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STERLING GIBRACK PHOTO

THE BIG FINISH

At the end of the band's halftime performance of "Essentia Romae", seniors **Justin Lum** and **Maegan Hammill** reach out to each other recreating Michelangelo's famous "Creation of Man" painting. "I have a bit more experience as a performer," Lum said. Band director Glenn Fugett selected Lum and Hammill out of the group to portray David and God respectively in the show. "Anything that needed to be changed, we could just pick up quickly and do it right," Lum said. The colorguard created the rest of God's hand and the band created the rest of David's hand to join the groups together to finish the show.



ALLEE AUSTIN PHOTO

BUBBLE UP

In his AP Biology class **Connor Spencer**, 12, experiments with a tray full of bubbles and string to learn about cellular membrane permeability.



ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO

TEAM EFFORT

Taaj Bakari, 12, and **Grant Kroner**, 11, listen to **Coach James Smelley** on the sidelines before the homecoming game against Crowley. "I was blessed to be on the football team because not a lot of people can," Bakari said. "I've learned a lot in my four years on the team. The skills I've learned I'll take to college with me." Bakari made his career-high 16 tackles at this game despite the score not reflecting his efforts. "I tried my best, but it didn't really matter how I performed because we still lost," Bakari said.



ALLEE AUSTIN PHOTO

WONDERLAND

Juniors **Catherine Williams** and **Michael Darmon** exchange dialogue in "Alice in Wonderland: The Manhattan Project". "Being the Mad Hatter was nerve-racking because he is such an iconic character and everyone has their own view of how he should be portrayed," Darmon said.



TAPANGA PERRIN PHOTO

ROCKING AROUND

At the holiday parade in downtown Mansfield, **Erinn Killingsworth**, 12, shakes her pomps as she walks alongside her fellow drill team members. "I really liked being able to perform for the kids there instead of just for students at our school," Killingsworth said. The drill team later performed their routine to "Jingle Bell Rock" at the parade.

ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO



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HIGH SPIRITS

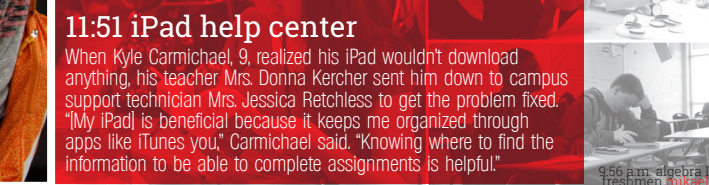
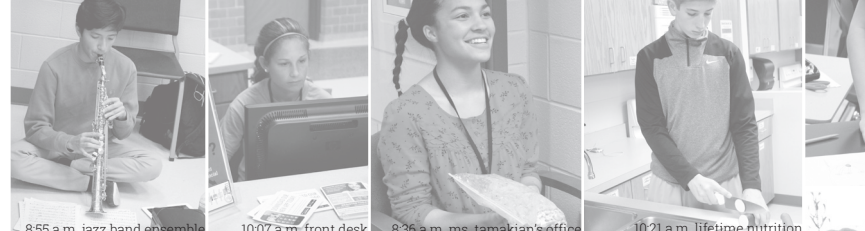
At the pink out game against Lake Ridge, Bailey Campbell, 11, holds up a cowbell in support of L-Side. "I'm really short, so I can't really see if I'm in the back," Campbell said. "I like to be in the front row so I can yell at the football players and give them a hard time sometimes." Campbell attended almost every game and shouted cheers with other fans like the "AOAO" chant where they moved their hands up and down yelling the letters.



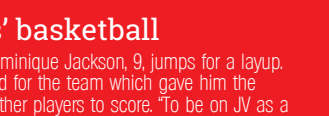
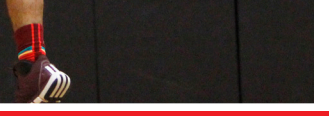
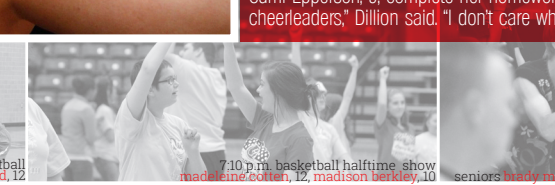
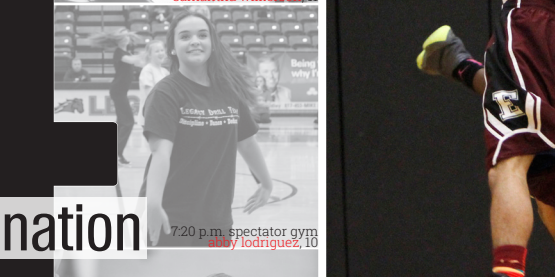
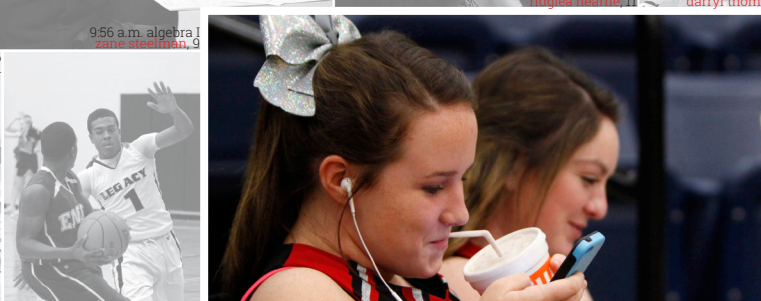
8:18 a.m. mrs. scott's theatre arts class
 To prepare for their Christmas skit, Addyson O'Bar, 9, colors Hailey Rodriguez, 9, nose red to better portray her character, Rudolph. Mrs. Kelsey Scott randomly assigned class members into groups and students wrote their own scripts. Rodriguez's group chose to write a scene about Rudolph running away from Santa's workshop. "It went really well," Rodriguez said. "It was fun doing it with all my friends."



