

# DIFFERENT DIRECTION

## CAST, CREW WORK TO PREPARE FOR SENIOR DIRECT

1. Taking notes, senior Kiffani Jolley prepares for the senior direct "Violet Sharp" debuting on Nov. 21, where she had a major role in creating and executing the show as one of the directors. Seniors were given the choice to direct their own play. "I had to be independent and learn to do things by myself," Kiffani said. "I gained more experience as a technician and a stage manager."



2. Practicing his scene, senior Michael Conway works on learning his part for his first show. Michael practiced his lines with freshman Cambria Dyess. "I played Walsh the police officer," Michael said. "It showed me how hard plays really are and how much time and effort I have to put into it."



3. While clearing the stage in order to prepare for "Violet Sharp," sophomore David Clark laughs as sophomore Patrick Callahan exaggerates the strength needed to lift the chair. Tech theater helped wherever they are needed in areas such as costume and set design. "It was a much more hands-on experience," David said. "Instead of a teacher (directing), it was a fellow student I could relate to."



4. As he rehearses his lines, sophomore Chase Parker gets in touch with his character. Bonds were formed due to the extra hours put in before and after school to execute the senior show in two weeks. "I played officer John McGrath, who was like the nice cop throughout the whole show," Chase said. "I prefer regular plays as opposed to senior directs because I have enough time to get everything done."



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# step-by-step: pumpkin pastries

### MIX INGREDIENTS

"I added eggs, milk and flour, as well as pumpkin mix and stirred for two minutes," senior Montana Stewart said. "Then after the batter has been mixed, it was prepared to go into the liners for the cupcakes."



### FILL THE LINERS

"We had just finished making the batter, (in culinary arts)," junior Joao Sousa said. "I used the rubber spatula and spoon to get the leftover mix from the bowl. After I filled the cupcake liners, we put them in the oven to bake at 350 degrees fahrenheit for 15 minutes."



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### MAKE FROSTING

"While waiting for the cupcakes in the oven, we made the frosting," sophomore Nicole Dominguez said. "We added in cream cheese and I bought orange sprinkles to decorate. I stirred the mixture for ten minutes. Once the cupcakes cooled, we started to frost them."

# facts&figures

## Students create mobile apps in Survey of Information Technology

# 06

**SIX WEEKS**  
"(It took us) six weeks to create the app," sophomore Jack Johnston said. "It took so long because we had to go through all the steps in making it. We were put into groups and everyone did a different app, and we figured out who had the best app in the end."

# 04

**FOUR GROUPS**  
"I was supposed to do the landforms (the visual graphics of the app)," freshman Seriah Carrillo said. "I made sure everything was correct like what we wanted to do, what it was going to look like and how the app was going work out."

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**TWO PARTS**  
"We did wire frames and planning the app out," freshman Jared Baehr said. "For the wire frames, we had to make sure when we turned on a phone and went into the app, it would go to the home page. We just kept on working on that. In the planning we just described what each frame was."

# basketball ESSENTIALS: Players describe defensive strategies used during games on Nov. 16

While utilizing his defense skills during a game against Richardson on Nov. 16, junior Demetris Johnson concentrates on having a strong defense. The JV basketball team won 61-47. Demetris felt an important part of the sport was the different strategies of defense and working around the ball to create a good foundation for offense. "Defense gets your offense started," Demetris said. "I play shooting guard, which is all about locking down the position and converting out to the point for offense."



Getting ready to rebound the ball during a game against Richardson, junior Deshon Grant fights off his opponent to gain possession of the ball. The varsity team lost the game 63-43. Grant believed attempts at knocking down the block was essential to playing the game, and wouldn't have been possible without him and his teammates working together. "Defense is really important because defense wins championships," Deshon said. "It involves a lot of teamwork which makes it a lot of fun."

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# it's how you fill the LAB

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As she dials in on her spin, senior Tyra Crawford swings her washer weight into a perfect circle in AP physics on Nov. 19. "The lab was about centripetal force," Tyra said. "The most exciting part about the lab was doing the math to find out how much percent error we had while spinning the ball on the string."



As he grips his weight attached to a pen, junior Jackson Lee gets ready for another turn at understanding centripetal force. The math provided the students with the numbers they needed to find the exact speed to create a perfect circle. "I have to be very accurate with the calculations," Jackson said.



Precisely measuring her string, junior Sara Lillie prepares for her first trial during her lab. "We tried to swing washer weights joined to a pen above our heads in a perfect circle," Sara said. "It was fun to watch a person slip up, but also terrifying because I was scared of getting hit in the face."



As she reaches to complete another trial of the lab, junior Cierra Black learns more about centripetal force and tension. "The lab was about centripetal force and tension," Cierra said. "I liked how it was a system of trial and error to figure it out."

"I like helping other people in my free time," sophomore Celine Robertson said. "I go volunteer at Frisco Family Services and mission trips with my church, aiding people affected by natural disaster, and the homeless."

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