

# STUDENT

## CONNOR BROWN '22

"Joey [Conte '22], Andrew [Huss '22] and I went real crazy with the whole cowboys vs. hippies thing at Homecoming and wanted to make people laugh as they walked passed us. We brought some super high energy to the game with the rest of the student section because it was all about supporting the guys on the field so we could get the win."



## JAMIE LEOPOLD, SCIENCE

"The teachers I had when I went to BHS made a substantial impact on my life and it's why I chose to come back here to teach. BHS still feels like home. It was a place I had spent time doing sports, taking AP classes and making lifelong friendships. I hope to make the same impact on my students. I want my students to know I genuinely care because they all matter."

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**ALAYNA SWARR '25**  
"My whole family including my dad and cousins attended BHS. It's cool to know I get to experience the same traditions that they did when they went here."

**KRISTY NOEL, MATH**  
"My favorite Brighton tradition is our Homecoming Week and the Parade. We are one of the only places that still does this and it really makes the week special."

**PRISCILA GARCIA '23**  
"Every year the LULAC group does a Jalisco dance in the Homecoming Parade. It lets people who are not familiar with the Hispanic culture see our traditions."

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# WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU



**LET 'EM HEAR IT.** Drum major Jesse Woody '22 sings as he conducts the band while they play "Hey Baby," during a timeout in the boys basketball game against Columbine High School on Jan. 25. *Photo by r.weidemann*

## JESSE WOODY '22

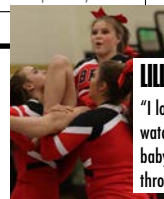
"The band considers 'Hey Baby' to be the ultimate hype song for the crowd. Everyone loves to sing their heart out to it because everyone knows the words. At this point, it's the band's signature song. It's what makes being part of the band so awesome."

*photo by r.weidemann*

### WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE BRIGHTON TRADITIONS?

#### AMELIA KLINGSIECK-WARE '25

"Homecoming Week lived up to my expectations. I know that other schools do them, but I feel like ours is special since we are a small town with a big parade. I love the spirit days."



#### LILLY PIPPIN '25

"I love cheering at the football games and watching the seniors at the front sneak in baby powder and hand it to everyone to throw at the very beginning of the game."

#### SORAYA MANDUJANO '23

"My favorite Brighton tradition is just being in the student section at any event and we show our school spirit with all the different chants we know."

#### AVERY SHELLEY '22

"Homecoming Week. Not only is there something to do every day leading up to the dance, but it's also the point in the year I feel like the student body is the most together."

#### LIVI RODMAN '25

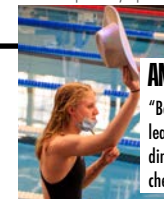
"I personally find that our yearly rivalry against Prairie View is a really fun tradition that unites our school. Any of the big games brings us together."



*photo by j.nipko*

#### AMANDA POOLE '25

"I really like the community and my teammates on the Cross Country team. We had some memorable team trips to Arizona and YMCA Snow Mountain."



*photo by r.jorstad*

#### ANNA JORSTAD '25

"Being new to the swim team, I enjoyed learning all the traditions from the special dinner we had before leagues and the team cheers we did before and after meets."

#### TAYLOR BAIRD '24

"My favorite Brighton tradition is the Powder Puff football game that the girls get to play in during Homecoming because of the fact that we get to see the girls and the guys switch up their normal places."

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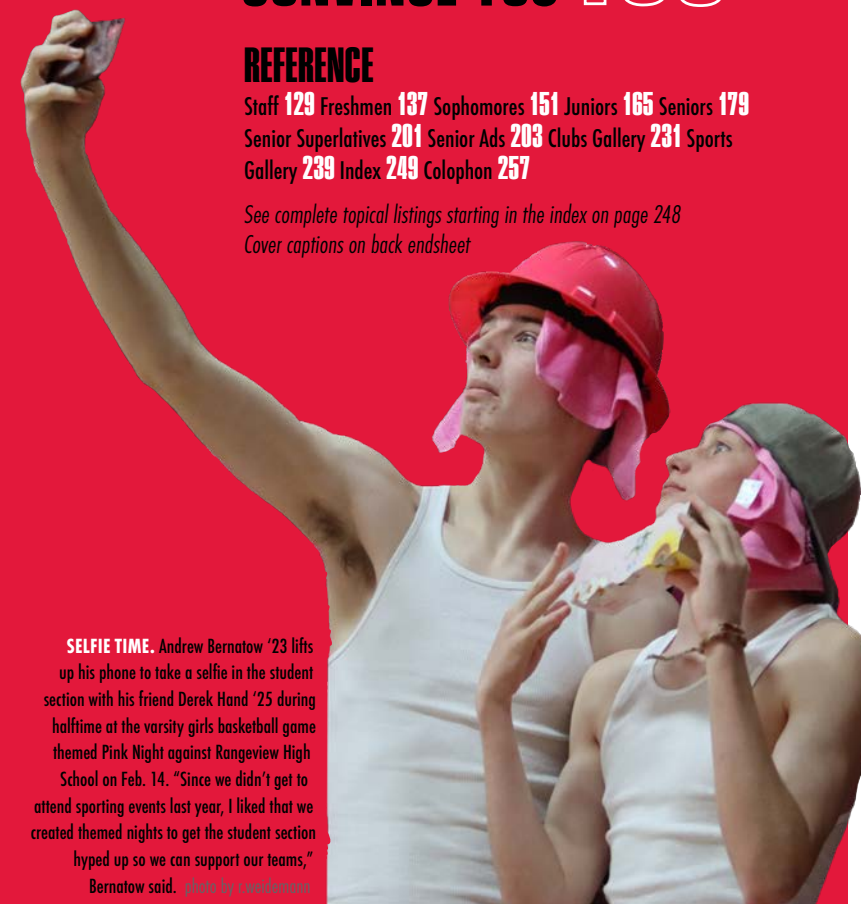
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**SELFIE TIME.** Andrew Bernatow '23 lifts up his phone to take a selfie in the student section with his friend Derek Hand '25 during halftime at the varsity girls basketball game themed Pink Night against Rangeview High School on Feb. 14. "Since we didn't get to attend sporting events last year, I liked that we created themed nights to get the student section hyped up so we can support our teams," Bernatow said. *Photo by r.weidemann*

