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# THIS AND THAT

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### INSIDE OUT

Alongside his best friend senior Aaron Ponce, senior Naquan Jones runs through the inflatable tunnel before the Chapin game. During our junior year we made it a tradition to be the last out of the Mustang playing high school football, and I'll miss the bonding that goes on. (photo by Jonathan Castro)

### SNOW BALL

"Celtic Carol" by Lindsey. Stirling plays throughout the gym while sophomore members at the annual holiday fine arts program. We were dressed as snowflakes. Ortega performs with Amici about a month to get all of the moves down. Luckily the dance wasn't too complicated. This was Ortega's first year in Amici. (photo by Annabeth Burgess)







**AT THE HEIGHT OF SPIRIT**  
 During a Friday "Meet at the Mustang," Brenda Piñon and fellow Mare-ettes dance to a band cadence in front of students. "We decided to stand on the stairs, so we could form a 'U'," Piñon said. "I was a little nervous because I'm clumsy and didn't want to fall." "Meet at the Mustang" began eighth period with the band playing through the halls and ended at the school's main hall where the gold Mustang is located. (photo by adrian gil l)



Your mind is everywhere right now. This and that.  
 As teenagers, we deal with a lot.  
 Relationships and work.  
 Stress and college applications.  
 Procrastinating and studying.  
 Did you get to school at 8:45 and leave at 3:50  
 or did you get here at 7 for morning workouts and leave four  
 hours after the bell rang?  
 Were you a part of the early college  
 or did you choose the traditional 26 credit route?  
 You've learned early on that life is packed full of decision making.  
 You've had to make some hard choices.

Ands, ors, buts, nots.

It's not always fun.  
 Parties or homework.  
 Athletics or academics.  
 Staying up or sleeping.  
 As you go through this book, you'll see a year filled with this and thats.

# THIS

is where it starts.





