



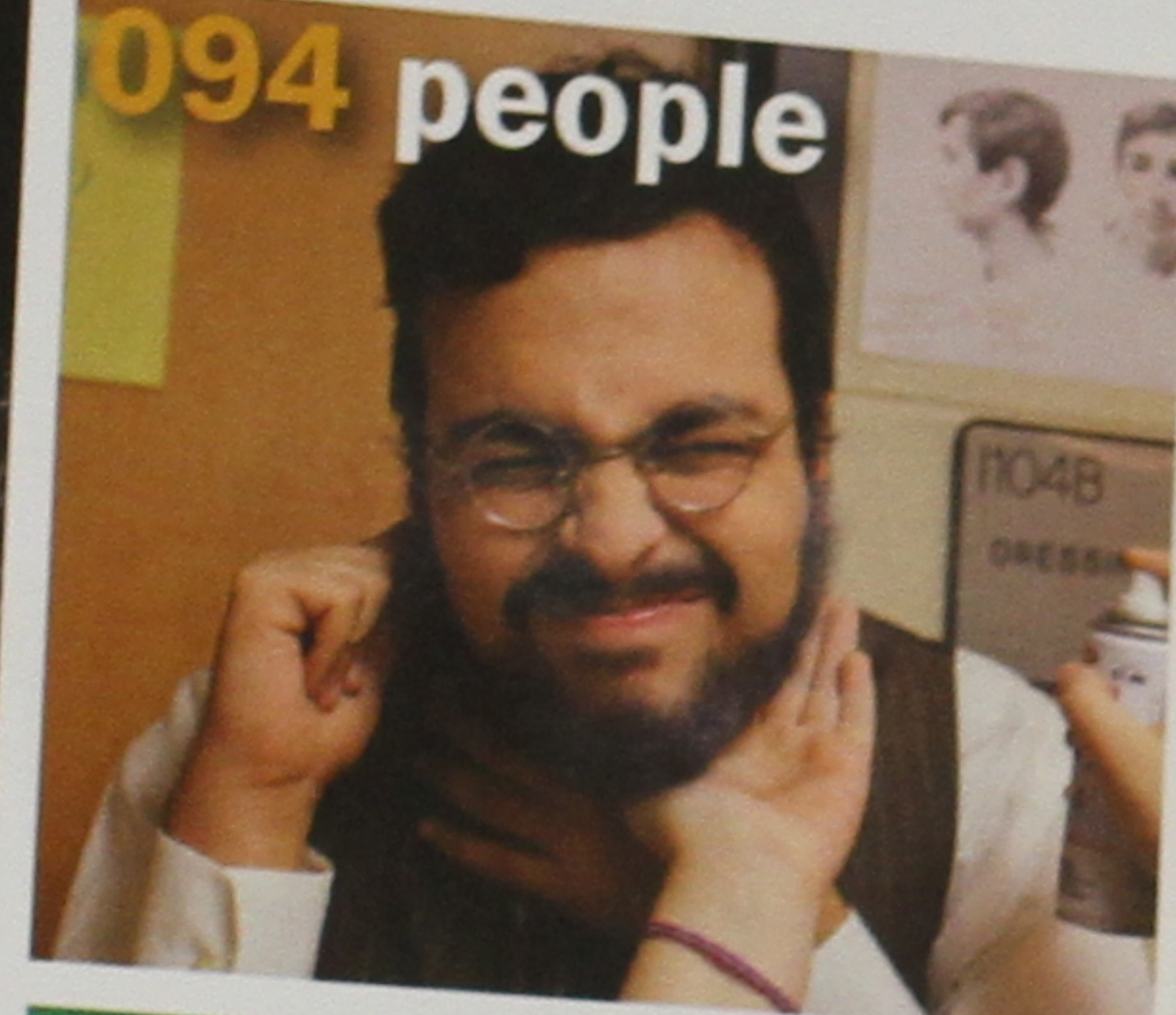
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drum up spirit

During the drum break, junior Travis Jeter plays the cadence "Rock Steady." As drum captain, Travis chose which cadences to play. "The main goal is for us to entertain the audience," Travis said. "Once that's down, I just play."

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a home of our own



Walk through the door.
Take a look around.

People sit on the Socratic stairs. There's that one group of kids who always sing and play their guitars before school.

