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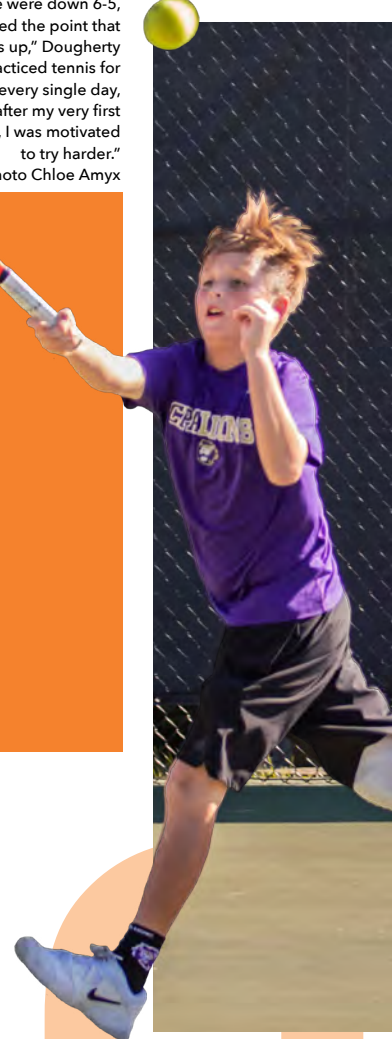
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COMBAT ON THE COURT

With a racket in hand, seventh grader Will Dougherty battles his opponent on the tennis court. "We were down 6-5, and I scored the point that tied us up," Dougherty said. "I practiced tennis for an hour every single day, and after my very first win, I was motivated to try harder." photo Chloe Amyx

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RAINBOWS AND RUMBLE At the Back to School Party, kindergartners Caroline Dover and Sydney Winfree smile with glee while hugging the school mascot, Rumble. "I got a unicorn painted on my face, and I got on the bouncy houses a little bit and bounced around," Dover said. "My friend [Winfree] and I have been friends since we were four, and we got to see the lion together." photo Meredith Lane Finucane

on the cover

PURPLE AND GOLD With pompoms, fifth grader Cici Routh cheers on the Lower School Football Team. "The best part of the game was when we ran out on the field, went to our football players, gave them high fives, and told them, 'good game.' I liked it when we prayed and were together after the game," Routh said. photo Abigail Ellis

JUMPING FOR JOY With her feet off the ground, junior Sylvie Keck hammers in her first goal of the season. "Being a center back, I rarely got the chance to score a goal. When I finally got a free kick, I was ready," Keck said. "Right when I kicked, I thought I had missed the shot, but then I heard [junior] Emmaline [Bartlett] scream that I scored. I jumped in the air and started laughing." photo Jay Wilkinson

BURNING WITH AMBITION Eighth grader Jake White participates in an experiment. "We poured different chemicals and liquids on each of the fires to see which one would go out first," White said. "Even though I messed up the experiment, Coach [Bruce] Francis embraced my mistake because he knew that I could learn from it." photo Lexie Vinson



KNOW more of it

LEARNING LATIN With her face lit up with laughter, sophomore Olivia Nunn puts her heart into a presentation for Latin class. "There were only seven other people in my class, so we shared entertaining moments together," Nunn said. "We played review games where people would dive onto the floor just to get the ball. I was amused at how heated those games would get." photo Laura Finley Hasenbank

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ISLAND TIME On sophomore Anna Kate McLean's shoulders, sophomore Addie Reese Zapp wears a meaningful outfit at a Hawaiian-themed football game. "My dad is a pilot, and once when he was in Hawaii, he bought this shirt. Ever since then, I wore it to everything luau-themed," Zapp said. photo Lexie Vinson

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SPORTY SISTERS In midair, junior GraceAnn Glisson springs off the floor finishing her lay-up against Fairview High School's freshman Lillie Baker. "Basketball was unique for me because I got to play with some of my closest friends and my sister, [freshman Virginia Glisson]," Glisson said. "My sister and I were best friends, so it was a great opportunity to go out there and play as teammates and as sisters." photo Jay Wilkinson

We've SEEN it

We watched the kindergartners parade in penguin outfits down the halls, we noticed Ms. Smith and Ms. Arndt coordinating outfits, and we viewed the "Right Now" video every Homecoming Pep Rally.

