

It was really cool. After the game, our coach let us celebrate with the student section," Marquise Jones ('16) said. "Coach Brad Remmert was in the locker room dancing with Saidi Sula ('16). It was hype."

# CHURCH MEAL DEAL

With the tempting smell of hundreds of hamburgers and hotdogs sizzling on the grills in the parking lot of the First Christian Church, the neighbor just to the south of the high school, it was easy to lure hundreds of staff and students to the annual homecoming cookout that members of the church have been serving now since the fall of 2000.

The church sets up the annual homecoming gameday lunches with donations from its youth group and from church goers every Sunday. They label the donations as TGIF (Thank God It's Friday) and then put them aside until the big day.

**Liz Woodward**, the pastor at First Christian Church, said they usually start preparations for the food at about 7:30 on grilling day, and they finish around 2:30 p.m. "We figured about 1,100 students, so we had 840 hamburgers and 250 hotdogs, and the ladies of the church made the cookies and bars."

They averaged about 42 workers helping out with this lunch.

Woodard said the church relishes this annual chance to meet its neighbors. "We aren't able to see each and every one of you every day like your teachers do, but we wish to show you all how much we are excited for your learning and what all you're involved in, and we hope that everyone can come away from this tradition knowing that they're loved and that we are here to support you with your education," she said.

Woodard said many of the church volunteers note that their favorite part of the lunch

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*—Pastor Liz Woodward*

is when all of the students come at once in a big mass, and she noted how grateful they were on how many thank yous they got from students. "As I was restocking things, I had a boy come through the line and say 'We are so blessed,'" Woodward said. "It was awesome for me because I'm at an age where I'm at weird kind of age where I'm inbetween being young and being a bit older. It's interesting where people younger than you get to teach you things."

Of course, with the overwhelming neighborly generosity, the appreciation of students and staff ran high. "This food is delicious, man," **Coty Kurth ('16)** said. "It's really generous of this church to be serving us food. Everybody is out here enjoying this."

The idea for a big school lunch originated years ago from a youth group that attended that church.

*by Autumn Saul*



**CHURCH GRUB.** Enjoying the sunny weather and free grilled food, about 80 percent of the school attended what has been a traditional homecoming game day lunch. This lunch took place right next door in the parking lot of the First Christian Church. .

*Photo by Abdul-Medzid Rasidiagic*

Million Dollar Monday features blue-gown beauty **special needs teacher Katie Walsworth**.

Showing his dance moves, **counselor Chris Wood** wowed the crowd during the homecoming assembly.

Her boots were made for walking, as **Rita Tewolde ('17)** got her name called at the assembly.

Posing as a Greek god, **Austin Reyhons ('16)** showed off his get up for senior toga day.

Lastly, cheering for the homecoming football game, **Keeley Fober ('16)**, **Anna Robisky ('17)** and **Lexis Powell ('16)** did a stunt for the student section.

**Days of the Week**



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### DECORATING DUTY.

In a Sunday afternoon tradition, students from all grades gather to decorate their hallways in a competition to determine who has the best hallway. At top are Kierston Fixen ('18), Mikaela Elenz ('18), Molly Rygh ('18), Sydney Brustkern ('18) and Catherine Kime ('18). On the left is Madison McCann ('16). In the end, the sophomores came out on top for their efforts focused on the wild west theme.

Photos by Ashley Brimacomb

**TIGER NATION.** Cheering after a touchdown, Marquise Jones ('16), Jordan Degroote ('16) and Taylon Alexander ('16) celebrate a score in what would ultimately end up as a 28-14 triumph over Waterloo West.

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## Homecoming Week 9

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