Principal Gordon Butler stands outside the front doors welcoming students with sarcastic comments and occasional hot cocoa or brownies. Those deck the hall posters that never quite made it down on time. Watching movies at lunch on Fridays. Science classrooms that you always regret not bringing your jacket to. And principals having to shoo kids out at the end of the day.

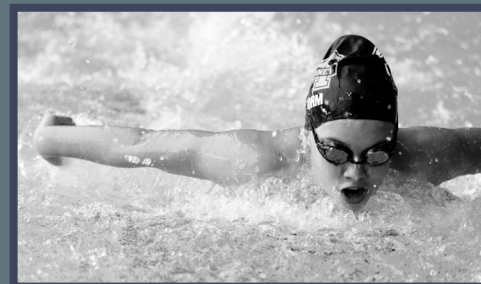
This is our home.

Top: At the staff-student basketball game senior Alan Martinez cheers on the students as they score on the teachers. Alan was with his friends sophomores Micah Harris, Carlos Echeverria, and junior Rachel Grounds. "I really liked watching the teachers play especially Mr. Stevens," Alan said. "Because I never picture him doing anything athletic."

1. In biology, freshman Alex Cuellar, Davin Price, Collin Peabody heat up water for an experiment to test genetic evolution. 2. Against Frisco Liberty, sophomore Wilson Galvan lines up to go in the game. 3. Underneath the late afternoon sun, senior Kaitlyn Jenkins outlines her chevron themed parking spot.



At the first pep rally, senior Robert Davila yells during a sumo fighter skit while the other Headhunters fall back.



While coming up for a breath of air, sophomore Lindsay Strohm swims the 100-meter butterfly.



At mini Marquette camp junior Alena Horvath takes a selfie with the campers.

Things started to feel like **home.**

at home



Emily Polk

We began the year with strict dress code enforcements and two new principals. Classes had to be held in flex spaces to accommodate our growing population. That new bell serving as a constant reminder that we had

“one minute to get to class.” Thanks to Mr. Butler we knew when it was National Thank a Mailman Day or National Tortilla Chip Day. The Royal Pride Band made it to state, and we watched the live stream from home. When Jacob made those shots in the students versus faculty basketball game we cheered him on as a family.

Someone from our home.



Abigail Anderson

1. Sophomore Gaby Arroyo and freshman Caroline Swan cheer after a point in the JV volleyball game against Frisco Wakeland.
2. At the homecoming pep rally seniors Josh Brinkman and Patrick Oliver yell during the class spirit stick cheer.

Top: At the front of the student section, Dillan Saporito cheers at the Lovejoy game. As a senior, Dillan was able to be a leader in the student section. “Our team was standing its ground against a tough and good opponent and Matt Gadek scored a touchdown to bring the game to a close.” photo by Zanee Logan



Chelsea Salinas

In chemistry class, sophomore Jessica Vigil heats up a chemical to test molar change to determine energy loss.



Ulises Velez

After the Liberty football game, junior Marquettes Keely Roach and Jessie Carithers link pinkies and sing the alma mater.



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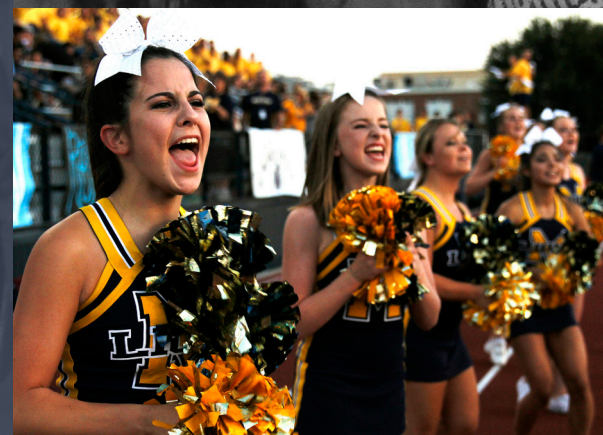
In construction class, juniors Francisco Ramos and Josue Aguilar use a nail gun to work on framing.

up in smoke

At the start of the second half of the Crosstown Showdown, seniors Shawn Pitts, Isaias Sanchez, Cecilia Guerrero, Alex Vilarino, and Jack Sicula throw baby powder in the air. Although the security told them not to, they threw the baby powder to bring up the spirit in the student section. "I told everybody to throw it up in the air whenever we ran out for halftime," Shawn said. "Everyone was shocked we actually did it. After that it was pretty hype. I'm glad I did it." *photo by Hannah Mead*

CLOSE TO HOME

We finally settled in. McKinney High wasn't just a renovated building anymore, it was a home (with cracked tiles and everything.) You can be yourself at home, and that's what we are. We sit on couches and benches between classes and eat lunch throughout the building in those little family rooms. But it's more than that. With so much time spent outside of school in extracurriculars and sports, classmates and teammates became like family members. And we support our family members. Like when Jonny won homecoming king. And despite what the scoreboard said, we came out baby powder in hand, to every football game. This is our home.



