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Through wins and losses, we celebrate and comfort each other. As we live each year, we make it, and ourselves, something worth **remembering**.

RAISING THE ROOF

In an effort to pump up her team, sophomore Klaira Torrez breaks from the huddle and throws up her signature 'I love you' pose. 'If you're down and people start getting frustrated, you kind of have to lift them up,' Torrez said. 'It's kind of like, 'Hey, I'm proud of y'all.' As a defensive specialist for the team, it's her responsibility to keep the girls' spirits up.

Photo by Victoria Hoang

PICKING A POSE

Individuality sneaks away as sophomore Katie Betschart slips into her unique rehearsed position portraying longing and determination, blending in with the band. "You don't want to be the only one sticking out," Betschart said. "We as a band had something to prove." The show challenged the band to project and exaggerate their emotions and movements from down on the field. Photo by Caroline Joaquim

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Tradition leads us as we look to the past to set the mark for future achievements, knowing that our legacy will live on for those that come after us. Each day becomes part of our story.

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Our presence in these halls not only fills the air but fuels the atmosphere as our time and effort turn a school building into a second **home**.

ELECTRIFYING EXPERIENCE

Leading a group further into the Zombie Experience attraction, junior Chris Ayala channels his nerves into confidence. "The first night I was really scared. I'd only worked the course four times before taking a real group," Ayala said. "I got more comfortable taking people after each one." The constant running coupled with ill-fitting boots left Ayala exhausted at the end of the night. Photo by Anna Saucedo



THE SWING OF THINGS

Continuing with the fun from the PALs bonding day, junior Victoria Hoang heads to Top Golf with a handful of upperclassmen from the conference. "I was very excited but also shy because it's a new group of people," Hoang said. "As the night went on, I got more comfortable with them." Hoang anticipates that the coming year will be spent with her new friends.

RACING ON THE WATER

Travels lead to new destinations, experiences

Halfway into the summer and in need of excitement, senior Mason Limbaugh and his family embark on an unexpected trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama in search of fresh scenery and new experiences.

"We just wanted to go to a beach with white sands and that's the closest place," Limbaugh said.

Alligator farms and beach time are just a few activities Limbaugh enjoyed to pass the time during his visit. His personal favorite, however, was riding the Jet Ski.

"It was my first time," Limbaugh said. "It's basically

a mini boat. You just pull the little throttle and you take off."

Limbaugh relates his experiences on the Jet Ski to riding BMX bikes, which he does frequently at home.

"The only real danger is there's no brakes," Limbaugh said. "So, if you see a boat coming towards you, you better turn."

Aside from cruising through the Gulf of Mexico, Limbaugh appreciates the novelty of the vacation location.

"It was the littlest part of Alabama that no one's ever heard of," Limbaugh said. "But it was great."

Story by Jarrod Glaser and Emma Louis



TOO FAB FOR MOAB Exploring places old and new, junior Abrielle Alfaro enjoys a summer vacation to visit family and go site seeing in Moab, Utah. During her stay, Alfaro and her family visit the historical arches and museums. "I had never been to Moab before," Alfaro said. "And I've been to Utah, like, fifteen times." Wind erosion causes massive holes to form in the side of the large canyons creating beautiful rock formations. Knowing now that there are many more locations to hike and new exciting attractions to see, Alfaro anticipates visiting again someday. "It was overwhelming to see all of it," Alfaro said. "The pictures don't do it justice."

Photos by Frank Call



Photo by Lisa Limbaugh



destination

"I went to downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas," sophomore Lauren Scott said. "We visited a bunch of shops and stuff. We just spent three hours walking around and I stopped because there was a cute little statue next to a barber shop. It was one of the first barber shops that was in town, so I took a picture with the guy."



Photo by Ron Peterson



Shaved PARADISE

SUMMER TREAT COOLS CHILDREN, PATRONS OFF

Staying refreshed in the air conditioned truck, senior Nicole Gentry serves snow cones to customers at Hawaiian Falls.

"One of the best parts of my job is working around the kids," Gentry said. "When you're in the snow cone place you have to interact and be nice with them."

Gentry doesn't mind working around kids on a daily basis considering she coaches them on the side.

"They love to watch us pour the flavor on the snow cones," Gentry said. "They would pay at one window and at the next window we would make it."

Story by Zak Pike Photo by Madi McVan

LIVE TO SERVE



Serving a frozen treat at Andy's Frozen Custard, junior Chase Gale makes sure to smile when interacting with customers.

"The hardest part of my job is always having to have a smile," Gale said. "I picked Andy's because it had a different atmosphere than anywhere else."

Working in the fast food industry has changed his perspective on customer service.

Stories by Zak Pike

Prepping the next order, senior Erik Reyes lends a helping hand in finishing the sandwiches.