10:01 a.m. mr. mason's ceramics class
 To finish her first coil pot project, Estrella Ramos, 12, applies glaze to her peacock inspired pot. "The sculpting process was fun and easy to do," Ramos said. After firing her pot, it turned an army green color instead of the peacock blue color she anticipated. "It didn't turn out the way I wanted, but my mom still loved it," Ramos said. "You learn that your project is only in your hands until you glaze it. It's kind of a free for all once it's glazed."



1:01 p.m. seventh lunch hallway
 When Kyleigh Hall, 10, saw other students in an earlier lunch playing hacky sack together, she decided to bring her own to play with her group of friends. After realizing that play could become easier with a larger hacky sack, Jacob Rowland, 10, decided to bring his for the group of soccer players to play with. "The more you play the better your touch gets," Rowland said. "It shows on the field." The group plays the game every day at lunch starting about 1 p.m. unless Rowland was absent from school.



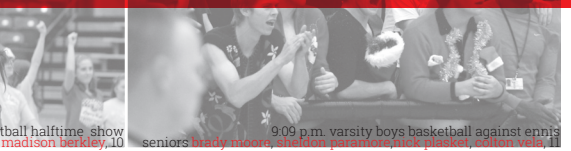
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7:02 p.m. jv boys' basketball
 At the game against Ennis, Dominique Jackson, 9, jumps for a layup. Jackson played shooting guard for the team which gave him the goal to get the ball open so other players to score. "To be on JV as a freshman is something special," Jackson said. "If I'm not playing hard, then the people around me won't play hard."



5:09 p.m. basketball pre-game
 Before the game against Ennis, JV cheerleader Laura Dillion, 9, drinks a chocolate malt from Whataburger and scrolls through her Twitter timeline while listening to music off her iPad. Besides relaxing before the game, Dillion helped her teammate Cami Epperson, 9, complete her homework. "I've always looked up to high school cheerleaders," Dillion said. "I don't care what we do, I just like to cheer."



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TONIGHT ON SPORTS CENTER

When juniors Cooper Keeney, Colton Vela and Tyler Arter saw fans from other schools dressed up as ESPN personalities, they knew they had to do the same to support their team. "It makes you feel good about yourself that people want to come and support you and get that crazy," Keeney said. Keeney made the sign that the boys used and decided he would portray Jesse Palmer for the night. "We had to put a lot of work into it," Keeney said. Nicholas Plasket, 12, also dressed up as a personality. This was the group's last dress up for the year because their baseball season started.

ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO



ALL ABOUT THAT BASS

To prepare for their performance, Gregory Tillotson, 11, tunes Dante Uriostegui, 10, along with the rest of the tuba section. Band members practiced eight hours every week in order to avoid as many mistakes as possible in their show. "Even though the work may be overwhelming, I've always liked the way the sound of everyone playing all around you together," Uriostegui said. "We wouldn't be as accurate as we would be when we would practice every day."

ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO



ALLYSON SALAZAR PHOTO

CROWD PLEASER

In between playing songs, Garek Carmona, 10, plays random beats on the rim of his drum at the homecoming game against Crowley to energize the crowd. "It's a feeling of empowerment knowing that you can change something just by the way you play," Carmona said. He also played cadences with other drumline members during dull moments to spark the fans' interest back.



MADISON BROWN PHOTO

LAST HOMECOMING SELFIE

In front of the StuCo room, seniors Aubrey Copeland and Raegan Arnold pose for a picture taken by Bailee Meals, 11, to show off their homecoming mums. "Homecoming is always fun, but it was even better this year since it was my senior year," Arnold said. "Being with all my friends for our last high school homecoming was bittersweet." Arnold exchanged garters and mums with Blake Mouw, 12, and attended the game with him.

JADA SUGGES PHOTO

SNAP A SELFIE

After cheering for the JV volleyball team, Haggadah Bomar, 10, takes a selfie with her friends Zariah Medlock, 11, Karington McGill, 9, and Nyah Buckham, 10, in the stands at the varsity volleyball game against Summit. "I think it's fun being with your school and cheering them on," Bomar said. "It gives me something to do, so why not?" Bomar added the group selfie to her snapchat story.

