

"My high school **experience** was like a painting. Sometimes, you make mistakes, but in the end, it turns out to be a **beautiful** thing." **alekka hernandez-12**



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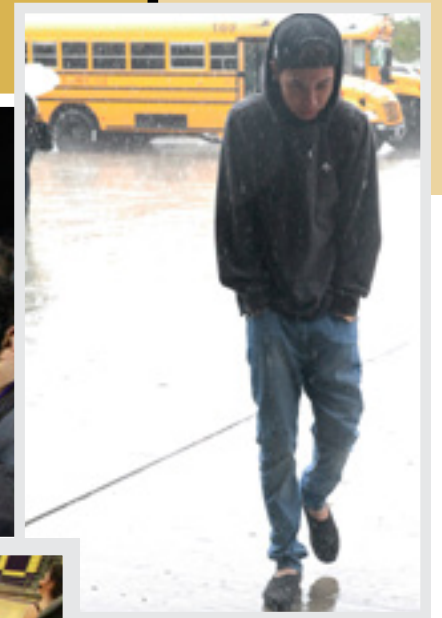
### WORDS TO LIVE BY

Despite being tired after a 28-14 win against the Bowie Bears, senior safety Alberto Jimenez, junior Brian Chavez and the rest of the varsity team listen to offensive coordinator Joe Urias praise their effort. "All of the coaches told us how we dominated as a team and proved everyone wrong," Jimenez said. "We were the underdogs all season. We are only the tenth football team in school history to make it to the playoffs." (photo by genesis barraza)



### COME TOGETHER

Tradition calls for sophomore Noheми Villa and her JROTC unarmed drill team members to go through their chant after a performance at "Meet the Mustangs." "Part of our chant goes, 'One team, one fight,'" she said. "I can't imagine being friends, but we have connected. We motivate and support one another in and out of JROTC." (photo by jonathan castro)



### CAUGHT IN THE RAIN

Soaked, senior Nicholas Anaya makes his way to the front of the school on an unusually cold October day. "I love the rain because you don't see this type of weather in El Paso often," he said. "Plus, I didn't feel well that day, so the water was refreshing. The only bad part was I got so wet that my Toms got ruined." (photo by adrian gil II)

hey.

You know, things happen all the time. Good things, bad things, and sometimes in between. New year, fresh start. You set a goal to earn straight A's, but ended the nine weeks with a C in Guardian's chemistry class. You thought you were going to go undefeated, then lost the first game against Frenship. But things turned around. You studied more, practiced harder. The results were better than you thought. Your club wants to go to Los Angeles, but you guys have to earn \$8,000 by lugging boxes of chips, cookies, and candy bars and selling them all. And you finally got your speech and debate letter after months of waiting. Even though the year didn't start off as planned, at least you got 100 likes on that selfie today. Don't worry too much about your grades, or your looks, or the drama that is high school. So what if your crush doesn't know who you are. You have friends who do. Now, you smell like onions because you got a job at Whataburger 'cuz you need the money. One of your classmates got into Brown University, and you're not even sure if you'll be able to get all 26 credits before graduation. As you navigate through your high school years, the pressure increases. Don't let it get to you. You start to realize that certain things will matter, certain things won't. One thing's for sure,

there's more to come.



**JUST SAY YES**  
Tension grows for sophomore Matteo Serrano and fellow sideline "reporters" sitting behind the "ESPN" desk at the boy's varsity basketball game against the Bowie Bears. "We do it to support the team and bring a little more school spirit to the game," he said. "The Bowie game was pretty intense, so it was fun being there cheering the team on with Eddie [Garcia], Jaime [Morenco], and Ray [Chavez]." The ESPN table tradition began last year. Those behind the desk hold up "Yes" signs when the team scores.

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# student life

Those who make up the latest **burgers generations** walk the halls and think back to the stories their families shared with them about how it used to be.

**Three words.** Sixty years later. Back then, nothing surrounded the campus, but a few homes. Now, **hidden gems** can be found around the corner and right on campus.

