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School District: Leander ISD

Here *You* are.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
On the field, sophomore Cauty Moore prepares for the play during the junior varsity gold Cedar Park game. Moore played corner for the JV gold team. "Playing this season means a lot to me, because of my starting position," Moore said. "I had a great year and I was able to help the team a lot."



Five days into school and football season was in full swing. Three weeks later, we walked in a rainy parade and named Savy Escobar Homecoming Queen. By Halloween, we Pinked Out the crowd and ran around the parking lot as pirates, monsters and superheroes for Trunk or Treat. We gobbled down homemade Thanksgiving grub and listened to the band and choir's holiday music. As 2014 closed, we breathed a sigh of relief as we wrapped up last-minute projects and grumbled through mid-terms. From touchdowns to tiaras, ice buckets to toy drives, *Big Love* to Mr. Maroon, we were there.

And now we're here.

So, sit down and flip through this book. Laugh at your school picture, read that ridiculous quote you gave and find all those moments that made this year what it was.



Madeline Harris, Chloe Clopton,
Alyssa Reynolds & Zach Chiappetta



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Summer

June

The first week of June began with the last week of the 2013-14 school year. Seniors finished exams on Wednesday, June 4 while the rest of campus wrapped up finals with half days June 5-6.

The Class of 2014 graduated in the evening, June 6 at the Cedar Park Center.



Principal John Graham with Kevin Crossman

After only a week off from school, athletes returned to campus for Raider Strength and Conditioning Camp. They lifted weights and ran agility and conditioning drills to stay in shape for the upcoming fall season. The camp, held in the mornings, ran from June 16 through July 31.



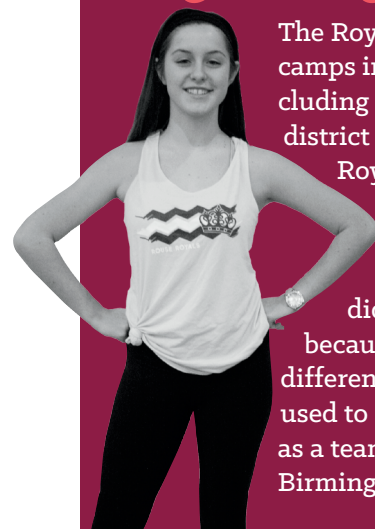
Harley Sulak, Jaymee Perry & Hailee Brummitt

The cheer squad went to NCA camp at Sam Houston State University in June and came back with several awards. "This year at camp was one of the best years ever for me," senior Hailee Brummitt said. "For once I really didn't want to go home, I wanted to stay there forever it seemed like."

Fifteen journalism students spent four days at The University of Austin June 20-23 for the ILPC Journalism Workshop. The students stayed in the dorms and attended newspaper, yearbook, broadcast and photography classes to prepare for the year. "It was a great hands-on experience to master broadcasting, and I got to know some good friends I now have this year," senior Chase Massey said (right).



July



The Royals attended two camps in the summer, including one for the entire district and one just for the Royals. "It was a good bonding experience especially on the first day when we did Royal Olympics because we had to get into different groups then we are used to and work together as a team," sophomore Cierra Birmingham said (left).

With school out, there was plenty of time for road trips, lounging on the beach and trekking across Austin for staycations. For senior John West (right), that meant heading to a marina off Lake Travis where his family has a boat. "It's a good way to spend time," West said. "If you like jumping off places, it's a good place to go." For more on summer fun, see pages 8-11.



COLOR GUARD & RHYTHM DANCE COMPANY CAMP STARTED UP JULY 28

"It was cold and I was in instant shock," sophomore Mendi James said. "But I'm glad I did it, because it was for a good cause." For more ice bucket challenges, see page 12.



Mendi James & Ally Loynes

August

Freshman football players started their freshman camp, Aug. 4. "It helped me learn how to better cooperate with my team and let us know what to expect," freshman Devin Martinez said. Fall practice kicked off the next week, at 4:30 p.m. each day to avoid the worst heat of the day.



