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In the stands at the game versus Allen, seniors Britney Nnadi, Taeyah Roberts and Star Okolie cheer after the first touchdown. During the 14-49 loss, the weather dropped below freezing. "It was memorable because it was so cold, but we stayed," Star said. "We knew we weren't going to win but wanted to see what happened and be there with everybody."

“OUR COMPETITIVENESS DIDN'T OVERTAKE OUR TOGETHERNESS.”  
- STAR OKOLIE, 12





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At the Showcase of Dance, senior Marquette captain Lilybet Orellana performs with the Elite Team. The team learned the dance over the summer and practiced twice a week after school leading up to the December show. "Always coming in so early and leaving so late gets tiring," Lilybet said. "Having to keep up with school and still staying motivated is the biggest struggle of all."  
*photo by Eliana Baker*

# END LESS



# FEARLESS

WE COULDN'T PRESS PAUSE — THE CONSTRUCTION KEPT GOING WITH THE BANGING AND HAMMERING AND BEEPING AND WHILE THE SENIORS COMPLAINED THAT THEY WOULDN'T GET TO USE ANY OF IT, THE UNDERCLASSMEN WERE READY TO COLOR A NEW STADIUM BLUE AND GOLD SO THE FOOTBALL TEAM KEPT SCORING TOUCHDOWNS UNTIL WE WERE 5-0



Maham Alizai

#### FUN FOR HUGS

At the Homecoming carnival, sophomores Jordan Glenn, Alannah Malone and Charis Ardila run through the obstacle course. Homecoming proceeds went to benefit Hugs Café in Downtown McKinney. "I know the lady who owns Hugs," Jordan said. "I thought it would be a good way to support charity."



Abney Garcia

#### FIREY LEARNING

During his chemisrty lab, sophomore Davis Hockstom volunteers to hold fire in his hand. For the lab on Halloween, students would have bubbles filled with gas and light them on fire. "It was exciting to hold that responsibility," Davis said. "You don't always get to play with fire in school."



Michael Gutierrez

#### SIGHT READING

At the Plano East football game, freshman Christian Barnes reads a book while playing his instrument. The band is allowed to do homework in the stands for Thursday games. "I had homework but we have to play while we do it," Christian said. "Fahrenheit 451 was such a good book, so it wasn't hard to read."

#### CLOSE WINS

At the end zone during the Crosstown Showdown, senior Maddy Kean and sophomore Jill Deglandon cheer after a Lions touchdown. The drill team went down to the field before the end of every game. "We went down to get ready to sing the alma mater," Maddy said. "But we also liked to watch up close." photo by Michael Gutierrez



“I went from not knowing how to dance, to being a leader my senior year.”

—MADDY KEAN, 12



# LIMITLESS



Michael Gutierrez

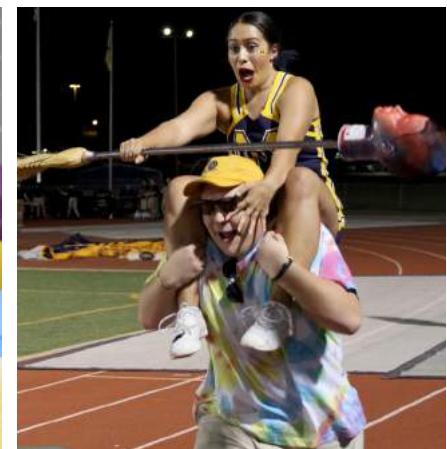
(UNTIL WE LOST TO DENTON GUYER) AND FRIENDSHIPS WERE BUILT IF THEY'D BEEN TOGETHER SINCE KINDERGARTEN OR ON THEIR FIRST DAY IN THE CAFETERIA, EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE STOPPED AT THE YIELD SIGN AFTER MHS1 WARNED THEM NOT TO AND KIDS CAME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY TO BE EXEMPT FROM FINALS, THEN STUCO GAVE US SPACE HOMECOMING BUT MR. BAYER STILL CAMPAIGNED FOR A SPACE PROM, THEN



