

6. say cheese The LHS team erupts with joy after their hard-fought win during their final game. "I haven't felt like this since last year. I missed it; I love winning," said Claudia Jones (10). photo by kooper griggs



snag the flag

the district flag football team locks in to go 3 and 0.

Friday nights under the lights turned into Saturdays under the sun, and the district girls flag football team came ready to play. They were already 2-0 for the day when they faced off against Elizabeth High School. A series of touchdowns on both sides had tied the score 14 to 14. Emotions were high when overtime was called. Madi McCarty (10) states, "When I play I feel upset a lot because I hate to disappoint my team, but it's also really exciting to score or block the ball and just seeing your teammates happy and celebrating." In overtime, it was back and forth; the Lions had scored a gratifying touchdown, and now it was Elizabeth's turn. Time seemed to slow down as the quarterback wound up and sent a high ball spiraling through the air. To no avail—the Lions blocked the ball in an impressive interception. The referee blew the whistle, and the girls erupted into cheers. "I think one way that we bond as a team is those hard games and how we can just collaborate and do better and work on a team together. And just those practices, how much we have fun and how we can just be ourselves there," remarked Yubia Gamboa Ramirez (10). This 3-0 winning streak was a massive achievement for the girls' flag team; they finally gelled, going from a group of individuals to a true lion-hearted team.



5. take a knee Rylee Padilla (9) checks in on teammate Ava Martin (10), forced to the ground when her flag was pulled. Sportsmanship is especially valued amongst the girls flag football team. "The best part of playing flag football is growing as a team." said Martin (10). photo by kooper griggs



22 years later



2. game face Everyone is cheering after the game and Annika Heimbinger (10) is no different. People were off the charts after this win. "We have a really positive atmosphere after a win." said Heimbinger (10). photo by kooper griggs



3. set, hike Diana Camcho (11) and Ava Martin (10) prepare to sprint into the action before the ball gets tossed into play. As they got into position they knew their team would surely follow, "I love my team because win or lose, we always pick each other up and have each other's backs" said Camcho (11).. photo by kooper griggs

1. snatched Yubia Gamboa Ramirez (10) catches the ball thrown by Elizabeth High School and makes a mad dash to the end zone. Their team was shocked and tried to race after her but she was just too quick. "It's not a matter of winning. It's just a matter of how much you try and if you actually put effort into it." said Yubia Gamboa Ramirez (10). photo by kooper griggs

4. gotcha Defensive player Madison Palazzotto (10) holds up the flag after cutting off Elizabeth's chances of scoring a touchdown. "Nothing compares to the feeling of taking the opponent's flag," said an ecstatic Palazzotto (10). photo by kooper griggs

breakfast club

pancakes and poetry club kicks off the year

Members of Pancakes and Poetry club meet to share food and philosophy with their fellow peers. Many of the participants of this club performed their own poems, allowing students to open up and show a deeper side of themselves.

In a club as accepting as it is diverse, Annie Fox (10) shared a snippet from one of her poems, speaking to community's creativity: "Why do two people not love the same? She asked me that question, so I gave her my name."



& they say

Which actor would play your best friend?



Zen Pettit (10)
"My best friend, Patty Krein, would be Weird Al because of a running joke."



Owen Ervin (12)
"Angelina Holmes and Sasha Maxwell would want me to say Angelina Jolie."



Eliana Heeres (10)
"I think my sister is played by Margot Robbie because she's awesome."



Give a flag & Devotional & then some

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everyone remembers where they were when 9/11 happened

Moments before they received the news, Ms. Donahue and a friend were headed out on a trip to Iowa. Ms. Donahue vividly remembers the moment the news

was broken to her. "My friends mom took off her coat, gave us a hug and said 'Go home and hug your families' so we did. We didn't go to Iowa." photo by fox news