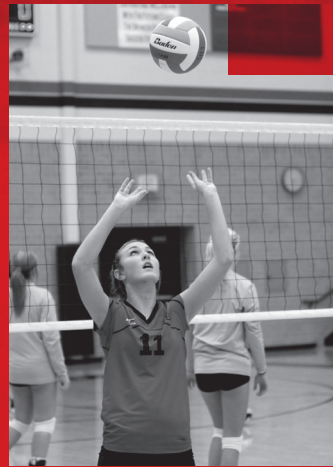
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SERIOUS STROKES

At the dual meet against Lamar, Lauren Wilkie, 11, competes in the 100 fly event which included our laps of butterfly sprints. "It's one of the more challenging events," Wilkie said. "It takes a lot of endurance to finish and you have to think about the stroke." Wilkie finished top three in the event. Along with competing in the individual race, Wilkie swam in the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay with her teammates. "It's fun being able to have your teammates race with you," Wilkie said. "It gets really competitive and usually comes down to the milliseconds."



ALLEE AUSTIN PHOTO

SET UP FOR A CHALLENGE

During the game against Decatur, Madison Potter, 12, sets the ball. The varsity volleyball team knew Decatur claimed the 3A State Championship title last year, but they prepared for the game. "I was nervous," Potter said. "But it was a good loss."



COURTNEY TEMPLETON PHOTO

STRETCH IT OUT

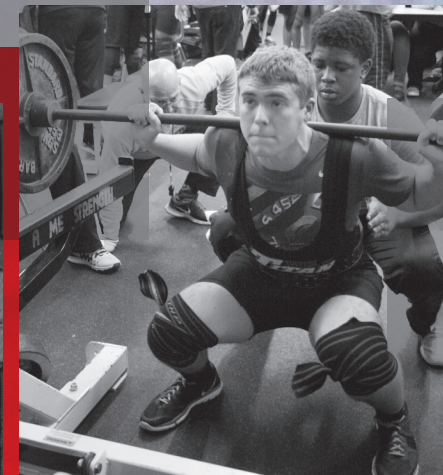
Before a race at the district championship meet, Catherine Richardson, 10, helps her injured teammate Dezirae Rodriguez, 9, by stretching out her shins. "It makes me feel good and like more of a leader for the team," Richardson said. Richardson earned a varsity spot on the girls' cross country team her freshman year and continued to perform well enough to stay on varsity as a sophomore. "I wanted her [Dezirae] to do well because she is a freshman on varsity like I was," Richardson said. "I'm like her big sister."



EMARY SKOCZIAS PHOTO

SERVE IT UP

During a fall match against Summit, Megan Bell, 10, serves. "We have a lot of good players this year," Bell said. "There's a lot of work we put into tennis."



JADA SUPPES PHOTO

SETS OF THREE

For his first event of three at the powerlifting meet at Mansfield High School, Tyler Strawn, 11, squats his second lift of 275 pounds. Competitors had the option to do a third lift to test their maximum weights. Strawn took the challenge and completed his third lift of 315 pounds. "I think it's kind of messed up because no one knows your limits better than you," Strawn said. "It felt easier than I thought it was going to be."



STERLING GREBACK PHOTO

PLAY MAKER

After accepting the the handoff from the quarterback, Rodney Mitchell, 12, runs to advance the ball down the field at the game against Timberview. "I knew it was a big rivalry, and we wanted to make our fans proud," Mitchell said. "The effort was good, we just came up short."

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SPINNING AROUND

During the first movement in the band's halftime show, Jordan Guzzone, 10, spins her flags. "It's a different and unique way to express myself," Guzzone said. "It's fun to spin, perform and dance all at the same time." Guzzone also played the oboe for the concert band but decided to join color guard because she wanted to be a part of the performance, but she didn't want to learn how to play the saxophone.



ALLEE AUSTIN PHOTO

OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

In her AP Biology class, Abigail Hogue blows a bubble to simulate cellular membrane permeability. "It's the closest thing you can get to seeing cells in real life without a microscope," Hogue said. "It's a lot more fun and class goes by quicker doing labs."



ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO

BREATHING FIRE

To demonstrate the speed of reactions in his chemistry class, Mr. Jonathan Szostek makes a jack-o'-lantern explode with fire. "Science can actually be fun," Mr. Szostek said. "Chemistry looks like magic." To perform the annual Halloween trick, Mr. Szostek used the compound Lycopodium which he put in a straw attached to a hose and an empty soda bottle. To start the reaction, Mr. Szostek stomped on the bottle sending the compound into the candle creating the



ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO

BOMBS AWAY

Robert Schroder, 12, and Tony Denson, 11, drop their hand-made parachute over the second floor landing to test whose fell the fastest in their physics class. "It's a nice break to do fun labs in between lessons," Schroder said.