We've HEARD it

We listened to the first graders enthusiastically recite Luke 2:7-16, we appreciated the middle schoolers' shouts of encouragement at the annual college tailgate, and we absorbed Ms. Wallace's thorough prayers each morning.

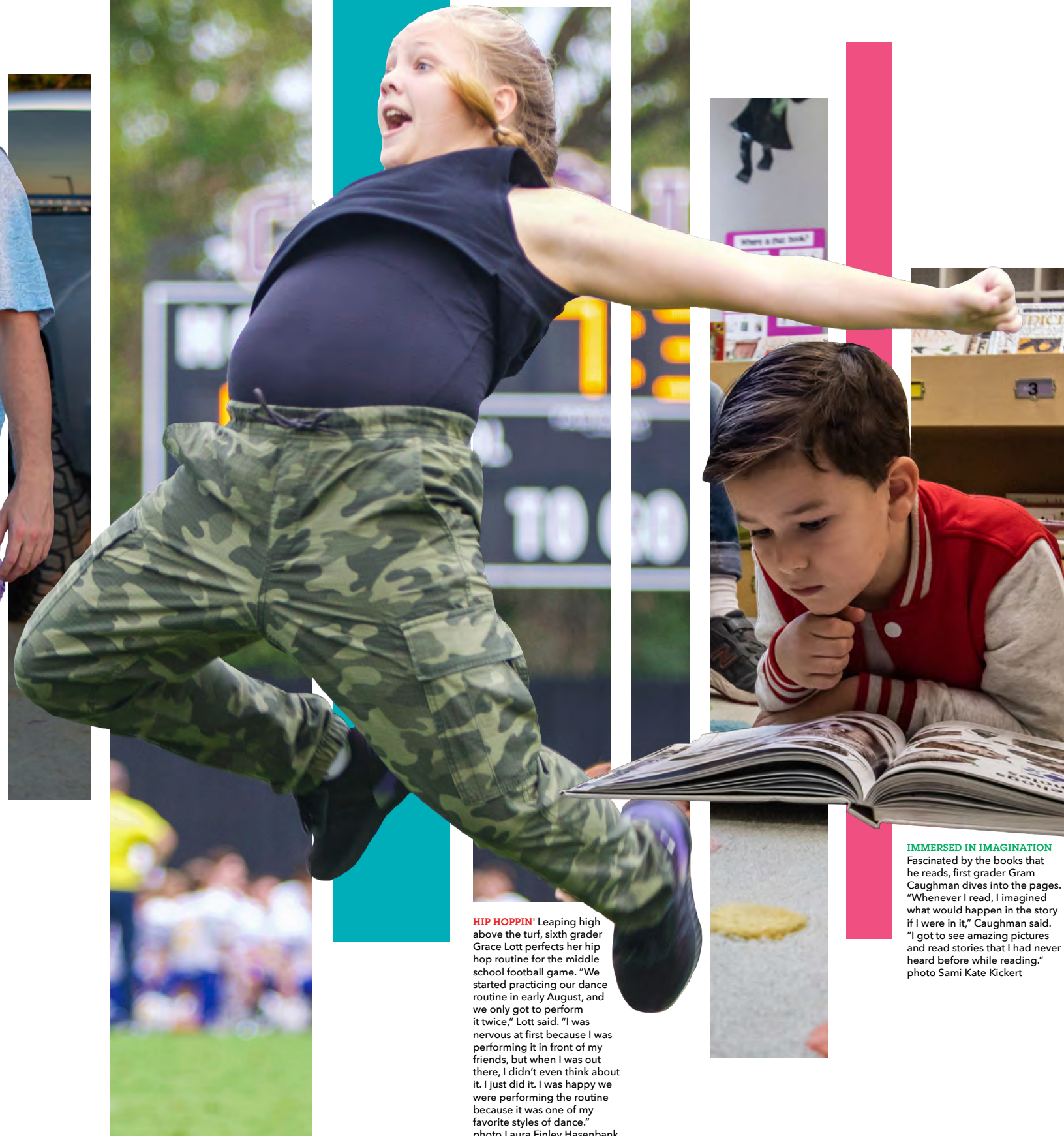
We even KNOW it

We learned the tedious steps to long division in third grade, we prepared for our first frog dissection in Middle School Life Science, and we anticipated the intensity of Mr. Carpenter's history lectures.

