

“It was such a fun experience.”  
 Nathan Cooner, junior



“Homecoming was a great time.”  
 Ella Garrison, sophomore



“I had an amazing night.”  
 Mackenzie Best, sophomore

**CHAIR-ISHED MEMORIES** The music booms and the laughter erupts as junior Nathan Cooner just misses a chair. He battled for the first place in musical chairs, partaking in a heated competition. “It makes homecoming more memorable,” Cooner said. *photo by k. wright*  
**TIMELESS MOMENTS** Junior Stephanie Evers participates in a clock pointer drawing activity during class. During Spirit Week, she rocked a stylish tie-dye shirt for Tie-Dye Day. “The patterns are really cool, and the dye is very pretty. My favorite day was Barbie Day,” Evers said. *photo by s. smith*  
**FLIP OUT & ABOUT** Junior football player Michael Murphy leaps into the spotlight by performing a back flip. The JV and Varsity football teams did a grand team introduction during the Pep Rally, getting into the spirit for the big game. “I was nervous, but I’ve always known that I could do a back flip. I love football. It’s one of my favorite things to do,” Murphy said. *photo by s. smith*



# Fun-tastic BEATS

Students leap into the fun

As the tensions rose, and our heartbeats jumped, so did our feet off of the ground — the excitement wasn’t just about the music or the chairs; it was about the people who came together to play this classic game, musical chairs, turning it into a fiery and fierce competition.

“It was probably the best homecoming yet. I had a good time with all of my friends,” junior Alexandra Kallander said.

Three.. two.. one! As the music stopped, we held our breath. Who would be the last one standing, or, in this case, sitting? It was in those fleeting moments, when friends became competitors and tension filled the air, that musical chairs become a reflection of the spirit of our homecoming celebrations — a chance to bond, to share the joy of the moment, and to create lasting connections.

“It gave school a different meaning than just doing work and education. It gave kids a break and gave them time to not have to worry so they could express joy,” junior Nathan Cooner said.

**WARM EMBRACE** Happiness is in the air as sophomore Teagan Hazeldine shares a heartwarming hug with junior William McCarthy. She noted that McCarthy’s favorite part of the day is giving high-fives or hugs. “His hugs are the most precious things. Whether it’s just five or ten seconds, those hugs cannot replace anything in the world,” Hazeldine said. *photo by s. smith*  
**SHARP MINDS** Students practice to carefully stitch prop silicone wounds. Sophomore Sienna Grice knew how accurate workers in the medical field need to be, and noted how training precision and accuracy is beneficial. “No one’s perfect at anything the first time,” Grice said. *photo by k. wright*

“I came to Win.”



Matthew Walls, sophomore

“Different elements give off different colors when they’re exposed to heat because **their electrons and the atom** all move at different speeds.”

**K**ara Wright, sophomore

“I had never played football before, so I was interested about how the game was going to go. **I love my team,** and loved all of the girls I played with. It’s amazing to see how we bonded after just a couple of practices.”

**S**erena Pless, junior

“**Robotics can help people** in different job industries that are dangerous, like search and rescue. I would like to see what we could do with technology.”

**E**aiden Stauffer, freshman

“I launched a volleyball across the gym. Well, that kind of **happened.**”

**P**enelope Dickinson, freshman