

# SUMMER BEATS

Fourteen days and 90-plus degree heat equals sweaty but dedicated band members



"It was hot, tiring and sweaty, but also fun because I was with my friends."

-Jesse Hinostrza, 12

"It was great to indoctrinate all the freshmen into the trumpets' traditions."

-Matthew Moller, 10

"Color guard was an enjoyment. I picked up on it very easily and made a lot of new friends."

-Morgan Bonvillian, 9

"I enjoyed spending time with my friends before the stress of school and learning the show for my senior year."

-Arianna Montes, 12

"It was hot, it was sweaty, and it was lots of fun and I got to meet a lot of people. Overall, it was a pretty good experience."

-Niko Bermea, 11

"It was fun. I got to meet the freshmen and make new friends during the summer and carry that out throughout the year."

-Cody Quinn, 10

"Summer band was awesome and yeah it's tough, but so many good things come out of it. We improved so much as a band and we all bonded throughout the whole experience. It's definitely something I'll miss, but I'll always be fond of the memories and friends I've made throughout my four years."

-Liam DeCoste, 12

"I made a lot of progress. It was fun to see all the band together, including the freshmen."

-Emmaleigh Watts, 11

"It was fun, yet it required a lot of hard work."

-Lexi Johnson, 10

"It's tiring and it involves a lot of hard work and in the end you are rewarded with band tans."

-Anthony Lavoro, 9

"It was really awesome to come back for the fourth year in a row. Even though this will be my last year, I aim to make this year as epic as I possibly can for everyone else."

-Michael Alpert, 12



"THIS YEAR'S yearbook IS completely **DIFFERENT** COMPARED TO OUR other yearbooks.

The **COLORS** we used are very bold and the **FONT IS CLEAN** and **SHARP**.

The **Plexiglass** cover gave it a professional **LOOK** which added variety to our designs."

-Kelsey Staber, 12



## PLAYING CATCH

Junior Karlie Calderon, freshman Madison Gould, junior Angelica Culver and sophomore Nathaniel Northcut practice for the band's fall competition show. The marching band, color guard and Rhythm Dance Company returned to campus in late July to begin working on their marching show. This was Culver's third year as part of color guard. "I've struggled with rifle for two years," Culver said. "But this is the first year I can get out higher tosses without a struggle because of our new director." *photo by Janice McLaughlin*





### COUNT OFF

In the August heat, senior Jackson Shoultz leads rehearsal. Shoultz was one of four drum majors who helped prepare the band for their marching season, including 14 practices during the summer. "My job is to make sure no one dies," Shoultz said. "I get all of our equipment ready to go. I'm there to make sure everything goes smoothly."

photo by Lorenz Schuerk



Darin Vest & Kat Patterson



Freshmen



Olivia Langdon & Emma Stein



Freshmen during pep rally, Aug. 12

## RED, WHITE & YOU

StuCo chooses 'America' theme for Raider Camp

Raider Camp got patriotic in the summer. The annual camp, which welcomes incoming freshmen, went red, white and blue. Student Council chose the theme "America" with members getting into the stars and stripes spirit and encouraging students to wear patriotic colors.

"I feel that the American theme is something that can get a lot of participation because anyone can wear red, white or blue," student body treasurer Alan Orwick said. "This participation gets the freshmen excited because they feel more involved with their groups, leaders and each other."

The camp, held Aug. 12-13, was a chance for ninth graders to get familiar with the campus,

meet other students and learn school traditions.

"It was a great fun-filled night that gave us the opportunity to meet others and get to know our school to make the high school tradition easier," freshman Maxine Matl said.

During the camp, the students attended a mini-pep rally where they learned school traditions and cheers. The Royals and cheerleaders performed, and after the pep rally, the freshmen received a tour of campus and played games to help get to know each other. The camp concluded with a luau, Aug. 14.

"I thought it was really fun to meet everyone, see Rouse and experience all the school spirit," freshman Emma Stein said.

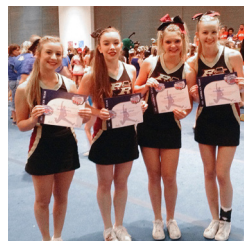


### SHAPING UP

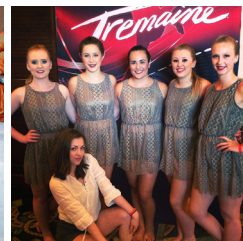
On the practice field, freshman Manuel De Los Santos runs an agility drill during strength and conditioning camp in June. Fall athletes attended the camp in the mornings from mid-June through July to help stay in shape before their seasons began. "I feel like if I didn't do it, I wouldn't be where I am today," De Los Santos said. "You make a better connection with your team. I thought camp wouldn't help me, but it went up to like what varsity was doing."

photo by Chloe Hatfield

## Summer success



**CHEER** Cheerleaders Danielle Rumsey, Courtney Whitson, Brooke Fincher and Madi Schmidt were named All-Americans at National Cheerleading Association camp in June. "It felt really good when all of our hard work paid off," Schmidt said.



**DANCE** The Royal line and social officers attended the Tremaine Dance Convention in Dallas where they placed third in group contemporary. "It was an amazing feeling to hear our dance called," senior Cierra Birmingham said (second from left).



**LATIN** Glen Smith, sponsor Katie Cowhig and Hayleigh Bardin went to the National Junior Classic League competition in July. Smith was seventh in Dramatic Interpretation and eighth in Costume Contest while Bardin organized a spirit rally for the state delegation.