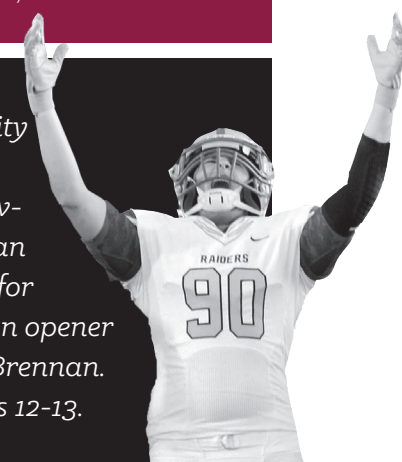
Student Council hosted Raider Camp for the incoming freshman class, Aug. 13-14. "I was able to meet some of the new students here and get to become their friends while having fun," junior Blake Stephens said (left). "I decided to do it because I remember all the questions I had coming in as a freshman and thought it would be helpful to new students to learn about Rouse. I remember how exciting and nerve-racking coming into high school was." For more coverage, see pages 8-9.



ADMINISTRATORS SERVED PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR STAFF, AUG. 21.

2,312 students returned to campus for the first day of school, Aug. 25.

The varsity football team traveled to San Antonio for the season opener against Brennan. See pages 12-13.



Drew Dickson, 12

CALENDAR

September

Labor Day
Sept. 1



In the new 6A district, varsity volleyball opened up district with a win over Stony Point. Pages 46-47

Mallory Vargas

Homecoming Week brought a Wizard of Oz theme, the annual parade and the first pep rally. Pages 28-33



Baylee Pearce

Guidance Office hosted annual Kickoff to College, Sept. 22

Advanced Productions students performed monologues at the AP Theatre Showcase, Sept. 29.

Angela Schiff

OPEN HOUSE, SEPT. 15

October



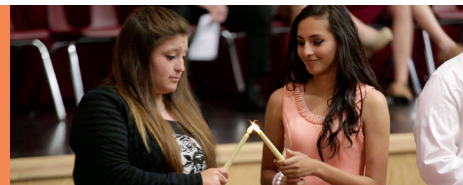
While the rest of the school was PSAT testing, 12th graders attended Senior Transition Day, Oct. 15. They received information about caps and gowns, worked on college applications and voted for senior favorites. "It helped me learn about college," senior Michael Scholz said (left).

PINK OUT GAME, OCT. 15. Page 37



LARGEST CLASS EVER INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, OCT. 22

Makayla Sosa & Ana Silverio



Cross country made school history by winning both the girls and boys district titles, Oct. 24. Both teams competed at regionals and state, also firsts for the program. Pages 24-25



Nyeira Leonard

Pirates, superheroes and monsters mingled at annual Trunk or Treat, Oct. 27.

November



The school came together silently for the annual Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 11. "It was a great ceremony and an honor to be able to be a part of the service in honor of what Veterans Day is all about," junior Olivo Castillo said (third from left). "Giving back to our veterans that are protecting our country."

At the Fall Merit Ceremony, 112 students were honored, Nov. 16. Teachers nominated students for exemplifying one of LISD's 10 Ethical Behaviors. "Getting the merit from Mrs. Selman was really cool, she's one of my favorite teachers since I moved back from California," senior Alec Parsons said (right). "It was a surprising and good feeling that I stand out to her considering she has so many other students that she's known longer."



Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie replaced the usual cafeteria fare at the annual Thanksgiving lunch, Nov. 21. "I really like how everyone interacts and socializes while having a big school Thanksgiving," junior Eryonna Eason said.

THANKSGIVING BREAK, NOV. 22-30



December

Choir hosted their annual holiday concert, Dec. 4. More than 230 students participated in back-to-back shows, singing Christmas favorites like "Let it Snow" and "We Need a Little Christmas." "It was honestly rewarding being able to sing with such a talented group of people for my last winter concert," senior Alice Eaton said. Pages 120-121



The Art Photo and PhotoJournalism classes visited Texas State University's Wittliff Collections and Graffiti Park as part of their annual field trip, Dec. 5. "The trip taught me that art can be made out of almost anything and anywhere." -junior Mary Ungo said (right).