Aleyam Velazquez

Juniors Allie Penton and Jenna Brasuell cheer on the football team.



Aleyam Velazquez

During the halftime show, junior Valeria Hernandez performs with the colorguard.



Ulises Velez

On the sidelines, senior Walker Torrain waits to go in against Lovejoy.

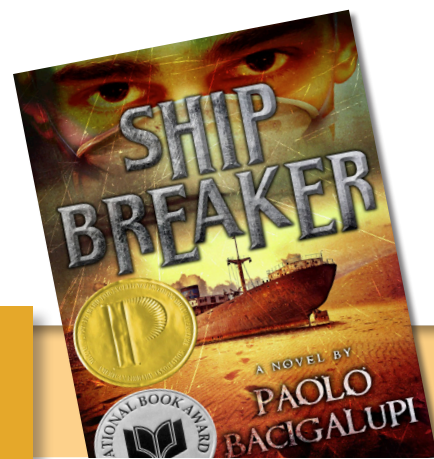


Ulises Velez

In ag class, senior Shane Farmer uses a grinder.

summer homework

Whether students paced their readings over the course of the two months of summer and filled their book with annotations, or Sparknoted it the day before school, summer reading was due the first day of English class.



Ship Breaker

by Paolo Bacigalupi

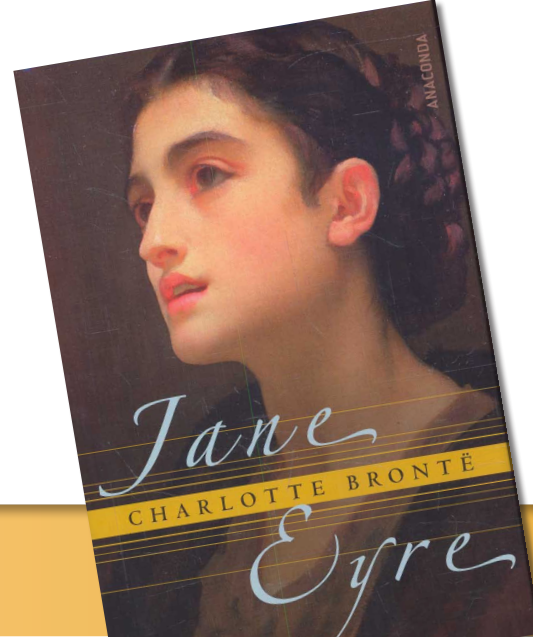
"I enjoyed the book. It contained a lot of action and the characters were interesting. Through it, I was reminded that life is not easy for all people. Some people live very hard lives and struggle to live every day, but in the end, it shapes them into the who they are." -Justin Duclos, 9



American Born Chinese

by Gene Luen Yang

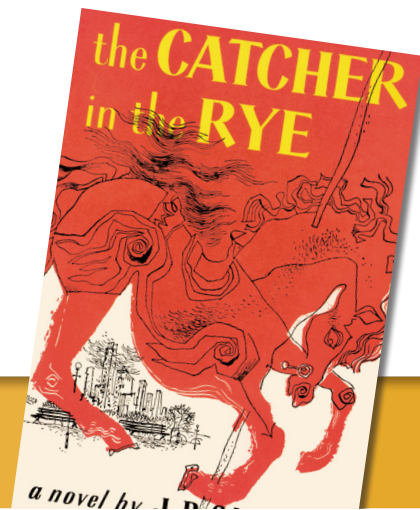
"In the graphic novel, the main characters live in a discriminating community, and have a lack of self acceptance. I was reminded not to judge others based on their race or other physical qualities, and not to put too much pressure on myself." -Shelby Witt, 9



Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Bronte

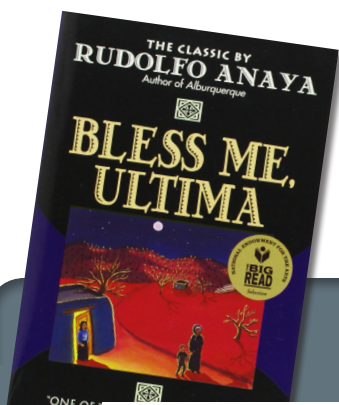
"From Jane Eyre, I learned that beauty comes in all ways. One of the main characters, Mr. Rochester, is rude, dark, and unappealing rather than nice and handsome, but Jane likes this in him. Jane's story was interesting to read because we are so different. She is independent and sophisticated, while I am known to be dependent and clumsy." -Olivia Bruce, 9



Catcher in the Rye

by J.D. Salinger

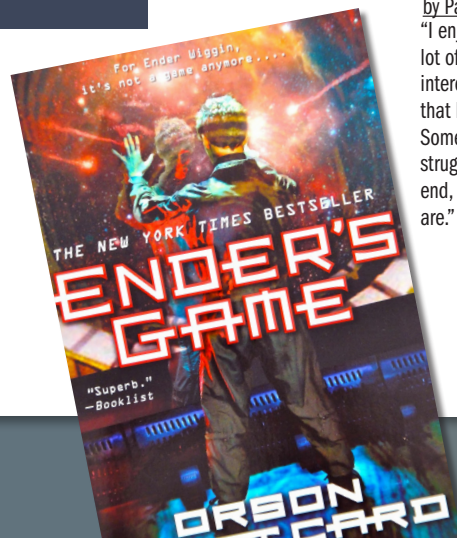
"The main character's sister inspired me because she woke her brother up from the sleep of his depression. She told him that he needed to get his life together and reminded him how much he is loved. That changed his perspective of life and is the turning point where he changes himself for the better. Like the main character, I went through a time where I put this tough face on, but inside, little things really affected me." -Adrian Price, 9



Bless Me, Ultima

by Rudolfo Anaya

"I felt a sense of inspiration as I read this book. The main character encountered many highs and lows in his life, which we can all relate to. I saw myself in the main character because he was so ambitious, stood up for what he believed in, and took charge while always trying to remain positive." -Erin Smith, 9



Ender's Game

by Orson Scott Card

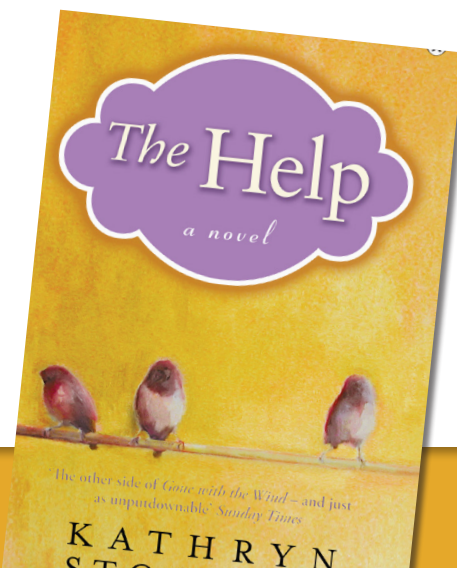
"Ender's Game made me to see the maltreatment of others that occurs just beneath our noses, and that people can be devious and diminish your trust in seconds. Valentine Wiggin was such an inspiring character. She was delicate with a supposed heart of gold, but she revealed her true colors in later chapters." -Anna Kazachka, 9



The Inferno

by Dante Alighieri

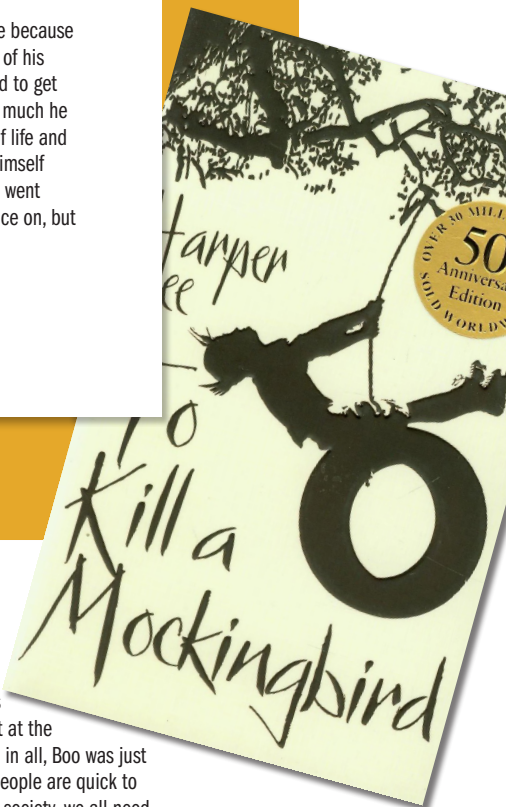
"The Inferno was interesting, creepy, and full of vivid descriptions, but it taught me to be open to different interpretations of the world. We did a project where we had to write and illustrate our own chapter of a book, and it really helped me appreciate the structure of The Inferno." -Star Okolie, 10