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## BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

### ADDRESS

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### SCHOOL INFO

Principal: Ms. Shelly Genereux  
League: East Metro Sports  
Colors: Cherry Red and White

### POPULATION

Enrollment: 2,006  
Freshmen: 633  
Sophomores: 522  
Juniors: 463  
Seniors: 388  
Faculty: 144

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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**LET US SHOW YOU.** Haylee Rabas '23 stares back at the student section while performing a pom's routine with her squad during halftime of the Rivalry boys basketball game against Prairie View High School on Feb. 18 in Bill Gamble Gymnasium. "While we are performing, we feed off of the energy of the crowd. We have the best student section because they cheer us on and want to bring the spirit to whatever is happening in that moment," Rabas said. photo by r.weidemann

### WHAT MAKES BRIGHTON SO SPECIAL?

#### MICHAEL PIERCE '24

"Brighton is special because the education system has many opportunities that give you the mechanic experience and training, which can help me with my future jobs."

#### ADRIANO GABRIEL '23

"Brighton is great because there is a little bit of everything here with it's huge diversity in the student body, and how there are many people with different races, religions and sexualities."

#### EMILIO RIBAS '24

"The community here is really great and you can get a lot of study help from the library. It is pretty fun to hang out around campus."

#### LINDSEY SOLANO, ENGLISH

"Being a former graduate, I love the value we have in traditions from the past and how we also continue to form new ones as well."

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**DID YOU SEE THAT?** While holding his spirit stick, Bryce Peterson '22 jumps up to celebrate next to Dylan Verbeek '22 in the front of the student section after Sean Wadsworth '22 makes a three-pointer shot against Prairie View High School in the Rivalry boys basketball game on Feb. 18. The Bulldogs lost to the Thunderhawks 62-72. "Win or lose, we will always support our Bulldogs. It is up to us seniors to step up and help build the spirit of the student section. There is nothing like being with everyone in the stands having fun and cheering on our team," Peterson said. photo by r.weidemann

**CHEER ME ON.** After scoring a point for the junior team, Brok Eddy '23 stops and screams toward the seniors in the championship game at the Homecoming Peach Fuzz volleyball match on Sept. 29. Each grade level had one team of boys to represent them and play in a double elimination bracket. The juniors ended up being the champions of Peach Fuzz after defeating the seniors 25-19. photo by r.weidemann

**A WORK OF ART.** Student Body President Andrea Donlucas '22 puts on a temporary Bulldog paw prints tattoo on the cheek of a young boy at her booth during the tailgate of the Superintendent's Cup Rivalry Football Game against Prairie View on Aug. 27. "A really big part of this year's goal for Student Government was to promote school and student spirit and bring back that feeling of being proud to be a Bulldog. With this game, we wanted to bring back that attitude of we're gonna win this game. This booth allowed us to start that process," Donlucas said. photo by j.ripko



## BROK EDDY '22

"Let's just say the juniors dominated Peach Fuzz this year. No one could stop us from taking the title of champions. All of us guys played freshman year together, so it was nice that we all came back together as juniors during Homecoming to show people how to play."



**FOLLOW YOUR HEART.** Ashley Cruz '22 uses a scalpel to cut into a sheep's heart in Aarika Capra's Honors Anatomy and Physiology class to identify the left and right ventricles. "I was so intrigued because I had never seen an actual heart before. The whole room smelled awful because there were so many hearts that were different shapes and sizes," Cruz said. "I love that this class gives me so many opportunities to take my learning to a whole new level." photo by t.quarles



## TIME CHECK: IT'S BEEN 93 DAYS AND 18 HOURS.

THE BLEACHERS AT BULLDOG STADIUM ARE FILLED FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CUP RIVALRY GAME. WE'RE PUMPED. WE'RE READY.

