Younger sisters offer their take on their sib

Big brother. That phrase invokes a feeling of protection and trust or maybe an outright threat, depending on whether you have one.

Holly Paulsen '18 has little choice in whether her older brother keeps close tabs on her.

"We both play soccer," she said, "so whenever we are at practice together, our coach always puts us on the same team."

Katherine Carter '18 said she and her brother, Logan Carter '16, generally get along, although certain things tend to aggravate him.

"I have really long hair and it gets everywhere. We always fight when he finds it on his stuff," she said. For those siblings who don't spend a lot of time

together, it's often the little things they enjoy.

"My favorite thing to do with him is going on car rides to the store, or to pick up our little brother," Belle Parker '18 said.

George Orwell's definition doesn't really fit Bo Nock '16, the older brother of Bailey Nock '18.

"He's never been too overprotective, but he does protect me," Bailey said. "I don't think I've ever been annoyed by him looking out for me."

Naturally, older brothers keep an eye on their sis.

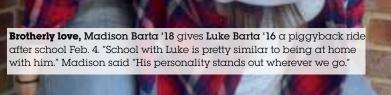
"He gets really mad, especially over boys," Hannah Krupp '17 said about Michael Krupp '15. "He tells me who I can hang out with and who I cannot." Big brothers do offer a few benefits, though.

"His friends say hi to me, and some of them treat me like their sister," Melania Mushalangwa '18 said

about her brother Boni Mushalangwa '15. If there's one thing these sisters agree on, it's to enjoy their time together before he moves out.

As Alyson Kuennen '18 said of her brother Dylan Kuennen '15: "He's going to be off to college, so it's nice seeing him every day,"

-By Ellen Burns and Barbara Nagueza





Jump for joy, Belle Parker '18 leaps into Carter Parker's '15 arms after school Feb. 6. "It's nice having an older brother to go to school with." Belle said. "He's here to help me whenever I need it."

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Forceries galore, Jacob Cram '15 and Abbie Cram '17 shop at Fareway after grabbing a coffee after school Feb. 4. "Going to school with Abbie is nice because we can ride to and from school ogether every day," Jacob said. "We get a chance to catch up."

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Siblings Molly Ruden '17 and Ryan Ruden '15 walk out of a temporary classroom Feb. 6. "I really like going to school with Molly," Ryan said.

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Waiting in the snow, Willem Paul '15 and Marina Paul '17 hang out after school Feb. 5. "Willem got me into theater," Marina said, "so I'd say going to school with an older sibling can be pretty useful."



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Basketball buds, Bailey Nock '18 and Bo Nock '16 play a game of basketball after school Feb. 3. "It can get annoying going to the same school as him, but I know he has the best intentions," Bailey said.

Just hanging around,

Ted Paulsen '15 hugs little sis Holly Paulsen '18 seventh period Feb. 3. "Honestly, going to school with him isn't that different since we barely see each other," Holly said. "But we have fun playing soccer together afterwards."



Pals in purple, Tyler Herring '15 arrives at school with Megan Herring '18 Feb. 3. "Tyler and I get along great, so I love that I finally get to go to school with him." Megan said. "He made coming to West an easier transition."

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