This is only a piece of the whole



CHEERING LOUD His voice booming through a neon megaphone, senior Chase Cline unifies the upper school before a football game. "As a student section leader, it was my job to be a role model to the younger grades and cheer as loud as I could," Cline said. "Having a theme for each football game added an extra element because we were all dressing up because we wanted to." photo Lexie Vinson



HIP HOPPIN' Leaping high above the turf, sixth grader Grace Lott perfects her hip hop routine for the middle school football game. "We started practicing our dance routine in early August, and we only got to perform it twice," Lott said. "I was nervous at first because I was performing it in front of my friends, but when I was out there, I didn't even think about it. I just did it. I was happy we were performing the routine because it was one of my favorite styles of dance." photo Laura Finley Hasenbank

IMMERSED IN IMAGINATION Fascinated by the books that he reads, first grader Gram Caughman dives into the pages. "Whenever I read, I imagined what would happen in the story if I were in it," Caughman said. "I got to see amazing pictures and read stories that I had never heard before while reading." photo Sami Kate Kickert



HIDDEN TALENT
Discovering his voice from singing along to Disney movies, fifth grader Judah Ruff earns a solo in the annual Lower School Christmas Program. "Even though I had friends also auditioning for a solo, I was nervous," Ruff said. "I auditioned with the song 'A Million Dreams' from *The Greatest Showman*, and I got the solo." photo Chloe Amyx



A NEW LIGHT Stepping into the spotlight, senior Aidan Lynch masters his choreography in his final *Coffeehouse* performance. "I chose to dance to 'Ultra Light Beam' by Kanye West because the gospel choir in it moved me," Lynch said. "It was an opportunity for me to take something I was very passionate about, that I did every day even, and share it with my classmates." photo Chloe Amyx



BUILDING STRENGTH
Thrusting the ball into the air, sixth grader Marigny McDonald focuses on keeping steady legs and growing stronger. "Fitness class was helpful because it gave me a break from learning," McDonald said. "I had class with some of my friends, and the best part was playing flag football." photo Laura Finley Hasenbank

There's more to what we SEE

Like the kindergartners creating the perfect penguin suit with their parents, the 20 years of friendship Ms. Smith and Ms. Arndt share, or the late nights spent in the media studio finishing the final edits.

There's more to what we HEAR

Maybe it's the nerves to perfect the verse's precise hand motions, the 6 a.m. run to Chick-Fil-A to enhance the tailgate meal, or the foundation of CPC which started in Ms. Wallace's home.

There's more to what we KNOW

Such as the validation of successfully completing your first problem, the formaldehyde that lingers for a week after the dissection, or the long lunches Mr. Carpenter sacrifices to get to know his students. Behind every moment there's a bigger story.

Over the years we have embraced the familiar.
We've seen it,
we've heard it,
we even know it,

but there's
MORE to it



This is what we've
SEEN

The rainbow powder clouded our vision at the lower school color run, the overwhelming surge of lights turned our heads at the middle school neon dance, and we looked up as the Upper School Girls' Soccer Team greeted their devoted fans after a victory.

Yet we don't
NOTICE

the Lower School Cross Country Team admiring their upper school running mentors, Coach Jordan crafting the iconic playlist weeks before the dance, or the practices devoted to tie-dyeing shirts and the formation of sisterhood.

There is **MORE** behind the first glance, so we invite you to

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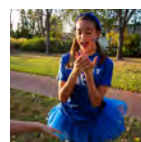


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SEEING BEYOND With wide eyes of pure excitement, kindergartners Henry Altman and Penelope Lugo take an endearing look at the crowd during the annual passing of the scrolls ceremony. "A senior gave me my scroll, but I wasn't scared. I was just excited to open the scroll when I got home," Altman said. "They even gave us a T-shirt with my lucky number two on it, but I couldn't wear it all the time because it was so big on me." photo Laura Finley Hasenbank