JUST 3,600 OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS (AND CROSSTOWN RIVALS).

## RIGHT NOW IT FEELS GREAT.

CLASSES ARE BACK IN PERSON. NO COHORTS. NO DISTANCE.

NOW WE CAN DISSECT THAT SHEEP'S HEART. BECOME PEACH FUZZ CHAMPS.

THIS IS BETTER THAN BEFORE. AT LEAST, WE THINK SO. DON'T

YOU?

**WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT IN BRIGHTON?**

**BRAYDEN NEISWENDER '23**  
"Lauer Krauts is my favorite place to hang out at in town. They have great food and everyone is so nice over there. It is one of the best spots to just grab a bite to eat and chill."

**KYLEE COFORTH '22**  
"The best place in my opinion is the Prairie Center. There are plenty of restaurants and stores to wander around in. There are just so many options that you can choose from, and it's still growing."

**SHANNON LEWIS '24**  
"The different parks in town are peaceful, and it's a good place to go when you don't know where to go. I like to go there when I just need to hang out."

**TYTAN SNYDER '22**  
"Personally, I don't really have a favorite place in Brighton. I prefer to just find an empty field around town and just relax there when I want to be alone or just hang out with my friends. It's just peaceful."

**KEVIN DAY '24**  
"Target is my favorite place to hang out in Brighton over by the Prairie Center. It's fun to walk around and look at all the products that they sell."



**KALEB QUAMMIE '23**  
"I like to chill at Walmart. They have so many different things to look at. It is somewhat relaxing to walk around the store and run into someone you know."

**YULIYA POHORILA '22**  
"The best place in Brighton to hang out is at AMC Theatres because not only can you go see a movie, but there are plenty of other good things to do over there."

**DAYANA MARTINEZ '24**  
"My favorite spot is Sunrise Sushi. It has great food and a great atmosphere around the area. It's just so cool to be around."

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**WE NEED TO BRING IT.  
SHOW YOUR BULLDOG PRIDE.**

**WE'RE BACK  
THROWING CANDY ALONG  
EGBERT STREET.**

**WE'RE PLAYING  
'HEY, BABY!' TO HYPE UP  
THE STUDENT SECTION.**



**I ABSO-FLUTE-LY LOVE PERFORMING.** During a timeout at the boys basketball game against Columbine High School on Jan. 25, Leighkayla Steakley '22 plays her flute to the song "Sweet Caroline" with the rest of the band members. "What I enjoy most is the fact that my band was louder than the student section. We really believe that we made a difference. We have a third quarter off and the team would always decrease in points. Then we would come back and they would start playing better. I feel like we definitely had a positive atmosphere there," Steakley said. photo by r.weidemann



**AND WE SHOW SUPPORT TO OUR SENIORS AT THE PINK OUT GAME AGAINST ERIE. WE MISSED THIS. IT'S WHAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. NOW THAT WE ARE HERE, IT FEELS GOOD. IT FEELS RIGHT.**

**AND WE JUST LOVE IT.**

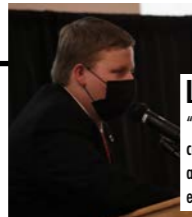


**WE HEART YOU.** Bo French '22 and Roan Bachicha '22 bring their hands together to form a heart while standing in the student section during Pink Night at the football game against Erie High School on Oct. 8. While the theme was Pink Out, it was also Senior Night where all senior football players, cheerleaders and poms dancers were recognized with their parents on the track before the game. photo by r.weidemann **IT'S THE GUN SHOW.** After pinning his opponent from Prairie View High School in the second period, Bryce Bravo Packer '25 stands up to flex at the student section on Feb. 3. The Bulldogs defeated the Thunderhawks in the Rivalry wrestling duel. "Playing our rivals, it makes the match even more intense, so when I won, I couldn't help but feel that adrenaline come over me," Bravo Packer said. "I honestly love traveling to wrestling matches whether it's to PV or all the way to Fruita because you bond really well with your teammates." photo by e.rolfs **SHOW YOUR BULLDOG SPIRIT.** Addison Reiningger '24 encourages some young elementary children sitting on the sidewalk on Egbert Street to cheer "Go Bulldogs" as she rides in the volleyball float during the Homecoming Parade Oct. 1. "The part I enjoyed most was making the float with my team and getting to spend time with them. It's nice to see how much everyone's floats change over the years and how we all interpreted the decades theme," Reiningger said. "I also just love watching the little kids cheer us on." photo by c.carmichael

# BO FRENCH '22

"There are so many things that make BHS great. I love the people that I have met and all of the memories I have made whether it was playing volleyball or getting to dress up and cheer on our Bulldogs in the student section. This is a special place."

photo by j.orazco



**WHAT IS ONE CLUB YOU THINK PEOPLE SHOULD JOIN?**

**DENISSE COVARRUBIAS '24**

"Student Government because everyone is super nice and you get a lot of opportunities to really help the school and the community around you. It's really rewarding at the end of the day."

**LOGAN FLANAGAN '22**

"DECA provides a lot of valuable life skills that can be used anywhere. I'd recommend Drama also as it gives you a lot of public speaking experience as well as a confidence boost."