Student Council hosted their annual drives for Toys for Tots and Blue Santa in December. Spanish teacher Judy Sandoval's classes and the National Spanish Honor Society chipped in to donate, and went shopping Dec. 11. "[I donate] so they have a present to open on Christmas," freshman Cassidy Morgan said. "Every kid should be able to get that experience of opening a present."



National Spanish Honor Society

MID-TERMS, DEC. 16-19 & HOLIDAY BREAK DEC. 20-JAN. 4

January

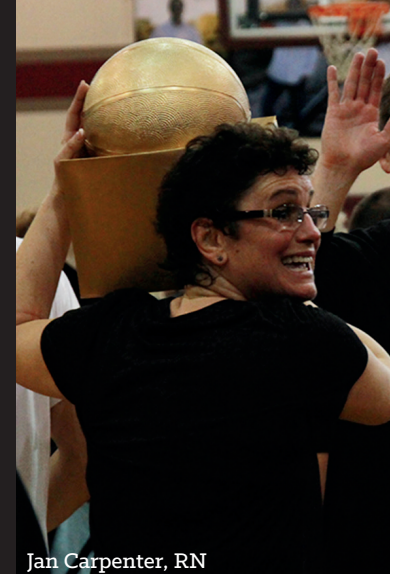


Senior Sam Acosta was named to the 6A All-State Band in January, making this his second time to receive the honor. "I'm very proud of my placement," Acosta said. "This was the toughest competition I've ever faced, so making state is such an honor that I am overjoyed to be a part of this experience."

The theatre department performed the musical *Oklahoma!* Jan. 22-24. The production included 85 cast, crew and orchestra members. "Oklahoma! was the best musical I have ever been a part of," junior Krysta Nero (far left) said. "I had a great time working on the production, and everyone gave 110 percent every rehearsal, that's what made it one of the best productions here." Pages 132-133



To raise money for the Central Texas Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients, Student Council hosted a faculty basketball game during Advocate, Jan. 30. Students paid \$1 to attend the game and StuCo raised \$1,063 for Pennies for Patients. "I enjoyed the school spirit in the atmosphere and seeing the teachers be competitive, but also supporting each other," freshman Gemma Hurtault said.



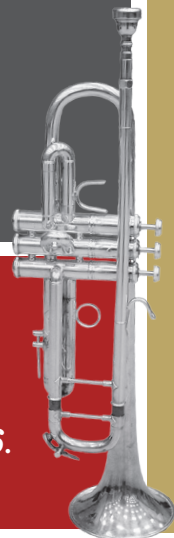
Jan Carpenter, RN

YEARBOOK HOSTED CLUB PICTURE DAY, JAN. 29

February

Student holiday for annual February Conference, Feb. 2-3

Junior trumpet player Mason Davidson passed away Feb. 3. The band held a vigil in his honor, Feb. 6.



Six athletes signed letters of intent to play at the college level on National Signing Day, Feb. 4. "I've been waiting for two years to go there and now it's official," said senior Katie Glenn, who signed to play soccer at Texas.



HOSA's Victoria Paredes

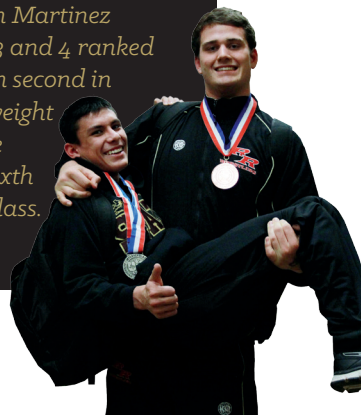
NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY, FEB. 6

NEWSPAPER DELIVERED ALMOST 500 FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Sophomore Haley Timmons competed in the 100 Fly at the state swim meet.

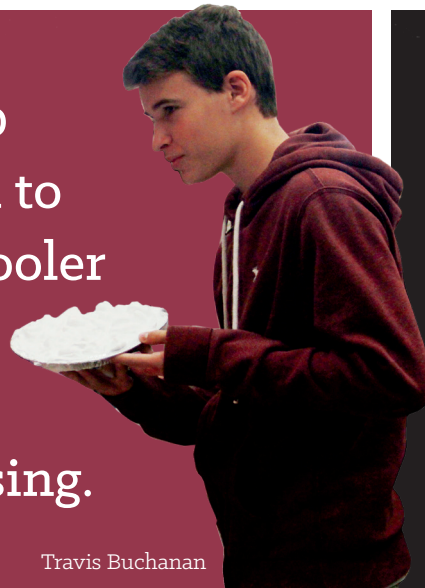
At the state wrestling meet, sophomore Noah Martinez upset the No. 2, 3 and 4 ranked wrestlers to finish second in state in the 120 weight class. Senior Jake Moser finished sixth in heavyweight class.



