



CATCHING UP. Seniors Jimena Gasulla, Ariana Hernando, Angelica Alvarez, and Jay Alvarez talk before class on the first day of school. Some seniors had not returned to school since classes went remote in March 2020. Other than seniors, no other grade had completed a complete year of high school. Photo by Monica Rodriguez

SENIOR FUN
Senior shirts and Pep Rally showcased spirit



1. THE SENIORS' FIRST DAY was marked with several surprises. From receiving their class shirts to participating in a pre-game pep rally, seniors felt like they were back at home. "It was important for the seniors to get their shirts on their First Day. We started off the year in the best way by wearing red together," senior Eva Mesa said. **2 AFTER RECEIVING THEIR CLASS SHIRTS,** the seniors headed to the field to pack the stands with their red spirit at the first day pep rally. "The pep rally was so much fun and I was so happy to be at my first pep rally in over a year," senior Giovanna Garcia said. Photos by Adriana Leyba

All students were back on campus for the first day of school.

GOOD to be HOME

After a year-and-a-half of online classes and pandemic restrictions, seniors Jimena Gasulla, Ariana Hernando, Angelica Alvarez, and Jay Sanchez finally reunited on campus with their whole grade.

"I had not been able to see my friends for a couple months and I was extremely excited; the feeling of being back was strange. I almost forgot what it was like," Jimena said.

The first day of school certainly felt different. Hybrid learning was no longer an option and the entire student body was back in person. For seniors, it was especially great to be back, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted their high school experience for the past two years.

"For me it was important to walk around the hallways and see people. There are a lot of my classmates who I only see in school, so I am glad everybody is here," senior Eva Cazar said.

The first day back on campus stirred

up many different emotions as students returned from a long summer vacation.

For some, coming back to school was bittersweet. For some, it was a nerve-racking experience. Freshmen frantically looked for their classes, with some not sure what high school would be like. Either way, it was an adjustment.

"I got lost and missed my advisory, I was worried the whole day that I wouldn't find my classes. I was happy to see my friends but I was upset because most of them weren't in my classes," freshman Ashley Garcia said."

The freshmen were not only adjusting to their new environment, but so were those that attended classes online all of last school year. Some found the transition easier than they originally thought.

"Surprisingly it was easy for me to be back [on campus] after spending a lot of time at home," sophomore Nolan Sequeira said.

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WELCOME BACK

Friends caught up on the first day.

1. FRESHMEN STUDENTS came to campus for the first time. Their first day experience was different than that compared to seniors. "I was scared and intimidated but I ended up having a good day," freshman Leslie Bermudez said. Photo by Victoria Poliak



2. SENIORS RETURNED to campus and reunited with their classmates and friends. They shared hugs, laughs and smiles on their "last" first day. "It was a bittersweet moment coming back from being online. I was happy to be back but it was sad knowing it would be my last year," senior Kate Perez said. Photo by Victoria Poliak



A SEA OF RED filled the bleachers during the first day pep rally. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time that the pep rally took place outside. **1.** Seniors Lana Dierickx and Nicholas Aday were happy to see each other again in person. **2.** Senior Sofia Aspillaga showed off her personalized crown decoration. **3.** Brandon Alvarez and Tobias Becker-Flah caught up after the first-day pep rally. "Seeing my friends back again was really good, but the best part of the day was knowing that we rule this school now," senior Brandon Alvarez said. Photos by Monica Rodriguez



QA WITH SENIOR SAMUEL CANO



How did you feel about addressing the student body?
I was a little nervous because I was talking to a lot of people, but I was really excited. Being the Student Body President is about being there for everybody. It's something I've wanted to do since freshman year, having that speech was really important to me.

How does it feel to be student body president?
I love it, I personally have been working for this since I was in 8th grade. Now that I'm finally doing it I'm very excited to come to school everyday and I feel even better meeting new people. I'm really grateful that I have a platform

What emotion were you trying to convey in your pep rally speech?
I wanted everybody to feel happy to be back and I wanted to show my gratitude for being president. I wanted students to know that I was there for them, and for everyone to be really excited.