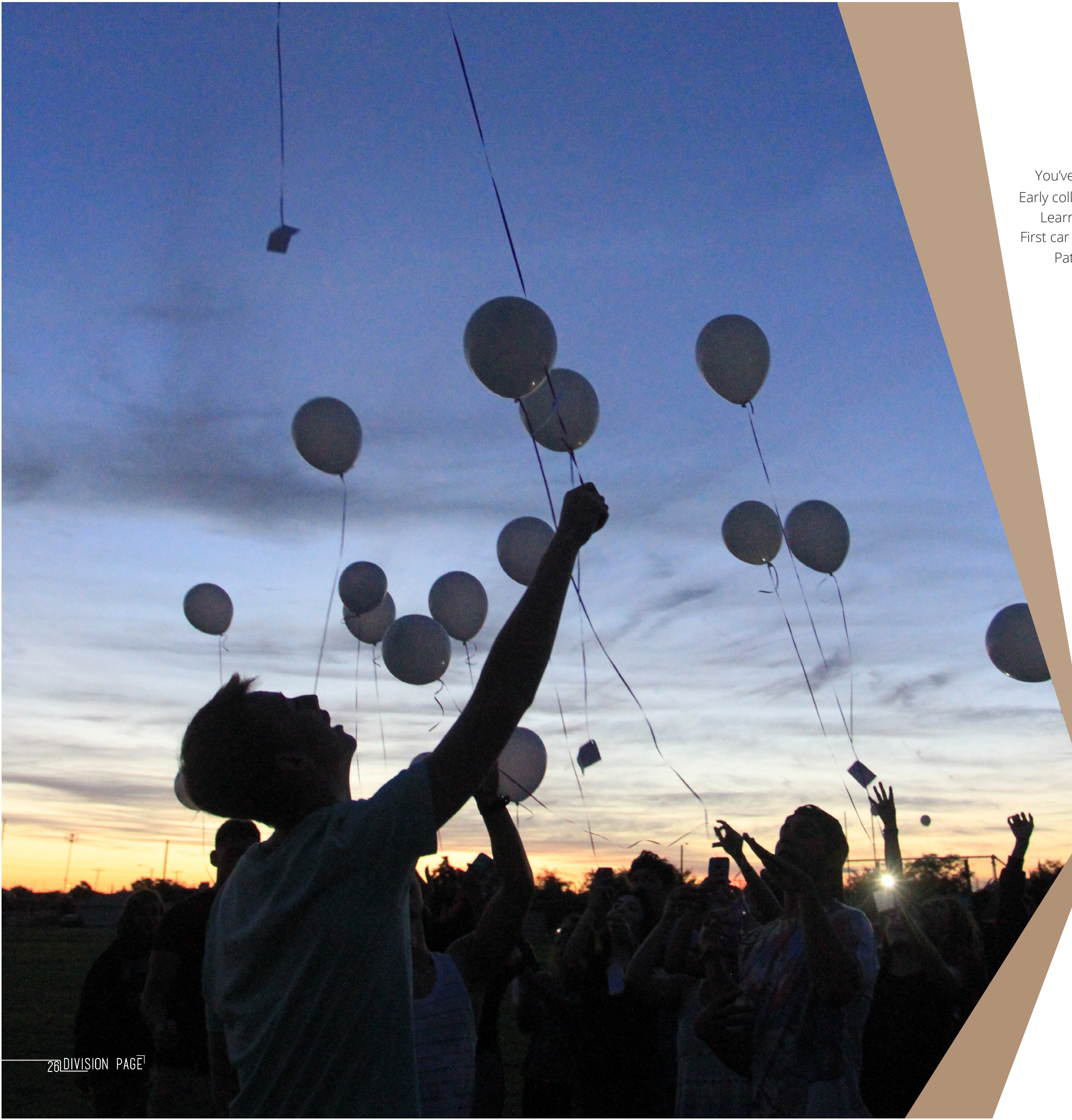
Twitter and Facebook. Snapchat and Pinterest. It's **something** you can't live without. **New** stores and restaurants. Variety and entertainment. El Pasoans flood the new mall. Athletics or academics. **Patches** and stitching. A jacket that lets everyone know what you do. One Direction and 5 Seconds of Summer. A **concert** that broke the record. Adoption and family. Different cultures and backgrounds. All members are linked with **love**. Backpacks or purses. Lanyards and IDs. **Necessities** you take to school every day. Brazil to Mexico. Argentina and England. All around the world in two hours. Singing and dancing. **Fire** and lights. One memorable gathering. Editing and games. Halo and Minecraft. **26,000** views on his YouTube channel. Used or new. Engines and repairs. There's a **story** behind the wheels.

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**'15 AND PROUD**  
 Spirit is loud and clear as Mariah Mendoza cheers on her class during a pep rally. "It was during a class competition," Mendoza said. "If we were loud enough, we would get the spirit stick for the week. We also wanted to show that we could win. I was a little scared being on Elias' [Licerio] shoulders, but we were the only class that came up with the idea." (photo by annabeth burges)

# STUDENT LIFE





You've been waiting for high school to start. Now, you can't wait to **graduate**.  
 Early college and finding your way. **Fresh** faces and attitudes. Nerves were high, but it got better.  
 Learner's **permits** and responsibility. Sweet 16 or quinceañera. You're starting to find your place.  
 First car and college trips. Class **ranks** and gpa. It's time to start planning your **life**.  
 Patched letterman or class ring. Cap and **gown**. Being an adult is just around the corner.  
 Life is about **choices**. It's time to start making some.

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# PEOPLE

**FLOATING DREAMS**  
 Justin Jameson and classmates release balloons during the senior sunrise at Ponder Park. "I actually had two balloons," Jameson said. "My serious goal was to become an environmental lawyer. The other one was to become Batman. I didn't mind waking up early. Plus, I got to do stand up comedy." A note containing goals was attached to every balloon. (photo by annabeth burgess)