**ANALISA NYGAARD '24**

"I recommend VOIHCE because it gives community service hours for graduation, and it is fun to be part of the medical community."

**LEIDY TELLEZ '25**

"I would recommend the Art Club because the community and the people in there are just really friendly and really accepting."

**DAWN SNOOK '24**

"FFA because it is a very welcoming community. Joining FFA gives many opportunities through agricultural events. It can also help you in your personal life and with aspects such as public speaking and interacting better with others."

**NATALEE GARCIA '23**

"Joining 'The Brightonian' because you get to use your voice to write about things that are important. The staff is full of great people and writers."

**ALANA DEMATTEO '24**

"I recommend the Drama Club because as an actor or techie, all the people there are really nice and welcoming. You also find great friends and bonds with people."

**SASHA KELLY '24**

"I would tell people to join one of the bands because everyone is so nice and talented. We have so much fun playing during concerts and games."

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## NATHANIEL GRIFFETH '22

"As the quarterback, the team feeds off of my energy and I just get everybody involved. Everybody looks up to me and expects me to lead the team to our win. I never want to disappoint our fans, so every time I am out on the field, I give my all so we can bring a 'W' to our fans and team."



**I CAN HEAR YOU.** Quarterback Nathaniel Griffith '22 grabs the headset to listen to offensive coordinator Anthony McLawyer ask him questions about the plays in the Superintendent's Cup Rivalry Game against Prairie View High School on Aug. 27 in the second quarter. McLawyer asked Griffith about what plays he thought were working and what plays they should do for future possessions. photo by g.favela

**NOW THAT'S A PLAY.** Calvin Doyle '23, Geovanni Velarde '23, Andrew Bernatow '23 and Cooper George '23 celebrate as Destiny Rivas '22 gets to make two free-throw baskets after being fouled by a Rangeview player during Pink Night on Feb. 14. The Bulldogs won 64-26. "I just love being around my friends in the student section and get to celebrate a cool play or a big win," George said. "Honestly, Pink Night was cool and we all dressed up because we wanted to support the cause, but we also just like to do the theme nights for the games to show our spirit for the players." photo by r.weidemann

# THIS COULD BE THE BEST YEAR WE EVER HAD.

IT'S THE WHITE LIES AND HIPPIES VS. COWBOYS SPIRIT THEME NIGHTS.

IT'S THROWING THAT PASS TO MAX CISNEROS '22 TO GET THAT RIVALRY WIN TOUCHDOWN.

BUT THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

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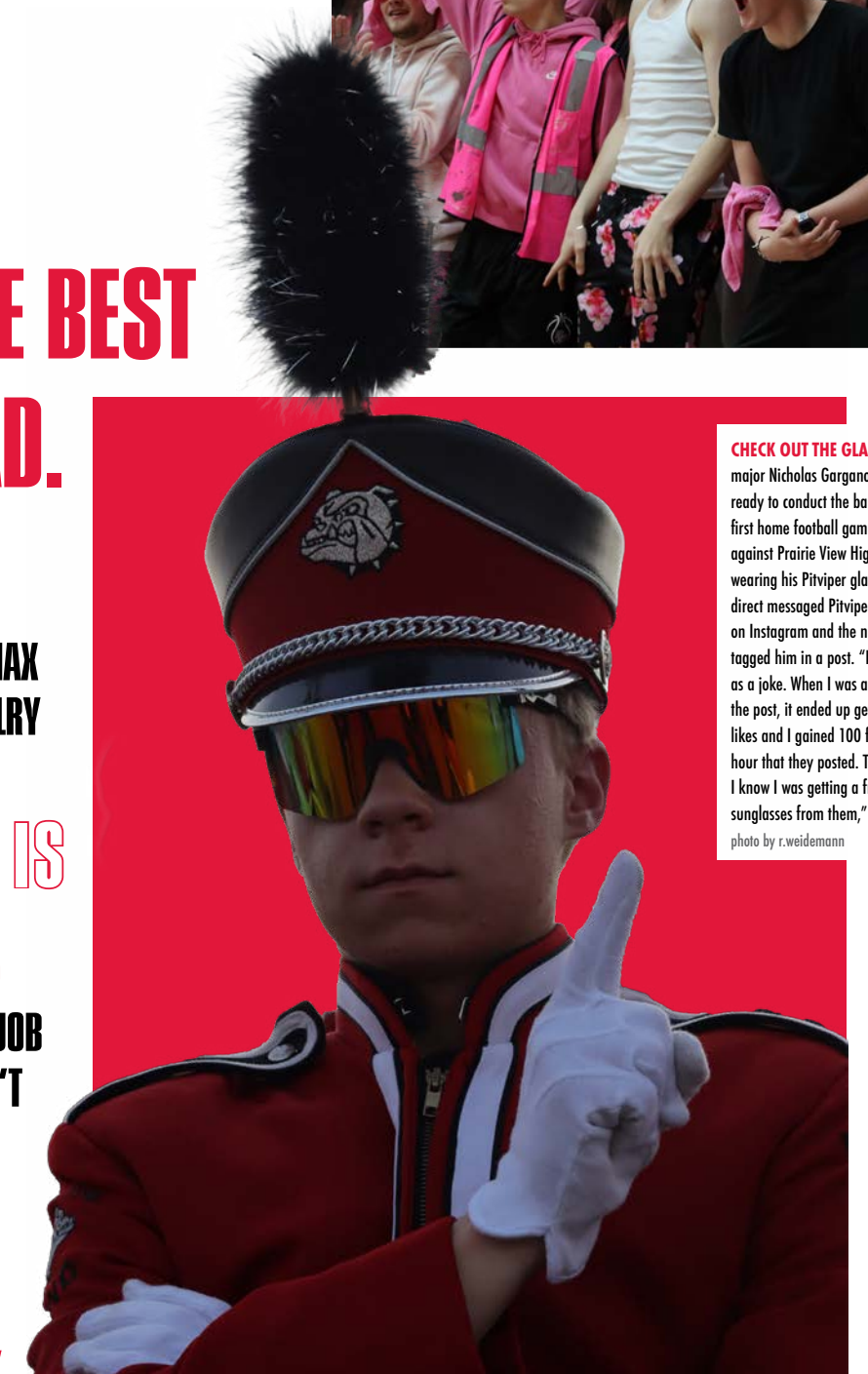
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**CHECK OUT THE GLASSES.** Drum major Nicholas Gargano '23 gets ready to conduct the band in the first home football game on Aug. 27 against Prairie View High School while wearing his Pitviper glasses. Gargano direct messaged Pitviper this photo on Instagram and the next day they tagged him in a post. "I really did it as a joke. When I was able to check the post, it ended up getting 43,000 likes and I gained 100 followers in the hour that they posted. The next thing I know I was getting a free pair of sunglasses from them," Gargano said. photo by r.weidemann