The Help

by Kathryn Stockett

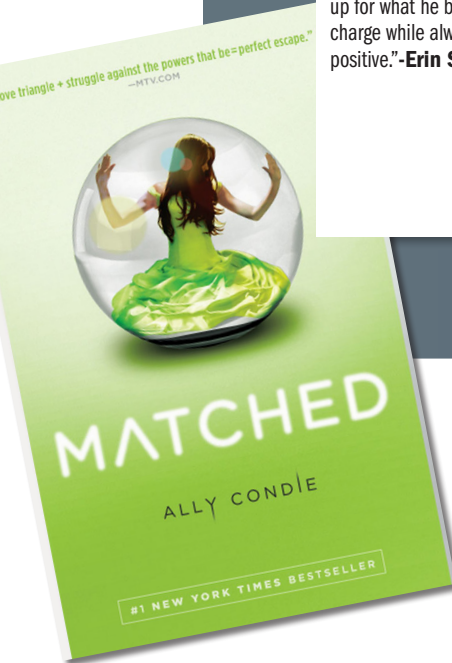
"Before reading The Help, I heard good things about it everywhere, and could not wait to read it. From the book, I learned to embrace what makes me different and help those who are struggling. Even though it's a male-dominated career, I want to be a programmer, and after reading The Help, I feel even more motivated to follow that dream. The Help also opened my eyes to problems in our society. We've come far but not far enough." -Jessica Edwards, 10



To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

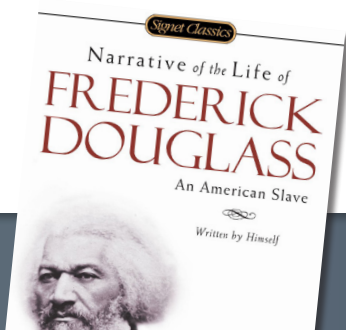
"Boo Radley was by far my favorite character. At the beginning he was portrayed to be evil, but at the end he was the hero. All in all, Boo was just misinterpreted. Today, people are quick to assume and judge. As a society, we all need to take a step back and get to know a person before we make conclusions based on meager facts such as their appearance, race, and gender." -Briana Gionorio, 10



Matched

by Ally Condie

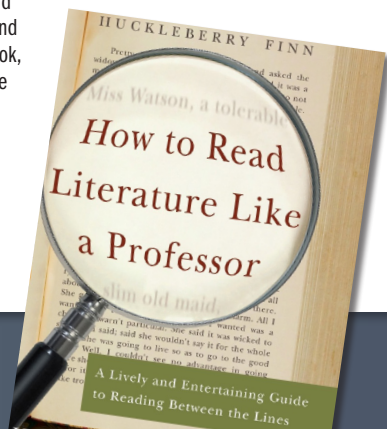
"I really liked this book because the events inspired the characters to move toward their dreams rather than follow the crowd and do as they're told. The main character and I are similar because we are both competitive and persistent. All in all, after reading Matched I was motivated to let nothing stand between me and my dreams." -Morgan King, 10



The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

by Frederick Douglass

"After reading Frederick Douglass' perspective I felt more sympathetic toward him and the slave life. It was neat to learn how slaves were treated differently in different settings, and that not all masters were cruel. Some were nice but were thrown into hard situations and decisions." -Michael Hamilton, 11



How to Read Literature Like a Professor

by Thomas C. Foster

"It was engaging to read because, instead of using examples from books students would not normally read, the author includes examples from popular books such as Harry Potter, as well as biblical scenes that everyone knows of. After reading this book, I feel like I have improved my reading skills to an extent. The author elaborated on specific things to look for such as symbols like weather, and hidden meanings behind one's journey." -Kylie Green, 12