Abney Garcia

ABOVE / During the football Crosstown Showdown, seniors Molly Johnson, Neelam Bohra and Jakob Chow bang thunder sticks as the team runs onto the field. The Lions' loss came down to the final play of the game. "At first I didn't even realize it wasn't marked as a touchdown," Neelam said. "When it didn't count I was really caught off-guard." LEFT / Sophomores Skyler Russell and Riley Walsh experiment with sounds by placing isolators and transmitting energy through their device. They worked on the project in the Makerspace. "We tested our product and checked how it would work," Skyler said. "We made a sound from an old Pokémon game." RIGHT / Freshmen Cameron Cowdrey and Harmony Jimenez compete on the bungee race. The carnival raised money for Hugs Café. "We went to the carnival to have some fun," Cameron said. "But when we realized it was for Hugs it felt good to know that we were helping a local business."

photo by Eliana Baker



Alegam Velazquez

## LIFTING SPIRITS

During the football game against Keller, senior Headhunter Logan Hutto carries senior cheer captain Lexi Villarreal on his shoulders to joust. The Lions defeated Keller 30-7. "At first me and Jordan Avary looked at each other in shock because we didn't know if we might fall," Lexi said. "Whenever they got us up, we started to slip back and we freaked out."



MATT GADEK RAN UNTIL HE BROKE A STATE RECORD AND THEATRE PERFORMED SISTER ACT, EVEN WITHOUT AN AUDITORIUM AND SENIORS WON AWARDS LIKE THE THREE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALISTS AND LIONS SOCCER PRACTICED UNTIL THEY MADE PLAYOFFS AGAIN, BUT WE NEVER TOOK A BREAK FROM TOUCH THE LION OR BEAT THE DRUM, AND WE MADE THEM OURS — BECAUSE WE KNEW, FOR US, THE POSSIBILITIES WERE ENDLESS.

# NO END IN SIGHT

## NEW WINNINGS

At the home basketball Crosstown Showdown, seniors Jake Smith, Kris Estep and Andrew Whitlock celebrate a three-pointer in the student section. MHSESPN had a contest that awarded a cash prize to the best costume. "MHSESPN is the student section's social media," Jake said. "Every school needs one, but there aren't any like ours. Hopefully someone picks it up and keeps the new tradition going."

*photo by Kayla Thompson*





**FIRST ROW:** Junior Macey Winburn congratulates her teammates after a set (Photo by Jazmon Malone). Senior Mathias Kidane finishes hot wings for an eating competition at Pluckers (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Sophomores Sarah Hurd and Laney Patterson celebrate at Academic Excellence (Photo by Eliana Baker). **SECOND ROW:** Senior Katelynn Tenbrook paints for an art project (Photo by Abney Garcia). Seniors Kayleigh Doyle and Keely Anders sing at a pep rally (Photo by Sydney Anderson). Senior Thalia Salazar paints her chosen senior parking spot (Photo by Sydney Anderson). **THIRD ROW:** Senior Dillon Ruff and junior Chandler Elliott race their cars for engineering (Photo by Jazmon Malone). Senior Alex Macias works on a rooster for her art project (Photo by Jourdan Williams). **FOURTH ROW:** Senior Quincy Noble cheers at the basketball playoff game (Photo by Maham Alzal). Sophomores Abigail Powell and Sammie Hicks work together on an Algebra 2 problem (Photo by Sydney Anderson). Senior Mark Banks performs in a half time show (Photo by Jazmon Malone).



STUDENT LIFE

# BOUNDLESS

# ENERGY

TEACHERS ASSIGNED PROJECTS LIKE WE HAD NEVER-ENDING TIME AFTER SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD TO WORK A LONG SHIFT AT TOM THUMB, AND THEN WE SPRINTED FROM OUR CLASS TO OUR CAR AFTER FINALS BUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO FELT TOO LONG, AND THEN WE WISHED WE COULD STAY FOREVER IN THE CAFETERIA WATCHING ALL THE MOVIES MR. BENNETT WOULD PLAY AND THEN



“We all had something different to add to the school environment, and were there through the good and bad.”

