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At the first playoff game of the season against Wylie East, junior Preston King plays the Trombone during the half time show. It was the first year marching band had the opportunity to perform at a playoff game. "We are a family," Preston said. "We are together all the time and we all want to be. We provide music and entertainment during half time."

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DEFINING THE MOMENTS

FORMULATING THEIR GAME PLAN

At the varsity football game against Independence on Oct. 9, Offensive Coordinator Kent Laster and Head Coach Che Hendrix talk strategy with their players. The team went to the playoffs for the first time in the school's history, and made it to the regional semi-finals. "I don't think I'm a leader," quarterback Malik Walker said. "I feel as though I'm just a facilitator. Our team is full of leaders and we speak as a group." The team won 59-34.

There are moments; the ones in life that stick out and make you remember the good times, the bad. High school. That moment when your favorite character died on a television show. When a new rivalry emerged as the "purple school south of us." When a hashtag changed someone's life. When the varsity football team came together for a record-breaking season. These moments seem big now, but are fleeting and help contribute to who you are. "Since I want to go into journalism, yearbook has been valuable to me to have those hands-on skills to put me in a better spot for the future," Coverage Editor Stephanie Morse said. "When I get to college, I will already have basic skills and the experience to get ahead."

"As cliché as it is, yearbook is everything (to me)," junior Stephanie Morse said. "When I got involved I wanted to learn more about photography. But once I joined staff, it became more as the people became my best friends."

We had the opportunity to be a leader in the school. Whether it was as the student body president, DECA office or a tutor within NHS. We had the opportunity to strive.



"Being a leader in DECA is very rewarding because I get to show underclassmen the things I enjoy about the school," senior Ashlyn Stavinoha said. "A leader to me is someone who is honest, shows determination and is responsible for their actions. I believe I have gained a lot of those traits from being in DECA." Within every hall, classroom and locker room, we share laughs, commitments and mixtapes. We became family. The time we had here is spent running "We stick together through everything," senior Madeleine Trischett said. "We are always there to support and hold each other up."

to class to get from the back of G-hall to upstairs C-hall in five minutes. Calculating how long it would take to go get Starbucks or McDonald's before 9:00 a.m., and counting down the time until lunch in 10-minute intervals. We spent most of our time counting down the days, weeks and hours until we leave, rather than recognizing the moments we experienced together. Each year we looked forward to packing the stands, going to the pep rallies and further developing our traditions. From walking through the doors as freshmen, to walking across the stage as seniors, we honor the pact of coming together as the pack.

Pictured by jersey number: (70) Sean Brandon, 11, (78) Conner Dunigan, 10, (27) Tre Nichols, 12, (10) Boston Stuhan, 12, (79) Jacob Footer, 10, (85) Josiah Castleberry, 10, (7) Jacques Norris, 12, (67) Deshon Grant, 10, (19) Cooper Barkwill, 12, (76) Christian Mireles, 12

Pictured by jersey number: (65) Colin Yang, (77) Bailey Becker, 11, (62) Michael Carplin, 12, (72) Nico Rusoff, 11

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Before the Independent Study Mentorship (ISM) presentation on Dec. 16, ISM Adviser Matt Pirtle gives the students words of encouragement. Students created a visual display of the research they collected for the Winter Showcase. "I had to pull an all-nighter to finish my display board," sophomore Nisa Sheikh said. "[ISM] seems like a lot of work but it all comes together in the end."

Pictured (left to right): Yashi Yadav (12), David Sietmann (12), Ryan Dao (12), Humza Sohail (12), Chinaza Agbor (11), Nisa Sheikh (12), Sara Byerly (12), Lakshmi Kunam (11), Mikaela Dapremont (11), and Harshini Vivekanandan (11)

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DON'T THINK, JUST JUMP

When seniors Andraleya Allo and Dana D'Argo decided to go "tandem skydiving" at the Dallas Skydive Center on Feb. 8, they were forced to build the courage to jump into the unexpected. This was similar to the start of a new school year, we were pushed to face what we do not know. It isn't until we were within these halls, did we truly understand the shared experiences: the food deliveries to the front desk; why we don't use the courtyard; and the much-needed coffee from the C-Store. This leap was a taste of what it will be like to graduate. All of the perseverance that we endured from our teachers, parents and peers, it was there to shape us as students and soon-to-be adults. It was to help us transition into the next phase of our lives. It was here we develop our sense of individuality, commitment, grit. **"The night before, I watched videos of people skydiving," senior Dana D'Argo said. "The first one I watched, the woman's parachute didn't open but I still wasn't scared."**

"I've been wanting to go skydiving since I was ten," Andraleya said. "Dana and I made a vow that on my eighteenth birthday we would go." Much like getting ready for a new year, the two friends had to take precautions in order to ensure a safe fly. "Before we could even fly, we had to eat a big breakfast and fill out a bunch of release forms," Dana said. "We had to watch a ten-minute safety video, and



the instructor joked that it was his first time skydiving too." The moments before we experience something new in life can be uneasy, maybe not even for us, but for those around us. In the girls' case it was their parents that were saying goodbye. "Everyone was hugging us before we went up just in case," Andraleya said. "But I still wasn't scared." In the plane, it was small, only fitting five people including the pilot. Dana was given the chance to take control of the plane, just as students do when they have to decide their next course, their next step toward growth. "I had the power of the plane and the lives of four other people in my hands," Dana said. "I was just thinking, 'Oh my gosh, I'm flying a plane and I'm about to jump out of one.'" With the comfort of knowing they had each other for support, the girls jumped. "It was cold at first and all that I could think of was 'Wow,'" Dana said. "It hurt when the parachute first opened, but it was fun when we spun around in circles. I can't compare this feeling to anything, there is no way to describe it." **"The landing was really scary," senior Andraleya Allo said. "The guy told me to lift my legs up or they would break."**

And as soon as we faced the unknown, we settled in, we became familiar with the five-minute passing periods, the shortcut hallway behind the second floor AP office, and which bathrooms smell the least. Time to move on to the next step, and we are forced to jump again.

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VALUABLE VICTORY

Pointing to his family and friends, junior Jacob Simmerman celebrates winning his wrestling semi-finals match. On Feb. 21, Jacob advanced to the final round for the state title, which was the furthest he had been. "It was crazy because last year I lost my first two matches so I didn't even place for semi-finals," Jacob said. "My teammates are my family, we go through everything together."

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