

GOT THEIR BACK

Groups lend support

As the players ran onto the field, they heard cheers and music and saw the sea of black-out shirts worn for their benefit.

“I go to the games and yell with encouragement as loud as I can,” senior student council President Abby Navarro said. “I also try to say good luck to the players before their game if I see them and if I remember.”

Supporting the TRIBE took on different forms.

“We travel to football games to help cheer them on,” junior Drum Major Rebecca Rempel said. “When basketball season comes around, we also go to some of those games to encourage them to play their best. We try to be as loud as we can anywhere we go to cheer them on.”

Even when football games were too far away for the band to travel, the group found other ways to back the teams.

“We play fast beat songs through the hallways on Fridays on our way to the gym to make the building fill with music,” sophomore trumpet Matthew Dyck said. “We try to make things more fun at the pep rallies and get everyone on their feet to have a good time.”

Spirit squad members practiced daily to perfect dances and chants to inspire the audience and athletic teams.

“We work all week on what we are going to be doing,” cheer captain junior Kaitlyn Hogue said. “Before the pep rallies, we warm up and make sure that everything is right and everyone is together. We make sure that every single one of us is pumped up and ready to cheer with spirit.”

Each class has its own way of making itself known on campus as well as the stands.

“We decorated our locker area to fit our [homecoming] theme which was the 70s,” junior Monique Zamora said. “We also scream as loud as we can at the pep rallies and give the battle cry our best shot.”

Classes use props to make themselves louder, especially during pep rallies.

“We bring things like a trash can and hammer to the pep rallies,” junior Chris Owen said. “They make us louder and help with our spirit.”

When the crowd was involved, the atmosphere at events was electric.

“We try to use cheers that we know the crowd likes,” Hogue said. “We use the ones that get the crowd involved and we throw the footballs and T-shirts.”

A crowd full of painted faces, matching T-shirts and unison chanting said one thing in particular to an athlete on the field or court. It said, “We’ve got your back.”



“I get to show who I am. I support the teams and get to show how proud I am of them.”
**Mascot
Kayleigh
Maxie-9**