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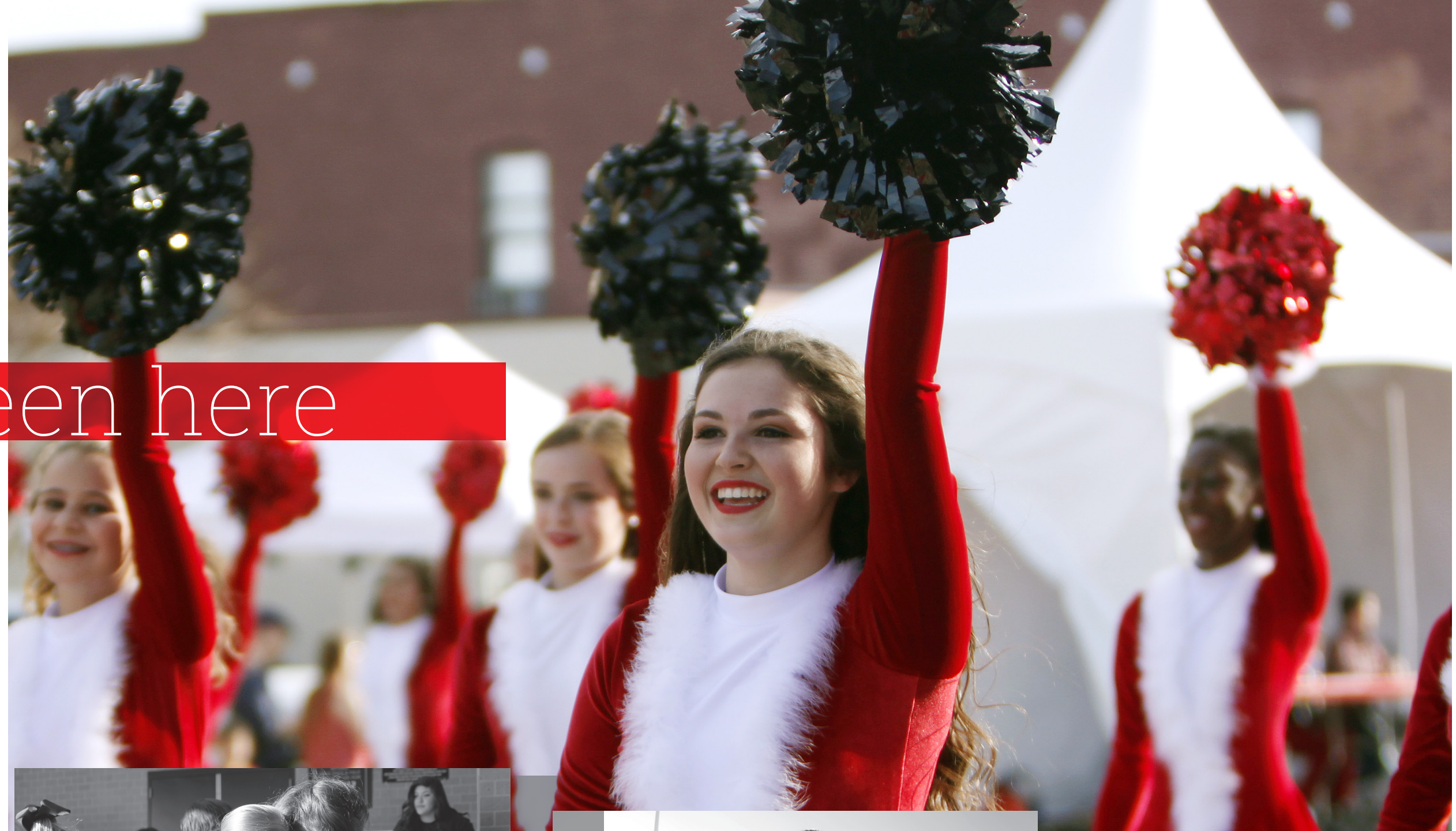
LOOKING IN

To continue an art club tradition, Catherine Huffstetter, 11, paints a Christmas silhouette in the window of an unoccupied building in downtown Mansfield. Art club coordinated the event every year with the city of Mansfield. Huffstetter has attended the event for all three years of high school. "Art club is just a bunch of people coming together," Huffstetter said. "You can do a lot more outside of class in the club because our classes are so short, and you get to do print making, jewelry making and glass work."

ADRIANCE RHOADES PHOTO

faces seen here

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ONE FOR THE TEAM
 Insider Receiver Coach Jake Bostick throws his hands in the air in celebration after a Broncos touchdown at the game against Lovejoy. "[I'm] celebrating our kids' hard work as it transfers into a success," Bostick said. The freshman team won the game, 32-18.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTING
 At the December Silver Spurs Junior Dance clinic, Makayla Dickman, 10, works with Abby to create a snowman ornament. Participants in the clinic chose from different pre-cut shapes and pipe cleaners to construct their one of a kind decoration. After they completed construction of their handmade creation, the duo brought the ornament to volunteer parents who sprayed the ornament with glitter to finish. The Silver Spurs also taught the participants a line dance on top of participating in Christmas crafts. "She was really sweet," Dickman said. "Whenever she was supposed to be dancing in the line, she always came back to me. It was really cute."



RIGHT ON KEY
 To prepare for the upcoming marching season, Connor Spencer, 12, practices playing the synthesizer. "Practice is probably the most time consuming thing ever, but in the end when it pays off it's definitely worth it," Spencer said. In order to perform their best, band members practiced two to three hours daily.