### WHAT MAKES BRIGHTON SO SPECIAL?

#### ISAIAH ARROYO '24

"Brighton is so special because this is where I grew up, and I have a bunch of friends here that I hang out with and go to the movies with."



#### TYLER ANDRZEJEWSKI, SOCIAL STUDIES

Brighton High School is special because it's one of the few places where the community and school are so close and involved, even though the school has gotten so big. The students are also some of the best kids out there. I am happy to be a part of this special place and work with these kids."

#### LOGAN O'BRIEN '25

"The city has amazing views to look at with all of the mountains to the west. We also have the lakes around town like Barr Lake where you can go fish and hang out. We even have parking lots on top of big hills that are very scenic."

#### KAYLEEN VARGAS '24

"At the high school, the staff is very kind. The sports at this school are very fun, engaging and interesting. The School Store is also unique that it has a lot of history."

#### AKIRA OLSON '23

"What I love about BHS is the athletics department and programs we have. Everyone is always so supportive from coaches to players. It's just a nice escape to be a part of the programs."

#### STELLAR TOTAYS '23

"This is funny, but what I do love is walking in the halls and there are a few kids who just blast music from their speakers."

#### ETHAN IRONS '24

"BHS is special because of the school spirit with all of the intense fans at sports games, and how many people participate in the spirit weeks and dress all out."

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**ALONG FOR THE RIDE.** Colby Siegman '25 throws T-shirts as Matthew Tschida '22 stands on a bale of hay as the two boys ride in the FFA float in the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 1. photo by cormichael. **LET ME TAKE A SELFIE.** Kelsi Veik '23 takes a selfie with Kynadi Fairchild '23, Taylor Herrera '23 and Andi Jackson '23 in their "white lie" themed T-shirts during halftime of the Dakota Ridge football game in the student section on Sept. 24. photo by r.weidemann

## MATTHEW TSCHIDA '22

"I am part of the agriculture community and through FFA I get to be around those who are part of that lifestyle. With FFA, we do a lot of things for the community. I've learned a lot of life lessons and leadership skills through my involvement, and I plan to take those with me to the United State Army."



## KELSI VEIK '22

"Football games are where everyone is at on a Friday night. It's something to look forward to as the crowd is packed. Everyone is dressed up for the theme and we are ready to cheer on the boys."

# GO WINNERS AND THIS SHOULD CONVINCE YOU

**IF YOU COULD TEACH ANY CLASS FOR A DAY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

**RILEY EARNST '24**

"I would like to teach a gaming class because I know there's a lot of people that like that type of stuff. I think it would be really fun to make it a standard in our school to take that class."

**JAMES GARCIA, SECURITY**

"I would like to teach Teen Law because I know a lot about it and have a degree in Criminal Justice. We have the class, but I would love to bring my perspective."

**LUIS AGUILAR '23**

"I would teach history because I like learning about wars and everything that has to do with that. I feel like I would try to find a way to make it really interesting for students."

**ALICIA ZAPIEN '23**

"I would teach Mythology because I really enjoy learning about that type of stuff and think it would be interesting to teach. I really enjoyed the class here."

