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# ON THE FAST TRACK FORWARD

## Students select courses for next year

As you waved to the big crowd of passersby on the last bus ride of the year, you suddenly realized that the year had officially ended. While the thoughts of lying on a couch and sleeping overtook most people's minds as they exited the campus, deliberations of the next school year crept into the minds of the multiple students that were preparing themselves for a change. "I still haven't decided where I want to go [to high school], but I feel like once I go there my future will be kind of set." Winn Philpott (8) said.

many types of programs and subjects. "I guess I'm pretty excited [about high school] because it's full of opportunities and new experiences that will kind of shape my future." Thana McLain (8) said. The signed letters sent back to the administrators of their new schools officially declared the 8th graders' were ready to move on. Story by Juliette Cloutier

Abigail Stauffer (8) plans her high school classes with the McCallum delegate. "Getting counselors to come to Kealing to help me fill out my choice sheet was super helpful, especially since we are going to a new school. I want to take Spanish and French next year, and their counselors worked one on one with me to fulfill that." Photos by Peyton Dashiell

Making the right choice for where to go next was a challenge to those who checked out multiple high schools that offered



Oliver Torres Gabino (7) and Ramiro Marquez-Acuna (7) complete their course sheets for their schedule next year.

Asa Simpson (7), Patrick Connor (8), Christian Penado (7), and Marcus Tita (8) pull up their live pieces for their music production concert. "It was really sick, and there were a lot of really fiery beats," said Marcus. Photo by Maddy Pollack



## MUSIC PRODUCTION

Concerts, recording studios, and Spotify house

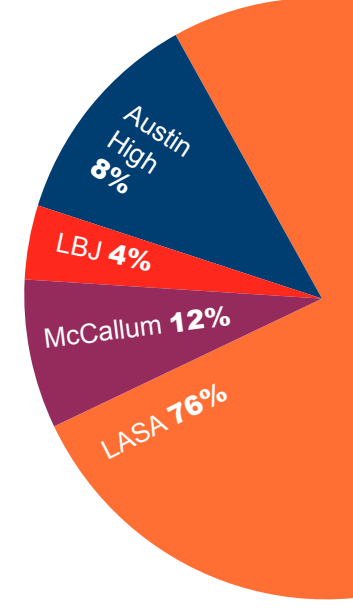
Baffled by the songs that they've never heard before, the crowd leaned in to inspect the students playing their instrument; the turntable. With an included light show, the Music Production concert shocked multiple parents and teachers by showing off what the young DJs could do with simple sounds and songs. "Music production is a convenient and fun way for me to get my ideas and feelings out," said Patrick Connor (8), one of the performers at the concert. "Eventually I want to be able to produce music professionally."

students and teachers were excited to find that the famous digital music service, Spotify, had agreed to construct three recording studios in Kealing. The studios are for all of our young artists to record and save songs, incorporating real instruments and voices in their tunes. "They interviewed three different schools and what we talked to them about was that we would like to build a recording studio at our school so the kids could record their vocals and audio arrangements to their songs." said Mr. Eissler, the Music Production instructor. "Then they went to talk to the other schools and they chose us."

After accomplishing the concert wonderfully,

Story by Juliette Cloutier

## WHERE ARE YOU GOING NEXT YEAR?



With 8th graders branching off to multiple different high schools, the move from 8th grade to 9th grade might have been harder than it seemed. "I'm a new student here this year so I'm not as connected as everyone else who would start in sixth grade would be, but I'm still sad that I'm going to be leaving and I have to go to high school," Arushi Harkawat (8) said. Although leaving Kealing might've been one of the more somber experiences of the students' lives, going to a new school and making new memories was a good thought to have when moving forward. Story by Juliette Cloutier

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1. Recording his violin for the first time in the new studio, Jack Wier (7) enjoys the audio results. "Music Production is a really awesome experience, and I love it because it's cool to see music come alive from computer software." Jack said. 2. Arnav Karnik (6) uses the piano located in the new Music Production classroom. "I like Music Production because you get to play with all the sounds and see what you can create." Photos by Allison Schafer

3. Music Production students, Marianna Tijerina (6) and Christian Penado (7) look over their audio, making sure it was recorded well. 4. Satisfied with their work, Christian Penado (7), Miguel Moreno Villegas (7), and Asa Simpson (7) listen to their newest production. "It's nice because now I have my own computer and can work on my own stuff," said Andrew Garcia (7). Photos Courtesy of Paul Bardagly

5. Singing to the Twenty One Pilots song, *Stressed Out*, Acapella students use one of the three recording booths to save their work. "I want to be a singer/songwriter and it was really exciting to get a taste of what that might be like," Ella Thompson (8) said. 6. Jamming out to *Uptown Funk*, Rockestra uses the booths to record their music. Photos by Kristen Scott

### Spotted at Spotify House

Music production students Ella Glasscock (7), Yeshuah Walker-Brown (8), Caden Cooper (7), and Ashton Wong (7) had the opportunity to visit the Spotify House and see where their work in the Music Production studio could take them someday. "The Spotify House was inspiring. We were there to do a Snapchat takeover and support Spotify, and it was cool to see all the materials that would go into real recording studios." Ashton said. Photo by Kristen Scott

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### Who would you most enjoy having a 30 minute lunch with?

(living/dead/or fictional)

- Adam Levine / Sophie Wolf (8)
- Stav Tsechansky / Jennifer Lopez (7)
- Lionel Messi / Steven Nguyen (6)
- Ellen Degeneres / Sydney Yium (6)
- Natso / Yeshuah Walker-Brown (8)
- Donald Trump / Emma Galbraith (8)
- An English-speaking alien / T. Blackwood (7)
- One Direction / Zoya Faisal (6)
- Jeon Jungkook / Tran Nguyen (8)
- Harry Styles / Valeria Ortiz (7)
- God / Victor Gonzalez Trejo (8)
- Myself / Vincent Li (8)
- Roger Federer / Vishwa Aduro (8)
- Luna Lovegood / Vivian Streber (6)
- Grandfather / Mr.Applegate
- Zac Efron / Whitney Waldinger (8)
- Inventor of the hotdog / William Dicarlo (7)
- Satoru Iwata / Atticus Jones (8)
- The Hulk / William Green Musselman (6)
- Franklin Roosevelt / Ava McGuire (7)
- Luke Skywalker / Israel Reyes-Garcia (6)
- Mr. Applegate / Shirish Pandam (8)
- Cousin / Valentina Riddick (8)
- Shakespear / Dylan Knight (8)
- Elly / Olivia Olson (8)
- Grandmother / Carly McKinney (6)
- Amy Poehler / Helena Marteieto Lara (7)
- Christian / Lucas Perkins (7)
- Molly Ivins / Ms. Strickland
- Carl Sagan / Ms. Hill

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