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ON THE COVE

peniors cross pinkies during the school song at the final pep rally of the school year on Feb. 4. "Unlike students elsewhere, McCallum students reach across outpendaries and take advantage of the diverse opportunities at our school," senior Sarafina Fabris-Green said, who is pictured on the left. "Theater majors attend football games. Athletes wouldn't miss the studentrun fashion show." Photo by Christina Beck.

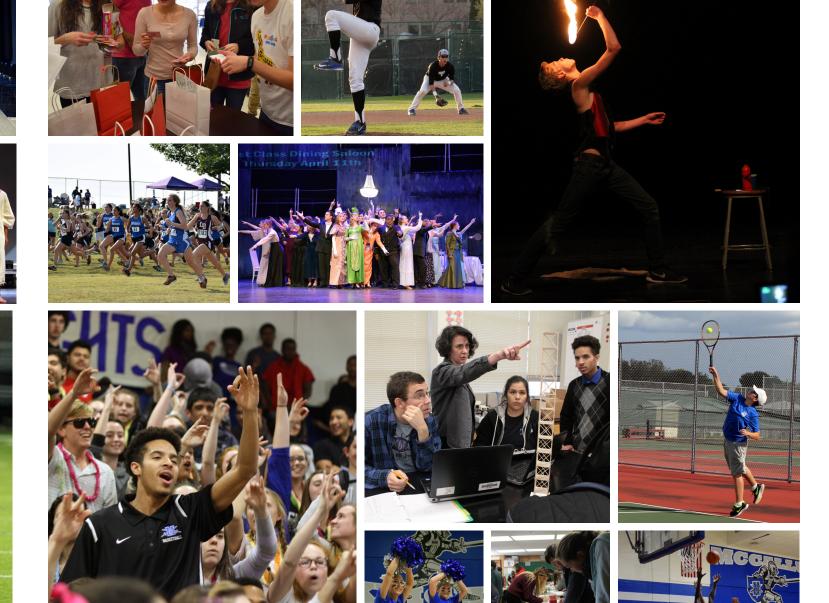
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Clockwise from top: FOOTBALL: Tino Depaz. SPECTRUM: Mr. Bjerke, Monique Vasquez. PINK WEEK PEP RALLY: Marley Bell. BLUE BRIGADE: Brittne Miller, Josephine Smith, Morgan Smith. FASHION SHOW: Olivia Hardick. CHOIR CABARET: Paul Gold, Colton Gillum, Arturo Hernandez. GIRLS SOCCER: Emily Goulet. CHINESE CLASS: Lyhieng Te, Mari Olds, Emily Freeman and Reese Johnson. DEBATE: Jack Vela. LACROSSE: Anderson senior McKenna Gabriel. STUBB'S: David Soto. PEP RALLY: Lots of students. BOWLING: Oliver Cline. CLIMBING CLUB: Willis Wiest. ORCHESTRA: Mitchell Wright, Jessica Wheless. THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER: Tristan Tierney, Ellie Zambarano.



Clockwise from top: PALS: Sierra Moore, Emma Matus, Christina Beck and Sean Simons. BASEBALL: Jesse Reed, Bahn Seibold. FLAME EATER: Senior Elias King, TENNIS: Dillon Stillwell. BASKETBALL: Norman Boyd, Matthew LaBlanc. ALCHEMIST PROJECT: Mackenzie Remaley, Townes Hobratschk, Ashley Armstrong. CHEERLEADERS: Lily Steusser and Marley Chilton. SPRING PEP RALLY: David Ruwwe, Mike Watson (foreground), Hannah Cooley. CROSS COUNTRY: Lily Myers. TITANIC: Cast. ENGINEERING: Jerod Bork, teacher Audrea

Bue isn't normally seen as a warm or welcoming color, but then McCallum isn't normal, and that's what makes it so special. We all arrived at Sunshine Drive as unknowing freshmen, walked through those blue doors and stepped into the madness.

Senior Maddy Davenport-Dendy remembers that day very well four years ago when she first walked through those doors as a precocious freshman. It was her first day as a McCallum student, but it was also

Different people. Different faces. Different clothes. Different hair.

Different people. Different faces. Different clothes. Different hair. the first time she knew that she was where she was supposed to be.

"I remember seeing everyone walking around and doing their own thing," she said.

who you are and do the things that make you whole and unique. In that way, McCallum isn't just on Sunshine. McCallum is sunshine. Even if it's blue.



come rain or SHIVE

Aking up early Aug. 24, we started a new school year, trading sunshine on the beach for Sunshine Drive.

Throughout the summer we'd done things out of the ordinary, from hiking through India to an unforgettable trip to Crooked Creek Ranch with YoungLife, and now we were ready to keep all those memories with us as the new school year commenced.

We had our time in the spotlight at homecoming during "A Knight in Hollywood," both on the football field and the dance floor. And

later we survived a day full of darkness and shadows when torrential rains led to the now infamous blackout. When the Battle of the Bell was moved to Saturday, we stood proudly in the stands, cheering on the seniors for the last home game. Whether it was a marching band practice early in the morning or a newspaper deadline that extended late into the night, it was always our time to shine.

student life



on the RISE

s students, we spent over seven hours each day in the classroom, on the field or in the MAC. We spent our time reading the classics, like Homer's *Odyssey*, and some newfangled novels as well, like *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. And if we were not annotating or skimming Spark Notes, then we were perfecting our factoring technique, working on the latest chemistry lab or taking notes on the Revolutionary War.