**VIVIAN HINDMAN '23**

"It would have to be math, but I wouldn't actually teach it. I would just give everyone a free day because math is hard, and they deserve a break."

**NICKI MCCLAY, SECURITY**

"I think I would probably teach a PE class because I had so much fun in those classes anyway when I was a paraprofessional here."

**LOGAN O'BRIEN '25**

"History because I feel like history teachers are more liked in school because they are more relaxed. I would want to have that from my students."

**ELISE AND '22**

"I would actually like to teach Calculus for a day. I love math. Math has always been my best subject, and I think it would be fun to help others love it, too."



## COLTEN BARBER '25

"I had to open enroll to go to Brighton because I don't live here, and I am so glad that I did. Everything about this school is amazing, like the sports, teachers and just the people. I met a lot of new people, and they made the transition to a new school easy. I look forward to the next four years."

## THATCHER CREECH '24

"With our Homecoming Dance having to be rescheduled a month later, it was worth the wait. The music was good and everyone was just happy to be there. Between the games and the dance itself, you can tell that Student Government put a lot of time and effort into making a memorable evening for all."



**GET DOWN.** Thatcher Creech '24 dances to the "Cupid Shuffle" in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium at the Homecoming Dance on Nov. 6. The dance had to be rescheduled due to a school threat. photo by z.stanley **IT'S A RELAY.** Colten Barber '25 runs down the track toward a trash can with a beach ball between his legs to win a relay race with his team at Freshman Orientation on Aug. 10 at the football stadium. photo by j.ripko

# OUR PEOPLE WILL CONVINCE YOU

### WHO AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER?

#### DYLAN GORSENER '25

"Mrs. [Rejean] Tiffany is my favorite because she has opened my eyes to the engineering pathway and been supportive when I wanted to go above and beyond to do extra work."

#### CARSON MEIER '24

"My favorite teacher is probably Mrs. [Megan] Trail because I've been in her class for two years, and she's just been the teacher I always go back to. She teaches Building Trades and her class is just fun to go to."

#### ALEXA BELLOMY '23

"My favorite teacher is Mrs. [Sue] Hurd. I only have her for Advisory but I look forward to her class every day. She just makes everything fun and lets us be kids."

#### ANNALISE LEON '22

"Mr. [Ted] Halbert is my favorite, hands down. He's one of the few teachers I've had who genuinely cared about me doing well and passing. He puts everything into his students."

#### NICHOLAS GARGANO '23

We have a lot of great people working to teach us. Some notable teachers include Mr. [Scott] Unruh, Ms. [Chemaine] Huss, Dr. [Paul] Sassaville, Mrs. [Candice] Halverson and Mr. [Justin] Daigle. They all taught me a lot and had an impact on me."

#### SARAH CARDILLO '22

"My favorite teacher has to be Ms. [Chemaine] Huss because she cares about all of her students very much and she tries very hard to make personal connections with everyone."

#### TYLER HUSS '23

"Mr. [Clint] Williams is a good teacher because he pushes me to be better academically and athletically. He is a great mentor and I really enjoyed being in his math class my freshman year. He made math fun."

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# AFTON SMITH '22

"On the last night of the play, I was feeling a little empty because I realized that the reason I stayed in high school was almost over. Jayla had sung the last note, and when the lights came down, I experienced a standing ovation from the biggest crowd I'd ever performed for. The last four years finally came full circle. That night was probably the greatest night of my life."



**IT'S OUR DREAM.** Sophie (played by Jayla Shedeed '24) rests her head on her fiance Skye (played by Afton Smith '22) after performing "I Have a Dream" as she and the rest of the ensemble watched her mom, Donna, get married to her long-lost love Sam in the play "Mamma Mia." **THAT'S A SIGN.** Faith Rivero '22 holds up her homemade sign she made for her boyfriend, Jackson Kroll '22, while screaming in the student section during the football game against Falcon High School on Sept. 10. According to Kroll, he was shocked by the sign but it gave him the support he needed in the game. "I wanted to show Jackson how much I support him and wanted to encourage him to do great like he always does," Rivero said. "Everyone makes signs and dressed up at the games so we can show our support to the boys on the field. We want them to win the game." photos by r.weidemann

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**BRIGHTON WILL ALWAYS BE HOME. EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY "HAVE A DREAM" LIKE IN "MAMMA MIA" THAT TAKES YOU AWAY FROM HERE,**

**YOU WILL NEVER FORGET**

**THE PACKED BLEACHERS CHEERING ON THE BULLDOGS WITH YOUR HOMEMADE SIGNS. WALKING IN THROUGH A GUANTLET AS A FRESHMAN AND WALKING OUT THE MAIN HALLWAY DOORS AS A SENIOR.**