-MATHIAS KIDANE, 12



**FIRST ROW:** Sophomores Maggie McGowan and Keely Anders sing the alma mater at the Homecoming pep rally (Photo by Jourdan Williams). Freshman Nahomi Echeverria focuses on her school work (Photo by Eliana Baker). Senior Kirubel Tadesse listens to his coach during a football game (Photo by Maham Afzal).

**SECOND ROW:** Coach Erinn Higginbotham dances on the side of a girls basketball playoff game (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). Senior Jordan Avary sticks her tongue out at a football game against Allen (Photo by Jourdan Williams).

Mrs. Amy Neely directs her 5th period dance class as they prepare for a performance (photo by Sydney Anderson).

**THIRD ROW:** Senior Wilson Galvan celebrates a catch made by a teammate (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Juniors Markia Graves, Andrea Gomez and Morgan Goupil show school spirit at a football game (Photo by Eliana Baker).

**FOURTH ROW:** Senior Marcus Ramsey works in the Makerspace (Photo by Sydney Anderson). Andrew Whitlock sits in the dugout at a baseball game (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Coach Waller talks to his defensive players (Photo by Jourdan Williams).



PEOPLE

IMMEASURABLE

BONDS

FACES IN THE HALLWAY TOOK SHAPE AS WE BONDED WITH PEOPLE AND THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE THE REZONING MADE ALL FOUR CLASSES GROW EVERY YEAR BUT THE BIG POPULATION DIDN'T FIT INTO THE GYM FOR PEP RALLIES AND WE SPENT MORE TIME WAITING IN TRAFFIC AFTER SCHOOL BUT WE FELT EQUAL BECAUSE EVERY STUDENT HAD A LAPTOP BUT THAT MEANT WE PROCRASTINATED EVEN MORE ON HOMEWORK BECAUSE IT WASN'T DUE UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND SO WE

“ Even though I was injured, I tried to do everything that I could for my team, like being there with and for them during games.”

WILSON GALVAN, 12

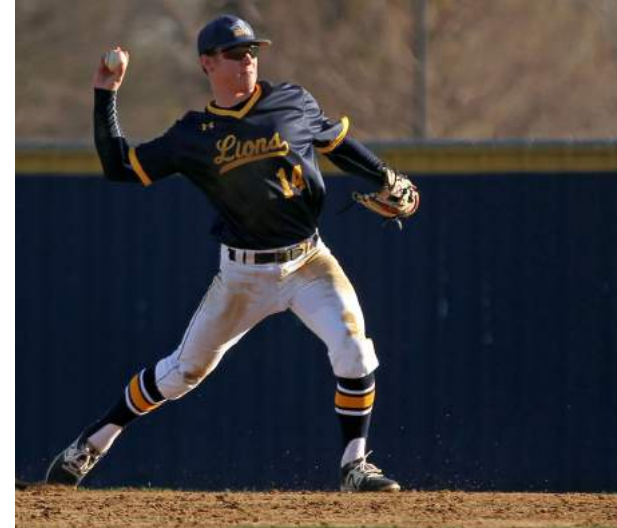


**FIRST ROW:** Senior Dait Miller throws the ball from behind second base (Photo by Abney Garcia). Senior Troydell Griffin makes a catch over two defenders at a football game (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Senior Annie Harris jumps to block a spike during a volleyball game (Photo by Jazmon Malone).

**SECOND ROW:** Senior Tanicia Brooks sings the alma mater after a football game (Photo by Jourdan Williams). Tariq Swanigan goes for a layup in the playoff game against South Grand Prairie (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Sophomore Kyle Clark bounces the ball back during a tennis match (Photo by Kayla Thompson).