How we
SEE
it



COLLEGIATE COLORS Participating in the Middle School College Tailgate, seventh grader Ella Fritts laughs with her fellow classmates. "We all pitched in to set up the tents and decorations, and we all brought in food," Fritts said. "My favorite memory was when people bobbed for apples and got water everywhere." photo Reesi Nesbitt



WATCHFUL EYES In search of the perfect leaf, kindergartner Nathan Attia constructs a recess adventure. "During recess, my friends and I picked up leaves and sticks from the ground and made boats out of them," Attia said. "After we made the boats, we raced them down the creek in the playground." photo Lexie Vinson



VISUALIZING VICTORY Eyes locked on the field in a moment of anticipation, freshman Hunter Walker prepares himself. "Coach [Steve] Lenger told me I would get the next kick, but when I actually walked on the field, I was super nervous," Walker said. "When I made contact with the ball, I thought that I had made it, and it was incredible that I did. [Senior] Hall Perdue ran out to me, and everyone on the sideline was yelling and high-fiving me." photo Lexie Vinson

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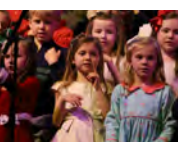
HEARD

This is what we've
 The **CLAMOR** of construction filled our ears while we soared on the swings at recess, the music in the parking lot on the way into the middle school woke us up each morning, and our voices echoed throughout the halls as we worshiped in the atrium, yet we don't pick up the awe of the new building planting inspiration in the minds of future architects and engineers, the uplifting **TUNES** playing from Ms. Young's car radio to greet students walking into school, or Dr. Filson setting up the sound equipment late at night to create an engaging chapel atmosphere. There is more past the typical commotion, So we invite you to

HEAR

MORE of it

what you HEAR



SANTA'S GIFTS Kindergartner Meredith Massie performs in the Christmas Program alongside kindergartners Avery Barkley, Emerson Hawk, Caroline Dover, Bella Joy Beard, and Collins Anderson. "My mommy and daddy and my grandma and grandpa were all there to see me perform," Massie said. photo Tucker Photography



UNLIKELY VILLAIN Seventh grader Tanner Salinas and eighth graders Daniel Perry and Joseph Broad take a bow. "I had never done a play before, nor had I done a comedy. I had to play a villain, which was the opposite of my personality," Broad said. "Playing the villain was difficult because I had to act all gruff and tough in *Stronger than Strong*." photo Chloe Amyx



END OF AN ERA Jumping alongside the football players, senior Carley Smith celebrates the State Semi-Final victory. "I have watched football since I was born," Smith said. "Growing up in the Den held a special place in my heart, and knowing that was the last game that I would be a part of as a student was bittersweet." photo Jay Wilkinson

TRIUMPHANT TRUMPETS Packing a powerful punch into every note, freshman Bennett Wagley performs at his first upper school band concert. "Since I had been a part of band in the past, the concert wasn't that intimidating, but it was still a big deal," Wagley said. "Our seniors are some of the best musicians in the whole school. Being around them inspired me to grow, practice, and do my best so we could succeed as a whole." photo Reesi Nesbitt

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ARITHMETIC TOWER As they add, subtract, and stack, first graders Hazel Hess and Logan Dobyns work on their math facts. "Our teacher, Ms. [Allison] Moore, told us that the classroom was full of math magic, so we played games like Jenga to practice our addition and subtraction," Hess said. "Math class was fun because I liked to do subtraction," photo Sami Kate Kickert



KNOW

MORE of it



This is what we **KNOW**

The completion of our first chapter book in second grade gave us new observations, the idea of Pi sparked our interest in Ms. Carpenter's Pre-Algebra class, and we recalled the lyrics of the fast-paced Spanish songs on our weekly vocabulary quizzes.

Yet we don't realize

The hours first graders spend sounding out words before being able to read, Ms. Carpenter's tradition of bringing pie every National Pi Day, or Ms. Garrett writing and recording the Spanish soundtracks to aid in

her students' success.