We're teenagers and we need our **sleep**. That doesn't mean we get enough of it. We have our reasons.

It could be "Star Wars" stuff or hoodies or vinyl or t-shirts. It takes up space in your closet. No matter. You **can't live without it**.

Sending texts to the wrong people and scary encounters. Embarrassing moments and random acts of kindness. **Did that really happen?**

Members of the first graduating class showed up to the **homecoming parade** and traveled down Edgemere along with visions of poodle skirts, bell bottoms, Rugrats and Pacman. The path led to the stadium where the **burning of the 'B.'** ignited school spirit.

**Shoes** complete your outfit and protect your feet, and they make a statement about your style and what you're willing to pay for them.

You've had a bad day at school. Things just didn't go as planned. But when you get home, there's a **pet** to make everything better.

The second you enter high school, it's a tug-of-war... **freshmen** on one side, **seniors** on the other.

#### HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Dressed in her princess costume, senior Ana Jurado celebrates the holiday with paraprofessional Elizabeth Ramos and classmates. "Ana just loves to dance," Ramos said. "I walked in and Anna saw me and grabbed my hand, so I joined in. She's just so sparkely and lively. She makes makes me happy."



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#### THE BIG SCREEN

As part of the homecoming week festivities, seniors Sarah Buskell, Paige Updike and Juan Grimaldo enjoy "Grease" being shown on a big screen on the football field. "It was my first time doing something like that," Buskell said. "There were lots of activities to take part in, and there were even food trucks." Buskell tried kettle corn for the first time.



#### 'B' IS FOR BURGERS

In 1965, Barbara Lavoie was chosen the lady-in-waiting for the homecoming court. Back then, homecoming mums were made of real flowers. One large chrysanthemum made up the corsage. The 'B' was made from a felt pipe cleaner. It was finished off with just a few flowing ribbons less than a foot long.

#### SELFIE MOMENT

Using his LG G3, senior Daniel Madrid takes a selfie with the senior class. "The pep rally was really spirited that day," Madrid said. "I wanted to be able to catch that moment and remember it. I posted it on Snapchat, but I forgot to save it. I'm really sad about that because it was a good memory." (photo by genesis barraza)



# people

As **freshmen**, you need to know when to be serious and when to joke around. You're the new kid on the block. You feel awkward. You feel out of place. It's normal. Don't let the upperclassmen push you around.

So **sophomores**, you're stuck in the middle. It's kind of uncomfortable, but that's okay. You have the luxury of concentrating on school and friends. You don't have to think about college and the things that stress you out. At least, not yet.

Everything starts to get more serious when you're a **junior**. The more you're committed to making the grade, the more challenging the classes. Take a breath once in a while. One good thing- you've found your place, and you're more comfortable in your skin.

The time has flown. You're an adult. You're tops on campus. You're a member of the class of '16. Most of you can vote, join the military, and sign yourself out at the attendance office.

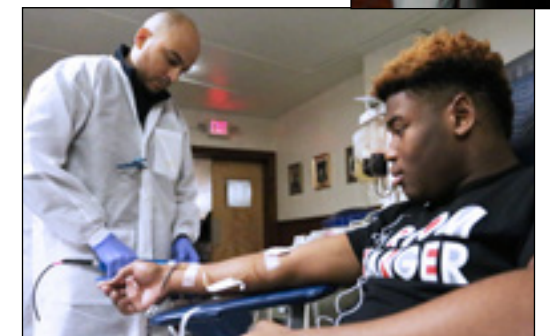
You've taken all of the standardized tests, met the necessary credits for the graduation plan you chose and you're either going the college route or the trade school route. You've waited four years. But there's a part of you that isn't quite ready to move on. It's a small part. A lot of things have happened in four years. **Seniors**, no telling what's next.