In total, we spent 1,305 hours learning, thriving and ultimately

working towards walking across the stage at graduation. Whether we were in the science hall, trying to ignore the smell of formaldehyde, or in the history hall, layering on jacket after jacket, we continued to move forward, literally and figuratively, expanding our minds and refining our skills along the way. We were always on the rise, pushing to become better and stronger students.

academics



without a shadow of

K, so maybe we didn't win the Taco Shack Bowl. And sure, it was disappointing to walk out of House Park Stadium with a loss, but we didn't show up just for the "W." Every game, we laced up our shoes, filled our water bottles and turned up the pregame music to do something that we love, always giving 110 percent. Whether we were competing on land, in water or in air (don't forget the pole vault), we always put our best foot forward, quite literally.

Anderson and LBJ can brag all they want, but our teams possessed

something theirs will never have: spirit, drive and, most of all, loyalty to each other and to our school. Without a shadow of doubt, we dedicated ourselves to our craft, our art, our sport. From cross country to softball, swimming to golf, we stayed true to the blue, regardless of the final score.

sports



we've got

e've got sol (the Spanish word for sunshine) and a lot of sou too. We've got bravado, finesse and an eye for color. We spend our days dancing in the Black Box, building in the shop and throwing pots in the art room because we are artistically-driven, independent individuals working to make our mark on the world.

No one else can say they are a part of the Grammy-winning Fine Arts Academy. No one else can say they are a part of a community

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Some people say we're a little bit out-of-the-ordinary, a little quirky and odd. But our eccentricities make us who we are: unique and creative human beings.

fine arts



a place in the

o some people, the school day ended when the bell rang at 4:15 p.m., but for many of us, that was not the case. Whether we were broadcasting live on MAC Radio or preparing for an upcoming debate, we rarely left the building when the final bell rang, dedicating our time to our school and our community.

Some people say you find yourself in high school, and we proved the adage true. From mentoring students at local elementary and middle schools in PALS to driving the No Place for Hate campaign in conjunction with Spectrum, we found our calling and our place in the sun. We gave back, paid it forward and invested our time in something we love. We became an integral part of our community and school.

clubs



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rom sunrise to sunset, we occupy Sunshine Drive. We walk the street and crowd the halls. We (hopefully) arrive just in time for first period to start, bright-eyed and ready to take on the day. Without us, there is no McCallum. There is no "sunshine" to Sunshine Drive. Whether we're outgoing or more reserved, we make McCallum what it is: a community of passionate students, teachers and administrators. We're not complete without the McCallum Twitter baseball fields, we make McCallum the sunny place it is. feed, courtesy of assistant principal Larry Featherstone, or the foreign

exchange students who spent their time in the States with us. We are not whole without the juggling master that is math teacher Scott Pass or the student store which fills the halls with music and provides us with those heavenly brownies.

All in all, it's the people that make Sunshine Drive so great. Whether we're hanging out in the courtyard or relaxing by the

people



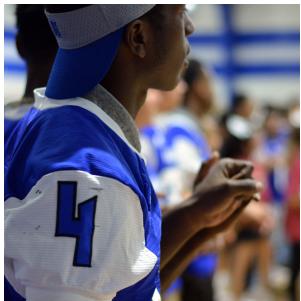




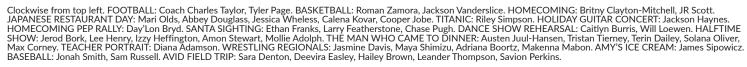
































Clockwise from top left. A.L.L.I.E.S. AT McCALLUM: Kennedy Austin, Rory Thomas, Sophia Shampton, Maggie Bishop, Sophie Ryland, Eamon Crawford, Cat Crandall. LUNCH CONCERT: Gabe Kubanda draws a crowd. BEATLES EXHIBIT AT LBJ LIBRARY: Seth Birrell. MR. McCALLUM: winner Jordan Wolleben, Ms. Judi Bork, contestant Jerod Bork. POLE VAULT: Laney Hawn, who won first place at the South Austin Relays. BALLET FOLKLORICO: Patricia Henderson, Jenny Peña, Naomi Calderon. SONGWRITING: Kimberly Seals, Sophia Curry. TACO SHACK PEP RALLY: James Sullivan fires up the senior section. FASHION SHOW: Jack Switzer, Brittne Miller. SOCCER: Griffin Smith heads the ball to score the game-winning goal versus Travis. VOLLEYBALL: The varsity team huddles before a big win over Ann Richards



or one more high school football game," senior Nyla Gershoni said. "It goes by

With the help of our friends and teachers, we all did. Whether it be in fine arts, academics, sports or extracurriculars, McCallum offered everything under the sun and a place for each of us to shine.

But as the seniors depart from Sunshine Drive for the last time as students, they say they'll remember McCallum not for its many wonderful programs but

for its many wonderful people.

"The most memorable thing about McCallum for me has definitely been the people," senior **Hannah Wright** said. "It's such an interesting community to be a

ometimes the school year seems like it lasts forever; sometimes it seems like it rushes by like a single day.

"I know in the future I'll wish I could just have one more swim practice or one more high school football game," senior **Nyla Gershoni** said. "It goes by everyone is encouraged to be themselves. She believes that going to this school taught her to feel more confident and to embrace herself for who she is.

"I really think that that is more important than any one skill that going through high school could have taught me," she said. "Because when you're confident in who you are, you can make better decisions and you're happier in general and more able to go and do what you want."

When June 2 comes around, and seniors toss up their graduation caps, they will say goodbye to Sunshine Drive. While they may no longer roam the vibrant street where they once learned and lived, Sunshine Drive will remain a part of who they are forever.

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