"We don't have specific jobs, we do whatever to get things running smoothly," Reyes said. "It gives me a sense of responsibility and allows me to feel a part of something great."

Jersey Mike's has given Reyes a sense of accomplishment and responsibility.

Photos by Victoria Hoang



MOVING FORWARD

RUNNER GROWS MORE EXPERIENCED THROUGH TRACK



Sweat runs down his forehead as he looks around and gets in position, fingers on the ground, foot on the starting block. Nothing will stop him from his goal. The gun goes off. He gives a final push. Cameras flash, the crowd is screaming and he's off and running at the 2015 Junior Olympics.

Sophomore Calvin Householder has an outstanding track record ever since he started

running track in 7th grade at Kelly Lane Middle School with Coach Holub and, despite being 6'3", Householder has managed to become a fast, agile, competitive young athlete.

"I want to run in college," Householder said. "To get there I have to put in the work now."

Preparing for the Junior Olympics, Householder practiced three times a week as well as having additional meets on Saturdays.

"To qualify for the Junior Olympics runners must be in the top 16 at the district meet move on to regionals," Householder said. "During regionals runners must be top six in order to qualify."

Although Householder didn't receive a medal this year at the Junior Olympics, he plans to return as a second year intermediate to perform at a higher quality than before.

Story by Emilio Pla Photo by South AAU

subordination

What is your worst memory of your job?



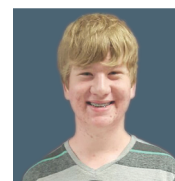
"On one of our busy days at Pizza Hut the manager got really mad at the amount of people, so he started throwing the phones on the floor."
- Erica Marujo, 11



"There was a person that got stuck on the second level at the adventure park. It took me and someone ten minutes to pull him back in."
- Lane Romick, 11



"I was playing frisbee with my co-counselors one day. When I went to catch the frisbee, I was stepping over a tree stump landing right on my face."
- Jade Lietzke, 11



"One time when I was making the custard the machine ran out so I had to go next door and we had to start making the treats there instead."
- Cameron Cunningham, 12



"There was a span of three days where my co-workers didn't want to work, so Austin Park and Pizza forced me to work doubles all three days."
- Bianca Huerta Rico, 12



"I went to work at Subway on a Saturday morning to work and found out it was my day off and they made me stay and work."
- Jacob Bustamante, 12



CHEMICAL REACTION

Laughing as flames consume the soapy bubbles in her hand, junior Elizabeth Ross and the rest of her AP Chemistry class participate in a common experiment. It's something that happens every year in Pre-AP chem, and they had just done it that day, so Kubicek was like, 'hey, do you guys want to light your hands on fire?' and we all said yes.' Ross said. AP Chemistry is an advanced class that expands on the topics discussed in Pre-AP Chemistry. Photo by Emma Harting

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With each tournament, competition, or performance, we strive to make our school better. We're always pushing to new heights, creating a powerful name for our school.

DEBATING AT HOME

Standing to deliver his piece for the Public Forum team debate, junior Carlos Gregory joins students from around Texas for the TFA State Tournament. "It was basically like every other tournament, but we had home field advantage," Gregory said. Among a multitude of awards garnered by the Speech and Debate team, Gregory and eighteen other debaters have qualified for Nationals this year. Photo by Victoria Hoang



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More than a building, a classroom, stage, or field, this place pulses with a spirit and a passion that turns school into a home.

ONCE A HAWK

A new member of the coaching staff for the team he once played on, Coach Tiago Silva reflects on the changes to his soccer team since his own high school days. "A ton has changed since I was here," Silva said. "For one, our field was a grass field. We never got to practice on the turf. From soccer captain to soccer coach, Silva remains a member of the team he played on in high school, retaining a new perspective on the responsibilities of a leader. Photo by Abigail Marinelarena

**RAINBOW RESEARCH**

Carefully examining the liquid in each test tube, junior Lindsey Robinson marvels at the color change lab in AP Chemistry. "It was really cool because we got to mix all the colors and actually got to see real chemistry happening, and we actually knew what was going on in the tubes," Robinson said. Robinson's teacher suggested taking the advanced class because Robinson performed well in Pre-AP Chemistry.

Photo by Emma Harting



BATTLE OF THE BALL

Smiling in the sun as she prepares to throw a softball, sophomore Kiersty Shepherd enjoys her day volunteering at the Homecoming Festival. "Soccer and softball were competing to see who could throw the fastest," Shepherd said. As a player on the soccer team, Shepherd knew she had to do her best to feat the softball players at their own game. "The festival was a lot of fun," Shepherd said. "And soccer beat softball, too."

Photo by Victoria Hoang

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