



# THIS IS OUR ROCK

THE ANNUAL CROSTOWN RIVALRY IS MORE THAN A GAME: IT'S PERSONAL.



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**AT LAST:** Facing the student section, John McPherson '24 holds up a 'W.' The final score was 29-7. “We didn’t get to celebrate a lot last year,” McPherson said. “It made this time really special.”  
**RETURN OF THE TROPHY:** With help from his teammates, Logan Weir '24 holds up the 'Battle of the Rock' trophy. It returned to Castle View after a two-year losing streak. “Every underclassmen dreams of holding it,” Weir said.



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**A RED RUN:** Cradling the ball, Camden Tobler '25 sprints towards the end zone. Tobler celebrated his touchdown with Ryder Smith '24. “The leadership -- from the weight room to the field -- has changed a lot,” Tobler said. “Everything the captains are doing is great.”



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**PURPLE MADE IT PERSONAL:** Out front, students walk by the Sabercat statue, painted purple. The vandalism by cross-town rivals caused to students outrage. “It was annoying, but it was great for the excitement surrounding the rivalry,” David Craig '25 said.

“SEEING THE STANDS PACKED WITH RED AND BLACK IS AN AMAZING FEELING. IT CAN MAKE IT HARD TO PLAY BECAUSE OF THE NERVES, BUT YOU ALSO HAVE ALL THE FANS WITH YOU.”  
BENJAMIN KNOX '24

**S**tudents, parents and staff alike fill the stands at Douglas County Stadium on Sept. 15. “There’s always been a strong rivalry between the schools,” Mrs. Stephanie Morris said. The rivalry football game is one of the schools’ longest standing traditions, with the first game dating back to 2012. Some families have been following this tradition since it began, watching younger siblings follow in older siblings’ footsteps. “This game has been in my family since I started playing football,” Jacob McConnell '25 said. “I’ve been going to the rivalry games my whole life so now that I get to play in it, it’s very emotional.” Castle View’s win was long awaited by the student body after losing to Douglas County for two consecutive years. Last year the football team had a record of 2-8, a stark contrast from this years 7-3 record. “We’re hungry. We wanted to win bad this year,” John McPherson '24 said. “We’ve worked too damn hard to lose to them again.”

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<b>29-7</b> SABERCATS WON	<b>211</b> RUSHING YARDS
<b>806</b> STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE	<b>103</b> RECEIVING YARDS STATS FROM MAXPREPS.COM

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“During games like this you really have to push yourself past your limits. When you win you feel really accomplished.”  
LONDON LIDDELL '24



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“We have a ten year win streak against Douglas County. If we lost this game, it would have been very upsetting. Celebrating with the team after we scored our first goal was really memorable.”  
OWEN TEMME '25

“We were all having fun, especially in the dugout. We got loud, cheering for each other. Winning this game was the confidence boost we needed.”  
BREAUNNAH ROBLES '24



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“Winning this game was just the best feeling ever. You want to win so badly, so when you actually do it’s just so rewarding.”  
ZOE SALAZAR '25