Winter

March

Student Council collected \$700 in donations for Make-A-Wish to benefit Cedar Park middle schooler Lance White. Students threw shaving cream pies at teachers March 6 as part of the fundraising.



Travis Buchanan

Student Council and C² held a no make-up day to recognize natural beauty, March 12.

SPRING BREAK, MARCH 14-22

Track hosted Charley Rouse Relays, March 26.

LATIN CLUB MEMBERS COMPETED AT STATE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE CONTEST, MARCH 27



Nathaniel Stewart

April



The Spring Merit Awards were held April 10 during Advocate. More than 230 students were honored by teachers. "I think it's very nice of her," said sophomore Verna Batey, who was nominated by Art teacher Cynthia Acevedo. "Your life is a piece of art, make it your own."

Ten students placed at the UIL district meet, April 10-11. The Social Studies team swept first through third and six students advanced to regionals in Social Studies, Ready Writing and Prose Interpretation.



FCCLA students Samantha Hull and Nicole Laird finished second in the Life Event Planning category at state, April 8-11.

BAND AND CHOIR COMPETED IN UIL CONCERT AND SIGHTREADING CONTEST, APRIL 15-17.



Maddie Bonvillian, Anthony Pargonas, Austin Brungen, Grace McNamara, Jordan Buie & Jaci Chavera

Yearbook staffers traveled to Denver for the NSPA Spring Convention, April 16-20.

May & June



Harlee Schneider, Bailey Gregory, Cierra Birmingham, Marissa Vargas & Daniella Tarango

The Royals hosted their annual spring show, the Royal Revue, April 30 and May 1-2. The theme was "Archetypes" with the Royals, Rhythm Dance Company and dance class members performing.

National Spanish Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony, May 11. New members were surprised with an informal pinning ceremony in mid-March and then official inducted in May. "I was happy, but it was really embarrassing because they did it in front of the whole class," sophomore Madison Schulz said (right).



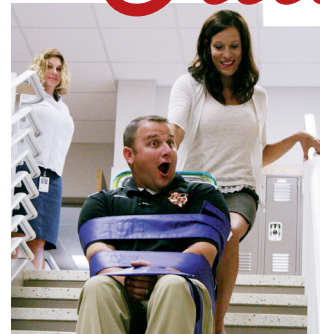
The 2015 Replay arrived May 20. More than 900 copies were sold of the 240-page yearbook. The staff chose the theme "Now we're here" in the summer to highlight the move to 6A and the school year's place in Raider history — no longer a new school, but not an old one either.

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATED, JUNE 6



Kristin Nicol

Fall



As part of required training, administrators ran through the emergency evacuation process, Sept. 18.

APs Brandon Evans & Tina Pasak



LISD school board honored C² with a No Place for Hate designation, Oct. 3.



On an early release day, the faculty held a paper airplane contest, Oct. 15.

The volleyball program held their annual Halloween practice, Oct. 22, the day before their final matches.



Danielle Cole & Catherine Smith

FCA GATHERED SEPT. 24 FOR SEE YOU AT THE POLE



Winter

The choir held their winter concert, Dec. 4. For assistant director Francis Vu it was his first concert. "It was probably one of my favorite memories to date," Vu said. "When I graduated college, my goal was to teach a high school choir and having completed our first major concert with all the choirs was the most grandiose feeling. It was amazing, all the kids were smiling and everyone was loving it and everyone was in the moment, and I just loved every second of it."



John Graham & Mimi Kupec

Administration handed out cookies and hot chocolate to teachers, Dec. 18

FTC ROBOTICS TEAM QUALIFIED FOR REGIONALS, JAN. 31.



