

# 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.