**THIRD ROW:** Senior Eric Maclean runs at what would be his last high school cross country meet (Photo by Jourdan Williams). Senior Nicholas Chan talks to Coach Serio after his first swimming race of the Regional meet. (Photo by Michael Gutierrez).

**FOURTH ROW:** Junior Aaron Galaviz throws the soccer ball back in the game (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). Senior Quincy Noble celebrates a basket with Kayla Moutry (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). Senior Jake Smith sacks the Allen quarterback during 1 out of 3 consecutive times (Photo by Michael Gutierrez).



SPORTS

# NONSTOP ACTION

THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM KEPT RUNNING, EVEN AFTER THEY DIDN'T MAKE REGION, WHILE AJ SULLIVAN SET SCHOOL DIVE RECORDS AND THE TRIO, JAMIYA AND KAYLA AND QUINCY, SCORED UNTIL THEIR TEAM MADE IT TO PLAYOFFS BUT BOYS BASKETBALL MADE IT TO PLAYOFFS TOO WHILE BASEBALL PRACTICED AND TRIED TO “GET EVEN” AND BREAK THE STREAK OF ONLY MAKING PLAYOFFS IN ODD YEARS AND



“I would say it’s one of the hardest things I’ve gone through, thinking about how many years I’ve devoted to doing what I do.”

ERIC MACLEAN, 12





**FIRST ROW:** Sophomore Sarah Neubauer performs during halftime of a football game (Photo by Jazmon Malone).

Freshman Samuel Davis focuses on putting his project for Engineering club. (Photo by Abney Garcia). Junior Samson Silva prays during a Jesus Christ Movement meeting (Photo by Eliana Baker).

**SECOND ROW:** Mrs. Natasha Hayden talks to the men attending a Young Men's Unite Club meeting (Photo by Maham Afzal).

Junior Joey Allam plays against Plano West at a Home game (Photo by Jazmon Malone).

Junior David Ryniker builds a DNA strand out of pipe-

cleaners in the Makerspace for Forensics class.

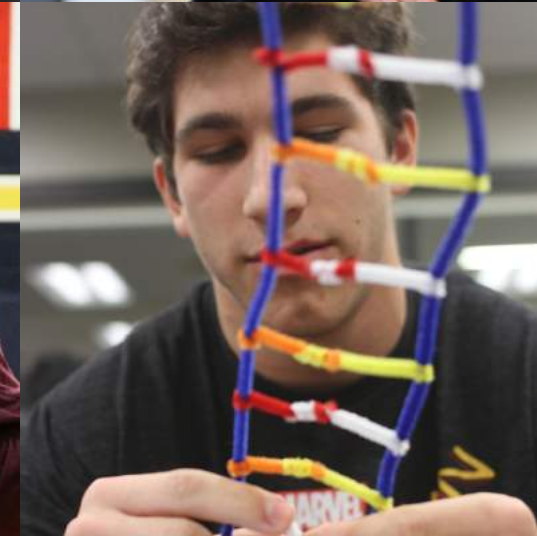
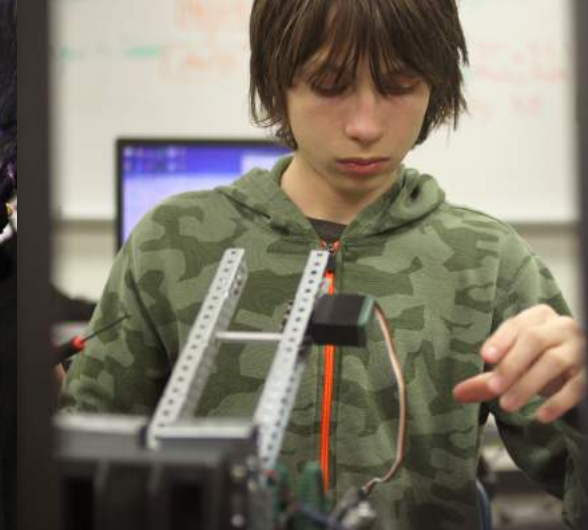
(Photo by Aleyam Velazquez).