PRAYERS TO THE LORD
 To start off the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, Hannah Milner, 11, prays. Music played in the background at the beginning of each FCA meeting while students prayed individually. The club aims to connect student athletes to Christ. "It's helped me realize that God has a purpose for everyone and that you don't need to show off your faith," Milner said.

ALL SMILES
 During the City of Mansfield's Christmas parade, Madison Glese, 10, performs a dance to the country version of "Jingle Bell Rock". "It was different than just Legacy getting to see us. It was the whole community," Glese said. "It was fun because other people got to see us having fun."

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HIGH HOPES
At the JV game against Kennedale, Chandlar Keaton, 10, advances down the court to score a layup. "It inspired me to do better because we had the lead, but we lost so it pushed me to work harder to win," Keaton said. Keaton's season abruptly ended when doctors delivered the news that she had a high ankle sprain. "It's depressing," Keaton said. "It hurts. I've played since I was 3." The point guard also planned on running track, but couldn't return to any physical activity until Feb. 12.



POISED AND POSED
Before the start of the halftime show, "Essentia Romae," Taylor Green, 12, stands with her hand rested on her head to resemble a statue of a Roman goddess. Color guard members researched different traditional Roman statues to find a different pose for every member to stand in to start the show. "It was the coolest theme of all the shows I've been in," Green said.



UP TO THE CHALLENGE
Zachary Horn, 10, participates in the pull up challenge at the field day event for all of the JROTC battalions in Mansfield. "I chose to do pull ups to help out my team because I knew I was good at it," Horn said. "I worked hard to get that extra pull up in for the team win."



ALL ABOUT THAT FACE
Drill team 1st Lieutenant Stevie Burns, 12, performs a hiphop routine during the homecoming pep rally. The team tweaked the choreography for their performance to include the popular hand motion at the last minute. "I tend to do a lot of performance in my face," Burns said. "I'm known for my facial expressions while dancing."

ALL IN GOOD FUN
During the homecoming pep rally, Byron Edwards, 12, performs a dance routine in a cheerleaders uniform with the varsity football team. StuCo member Raegan Arnold, 12, came up with the idea for the football team to wear the uniform during their performance. "It was shocking when she told us that," Edwards said. "We're here to show that we're not all football and we're just here to have fun because we're still kids."



Alice For the fall production, the theater department performed "Alice in Wonderland: The Manhattan Project," a twisted, darker version of the original classic. **Catie Williams**, 11, played the lead role of Alice. "Alice" was an ensemble-based production and you could see that because everybody was used as characters and set pieces." Williams said of the unorthodox play. "We all had to work together to make scenes. It was really, really different. Everybody had to be part of the set except for Alice [Williams' character]."

Bucky Since the school's opening, Bucky the Bronco has proudly lead athletes at football and basketball games alongside the cheerleaders. The man behind the mask was **Tony Denson**, 11, who first heard of auditions through the school announcements. "I thought that trying something new would be a great opportunity or rite," Denson said of his decision to try out. "My favorite part about being Bucky was being able to bring joy to children and giving the school even more spirit."



Cousins The myth, the man, the legend, the one and only **Mr. Leonard Cousins**. In his two years here, Mr. Cousins has risen to fame amongst the students. "I think I'm famous because I'm very outgoing and I'm a disciplinarian. I don't have a problem with holding people's feet to the fire," Cousins said of his status. "I don't want students to feel intimidated, because sometimes I can get a little loud. I am kind of loud."

Drinking fountain The water-fountain attachments located by the band hall had a humorous story of origin. Band student **Ben Ayers**, 11, recalled what it was like before the arrival of the attachments. "We would twist the heads of the water fountains, so we could fill our water jugs for summer band practice," Ayers said. Eventually the heads broke off, which led to the district installing devices specifically for filling bottles to avoid further incidents. Students like Ayers thought the devices would be helpful next season. "The floors won't get as wet," Ayers said.

Energy shutdown All of MSD started participating in an energy shutdown before long breaks to save money. "It's designed to shut down all electronic appliances teachers use in classrooms," Mr. **John Contreras**, the assistant principal in charge of the shutdown at Legacy, said about the change. "If each person unplugs two or three things, multiplied by every building in the district, the savings are huge. And that money goes back to the students." Teachers embraced the shutdown — Legacy had above the high school average participation during Thanksgiving and winter break.

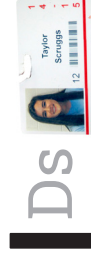
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from A to Z

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON AT LEGACY FOR EVERY LETTER OF THE ALPHABET



Hurst Ms. **Michelle Hurst**, science teacher extraordinaire, was known for wearing some pretty wacky outfits (pictured here in her Jesus costume for the day before Christmas). "Often I feel ridiculous, but there is power in looking silly," Hurst said of her often outlandish garb. "I feel like if I can stand in front of my class and look silly, I make them feel a little more comfortable."



IDs Taylor Springs MSD IDs, the bane of the average high school student. Get caught without one, and it was Saturday school for sure.