**THESE MOMENTS GO WITH YOU.**

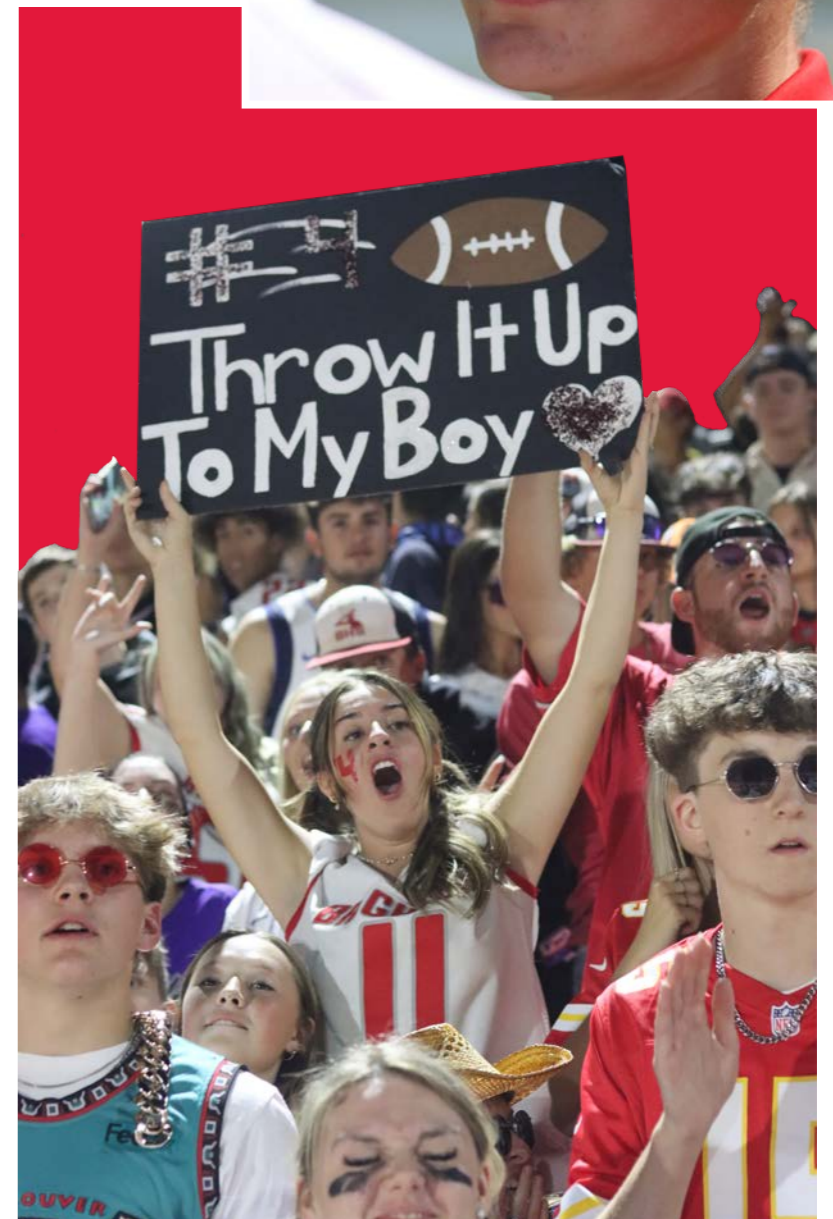
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**LAST WORDS OF ADVICE.** Trevor Valenzuela '24 listens as Assistant Coach Tom Puzio gives him some final information about the course before he competes in the EMAC Tournament at Hyland Hills Golf Course on Sept. 14. The varsity golf team became back-to-back EMAC champions at the tournament. "I really just love playing golf. I don't think there's much of a better feeling than hitting a good shot," Valenzuela said. photo by r.weidemann



**WHAT MAKES BRIGHTON SO SPECIAL?**

**SEBASTIAN LUNA '25**

"Brighton is special because it still feels like a small town even though it's not as much anymore. It brings everyone together with its town activities, which help people meet others with the same interests."

**OLIVIA ATKINS '22**

"I love how we as students persevere through any and all obstacles. We focus on our community and love to bring people together. I know for me BHS has given me so many great memories and for several other students, too."



**COLLIN TABOR, ASSISTANT COACH**

"The teachers and moments of BHS made me who I am today. I love basketball and witnessing our boys excel and love the game the same way I did brings joy to my heart. This amazing community is why I came back to be a coach."

**DOMINIC SCHRODER '25**

"BHS is a special school because of the sports and coaches. I love the connections we can make with our teachers and coaches. There are also many great classes to take."

**TYLER HUSS '23**

"The sports here are very fun and I love the community. The community feels like a family, and I appreciate that they support us students and athletes."

**RYAN SULLIVAN, COUNSELOR**

"BHS is very special because of the people that make it up. It's a place where students and staff can grow. We treat one another with kindness and we hope it spreads."

**RYLAND MIRANDA '22**

"It's the people who make this place special and it's why I will miss it. You can tell that the teachers care and want to see us succeed."

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**ANNIKA CUNNINGHAM '22**

"I will definitely miss Brighton's loving community. I will miss the football games screaming to the point that when I went home, I had lost my voice. Dressing up for Prom or going to the Broadmoor for DECA, all of these memories will never be replaced and will never be forgotten."

**LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOYS.** Annika Cunningham '22 jumps up to cheer for the football team as they run onto the field during the third quarter of the game against Silver Creek High School on Oct. 29.  
**WHERE MY BOYS AT.** Max Cisneros '22, Hayden Cuevas '23 and Tylan Snyder '22 lift their shirts in the student section to show off their "BHS" letter paint at the Rivalry basketball game against Prairie View on Feb. 18. "I always wanted to be a Bulldog. I looked up to my older brother who came here before me and wanted to be in the student section screaming for my team," Cisneros said. photos by r.weidemann



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**JENELLE WEAVER, INSTRUCTIONAL COACH**  
"It might sound silly but right away I just had this feeling I was home when I started at BHS over 20 years ago. I loved the community. I knew then and still believe now that this is a place worth having roots."

**TAYLOR HOISINGTON '25**  
"Brighton is special because with Prom and Homecoming, they gave the students a lot of say in what they wanted to see at the dances. With the whole city, the community comes together to help with city projects and values our opinions."

**KYNADI FAIRCHILD '23**  
"The staff at Brighton High School is very special. I have never had teachers so understanding and relatable. This makes them even better as teachers as it encourages students to be the best they can."

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**LET'S HUG IT OUT.** Varsity softball player Mariah Niday '22 hugs her father, William, after he throws a pitch across home plate during Parent Night after the Vista Peak game on Sept. 29. Each of the senior players got to honor their parents by bringing them out on the field. "I remember that moment being very emotional. My dad was teary eyed as I was, and together we let go of the past and looked toward the future. It was a beautiful moment that I will never forget," Niday said. photo by r.weidemann **LIFTING TO NEW HEIGHTS.** At her bachelorette party, Sophie (played by Jayla Shedeed '24) gets lifted up by Pepper (played by Kenneth Guzman '22) and friends (played by Ray Niday '24 and Zeph Wakefield '22) as she contemplates what to do about the three men that could possibly be her father as she sings, "Voulez Vous," in the spring musical "Mamma Mia." photo by r.weidemann

### COVER CAPTIONS

**A GOLF SWING.** After hitting the golf ball with his driver club, Coby Puzio '24 watches to see how far it goes in the beginning of the EMAC Tournament on Sept. 14. photo by r.weidemann **DANCING WITH PRIDE.** Priscilla Garcia '22 waves her dress while performing a Jalisco folkloric dance with

## JAYLA SHEDEED '24

"Mama Mia' helped me grow as a performer and a person. From late nights on school days to early weekend rehearsals, we worked so hard to put on an amazing show. Everyone involved will hold a special place in my heart. I couldn't have asked for a better family."



other LULAC members while walking in the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 1. photo by z.stanley **THE CHEF IS HERE.** Ryland Miranda '22 mixes up his potatoes so he can make a side of potato salad to go with the sandwich he made for his lab in Prostat 1 in October. photo by r.weidemann **HONOR OUR FLAG.** After the football team scored a touchdown against Prairie View in the first quarter of the Rivalry game, Andrea Weems '22 runs with the Brighton flag on Aug. 27. photo by r.weidemann **WE'RE COWBOYS.** Connor Brown '22, Joey Conte '22 and Andrew Huss '22 pose in their cowboy outfits at the Homecoming Football Game on Oct. 1 to celebrate the spirit theme night, Hippies vs. Cowboys. photo by Lsolano **I'M BACK.** During the New Teacher Network on Aug. 2, science teacher and Brighton alumni Jamie Leopold smiles as administrators like Principal Shelly Genereux cheer her on as she walks through a gauntlet of District 27J employees. photo by j.nipko **COUPLE CUDDLES.** Chandler Hand '22 and Brandon Stricklin '22 hold each other while standing in the front row of the student section at the Prairie View Rivalry Football Game on Aug. 27. photo by r.weidemann



### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT THAT HAPPENED?



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**ANDREA DONLUCAS '22**  
 "Homecoming Week was awesome. We had fun spirit days, and I loved seeing everyone's outfits and creating so many memories."

**ALIZEA MONTANO '25**  
 "I would say going outside with my Advisory class and having a snowball fight. Our Advisory class is fun and we will just go outside to get a break."



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**KELSI VEIK '23**  
 "I loved getting to attend sporting events with no restrictions and making new memories with all of my friends. It was so good to be back to normal."

**VICTOR VASQUEZ VASQUEZ '23**  
 "My favorite memory honestly was just hanging out with my friends. I liked walking around the school with them and just talking to them."

**CYNTHIA DONLUCAS '25**  
 "I would say Homecoming Week and all the activities were awesome. I liked the football game and Powder Puff. It was a great start to my freshman year."



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**KATELYN BURKE '23**  
 "The Prairie View Rivalry game was what made the year. The environment was crazy, the student section had so much spirit and it was so much fun."

**ALEX SCHREIBER '25**  
 "I just loved I had the opportunity to play soccer. I had so much fun being on the team, and it was very action packed."



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**KAELYN WISER '23**  
 "My favorite memory isn't any moment in particular. The culture of our school was great. Our teachers really do care and the help that they and other students give really makes a lasting impression."