**THIRD ROW:** Junior Ariana Navarro and Mr. Bennett shake hands at the cord ceremony (Photo by Eliana Baker). Junior Emory Otto performs during the Sister Act play (Photo by Sydney Anderson).

**FOURTH ROW:** Junior Alyssa Wisdom laughs with her student at the Marquette mini camp (Photo by Maham Afzal).

Senior Darby Byrd and Amanda Pfeil exchange gifts with Boyd at the Crosstown Showdown (Photo by Sydney Anderson).

Senior Erin Neal gets her hair done for a Girl Empowerment photoshoot (Photo by Victoria Simpson).



GROUPS

# INFINITE SERVICE

WE WATCHED IN AWE AS COLOR GUARD WAVED FLAGS IN THE AIR WHILE THE BAND PERFORMED "NIGHTSIDE" FOR THEIR MARCHING SHOW, WHILE WHAB AND NHS WORKED TOGETHER TO PUT ON A TALENT SHOW AND INTERACT TRIED TO SEND STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON D.C. AND THE STEPPERS PERFORMED AT AN MLK DAY PARADE AND FFA TRAVELED TO SAN ANTONIO FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND THEN



“Even through our rivalry we show that we are respectful of each other as we are still one.”

AMANDA PFEIL, 11





**FIRST ROW:** Emily Polk works on an art project (Photo by Abney Garcia). Brooks Murray encourages his teammates before a game (Photo by Jourdan Williams). Ta'mia Tedrow dances at The Well (Photo by Kayla Thompson). **SECOND ROW:** Lexi Villarreal cheers with her teammates (Photo by Sydney Anderson). Lillybet Orellana and Kitra Henry dance at a pep rally (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). Ruben Rodriguez works on a project in environmental science (Photo by Gabby Rogge).

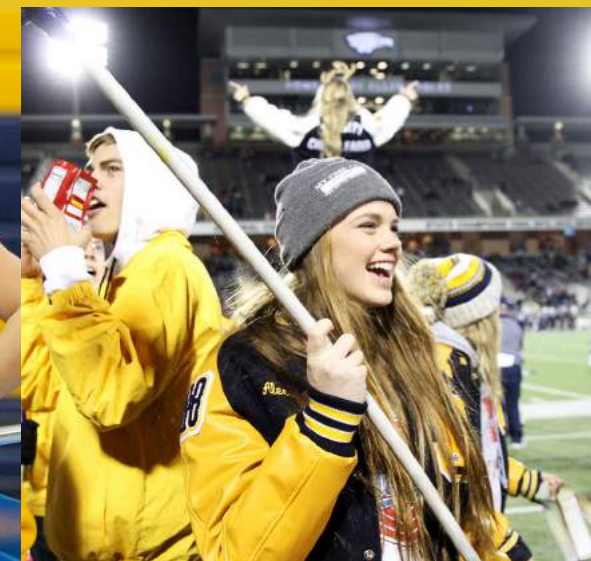
**THIRD ROW:** Chloe Martinez practices her dance for color guard (Photo by Kayla Thompson). Alex Feller walks the sidelines at the football game against Allen. (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). **FOURTH ROW:** Demi Harms and Ali Lenhard lead the band during the Marchathon (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). Quinton Quirrenbach signals to the referee during a football game (Photo by Sydney Anderson). Maddie Hughes paints her Senior Parking spot (Photo by Aleyam Velazquez).



