

#Let'sGo-Andre Gonzalez, 11

#1PointForCameron-Steve George, 9

#IDon'tHaveAHashtag-Michael Banda, 12



Crowd surfing at Homecoming, Junior Eric Rodriguez enjoys the excitement during the game against Naaman Forest.

John Gieseey, 10



Jesse Salinas, 12



Chris Cerean, 11



Eamon Fobb, 10

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Southern Tradition

How much time did you spend



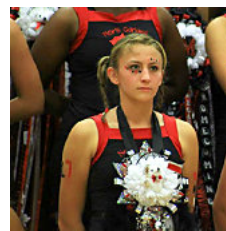
"My girlfriend made my garter, and I spent a week making her mum."

junior Joshua Pierce



"My mom made my mum. It took her two hours to make it."

senior Lesley Tirado



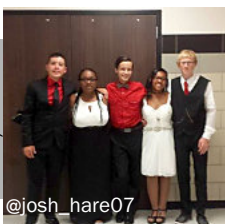
"My dad bought it for me last year, and I just added to it this year."

junior Shelby Rayner

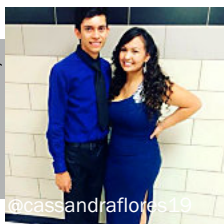
Hannia Cantu, 12



Josh Hare, 9



Cassandra Flores, 10



Shirlye Banuelos, 9



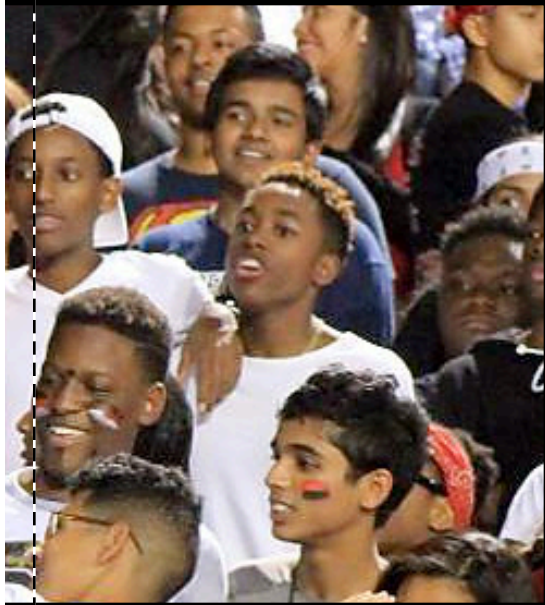
Deja Sanchez, 11



#NoEraPenal-Eladio Martinez, 11

#DrakelsBae-Ivy Williams, 9

#SchoolRocks-Francis Tran, 10



Soldier Boy

A junior floats over the crowd, living every second to the fullest before going back to his responsibilities as a new father and future soldier.

Enjoying his second to last year of freedom before beginning his new journey in an entirely new setting, junior Eric Rodriguez proudly crowd surfs with his fellow Raider Nation at the Homecoming game against Namaan Forest High School.

"Joe [Trigo] and Armin [Trigo] picked me up," Rodriguez said. "'It's your turn' they said as they lifted me up."

Even though, aside from Homecoming, he only goes to the first and last football games, Rodriguez always has a good time attending them.

Rodriguez spends most of his time at school trying to get his education so that he will be able to join the military.

Rodriguez's life completely changed when he found out he was going to be a father to a baby girl named Raelynn. The baby girl's approach encouraged him to pursue a career with the military. Even though the idea of being a father was scary, Rodriguez was determined to provide a good life for his daughter. He knew he was going to have to change something in his life for Raelynn's good.

"I just want to succeed," Rodriguez said. "I have changed a lot for my daughter, so she can have a better life."

So as he started to get better in school and talked to the recruiters of the U.S. Armed Forces, his entire family encouraged him to enlist.

"One of my cousins is in the Marines and another is in the Army," Rodriguez said. However, not everyone in Rodriguez's life was so supportive. The mother of his child was concerned that

Rodriguez would get injured or die after he enlists in active duty for the Army. Despite her concerns, Rodriguez is not worried, because he feels that his mental and physical strength, along with the thought of his daughter, Raelynn, will drive him forward when he is fighting for his country.

"I don't quit," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez hopes that while he is serving out in the field Raelynn will be taken care of by his parents and her mother.

Rodriguez plans to serve between 20 and 25 years.

Then, he will get a degree in engineering. "She's going to grow up without me, but I'm going to try to be there for her as much as I can," Rodriguez said. "[I] just hope she understands why I am doing this."

Story by Aaron Herrera and SaSchel Moore

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Jackie Olivarria, 9



on your mum or garter?



"My mom found someone to make it for me."

senior Cameron McGee

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Darlen Reed, 11

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Karina Martinez, 10

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