

starting the school day nearly an hour later than last year, all students with first-hour classes began at 8:50 a.m. Aug. 24. “My day is less stressful in the morning, and I’m never late to class,” senior class president Michael Moonjely said. On the other hand, classes weren’t dismissed until 4 p.m., pushing back practices and rehearsals for extra-curricular activities. New assistant principal Lucas DeVries and dean of students Justin Colbert encouraged students to embrace the change. “I know it’s difficult for students sometimes, feeling like their freedoms are being restricted, but West is actually very open. It surpasses other schools I’ve been at,” Colbert said. DeVries agreed, adding that he enjoys being able to put his trust in the students.



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FOCUSING IN FOR THE KIDS, Megan Schneider '18 paints an 'S' on the cheek of Lizzy Waul, a member of the Gold Out football game's honorary family, on Sept. 9 in the courtyard after school. "It was great to see how many people were there in support," Schneider said. "Some of the requests for what they wanted painted was really sweet and put a smile on my face."

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Clockwise: **SCREAM AND SHOUT**, Ellie Kovar '17 encourages the football team at the first game of the season. "I love getting to carry on the traditions." **MAKING THE TACKLE**, Dillon Shephard '18 pushes back the City High quarterback on Sept. 16. **RED, WHITE & BLUE**, the student section listens to the band play the National Anthem. **GOING FOR GOLD**, the student section cheers on the team on Sept. 9. "It made me really happy to see how many people powered through the rain to watch the game," Elisa Abram '17 said. **MARCH TO THE BEAT**, Corey Roth '19 and Christopher Langland '18 play the snare drum in the Iowa Homecoming Parade on Sept. 30.

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