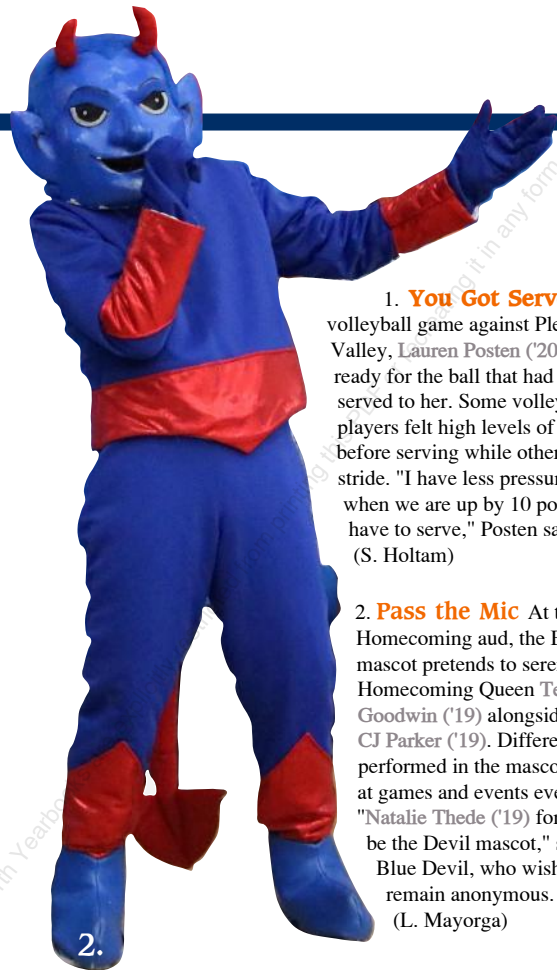


SPEAK OF THE



1. **You Got Served** At the volleyball game against Pleasant Valley, Lauren Posten ('20) gets ready for the ball that had been served to her. Some volleyball players felt high levels of pressure before serving while others took it in stride. "I have less pressure on me when we are up by 10 points and I have to serve," Posten said. (S. Holtam)

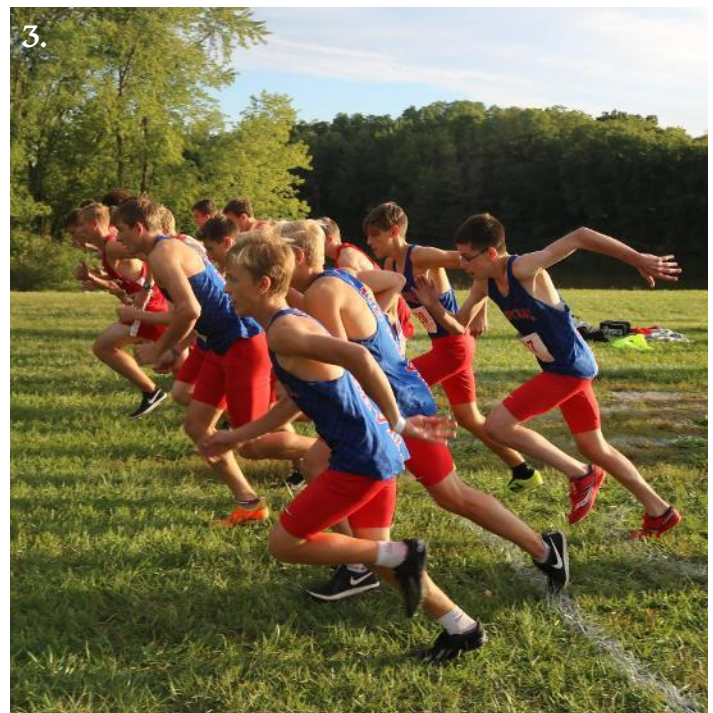
2. **Pass the Mic** At the final Homecoming aud, the Blue Devil mascot pretends to serenade the Homecoming Queen Tessa Goodwin ('19) alongside singer CJ Parker ('19). Different seniors performed in the mascot costume at games and events every year. "Natalie Thede ('19) forced me to be the Devil mascot," said the Blue Devil, who wished to remain anonymous. (L. Mayorga)

