

More than an act, WILLOW CASTELLANO (10) is nothing but smiles as they enjoy the yearly drama club

picnic with new and old friends. "When you're in Drama Club, most of the people, if not all of them, are planning on being super dedicated and, like, we all spend so many hours together, we all need to be kind and friendly," Castellano said. photo by carly larson, caption by annajane geddes



classic game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors". There is nothing that compares to the feeling of fitting in. "We're a chosen family that all understand each other's strungles and accomplishments," Murphy said. p

As another school year began, the Drama Club rounded up members, new and old, for the annual picnic, where they connected and had fun before it was time to get down to business with the fall play. ALASTAIR DRYDEN (10) was nothing but smiles as they enjoyed time just being with the people that made them happiest.

Despite the reputation drama kids may get, it was one of the most welcoming and positive clubs to join in high school. GABRIEL GROSZ (11) was an avid part of the tech crew which was just as important to the performance as the

"It's kind of like a yearly thing we do for Drama Club where everybody gets together at a park

and, like, all the new freshmen come in, and anybody who wants to join comes in. We just eat and have fun." Grosz said.

The Drama Club always brought it at their shows, but to do that, everyone had to know and feel comfortable with one another, hence the importance of the picnic.

On the other hand, SAMUEL LOPEZ (12) was one with the stage, the passion of directing flowing through their veins. They joined in sophomore year and haven't looked back. Being a part of drama brings light into even the darkest of people, giving everyone a family of only love and support.

"It's honestly such a great experience. The

The Drama Club picnic is a way for students to meet and have fun with each other while bonding. In her second year of Drama Club

VANESSA OBOT (10) attended with her sister. " I liked playing volleyball, even though I wasn't good, it was fun playing with everyone," Obot said. photo by carly larson,



There's nothing holding her back, as LILLIAN GREEN (12) joins in on the fun with the other members of Drama Club even with her injury. "Even with my arm in a sling, I wasn't gonna let that get in the way of enjoying such a fun event with my friends," Green said.

people there are really accepting. They really don't care what background you come from and it's just super fun. [My favorite thing about Drama Club1 is the people. It's fun seeing how others express themselves," Lopez said.

It was truly special to have somewhere kids could go and know they weren't going to be judged for what makes each one of them unique.

KAI MORRIS (12) loves to be true to themselves and wants to make sure others could shine just as much as they do on the daily, connecting as to why they are both assistant stage manager and head of lighting for the upcoming fall play. story by annajane aeddes

ASKED

What advice do you have for freshmen?



"You should also try a lot of sports and just be nice to people. It's not that hard and it's stunid to be mean. AILIANA ZUCKER (11)



too much about maintaining friendships from middle school, because you're probably not going to remain friends anyway."
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healthy things

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you in the future. Do your work in class

and make sure

to stay

worried," ZAINAB HABEB (12)



"Always try your best to be successful, have an open mind to learn new things and think of your first year as a fresh start."

HERE FOR IT

BUFFS START SEASON 1. All for his future, ADAM JARECKE (12) OFF WITH 40-21 WIN VS. DENVER EAST







makes a confident entrance to the season opene with TYLIQ BOWERS (12) and BAILEY

BUJANDA (10) by his side, ready to kick up

* This game ended in a forfeit because Smoky Hill had an elinible athlete playing

SO WHAT DO

MATH STUDENTS SET UP FOR NEW YEAR NEW UNIT

1."Honestly, I just spend the time with my friends in that class because they make it more fun to earn." YAZMIN CRUZ PINON (11) photo by steven lucero 2."I have a love-hate relationship with math, but so far my class has been pretty chill so I'm not





HAT YOU SAID



DARIAN SMITH (10) FLYSE BAILEY (10) "We played a really good team, but I think we worked really hard. I make sure that I always stay positive about it and know we can always come back," Smith said. photo by dezaraye mathis

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