JROTC Trophy Case The JROTC department did incredibly well over the years — and they had the trophy case to prove it. This case also happens to be backed by a mirror, and no matter what, you couldn't help but find yourself looking in it. When you passed by.



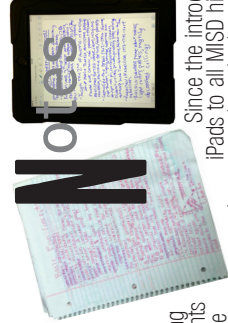
Kahoot! If your teacher didn't make you play at least one game of Kahoot for a review, are you sure you even go here?



Lockers Maybe it's the short passing periods. Maybe it was that we were allowed to keep our backpacks in class. Maybe it was the use of athletic and band lockers in substitute, but for whatever reason, hardly anyone used a locker. Rows upon rows of empty metal boxes stood abandoned in the Legacy halls. Our apologies to the district on the wasted money.



Mason Jar The small open space on the edge of the cafeteria has always been home to vending machines until the end of last year. Students were first confused when they saw Snapple machines being carted off to different locations throughout the school, but soon the purpose was revealed: the art department claimed the space as a display gallery, nicknamed the Mason Jar after art teacher Mr. **David Mason**. "We never have enough space to display anything other than flat work and those spaces fill up quickly," Mason said. "No other campus probably within 20 miles has anything like it." Though it may seem like a self-tribute, Mason said it was the art club that came up with the monicker. "I had nothing to do with the naming," Mason said. "It was between that and 'Through the Looking Glass.'"



Notes Since the introduction of student iPads to all MSD high schools in 2012, Legacy students had more options concerning note taking. "Personally, I prefer to take notes on paper, because iPad notes are very rigid, but with paper not only do I have freedom to draw diagrams, I'm also using my mind to remember what I'm writing," **Sam Beibel**, 12, said about the two methods. "Writing paper notes is familiar, it's something I've been doing my entire life."



Olga Last year, a Legacy teacher brought a child-sized mannequin to school that she had procured from her mother's clothing store. Thus began an unending prank battle amongst Legacy teachers using the mannekin, nicknamed "Olga." Olga has been placed in ceilings, under teacher's desks, and even shipped to the superintendent. Through Ms. **Rena Long**, the teacher who purchased Olga no longer taught at Legacy, Olga remained, fueling teacher prank wars across the school.



Pink Out Although we may not have had Pink Fest students here at Legacy still went all out in rosy hues for Pink Out. Pictured here, **Nicole Gaw**, 11, cheers on the Broncos at the Pink Out football game on Oct. 24.



U2FC Student Council started a new tradition, instead of the traditional Pink Fest in October for breast cancer awareness, the SuCo sponsored United to Fight Cancer. They students loved the successful fundraising Pink Fest has brought but felt that the Mansfield community could identify with other forms of cancer." Ms. **Sarah Austenmore**, the SuCo sponsor, said. "U2FC was a way for all of Mansfield ISD and Legacy to join together and raise money, and awareness for a cause that affects everyone." The program raised a total of \$1,133 from the pep rally and \$490 from the color run.



Quizlet Many students praise Quizlet, the flashcard studying app, but students in Ms. **Jeff Borden**'s AP World History class developed a different opinion. "I gave a project and I started going through them and noticed that everyone's answers were the same," Borden said. "So I Googled it and it came up on Quizlet." After discovering that all but two students in her history classes had plagiarized the same source, Borden retaliated with a large workload and a lecture on plagiarism. "I think it's a good tool if it's used correctly, and the sources are reputable," Borden said. "I think students have a false sense of security in what they find online."

Ritz From his giant sombrero to his wildly-colored poncho, Mr. **Howard Ritz** made his personality statement amongst students and was named Teacher of the Year. But for Mr. Ritz fame wasn't something that even crossed his mind. "I didn't even know I was famous," Ritz said of his status. "Because I'm crazy? What? I don't know. Because of my sense of humor? I don't know. There are other teachers who are better than I am, so maybe it's because I exaggerate who I am."

Smith The first year the school opened in 2007, Legacy hired the Smith Security Company to watch the parking lot for students sneaking off campus. The school has used multiple security companies since then, but students still refer to the parking lot security guard as "The Smith."



Trivia Crack This app swept the nation and staked its claim at Legacy Mansfield ISD blocked Trivia Crack on the school WiFi because of its widespread use during class — but that may or may not have stopped students from playing a round or two during school on their phones.



Whataburger Having a Whataburger right across the street from school might be the greatest thing to ever happen to public education. Students could drive through and grab a delicious honey butter chicken biscuit before first period, or walk across the road to grab a sweet tea with friends before afternoon practice.



Vaping If you're confused, ask your more "with-the-times" friend. Vaping involved using electronic cigarettes. Though it was definitely not allowed at school, vaping rose in popularity; it was even the New York Times' 2014 Word of the Year.



Xavier Out of all the students at Legacy, there were only five whose names start with X, and they were all named Xavier. **Xavier Flores-Nichols**, 9, was one of those unique few. "I think it's unique because of how it's spelled and it's uncommon," Flores-Nichols said of his monicker. He knew at least one of the other people named Xavier at Legacy — **Xavier Jones**, 10. "It's weird saying his name when I respond or talk to him, because it's my name," Flores-Nichols said of talking to Jones.



