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sticking together

The West High traditions we all know and love have grown stronger. With a more tight-knit scholastic community and greater interaction amongst different groups of students, West High is truly a home for all of its students. Friday night football games have evolved into a chance for all students, whether they're band members, athletes, cheerleaders, or simply avid fans, to showcase their talents and school appreciation. With lots of students involved in multiple groups and clubs, students and faculty alike have been able to appreciate the similarities we share and the differences we celebrate.

There is a certain distinguishable quality that is present in every single West High student. This characteristic of excellence is found at every club meeting, athletic event or performance. It is present in every hallway, every classroom and in every student. With the school in a period of revision, the West High mantra has stayed the same because West High is and always will be the place where excellence is not merely an achievement, but a tradition.



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BAND IT OUT Emma Kearney '21 plays during pregame Sept. 20 for the gold out game. Kearney shows her Trojan spirit by wearing gold highlight to the game.

IT'S A SIGN James Pinter '20 shows his spirit during kicking off after a touch down for the Homecoming game against Linn-Mar Oct. 4. Pinter reversed his sign so the student section could read it.



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GRANT HENDERSON '20 AVA WADDILOVE '23 TATE CRANE '20 PARAS BASSUK '21 LEIGHA PACHA '22



BAND TOGETHER The West High Trojan Marching Band performs at pregame Sept. 20 for the gold out game.

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HALFTIME DANCING Chloe Gretter '20 performs at half time for the best buddies game Sept. 16. "My favorite part about dancing at the gold out game is getting to hang out with the kid captain before, and then seeing everyone come out to support a great cause," Gretter said. "It truly is amazing to look into the stands and see everyone repping their gold out gear to support kids everywhere."



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RUN THROUGH While getting ready for the gold out game, Lila Terry '20 runs kid captain, Lucy Roth, out to the tailgate Sept. 20. "I participate in dance marathon because I knew one of the 'Dancing In Our Heart' [kids]. When he was fighting I was only in fifth grade, so there wasn't much I could do to help besides bring him baked goods and cards. Ever since, I have tried to find bigger and bigger ways to help. Right now, I'm raising money through dance marathon, but my hope is one day I will be a pediatric oncologist so I can help the kids directly," Terry said.

student life

revisiting connections

AS WE JOIN TOGETHER wrapping up the 52nd year of West High, many things have evolved, and it's starting to show. While the school gets a renovation, the students band together to maneuver throughout the building and campus. The front campus and courtyard house construction vehicles and equipment, necessary to renovate the classrooms. Students realize the various changes made throughout the years they've experienced here at West High. From new cell phone policies to four minute passing time, students feel the ways their school is transforming. Some changes are instituted for safety such as locked doors with ID entry only. Others encourage Kindness, Community and Learning for all.

Some traditions haven't changed at all. You can still find West High students huddled into the bleachers on a chilly Friday night, with the bleachers bending beneath them from the weight and excitement in the crowd. Other students gather to participate or watch performances done beautifully in the school play or musical concerts, and so much more. Even with the changes, students are part of one vision.

SHOUT IT OUT LOUD While cheering on the Trojans, seniors Wade Hoffman, Even Brauns, James Pinter, Ben Vanderleast and Matthew Cupp hype up the crowd for the homecoming game Oct. 4.

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