

# 8 AUGUST

"I had a new mindset to get straight A's during the semester, and to focus on football," junior Brian Vasquez said.

"I mostly drew over the summer because I was bored," junior Jayda Richmond said. "I also took up writing for an anime I like, that is called 'Fairy Tail.'"



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it's how you... fill your step

1. Coming to the end, senior Matthew Gregory finishes his run at the Marcus Invitational on Aug. 29 with a time of 19:06. Matthew planned to put a focus on self-evaluation. "I could've improved if I practiced longer or practiced a little bit more and ran on my own time, but overall it was good," Matthew said.
2. After deciding last minute to join cross country, senior Natasha Longhurst finishes the race at 27:19.7. Her sudden choice left her with no time to practice, and she strained her quad during the race. "I was already behind anyways because I just kind of jumped in," Natasha said. "But at the end of the race I still finished at a decent time."
3. For the first time after moving, junior Jessica Ehrman runs in the cross country meet, finishing at 22:33.53. Jessica prepared all summer in Colorado and found the climate challenging. "It was hard because it was my first race in the heat," Jessica said. "I feel like I could've done better in that meet if I had been training here for longer with the heat."



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## FRIDAY FEVER: VARSITY FOOTBALL WINS FIRST GAME VS RICHARDSON

1. Surrounded by fellow members of color guard, senior Annette Davidson chats with senior Jessica Zimmer. To make things run smoothly during games, color guard practiced with the band to avoid hitting them. "In the games we're almost like the second cheerleaders, and during halftime we're basically the visual to the music," Annette said
2. After being thrown the ball, senior Ikpomwenosa Ogbemor scores a touchdown on Aug. 28. When the opposing team made a comeback, the team played through and won the game with a score of 35-22. "The emotions were high because everybody was excited and wanted to see what we could do this season," Ikpomwenosa said.
3. During the game, sophomore Ramesh Kanakala plays flute alongside his bandmates. Ramesh enjoyed going to games and performing with his friends. "It's a fun experience to perform," Ramesh said. "If I'm just going to the game by myself it's no fun, but when I'm there with all my friends it's just more fun."
4. Arm out to block the defense, sophomore Amare Jones tries to run the ball to the end zone. This was Amare's first game on varsity. "I was kind of nervous because I've never had so much put on my back," Amare said.

**FRESHMAN FRIENDLY**  
Wanting to help new students on the first day of school, junior Jared Elliott holds a sign offering his help on Aug. 24. A few people took him up on this offer to locate their classes. "I would've been happy if someone had done that for me," Jared said. "I just had some free time and I thought I should do something."



**LAST FIRST DAY**  
Holding her schedule, senior Almira Rezini Munda talks with senior Harshini Vivekanandan. As a senior, Almira found the first day bittersweet because she would never get another, but she was ready to leave. "I look at all the freshmen running around and I'm just glad I'm not them," Almira said.



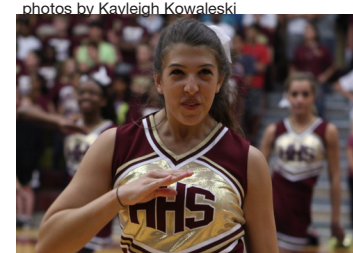
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**HEARTFELT HUGS**  
Caught up in the emotion, sophomore Sydney Howard wraps senior Muhammad Khan in a hug. Sydney was excited to go back to school and see her friends again. "It feels like whenever I'm on summer break I haven't seen my friends in ten years and it's just really cool to see them again," Sydney said.

**NEW MOVES**  
Sitting at the lunch table before school, junior Eric Ziegler talks about summer and his schedule with junior Alexis Vandercook. Eric had just moved away when the school year started. "We live 30 minutes away now," Eric said. "Both of my parents work for the district, and since next year is my last year I'm going to be staying."



### BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY CHARGED CROWD

**ENGAGING ENERGY**  
As a cheerleader, sophomore Abby Benefield performs part of a routine for the first pep rally of the year on Aug. 28. Her role was to excite the students and encourage them to come to the games to support the team. "I'm not really nervous," Abby said. "I just want everyone to get involved and to like what we do because we actually try really hard."



## new year's resolution

What do you want to be different this year?

**Jila Shwani, 12** "I want to build better relations with my teachers and stop procrastinating on my assignments. It will help me to be less stressed about school."

**Catherine Alessandra Bancod, 09** "I want to stop procrastinating and get my work done. The A and B days are better because we have more time in our classes so we can learn more things and get more things done."

**Rawnak Mohammad, 09** "I want more educational opportunities to show how smart an individual student is, and have the ability to raise my gpa and rank."



"Homework is basically all I do with my time," freshman Niya Pennie said. "I stay up until 12 every night doing homework. It's sad."

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