Yoga Pants Ah, yoga pants, the favorite relaxing wear of girls everywhere, but tragically, very against school dress code.

Zamboni If you're reading this and you're near a custodian, stop and thank them for everything they do for our school. One of their many laborious jobs in keeping Legacy clean was to drive the Zamboni to clean the floors in the cafeteria and other open areas.



how we arrived here

TRANSFER STUDENTS MOVE TO LEGACY FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

West Monroe, Louisiana is just like Mansfield, Texas – school lords over the day, football reigns king, and hanging out with friends is the local pastime, but there is one exception: the neighbors might be the famous Robertson family from the popular TV show Duck Dynasty, as was the case with freshman **Lindsey Blakely**.

"It's nothing really special," Blakely said. "[Tourists] would ask everybody if we knew them or something. They made a big deal about it, but if you knew them it wasn't really anything different."

Blakely transferred to Legacy from West Monroe High School after deciding to move in with her mother.

"[West Monroe was] pretty easygoing, nothing really different from here," Blakely said.

Though she misses her friends in Louisiana, Blakely appreciates the new opportunities she's received by moving to Mansfield. The more urban environment presents a stark contrast to the wooded country of her old town. Unlike at her previous school, Blakely now takes honors classes and values the atmosphere of these classes.

"I miss all my friends," Blakely said, "but I don't miss being put in those regular classes with people I don't like."

Across the Atlantic Ocean, sophomore **Augustina Ezenagu** left Nigeria to pursue a better education in America. She and her brother Augustine transferred from their Nigerian boarding school to Legacy so they would have more of advantage in the future.

"I wanna be someone in the future, so we moved here," Ezenagu said. "My dream is I want to become a medical doctor, but I hope I can complete it in the United States."

Culture shock wasn't as big an issue as might be expected, since Ezenagu already primarily speaks English and continues to practice Catholicism. She feels a lot of gratitude for her new life at Legacy.

"School was cool, it was nice," Ezenagu said. "It's different from here, because here is more good than Nigeria."

Though she prefers living here to Nigeria, Ezenagu still misses her life in Nigeria from time to time.

"Life was cool, it was good, it was happy, it was nice," Ezenagu said. "I got everything I need. It was a cool place, and it's where I was born and it's where I grew up."

Both Ezenagu and Blakely have adjusted well to Legacy and harbor no regrets about moving here.

"At first I didn't want to, but now that I've had more experience here, I like it," Blakely said.

By Shalavé Cawely

Holmes Middle School, California

how it was there
"School was outdoors and I got a lot more homework."

how it is here
"I like the shorter classes and less homework."

biggest difference
"At my old school we ate lunch outside."

Hannah Morris, 9

Portola Middle School, California

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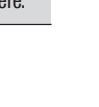
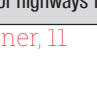
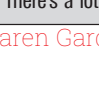
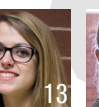
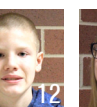
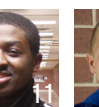
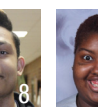
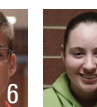
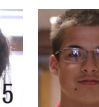
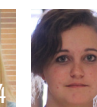
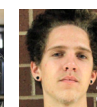
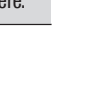
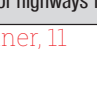
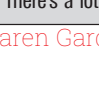
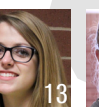
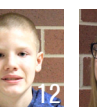
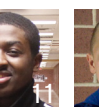
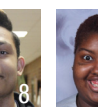
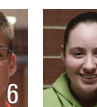
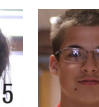
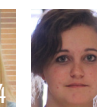
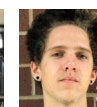
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Bolingbrook High School, Illinois

how it was there
"It was very fun, and there was a lot of outgoing people and athletics."

how it is here
"I don't like using technology, but I do like the outgoing people. It makes me feel more responsible."

biggest difference
"The use of cell phones in class. If they saw your phone they would take it. There is also no volleyball here for guys."

Lewis: Harper Woods Middle School, Michigan

how it was there
"My old school was horrible and the teachers were bad." -Lewis

biggest difference
"Here there is less fights, less drama and more activities." -Lewis

Greason: Harper Woods High School

how it was there
"It was really small so everybody knew each other and drama spread quickly." -Greason

biggest difference
"The size, the teachers, the grading system and the culture. The culture is very diverse and school spirited." -Greason

South River High School, Maryland

how it was there
"It was small, crowded and people were mean."

how it is here
"There are nice people here."

biggest difference
"The size of the schools and the attitudes of people."

Shepherdstown, West Virginia

how it was there
"My old school was really small. It had like 300 people. It was the size of the first floor at Legacy."

how it is here
"The size of the school is bigger and the size of the band is bigger. Everybody seems more relaxed here."

biggest difference
"The size was a major difference."