Off-season goals and on the field reality. **Heartbreaking** losses and surprising wins. Seasons defined. Evenly matched and just as **skilled**. Sets, blocks, and kills. Pressure at the net. **Traditions** broken and veteran coach leaves. Singles and doubles. Competition served. Long distance and **endurance**. Three miles and on pace. All in a day's race. Making weight and winning matches. Pins and **cradles**. Girl power at state. Legs and laps. Early mornings and **cold** water. Fourteen swim to regionals. Free throws and three-pointers. Titles and trophies. **Domination** on the court. Cleats and shin splints. Corners and **penalty** kicks. Teams with goals. Eighteen holes and tee **times**. Fall and spring seasons. Chipping away at the opponent. Shot put and long jump. Personal records and staying ahead. **Seconds** count. Hit and run. Metal and maple. **Defending** the district title. Ladies and **diamonds**. Ponytails and home safe. Sophomores dominate. Flyers and close calls. Support and **precision**. Spirit in the air.

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# SPORTS

**PUMPED UP**  
Varsity volleyball co-captain Olivia Zubia and her teammates share high fives with coaches. "We do this before every home game," Zubia said. "I love this tradition because it gives me even more confidence before I go out and play. It also shows a sign of respect to the coaches and my team. I thank them for everything they have taught me." (photo by juan grimaldo)





**Early** college and school trips. STAAR testing in the Spring and projects all year long. Touching the **community** and planning for the campus. Leadership and painting. Promoting pride. Harmony and music sheets. Near death experiences and garage sales. One simple **note**. New staffers and national awards. Interviews and **photo** opps. Preserving school history. Full **brass** section and more members. In tune and on-the-road workshop. A whole new look. Desert mapping and inspections. Aiming for promotions and **honoring** veterans. Military mentality. Bows and rosin. A new director and new uniforms. Taking **note** of competitions. Memorizing lines and keeping their cool. Endless rehearsals and stage **jitters**. Staying in character.

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# CLUBS AND ACADEMICS

**DRILL SKILLS**  
Concentrating on producing an accurate hole, freshman Kiesen Snowfleet works on a wooden CO2 car in his Engineering Concepts class. "The first car I made broke in half in my backpack, so I had to glue it back together using special glue," he said. "We raced the cars the next day, and I was concerned that the wood glue made mine heavier." (photo by genesis barraza)





**Waiting** for the year to end and planning for the summer. Finals and vacations. You're almost there. Childhood and high school. Baby pictures and **memories**. Flashbacks that bring smiles. Headlines and deadlines. **Pop tarts** and late nights. It was our book, but now it's yours. **Names** and group shots. Photos and stories. You're here and there. Stop a moment and **take** it all in. No, you can't. Keep going. You have to figure it out.

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**'COLD' PLAY**  
Snowflakes all around, seniors Eliana Carmona and Vanessa Ramos have fun catching a couple outside the science wing, Jan. 22. "We enjoyed the snow," Carmona said. "I love cold weather and made sure to drink a lot of hot chocolate." Despite a four inch accumulation in some parts of the city, the school district did not call off school or issue a delayed opening. (photo by annabeth burgess)





**BY A NOSE**

Told to stay still, senior Daniel Garcia volunteers to be the mold for a mask as seniors Jonathan and Joshua Garcia take the steps to create his facial likeness in AP Art IV. "We had to use plaster strips," Jonathan said. "I used some fabrics and paint to decorate it so it would look like a Venetian Jester mask. We tried something new with every project. It made it interesting and fun." It took Jonathan three weeks to complete the mask. (photo by genesis barazza)



allen rabb-10

The year is over, and you had a lot of choices in front of you.  
 Did you make the right decision?  
 Right or wrong.  
 Yes or no.  
 You own them.  
 You stuck it out or you quit.  
 You ditched or you passed.  
 You chose texting all night over homework.  
 You spent your money on concert tickets instead of gas.  
 You stayed out late and paid the consequences.  
 You had to get a job to help Mom out.  
 You had to cram all night writing college essays.  
 You made friends and enemies.  
 You experienced heartache.  
 You triumphed.  
 You found this.  
 And that.  
 Or both. And...

THAT

is what happened.



"I've had to make some tough choices in my life, but I hope I made them for the best."

daisy terrazas-12

BY THE OTHER