Frankenstein

by Mary Shelley

"After taking anatomy and physiology, I was inspired to be a biomedical engineer, so when I had the opportunity for school to read Frankenstein, I was really excited. Through the novel I was able to relate to Shelley on a personal level because she talks about the desire to acquire knowledge and her intense passion for research. Frankenstein opened my eyes to the idea that science can go wrong but when used ethically, it can change the world." -Ayleen Arteaga, 12

"Valentine Wiggin had a sort of flame about her that ignited me to open up more about myself and have the bravery to do what I please."

"Overall, the book gave me an introduction to the technique of rhetorical analysis, and lined up with my U.S. history readings."

H O M E T E A M

Doesn't matter which side we're on

when it comes to Crosstown Showdown because we're technically always the home team. All three McKinney high schools use the same stadium so that means occasional Thursday night games and sometimes having to sit on the visitor side. Pregame festivities included so many traditions from the playing of the alma mater to the run-through inflatable lion with the cheerleaders tumbling and the flags running.

background photo from the press box by Ulises Velez



Headhunters
Leading the student section

Aleyam Velazquez



JROTC
Present the flags during national anthem

Aleyam Velazquez

Lion Nation
Threw baby powder in the air at the start of the game (before Mr. Ortiz could take it from them)

Spirit signs
Cheerleaders paint them before every game



Athletic trainers
Supply water, first aid and evaluate injuries for players

Ulises Velez



Royal Pride Band
Plays fight song as football team runs through inflatable lion

Aleyam Velazquez

Team buses

Inflatable lion

MHS1
Records footage for their show and ManestreamNews

MHS flags
Purchased last year, the Headhunters run them across the field before the game and after every touchdown

Yearbook photographer
Taking a picture and trying not to be run over

Marquette victory line
Performed fight song routine and eight different unified movements during the warm up and run through

Football team
Runs out with an American flag and McKinney High flag every game



Aleyam Velazquez

people

division

pull together
 At the homecoming pep rally, seniors Rickey Fantroy, Sophia Salvador and Owen Sutka participate in the tug of war challenge. All the homecoming nominations were announced in front of the student body and then they played tug of war with the arts and clubs nominations against the sports nominations. "I was nervous at first because everybody was staring at me but I was glad to be nominated for Prince of Clubs," Owen said. "It's really memorable to me because the girl I asked out to homecoming I'm still dating."



HOME SWEET HOME

It's the places around the school, like Mrs. Winters room or the black box. It's being surrounded by people who you grew up with. What you eat (or don't eat) in the cafeteria. Talking to your friends between classes and leaving them after that obnoxious "you have one minute to get to class" bell goes off. Complaining about how cold the school is, and then tweeting about it. Running in to the school to avoid a tardy pass and running out of the school to avoid student parking lot traffic. It's our home.



In Art I, sophomore Jackson Pearson traces an outline. *Isaac Phillips*



During a kickoff at the Frisco Liberty game, seniors Laurel Plunk and Alicia Yianitsas hold up L's. *Zanee Logan*



In orchestra class, junior Josh Snead practices the violin. *Isaac Phillips*



At the homecoming game, senior Nikki Caballero and junior Shuva Gautam play their flutes. *Jessica King*

Aleyam Velazquez

pep talk

In the locker room at halftime against Lovejoy, Coach Jeff Smith talks to the varsity football team about the game. This was senior night and the Lions fell short 50-65. "Coach Smith tells us to keep up our work when we're up," sophomore Jake Smith said. "But he also tells us what to fix when we're short on points. We're more like a brotherhood no matter what."



HOME OF THE LIONS

Five years from now, the score won't matter. You'll remember the team dinners, pre-game locker room dance parties, and halftime pep talks. Early practices, late games, and bus rides home. Friday (and occasional Thursday) nights at Ron Poe, squeezing together in the student section, fighting to keep a seat after halftime. Showing up to volleyball and basketball games in costumes. And no matter who came out on top in the Crosstown Showdown, we had more spirit. Always.



David Funes

Coach Wes Watson plots strategy with the varsity team during a timeout.



David Funes

Before volleyball playoffs, senior Alyssa Clay kisses Leo's paw for good luck.