There is **MORE**

beyond the initial discovery, so we invite you to

What you **KNOW**



DISSECTION AND DISGUST Hands shaking, junior Grace Hastings explores a pig brain. "I was grossed out at first by the feeling when I cut into the brain and because of the juice that got on my gloves," Hastings said. "My lab partner, [junior] Anna Kate [Clark], encouraged me to overcome my fears," photo Sami Kate Kickert



CALMING COLOR Seventh grader Brooke Jordan shares a laugh with seventh grader Camille Marrero during Art club. "I joined Art club because I wanted to invest my time in something I was interested in," Jordan said. "We painted sunflowers using watercolor, and it was extremely relaxing," photo Sami Kate Kickert



ALL DRESSED UP Dressed to impress, third grader Eden Hannah Doyle twirls in anticipation for the lower school's annual '50s Day Celebration. "I am always pumped for dressup days when I get to wear something other than my uniform," Doyle said. "50s Day was great because we got to play games," photo Sami Kate Kickert

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PERFORMING THROUGH THE PAIN Focusing earnestly on recalling his many lines, eighth grader Corbin Songer alongside eighth grader Sarah Grace Wright masters his role during the laughable and sometimes painful moments in *Shrek Jr.* "The character I played required me to walk on my knees so that I appeared shorter," Songer said. "It made the whole audience laugh. It really hurt, but I was able to overcome the pain and finish the show." photo Sami Kate Kickert

there is MORE



PICTURING THE PAGES Sharing a laugh with second graders Annabelle Abbagnaro and Natalie Jennings, second grader Georgia Dever immerses herself in a book. "I loved it when the librarian, Ms. [Brenda] Ferrell, read to us," Dever said. "When she read to us, I was always able to see what was going on in my mind." photo Lexie Vinson



RIGHT ON BEAT As he is moved by the beat of the drums and the heat of the moment, freshman Garrett McEvoy finds more than just music in joining Drumline. "I started playing drums five years ago," McEvoy said. "The people in Drumline became like my brothers and sisters, and we all looked up to them as the seniors." photo Jay Wilkinson



TEACHING MOMENTS Doubling as a football coach and an upper school teacher, Coach Trent Fisher makes time to connect with players, like senior Andrew Sinclair-Whitely, outside of the classroom. "I built relationships with the guys on the team and encouraged them in any way I could," Fisher said. "I always tried to take advantage of teaching moments by giving them an example of what I would have done." photo Tucker Photography



This is who **WE** are.

We are the second graders walking in a single-file line on the way to first period, we are the middle school chorus filling the choir room with soothing harmony, and we are the record breaking basketball players making a historical 1,000 points.

we are

MORE

But behind the **SCENES**, we are the second graders discovering our creative potential in the STEAM Lab, we are the chorus singers creating **UNCOMMON** traditions backstage of the *Christmas Joy* performance, and we are the players putting in time after practice to master the perfect three-point shot.

There is more to our familiar faces, so we welcome you to admire that

And so we've **SEEN** it

Maybe it was a glimpse of the lower schoolers looking up to their upper school mentors during the lion walks, the eighth graders mustering up the courage to run for middle school president, or the hard work of the construction workers directing upper school drivers each morning.

We've also **HEARD** it

Like the elaborate songs the lower school girls wrote on the swings during recess, the nervous voices of middle school boys stepping on the stage for the first time during '40s Day, or the student-written monologues in Theatre III's original production of *Seven Girls, Same Skirt*.