Seneca High School, New Jersey

how it was there
"They had creative activities that the staff participated in and lots of school spirit. It was a great school all around."

how it is here
"I like it here. The school is bigger and the people are nice."

biggest difference
"The culture and weather are different. Jersey was cold."

4 Alexus Baker, 9

3 Alyzabeth Kirschbaum, 9

6 Cody Phillips, 9

7 Lindsey Blakely, 9

11 Jamani Lewis, 9 & Matthew Greason, 11

8 Mikal Reed, 11

9 Samiyah Muhammad, 10

12 Noah Huddleson, 9

17 Kayleigh Gerlach, 10

16 Jemel Morris, 11

18 Aaren Gardner, 11

9:17 a.m. mrs. bordelon's acadec class
 To prepare for the art history subject test, Garrett Wikoff, 12, studies the 150 page resource guide during class time. Wikoff even created a 14 page color coded packet of material to look over to better his performance at State. "There's no such thing as an unimportant detail," Wikoff said. Wikoff continued studying right up until the moment he took his test. The acadec team departed for lunch at Waffle House without their C team alternate, Jason Irvin, 11. Acadec sponsor Mr. John Davis, went back to the school to pick up Irvin.



10:21 a.m. jrotc drill meet practice
 As part of the presentation of the colors, Bethanny Mota, 10, and Dezirae Rodriguez, 9, uncase the colors while Haley Stames, 11, and Diandra Gonzales, 10, hold the poles parallel with the ground. Commander Stames shouted out commands to the colorguard to follow during practice as well as competition. "I've got a lot more experience than them," Stames said. "I'm taller (and) Sergeant Major likes it to be where the flag holder are about the same height so the flags are even."



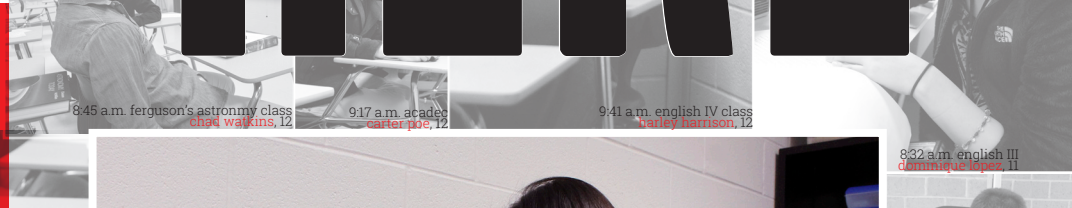
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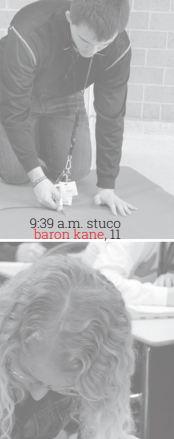
3:15 p.m. jv drill team practice
 At an after-school practice, Su Mi Kirk, 10, works on straightening her arms and being sharp in the team's pom routine to a remix of "Work". JV drill team members practiced without the poms until they mastered the moves. "I feel like it's easier with poms because you don't have to worry about your hands," Kirk said. "Pom is my favorite because you have to bring out a lot of energy and it's fast. I never get bored with it." The team performed two other dances at the competition March 7 which included a jazz routine to "For You" by Mary J. Blige featuring "Disclosure" and a hip-hop dance to a Beyoncé mix. "The double pirouette is the hardest because you have to focus on straightening your core and spotting at the same time," Kirk said. The team started preparing for their one and only competition when they returned from winter break.



9:49 a.m. ausdenmoore's stuco class
 In StuCo class, Heather Brown, 12, paints a sign #luck4brooke to post in the hallways to raise awareness for this year's LUCK week candidate Brooke Hester. "I think it's really cool because as a student council we are showing the students of Legacy how you can do little things to make people happy," Brown said. Brown worked with Mr. Dave Mason to design the shirts that sold for \$15 which helped raise money to cover medical bills for the Hester family.



10:03 a.m. ferman's tech theater class
 As part of the costume design unit, Bailey Griffin, 10, sews a border onto a quilt patch to practice the proper technique. "The hardest part is making sure everything is even because it's really exact so if you got it one way the whole thing would be crooked," Griffin said. Students purchased their own fabric they picked out themselves and then watched a tutorial video to know exactly what to do. Tech theater students learned all about tools, knot tying, sound, costume design and how to apply theatrical makeup throughout the year.



6:34 p.m. winter choir concert
 During the short five minutes in between performing, show choir members Craig Nealey, 11, and Paul Ponce, 10, rush to completely change from their chamber chorale attire into their show choir attire to sing their pop song. "It's a different type of singing," Nealey said. "I had to change my mind set." Choir director yelled two minutes to warn the members they were short on time. Nealey decided to help Ponce with his tie before he even had his own on because he knew Ponce walked out onto the stage before him.





how it was HERE

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From 7:25 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. plus the extra hours, Legacy students spent countless hours here. We created shows, music, books and art here. We played and practiced for games here. We laughed and learned with teachers here. We studied, cried and slept here. That's how it was here. Scan the photo above using the aurasma app to see a tour of the school.

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