own mindset. "When the energy is crazy we all just feel like we play better, so it always helps to have good energy at the game," said Klich. *opening 2 picture; photo by: selena quintanilla*

Practice makes perfect. Reaching to the crowd, **Soleesa Aho ('26)** performs on stage during Ramantics. The wide selection of songs during this show called for lots of time being spent memorizing choreography and lyrics. "I would always just practice it even if that means practicing it in the driveway where people may see me. Just practice, practice, practice," said Aho. *opening 2 picture; photo by: bailey shepherd*

Senior adventures. Celebrating after a play, **Robert Woolfolk III ('24)** and **Cailyn Jones ('24)** look to the opposing team during a volleyball match on senior celebration day. Woolfolk enjoyed this senior tradition alongside his friends and classmates. "I just love spending time with friends and it was cool all of us hanging out together," said Woolfolk. *opening 2 picture; photo by: isabella candelaria*

Sports to arts. **Abigail Sprinz ('25)** and her partner **Mark McClintock ('24)** perform at the Multicultural Show. Sprinz participated in exclusively sports most of high school but decided to try out dancing in Swing Club her junior year. "I feel like getting to perform something that you've worked on for so long... is really magical," said Sprinz. *closing 1 picture; photo by: bailey shepherd*

Run it back. Blaring the trumpet at summer band camp, **Ethan Warner ('26)** gets ready for the upcoming season. With their first halftime performance right around the corner, marching band members prepared by doing many full-show runs. "[First] we will play in place and play still, then we'll play while moving. At the end, we'll get some feedback, what we think we could do better. Both of our instructions have us do that two or three more times," said Warner. *closing 1 picture; photo by: roewyn korwek*

Timing is everything. Keeping a close eye on the band, **Irene Wich ('25)** maintains tempo while conducting. As a drum major, Wich must stay focused while conducting to ensure the band can rely on her. "You can zone out and then you might start rushing or slowing down, and that could affect the whole band. It's really a mental game," said Wich. *closing 1 picture; photo by: gracelynn garitano*

New perspective. With her flag flowing behind her, **Madeline Shelton ('25)** looks forward to the drum major. Although Shelton does play an instrument, she decided to approach marching band with a new hobby. "I do play the flute, but I didn't really want to march an instrument, I wanted to do something else with it. My [current color guard] captain was one of my friends when I first got to Rampart and she was in color guard, she got me interested and convinced me to join," said Shelton. *closing 2 picture; photo by: lillian turner*

Always ready. Kneeling by home plate, **Vincent Carpio IV ('26)** prepares to catch the ball for his pitcher. As a catcher, practices and warm-ups look much different for Carpio than they do for the rest of the players. "We go work on our receiving, our blocking, just what we call our fundamentals. Versus infielders work on fielding ground balls, outfielders work on tracking fly balls. So ours is more mechanical work versus theirs is more physical," said Carpio. *closing 2 picture; photo by: giavanna allen*

Speedy but steady. Making a run for it, **Davante Jones ('24)** prepares for track season. To make sure he's using his energy wisely, Jones trains his body's stamina and practices pacing himself. "During a race, although you're sprinting you still have to pace yourself so that you come off the blocks pushing as much power as you can," said Jones. *closing 2 picture; photo by: daniela bake*

Switch it up. Looking up at his freshly shaved hair, **Gabriel Barton ('25)** feels the emotion. Barton has been shaving his head since 3rd grade, but this year he threw in something different. "I dyed my hair because [orange] is a color for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and I want to support them as much as I can... also it's kind of funny I looked like Ice Spice," said Barton. *reverse title page picture; photo by: bailey shepherd*



Pictured in cover bar photos: Dillon Clarke ('24), Catherine Boyle ('24), Louisa Wachter ('24), Damian Carrera Ordaz ('24), Amanda Walsman ('24), Lucas Miller ('26)

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