

Saturday

Just Dance. (Right) Kami Seago '20, Alyssa Combs '20, Shonda Nguyen '21, Hunter Roehlk '21, Chandra Duyvejonck '20, and Gillian Collins '20 shamelessly gather to dance with their dates at Homecoming. Students enjoyed themselves at the dance despite a slow beginning. "I thought it was fun, but it started out slow because people were afraid to dance," said Duyvejonck. Photo By: Katie Choate

Cupid's Shuffle. (Below) Students gather with their friends and dates while dancing to the timeless song "Cupid Shuffle". This song is played annually by the DJ at Homecoming to unify the collective group of attendees. "I think it's a good tradition, but sometimes it gets old. Not everyone gets up and dances, but I think it [the dance] helps," said Kaleigh Wiebel '21. Photo By: Katie Choate



Picture Perfect. (Left) Jessica Cortez '21 and Trevon Lidell '21 pose for a picture while taking a break from dancing. Students enjoyed themselves surrounding the dance floor while taking pictures with friends. "I loved going to Homecoming with my boyfriend this year. We both can agree taking pictures and enjoying each other's company was our favorite part," said Cortez. Photo By: Katie Choate



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Isabella Castel

Alyssa Combs

Molly Friede

Hailey Hansen

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Avery Mattison

Megan Weisrock

Homecoming

DANCING IN THE RAIN

Students discuss complications of weather during homecoming

Does bad weather affect the general outcome of a seemingly fun night? This year, Homecoming was held in a different section of the River Center than previous years. West's 2019 Homecoming became challenging due to cold and rainy weather.

For some, appearance is a critical factor in attending a dance. Excitement dwindles for students who spent the majority of the day preparing their best looks only to have it ruined by uncontrollable circumstances. "The rain made me not as excited, and it took out my curls before the dance started, but the dance was fun. This year was the most fun I've had because of the new set up and music," said junior **Joslyn Meador**. For freshmen, the expectations of Homecoming ran high despite overwhelming amounts of stress.

"It was so stressful and took a long time, but it was really exciting to see what I would look like

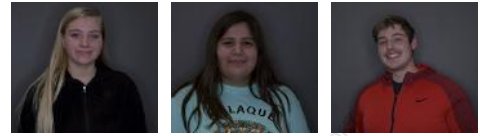
because I'd never had my makeup done before," said freshman **Lucero Torres**. Although an enjoyable night for attendees, cold weather made taking pictures a challenging process.

"I was freezing because my dress only had one little strap and we took pictures outside. My dress got soaked [from the rain] when I sat on the fountain downtown. I just wanted to hurry up and take the pictures because I was really cold," said Torres. Among male students, the challenges of Homecoming night were less noticeable.

Senior **Antonio Salazar** said, "It was a struggle because I had to have a tailor help me with colors and sizes and it was expensive. Homecoming was really fun being in a new spot. I danced with a lot of people."

Nevertheless, West's Homecoming overcame weather complications as students continued to dance the night away.

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Ready, Set, Smile. (Left) Homecoming Court nominees and their dates gather for a group photo during the dance. Students found that their experience this year differed than any other. Grace Thalacker '20 said, "I had high expectations for my senior Homecoming, and my fun date fulfilled them. We went as friends and it was so much better than an awkward date." Photo By: Katie Choate



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