Ulises Velez

Principal Gordon Butler runs the "M" flag after the Headhunters failed to notice that the Lions had scored.



Nicole Land

At the McKinney Boyd meet, senior Brooke Merrick runs the 300 meter hurdles, her favorite event.

seniors

division

up in smoke
 Taryn Kenedi, Ashlyn Ross, Morgan Inglis, Alicia Yianitsas, Emma Kelley, Demi Davenport, Natasha Packer



HIT HOME

Their freshman year was the last to have been in the old building and the year of first lip dub. The underpass went from four lanes to 12 lanes with confusing exits to get to the school (you had to be from here to know how.) They would be the only class to walk across the stage and shake Mr. Gordon Butler's hand at graduation after he announced he would be leaving at the end of the year. Maybe it was at the last pep rally or home football game that it sunk in. This was it. It was the last time they would call this place home. But no matter where they go, they will always have a place to come home to.



Zanee Logan
 Dressed in their best hawaiian gear, seniors Jacob Smith and Jack Scula cheer during a kickoff.



Ulises Velez
 To take a break from painting his spot, senior Asher Outsarsingh plays the banjo.



Ulises Velez
 Before the Hamlet play, senior David Funes has his beard sprayed for his character.



Ulises Velez
 At the homecoming carnival, senior Zach Vernier wins the pie eating contest.



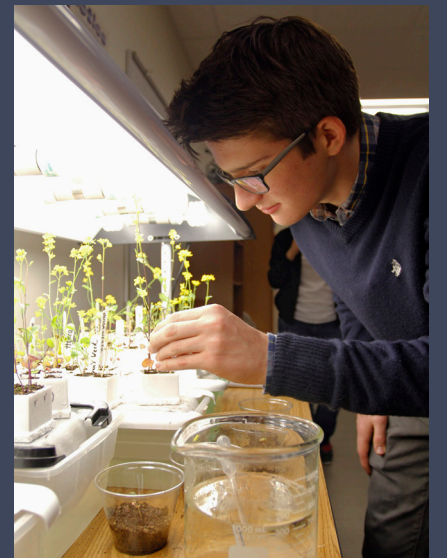
Chelsea Salinas
 Outside, senior Taylor Peabody paints her parking spot.

the home stretch



As the year went on, we gained 10 minutes to our lunches and lost a few minutes from some classes. We have our traditions and we showed people that no one messes with them when 1,773 people signed a petition to keep painted senior parking spots.

Those reserved spots became even more valuable the second semester after sophomores earned their drivers licenses, which made after school traffic a nightmare. But that didn't matter when you could stay after school in your favorite teachers' rooms (and still come back **home** to visit those teachers after graduation.)



1. At the Crosstown Showdown basketball game, senior Kristian Maya cheers after a McKinney basket. 2. Before the state competition, the cheerleaders are sent off with a Touch the Lion ceremony while the drum line performs. 3. In environmental science senior Owen Sutka places a plant under a light source.

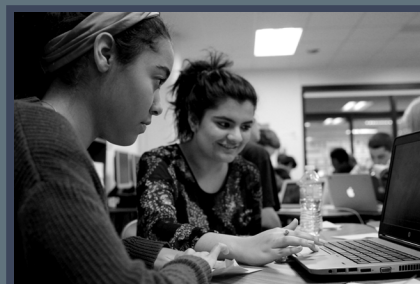
Top: Against Celina, senior Demi Davenport slides on base in a close play. Because it was her last season, she wanted to leave everything on the field. "Whether its diving for balls or sliding into bases," Demi said. "I'm going to do my best for my team."



At the Collin County cattle show, senior Reece Phillips leads his steer.



Before the game against North, senior Josselyne Orbegoso, juniors Jade Hollins and Nicole Stuessy, and sophomores JaMiya Braxton and Sarah Jacobsen stand during the national anthem.



In professional communications juniors Kyla Lightfoot and Urooj Qureshi practice origami.



Aleyam Velazquez

solo dance

During a slow dance at prom, sophomore Elizabeth Warren slow dances without a partner. She went to prom this year without a date or group because she had fun last year and didn't feel like she needed to stay home. "There's no point in finding anyone else to dance with when you can just dance with yourself," Elizabeth said. "At first it was kind of awkward when the slow song came on. I was like 'oh shoot I don't have a date' but I don't need a man to make me happy, I can dance with myself."