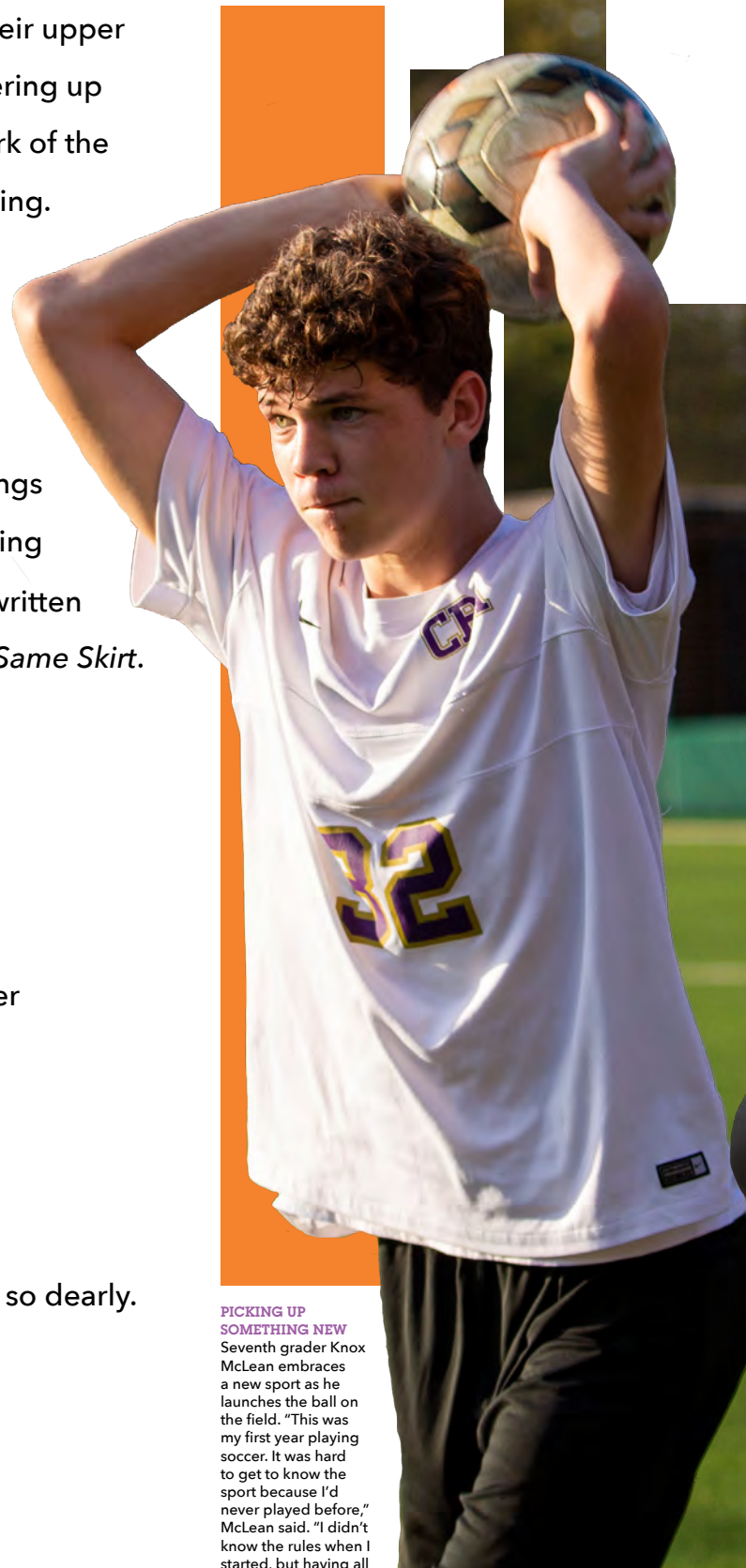
And now we even **KNOW** it

Such as the feeling of pride after the kindergartners checked out their first Junie B. Jones book in the library, the surge of relief after turning in the inaugural research paper to Ms. Songer in seventh grade, or the sense of accomplishment after the seniors received their diplomas and firm handshakes from Mr. Morrow.

It is our collective emotions and cherished traditions that we hold so dearly. Now we have discovered what's beyond the familiar.

We've seen it,
We've heard it,
We even know it,

but there's **MORE** to it...



PICKING UP SOMETHING NEW Seventh grader Knox McLean embraces a new sport as he launches the ball on the field. "This was my first year playing soccer. It was hard to get to know the sport because I'd never played before," McLean said. "I didn't know the rules when I started, but having all my friends on the team made it easier to learn." photo Reesi Nesbitt



WADDLING LEGACY After hearing her older sister reminisce on waddling down the hallways, kindergartner Harper Higdon embraces the beloved tradition of Penguin Day. "My sister taught me the song that they sang when they walked down the halls called 'Waddle Like a Penguin,'" Higdon said. "We sang a different song about penguins that a boy's dad wrote in Ms. [Wheat] Teller's class." photo Reesi Nesbitt



AN ORIGINAL ACT In Theatre III, sophomore Ellie Hooven and her classmates put on a unique play, "We performed in a show called *Seven Girls, Same Skirt* which is about how it feels to be a girl during today's age and what society thinks about her," Hooven said. "It was eye-opening to create our own piece about subjects that people normally don't talk about because it was the first time we ever wrote our own show." photo Reesi Nesbitt