Brandon Berkel, Andrew Neely & Cami Poole



Haley Chasney

Sixty-eight seniors visited businesses for on-site training during COOL Week, Feb. 2-6.

Spring



Shelby Mott

HOSA hosted their second blood drive of the year, March 10. The Blood Center of Central Texas collected 56 donations.

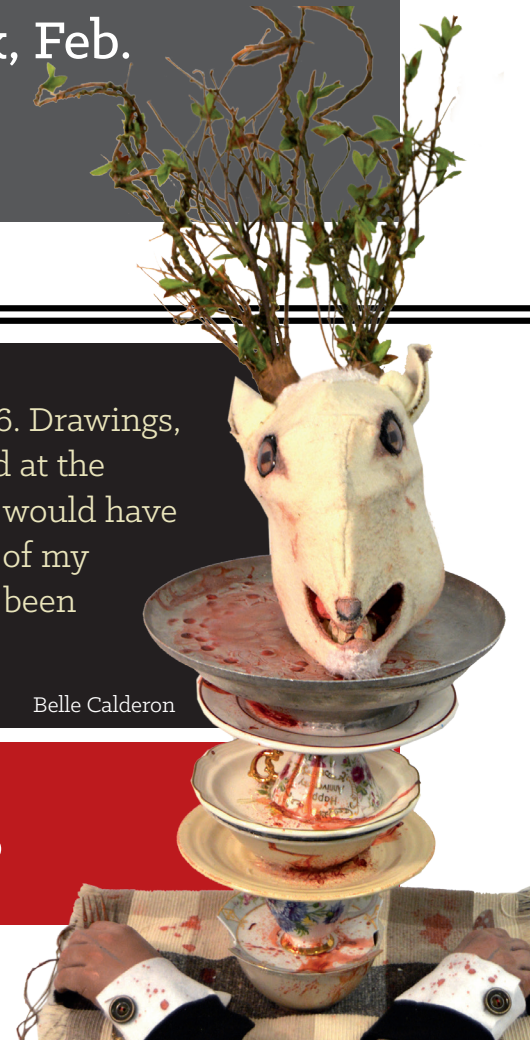
The guidance department hosted Knowledge for College and Advanced Programs Night, March 11. The program included information sessions on AP classes, applying to college, college readiness and essay writing. "It was fun and I learned a lot about what colleges expect when you apply," junior Jake Bosley said.



Rouse's art department hosted the district art show, May 16. Drawings, paintings and sculptures from LISD students were featured at the annual show. "Anything I could have gotten into the show would have been enough," senior Belle Calderon said. "I just felt proud of my sculptures this year. For the most part, I just draw, but I've been given this opportunity to do sculptures which is cool."

Belle Calderon

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, JUNE 5



Here *You* are.

At the end. We watched the cast of *Oklahoma!* dance and sing their way through three performances. At Mr. Maroon, we laughed at Shawn Smallets' interpretive dance. In March, we gleefully threw pies in our favorite teachers' faces, all in the name of charity. Out at the diamond, we celebrated varsity baseball going 5-0 in the Manor tournament and varsity softball dominating district. By the time spring break rolled around, we were counting the days till AP exams, senior awards and graduation.

And now we're done.

You've reached the end, but that doesn't mean it has to be over. Go back and flip through this book again. Laugh at your school picture, read that ridiculous quote you gave and find all those moments that made this year what it was.

READY TO PLAY

Raising his bat, junior David Zuniga waits for the pitch during the varsity Midway game. Zuniga played in the outfield for his first year on the varsity team. "This was a great season for me overall," Zuniga said. "I made some awesome friendships and some even greater memories with teammates and coaches that I'll never forget."



Emily Rowe



Kelsie Matthews



Dustin Gavit



Kristian Achilles & Leslie Melendez





PHOTO BY HOLLY GARCIA

Now WE'RE HERE *2015*

SOARING HIGH

At Camp Wannaleada, junior Will Cochran flies on a zipline at T Bar M in Lake Travis. Student Council attended the January camp to learn leadership skills and how to work as a team. "It was great to bond as a group," Cochran said. "The zipline was really cool because it gave me such a adrenaline rush."

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