SENIOR TRIBUTES

# COUNTLESS MEMORIES

WE MADE IT THROUGH THE HANNAH MONTANA PHASE AND THROUGH PLAYING HOUSE DURING RECESS AND THEN WE WENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FELL IN LOVE WITH ONE DIRECTION (OR HATED HARRY STYLES AND HIS HAIR) AND THEN WE CAME TO HIGH SCHOOL AND FOUND WE LOVED SWIMMING OR PLAYING THE TUBA AND WE MADE IT THROUGH PROJECTS AND LECTURES AND WORE EARBUDS TO BLOCK OUT THAT GUY PLAYING LOUD MUSIC IN THE HALLWAY AND THEN WE



“I was an innocent puny, little freshman and now I’m a senior, and I’m actually good at something.”

DEMI HARMS, 12



**FIRST ROW:** Coach Chelsea Radford sings the alma mater at the Crosstown Showdown football game (Photo by Jourdan Williams). Junior Matthew Hamilton grooms his pig before showing at the Collin Country Junior Livestock Show (Photo by Michael Gutierrez). Senior Matthew Baca reacts to a flag at the football game against Plano West (Photo by Matt Sunthimer). **SECOND ROW:** Mrs. Amanda Hughes teaches how to sculpt a mug (Photo by Abney Garcia). Juniors Danny Lenard and Omar Almaraz hug after the Homecoming game loss (Photo by Jazmon Malone). Sophomore Jae' shaun Jones works on a project in the

makerspace (Photo by Sydney Anderson). **THIRD ROW:** Senior Terrence Reid-Sumter plays the violin at The Well (Photo by Eliana Baker). Freshman Daishanae Cummings practices a dance (Photo by Kayla Thompson). **FOURTH ROW:** Freshman Megan Bagby plays marimba during a band performance at a football game (Photo by Aleyam Velazquez). Freshman Zackery Rowe sculpts with the help of one of the art teachers (Photo by Gabby Rogge). Junior Alex Leal prepares to play his instrument in summer band practice (Photo by Kayla Thompson).



REFERENCE

# CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT

IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER THAT PERSON YOU HAD A SNAPCHAT STREAK WITH BUT NEVER TALKED TO IN PERSON OR YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHO WAS IN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB BECAUSE YOU WANT TO PLAY OR YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR GRADE ARE NAMED MICHAEL OR YOU WANT SEE IF ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS MADE THE PEOPLE PAGES, THIS IS THE PLACE TO BE AND YOU MIGHT FIND MORE THAN WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AND THEN



“I wanted to be there for the great moments of the year, such as making playoffs in multiple sports.”

MATTHEW BACA, 12





“  
When you realize it’s  
all ending, you want to  
keep your friendships  
forever. That’s when it  
gets real.”

MARCOS PUGA, 12

In the first round of playoffs, seniors Brandon Castro and Marcos Puga cheer as the Lions soccer team scores the first goal. The team entered playoffs as the underdog team being in 4th place and missing players. “I felt accomplished to know that we were competition for the opponent,” Brandon said. “We were going on to the second round even with players playing positions they don’t even start in.” photo by Michael Gutierrez

# NONE THE LESS

SOMETHING ABOUT THE SCHOOL JUST GOES ON AND ON — WE’VE REACHED THE END OF THIS BOOK, BUT EVERY STORY AND EVERY PICTURE WILL KEEP GOING, AND THESE PAGES WILL LIVE BEYOND GROUP PROJECTS AND WAITING FOR THE BUS AND CAFETERIA LINES, BECAUSE WE ARE WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL WHAT IT IS. WE CREATE AND GROW AND FILL THOSE MAIN HALL DISPLAY CASES WITH MORE PICTURES AND STORIES AND EVERYTHING THAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE. ENDLESS.



During a basketball game against Plano East, senior Austyne Chetwood and juniors Cordrick Dunn and Zion Andrus cheer and react to a dunk on the opposite team. The team went onto the second round of playoffs and Cordrick was there for the experience. "A lot of our teams including my sport went to playoffs this year and it was just incredible to see," Cordrick said. "We left something for generations to come to see. And if that is not history, then I don't know what is."



Matt Sunthimer

# MAKE IT ENDLESS