

# BRING IT HOME

The varsity baseball team set high goals for this season.

As his team closely watched and cheered for him, freshman catcher Bryan Borges prepared to perform his swing and hit the baseball during the team's match against The Benjamin School on Feb. 22. The team advanced, having their main goal in mind: winning districts and getting to states.

"I think that we are a great team and that we will be able to win districts," sophomore Alexander Aparicio said.

Despite their strong aims, the team faced a challenging season. The teams that they played against were competitive, so they came together and focused in order to win.

"The biggest challenge is the teams that we are playing this season; they are good teams, so we have to focus," junior Alex Garcon said.

However, the team felt confident that their camaraderie and ambition would advance them far enough to bring a trophy home.

"The team is very good right now. I think we have a good chance to make it far," baseball coach Omar Borges said.

They will face their biggest rival, Westminster Christian School, on Mar. 10. Although it is a hard team to beat, the team has their head in the game and players feel prepared to put in their best effort to advance to districts.

Story by Andrea Malpica

**IN IT TOGETHER**, players come onto the mound to discuss their upcoming play. They planned along senior **Brixton Lofgren** before he threw the first pitch of the game. Their constant communication helped them reach their team goals. Photo by Fox Mar

**STRIDES**, senior **AJ Argudin** sprints to score the home run. After he hit the baseball, he raced through the turf to get to first base. The effort all the players put helped them advance on to their way to districts. Photo by Fox Mar

**WITH HIS HEAD IN THE GAME**, senior **Aiden Aparicio** waits for the pitcher to throw the ball. He stood behind the batter and prepared to catch the pitch. His constant defense against competitive schools helped the team achieve their goals. Photo by Fox Mar

**FULL SWING**, freshman **Bryan Borges** swings his bat to hit the ball after the pitcher threw it during the team's match against The Benjamin School on Feb. 22. As he prepared to hit the ball, his fellow team members cheered him on from the bleachers. Although the team didn't win this game, their effort led them to advance towards districts. Photo by Fox Mar



## the ESSENCE

The baseball team created a bond which made them feel like family.

From hyping each other up to planning for games, the baseball team always stuck together throughout the season. The seniors continuously led the group, acting like role models, in order to succeed. "We have a very good senior class. They have shown a lot of leadership, and they have been carrying the team around," head baseball coach **Omar Borges** said. The players were always there for each other, seeing each other as a second family. "We are all super close; we know each other very well. The team is like a family," senior **Brixton Lofgren** said. Photos by Fox Mar



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Seniors reflected on what they will miss most about playing on the team.



Aiden Aparicio

“Even though I am considering playing in college, high school baseball is different. I am mostly going to miss the energy. High school baseball is more fun; it is almost like a family.”



Mark Curi

“I will miss the team unity, playing against other teams, going on trips and going out to eat after the games.”

## go GET them

The team played against their biggest rival.



The players faced their strongest opponent, Westminster Christian School, on Mar. 10. After a competitive game, the whole team celebrated as they scored the winning run. They continued to have a positive mentality which helped them perform well on their way to districts. Photos by Andrea Malpica