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## Football Ends Season at Highland Park

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By Chase Karacostas

With hopes of making the play offs destroyed long before the final game, the varsity football team ended a 1-9 season with a 44-30 loss to Highland Park.

Senior defensive tackle O'Shea Murphy felt that the team didn't live up to its own expectations.

"We played them way badly," Murphy said. "You don't understand the potential we have in this group. And that's all right, you fall short sometimes, but you've got to pick yourself back up, and that's the main focus."

He also said the team should have spent more time realizing their own potential rather than focusing on what people told them.

"We are a much better team than what we think we are, we've just got to know that in our hearts," Murphy said.

The team's only win this season, against district rival Pearce, ended on a touchdown in the last two minutes lifting the Eagles over Pearce 54-50.

"During the game I felt great," junior kicker Case Ritter said. "When we started to come back, the momentum had obviously shifted to our side. We got really hype and started believing that we had the win even when we were down by two touchdowns."

Going into their final game of the season, players said they were determined to stick together and keeping fighting.

"Friday's game against Highland Park was our last shot to show what we were made of," Ritter said. "We finished the first half of that game down just a touchdown to the juggernaut of our district, and our plan was to fight to the end regardless of the scoreboard."

Head coach Brian Chandler said the nine losses were the hardest part of the season.

"We practiced at 6:45 every morning," he said. "Long hard days – these young men have given us everything we've asked them to give, and it just hasn't gone our way."

Senior middle linebacker Reagan Smith said staying united as a team was the most important part of making it through the season.

"The season was a little disappointing, but we played as a team this whole season, and that's all that matters," Smith said.

Ritter plans to spend the rest of the year focusing on connecting with sophomores who will be joining them next season on varsity.

"As a team, we are planning to become a new family with the sophomores who will play amongst us this spring and next season," he said. "The sophomores beat every RISD school last year on jv, and that will make a significant contribution to our team next year."

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By Chase Karacostas Stepping out onto the stage for the last time Sunday night, senior Jacob Redmon began singing the opening song for this year's spring musical, "Footloose." Unlike in past years, the spring musical was the second musical of the year. The Theatre Magnet put on two musicals this

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By Chase Karacostas Senior Hosanna Yemiru walked into Hope Cottage, a non-profit teenage pregnancy crisis center she found through Peer Internship Program for an interview. She wasn't asked about her work ethic or her past experience, but simply if she felt passionate about the work the center does and the issues that

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By Caroline Cluiss Although they never got a "small loan of a million dollars" like presidential candidate Donald Trump, juniors Emily Chen and Nisreen Alqaisi still want to become entrepreneurs. In order to fulfill this dream, Chen and Alqaisi co-founded a club called SecondGen, which aims to

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By Heiress Smith As the students of the Desperado team walked inside the familiar room with their friends on the first day of school, they were greeted by an unfamiliar face-Jacklyn Simone, the new director of the Desperados at Richardson. "I was so excited and so nervous at the same time," Simone said. "The second I got the job I was

year – a fall musical, “Bat Boy,” and a spring musical. Some students, like senior Chelsea Blocker and sophomore Nathan May, had the chance to perform in both shows. “It’s [...]

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