#### LET'S DANCE

"The Dougie" blaring from the speakers, senior Victor Rodriguez goofs around with his friend Rafael Alvarado at the homecoming dance. "He grabbed me as soon as the song started," Rodriguez said. "I like the song, so I said yes without hesitation. Once we started dancing, everyone else from our group joined us." The dance was held Oct. 17 at the Marriott, less than two miles from campus.



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#### POSITIVE RESPONSE

A January blood drive attracts junior Leonard Moore to donate the gift of life. "I wanted to know my blood type," he said. "While I was there, I might as well help someone. I wasn't nervous. It didn't hurt until near the end when my plasma started leaking. That really stung." Moore found out he has O positive blood, the most common blood type.



#### 2003

Students joined in a special ceremony to remember the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001 by releasing red, white and blue balloons in front of the school. Students also planted a desert willow tree in front of the library that year. Most members of the class of '16 were 3 or 4 years old when al-Qaeda coordinated four separate attacks on the United States and changed the country forever.

#### WRAPPED UP

Temperatures in the low 40s, sophomores Quersten Resendez and Alexandria Ortega wrap themselves in a blanket to keep the chill off during the varsity football game against Ysleta. "We're both managers," Resendez said. "I really like my job except when it gets this cold. It was so cold that we did more watching than working." (photo by jasmine table)



# clubs & academics

In celebration of the school's 60th birthday, **amici** invited former dancers to take part in homecoming festivities. A larger team also meant more performances.

The **band** performed "Kill Bill" at halftime shows, and after raising money, got to perform on a professional stage in Disneyland.

**Choir** spent hours preparing for solo and ensemble. Some hit all the right notes toward success.

From City Council to east Texas, **journalism** reporters and photographers covered the stories that count and earned national recognition.

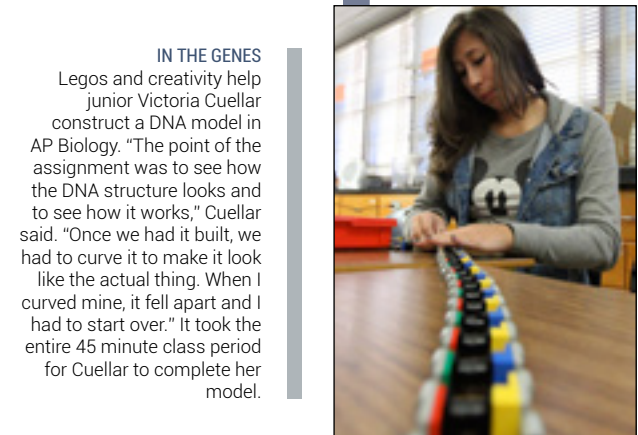
**JROTC** members marched to success in El Paso and Houston. They also took time to participate in a number of community events.

**Orchestra** musicians were greeted with yet another director, the third one in three years. They also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a concert for the parents.

A hectic year-long schedule kept **student council** members busy planning events for students and teachers and adding some new events to the mix.

Advancing to regionals for One Act, **theatre** put on two performances: "Leading Ladies" and "Anna in the Tropics."

Students had no more excuses after the district provided every high schooler with a computer. That meant teachers had to develop a new teaching style that would provide more **student driven** learning.



**IN THE GENES**  
 Legos and creativity help junior Victoria Cuellar construct a DNA model in AP Biology. "The point of the assignment was to see how the DNA structure looks and to see how it works," Cuellar said. "Once we had it built, we had to curve it to make it look like the actual thing. When I curved mine, it fell apart and I had to start over." It took the entire 45 minute class period for Cuellar to complete her model.

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**SUPER KIDS**  
 Sophomore Corey Hicks adds another point after he and Super Quiz partner Emilio Posada answer questions about India. "We were two points behind Coronado and really wanted to beat them," Hicks said. "It was challenging. We had to communicate nonverbally and answer in five seconds." Super Quiz is part of the Academic Decathlon contest.



**SOS**  
 In 1969, students started a new club on campus called, "Stamp Out Stupidity." Its purpose was to bring awareness to the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and the problems happening around the world. Students invited people who were once drug abusers to speak to students. Here, '69 SOS vice president Robert Thompson hung posters around the school promoting the new club.