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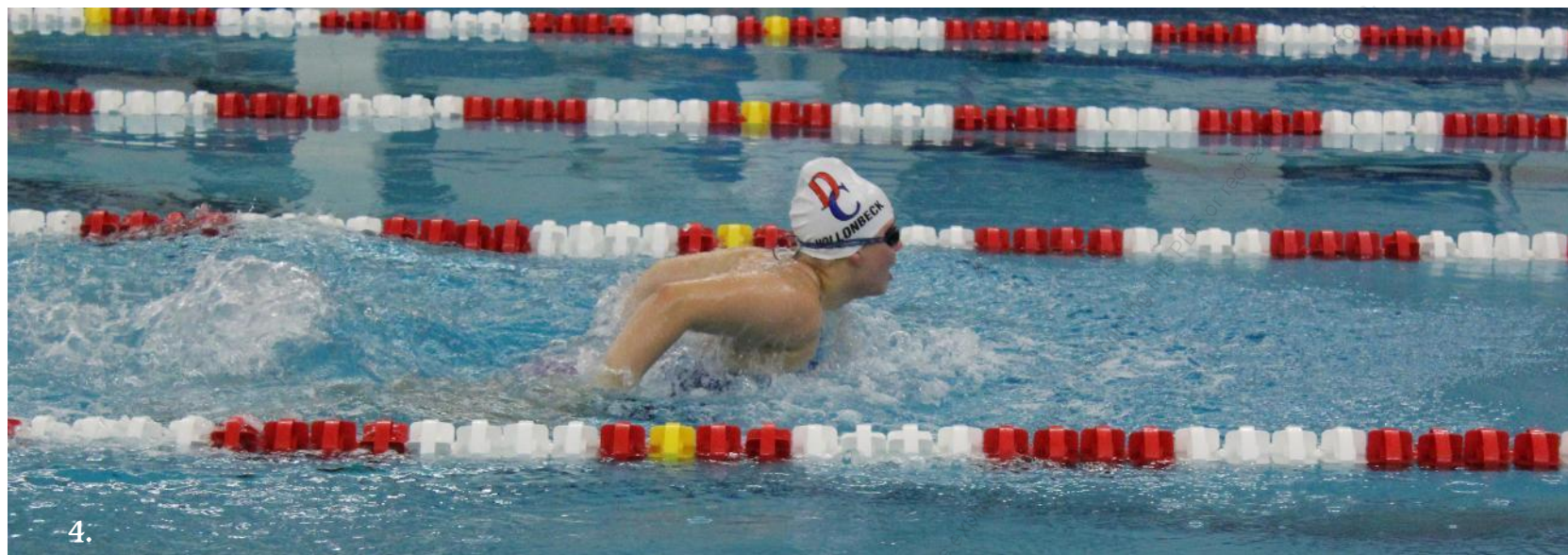
It was a new school year, but the Blue Devils still had that same reputation. With successful athletic teams, active clubs, thriving fine arts programs and outstanding academics, everyone in Davenport knew what it meant to **speak of the Devil**.

As August came back around, students and staff prepared to jump back into a new school year, but this year we got a little more than we bargained for. The size of the student body had increased by several hundred students over the past few years, and enrollment was up again. The secret must have gotten out: Central was truly the best place to be.

Since its founding over 100 years ago, members of Davenport High School, and later Central High School, have continued to put in the effort to make this school shine. Throughout the last few decades, Central had become known mostly for its fine arts programs, but that had recently changed. The athletic teams, academics and other extra-curricular programs continued to top other schools and improve each year. With all of this in mind, families started flooding in. Everyone had known for years that **speaking of the Devil** in Davenport meant speaking of tradition and history, but now it also meant speaking of the best school around. (S. Holtam)



"Speak of the Devil and he shall appear."



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3. **Ready, Set, Go!** At a meet at West Lake, Will Reemtsma ('19), Carter Sullivan ('22), Kyle Hopewell ('22), Quinn Frank ('21), Brendan Bloomer ('22) and the rest of the boys cross country team take off. Cross country runners often had to mentally focus and concentrate hard while running through long courses. "When I am running, I always think of what time I am going to get," Bloomer said. (L. Ehrecke)



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4. **Butterfly Kisses** At a meet against North in the Central pool, Annie Hollonbeck ('20) swims the butterfly stroke. Swimmers often chose to focus on their form, their breathing or even just finishing the race during tough competitions. "I always focus on my technique, but sometimes I zone out," Hollonbeck said. (S. Holtam)

5. **Spring Blooms** Representing National Honor Society, Lily Chen ('19) and Brooke Nelson ('19) help children paint a mural at the Village in Bloom festival. NHS members achieved high GPAs and completed service hours in order to be inducted into the group, and they continued to participate in community service throughout their years in the organization. "We volunteer and demonstrate the four pillars, which are character, leadership, scholarship and service. I'm a leader in NHS. I make sure that all of the members maintain their 3.5 GPAs and keep up with their volunteering," Nelson said. (S. Holtam)

6. **Give It All You Got** At show choir camp over the summer, Peter McDonald ('22), Toby Wood ('22) and the rest of the Blue Vibrations show choir learn their routine. Some singers had trouble memorizing the new lyrics while performing the tough choreography during these early stages of rehearsal. "The hardest part of show choir is learning the lyrics and using the right vocals," Wood said. (S. Holtam)