

KICKING OFF

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS HOST TEACHER BREAKFAST AS WAY TO WELCOME FACULTY BACK TO SCHOOL



LOTS OF LAUGHTER

Student Council members put away chairs after the breakfast. Senior Josh Taylor had been in student council for a year and helped out at events. "I set up food on the tables," Taylor said, "and welcomed teachers as they came in the school."



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

With a big grin on her face, senior Kristin Swope-Wooters serves teachers breakfast. Wooters helped out not only at the teachers' breakfast, but also at Fill the Bus. "I liked Fill the Bus," Wooters said. "We filled a school bus with supplies and gave them to different schools around McKinney."



UP HIGH

Welcoming teachers, senior Caroline Rollins high-fives Allen Parr. As student council president, Rollins' job was to plan and put together events for the school. "I went to Sam's and we got muffins and juice," Rollins said. "It was mandatory for all of student council to participate in the breakfast."

HELLOS AND HIGH FIVES

Helping welcome the incoming freshmen, senior Ramon Readus greets with an inviting smile and enthusiastic high fives. Bronco Camp had been an ongoing tradition that began 10 years ago when Boyd first opened. It offered the opportunity to introduce Boyd to the freshmen. "We cheered people on while they were coming in," Readus said, "and we handed them cards of what group they would be in."



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PULL IT TO THE MAX

With determination in his eyes, senior Derian Trahan races against his opponent at the end-of-summer band party. The party served as a fun way for band members to let loose from rigorous summer practice and get to know the new faces joining the 2015-2016 family. "I met a lot of new people my freshman year," Trahan said. "They were kind and welcoming. It's a lot more fun now. It becomes a lot more fun when you know people because you can just float around and do whatever."



1 "I have been doing it for two years now and it's just something that we do for the freshmen. Definitely the best part about it is rekindling those friendships. It was just fun to work with all my friends again and it's just fun to do."

-CHEWY MARTIN, 11

2 "I just thought it was cool getting to see the whole school for the first time. It was honestly scary at first. My biggest fear at the beginning was getting lost, but I've definitely learned my way around now. I didn't really meet any new people."

-BEN BARMORE, 9

3 "It was pretty fun. I met a lot of new people. A lot of them there were my choir friends from 8th grade. I liked going around with the other band kids as the upperclassmen showed us around the school."

-SEAN TRIECE, 9

4 "I met someone who is in my first period class and so I actually have a friend in there. I mostly talked to parents because the kids were hiding behind them. If they were trying to figure out what room they're in I would help them."

-KYLAH MARTIN, 9



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READY, AIM, FIRE

Hiding from his opponent, sophomore Coby Simpson prepares to attack with his laser gun in hand. Students at the band party had a wide variety of games to choose from. As a returning band member, Simpson said he felt right at home as he hung out with his friends and played laser tag during the party. "It was the end of summer band and it helped get to know each other, like the incoming freshmen," Simpson said. "The whole band ate food and danced."



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MR. SLIDE GUY

Sliding down the bouncy house while being tackled by a fellow band member, junior Luke Ledbetter participates in his third annual summer band party. Ledbetter said he only joined band to solve a sibling rivalry, but he had been able to make new friends and keep the old ones throughout his band career. "I wanted to beat my sister in band placement," Ledbetter said. "The party helped us know more about the personalities of the freshmen."

BAND INTO ACTION

AFTER WEEKS OF PRACTICING NEW MARCHING SHOW, GROUP LETS LOOSE WITH END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION

Heated August air filled the lungs of band members as they participated in the annual end-of-summer party. Huge inflatables and competitive games, including a combination of basketball and tug-of-war, were among the activities provided for members.

"There was one piece of rope connecting both people and you have to score in your own basket, but the other person has to as well," sophomore Bradley Buford said, explaining the basketball competition. "The rope burn from the game lasted for two weeks."

The party not only served as a celebration for the start of the school year, but also let incoming freshmen get to know band veterans.

"I think my favorite part was getting to meet new friends," freshman Parker Hosier said. "There was a really big slide and towards the end of the party we hung out up there and talked."

Veterans had the chance to mentor new members and show them the ropes and what it was like to be a member of the organization.

"In band, the upperclassmen adopt a little sister/brother, which is a lot of fun," junior Emory Healy said. "This year I chose a sister and helped her feel comfortable as she started out high school."

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-Emory Healy, 11