**MORE THAN A MELODY**  
 Mid-movement, sophomore Bryana Moreno performs during the half-time of a football game. "I'm second alto saxophone," Moreno said. "I chose it for the melodies and sounds it creates. Music tells a story, and my instrument tells mine. I developed a deep connection with music and my instrument." Moreno has played for five years. (photo by genesis barraza)

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# sports



**RIGHT MINDSET**  
Encouraging words from the side of the mat help senior Jacob Ramirez set his thoughts on pinning his opponent from Parkland, despite an injured shoulder. "He tried to take advantage of my injury by yanking at it," Ramirez said. "I knew I had to win this match in order to place third or fourth." Ramirez won the match 8-3. (photo by genesis barraza)

The **volleyball** team lost to rival El Paso High twice, but revenge was sweet against its other rival, Chapin, and so was claiming the bi-district title.

Opening their seasons with losses, the three **football** teams headed off in different directions. One went on the road in hopes of an area win, one won more games than it lost, and one had just a single win to hang on to.

It's more than just swinging a racquet. Losing just two matches in the season, **tennis** came up short by just a point and finished third.

Jogging the usual three miles, obstacles popped up throughout the **cross country** season.

Weight classes and singlets took over the **wrestling** mat, and athletes had to get used to a new coaching style.

When a tenth of a second made all the difference, **swimming** experienced the importance of timing.

It was one for the campus history books in **basketball**. Both varsity teams made it to the "Sweet 16."

Injuries and inexperience affected the **soccer** teams on and off the field.

Experienced **golf** teams were driven to make it to the top. The boys earned a trip to Regionals, while the girls proved they were competition.

New personal records and confident, positive thinking set the pace for the **track** teams.

Lack of depth and inexperience was a problem for both the **softball** and **baseball** teams.

Spirit-filled road trips bonded the **cheerleading** squad after a change of coaches and the absence of the 'Mare-ettes.'

**HALL OF FAME COACH**  
Robert Osborne, for whom the baseball field is named, retired from coaching in 1998 but remained as a PE teacher until 2000. He coached for 34 years, including 29 as the head baseball coach. He led his teams to 10 district championships, and took one team to the Final Four. He was inducted into the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Assoc. Hall of Fame, the local Baseball Hall of Fame and the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2004, the first alumni game was played in his honor. It has become an annual event every year since.

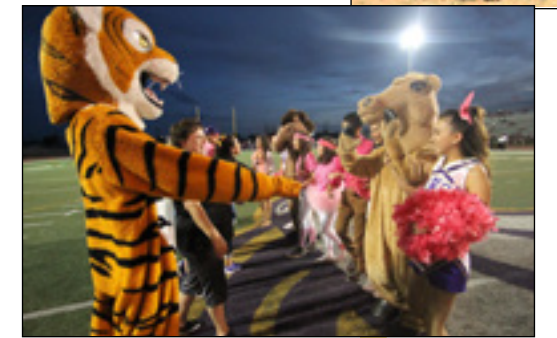


**PLAYING HARDBALL**

In an early season game against Bel Air, junior Kacie Updike retrieves a grounder hit past second base. "I love playing center field because I like going after pop flies," she said. "I also think I can throw pretty well. I've played a variety of sports, but I prefer softball. It seems to have a different energy." Updike, who stands 5'10, was new, coming from Boston where she also played softball.



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**MUSTANGS AND TIGERS, OH MY**  
Cheerleaders and Student Council members greet El Paso High at midfield before a home football game. "Every game, we choose three girls on the varsity squad to go and exchange good will," freshman Jennifer Lopez said. "I was excited because I've never experienced it before. This was my first year doing cheer, and it's become my safe haven."

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**IT'S OVER**  
Near the end of a varsity boys' basketball game, freshman David Herrera and sophomores Jacob Pacheco and Anton Dease chant "Start the bus," and wave goodbye to Hanks players and their fans. "The games were always exciting," Herrera said. "You could tell they were a close team because if someone messed up, they picked each other up." (photo by genesis barraza)

Please:  
Restricted  
Area  
Dunking  
Only.

Your alarm goes off at 7 a.m. Too bad you forgot it's **delayed opening** and you don't have to be at school until 10.

Today's the glow in the dark **pep rally**. You're still trying to decide if you want to go or just stay and stick it out last period.

Your friend's sitting across from you in class. In the middle of your teacher's lecture, you put a **Snapchat** filter on them.

A December **snowfall** is coming down hard, but you're not going to let it stop you from heading to the movies to see "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" for the third time.

There's a new video **trending**. Look's like you have to stop wearing your white Vans.

It's finally out. The lineup for **Neon Desert** is all over Twitter. Some of your friends are mad about who's performing. Did you go?

Two hundred dollars. You looked around for weeks, but that's the dress you want to wear to **prom**. Time to sweet talk your parents. Mom said, "Nice try," so you buy the \$50 dress instead.

It's **Friday night**, and you don't want to stay in. It feels like a Dave and Buster's kind of night, and it's right down the street.

You're going through your phone and you find an old picture of you and your best friend. It's the perfect **#tbt**.

**'BRIGHT' SOLUTION**  
Busy setting up the senior Christmas tree, sophomore Jasmin Armendariz and senior Nadinne Herrera share the holiday spirit. "Another group had trouble getting the lights to work and just left them," Herrera said. "We gave it a try and were able to figure it out. That was pretty satisfying." For the first time, each class had to decorate its own tree as part of a contest.



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**MOTHERLY SURPRISE**  
No idea what's about to happen, senior Jovan Flores gets a surprise kiss from his mother Brenda during a pep rally. "I had to guess who kissed me from a group of girls," he said. "I had a feeling it wasn't any of them. When I saw it was my mom, I was surprised and a little embarrassed."

**MAY 1962**  
A fixture located in the foyer of the school, the 54-year-old Mustang arrived in the spring of 1962. The 1,500 lb. statue was brought in overnight to surprise students. The classes of '60, '61, and '62 raised the funds to pay for the Mustang.





okay,

so what happened?  
Good things. Bad things.  
Somewhere in the middle.  
One thing's for sure—you'll remember.  
Sometimes, things just don't go as planned.  
You failed Pre-Cal with a 56 the third nine weeks.  
You waited nine hours to see the Pope in Juarez, just to see his "pope mobile" whiz by you in a flash.  
Your team lost the last game of the season to Austin.  
You didn't qualify for state.  
The college of your dreams rejected you.  
It's really okay because you'll end up where you're supposed to be.  
You can't find your lucky UIL shirt.  
Don't feel bad. Things happen for a reason.  
People doubted you from the beginning, but you guys made campus history by going to the "Sweet 16."  
Your publications were nominated for the highest award in high school journalism.  
You were nervous you wouldn't get recruited, but your childhood dream came true, and now you'll be playing Division I ball.  
Your club traveled east, competed against 150 schools, and came home with a third place trophy from the Houston ISD Bluebonnet Invitational Skills Meet.  
Judges chose you "best actor."  
You've learned to take the good with the bad.  
And you're okay with that.  
Whether in your control  
or not,

things are gonna happen.



**HEARTBREAK HAPPENS**

Moments after missing a free throw to keep it a one possession game, head coach Paul Gutierrez and assistant coach Gabriel Valtierra console sophomore Jerald Newton after the final seconds of a loss to Bowie. "It was a tough loss to take," Newton said. "I felt like I had cost us the game. Walking up to my coaches after was hard, but they were understanding. They told me I played hard, and I didn't have anything to put my head down about. I saw a different side to them that made me respect them even more." (photo by genesis barraza)

keep going.

# happened.



"It was **fun**, I'll tell you that much."

jerry deal-1956 graduate