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#### **FRONT AND CENTER**

Senior Rylee Howell cheers at the first pep rally of the year, the first indoor pep rally since 2019.

"It was nerve wracking to be dancing in front of everyone, but once the adrenaline took over, it became really fun and exciting," Howell said.

photo by Shannon Hahn



# WE W!SH

No really, we wish everybody could feel the thrum of students in our afternoon pep rallies.

Frasca listing awards, wins and trophies in the morning announcements, and the “And as always, go Huskies” that follows those mornings just hits different.

Nothing compares to the masses of spirited students on dress up days, onesies and hats that would make anyone jealous.

## TO BE HONEST...

We didn't expect the swarm of freshmen on that first day, our population hitting new heights, but that only led us to filling the stadiums with even more noise.

Sure, the packed classes were a lot, and while everyone sprinted to the parking lot for their off fifth and sixth periods, we know those COVID years may have spoiled us.

Even though we do kind of W!SH everyone would stop saying “slay” and pausing everything to take a .5  
(not really)

But come on, who wouldn't W!SH to have all this?



**SONGBIRD** Senior Trish Thai performs with her co-ed choir group at the Fall Tune Up. Chorus, like most electives, enjoyed increased enrollment and a full schedule of events. “Showcasing (our music) to other people and having them appreciate it is honestly uncanny,” Thai said. photo by Elise Nash

YOU  
W!SH





**HUFF AND PUFF**  
During the Oct. 19 Powderpuff football game, the junior boys cheer from the sidelines in their borrowed cheer outfits. "The game was awesome," junior Owen Webster said, "especially after we put so much work into our routine." photo by Sarah Hinnant

# I MEAN, DON'T YOU?

## SERIOUSLY

There's nothing better than a packed student section on a Friday night game, bobbing bobble head cutouts and tinted baby powder included.

Expression off the charts with every student's individual style, from Y2K to that vintage flare. We really couldn't look better if we tried, even in our PJ's.

Just look at our record number of clubs and all they've accomplished, from hosting regional competitions to bringing salsa dances to the courtyard, and of course, reaching out to every inch of the community.

The energy is contagious.

## JUST ADMIT IT

Our vibe is unbeatable.

The power is unstoppable.

Our pride is tangible, and with each goal reached, point made, trophy won, or 'A' achieved, we show that we are HAGERTY, and **YOU WISH** you were us.



## IT'S a SQUEEZE



**CHOW DOWN** Senior Kitt Narunsky shows junior Sebastian Suprenant something while eating lunch in the courtyard with their friends. "I sit with a pretty large group and the lunchroom is just too overwhelming," Suprenant said. photo by Levi Cal Rivera

**TOO MANY COOKS** Working in a crowded Culinary II class, junior Noah Froemmling chats with his group. "It gets a little loud sometimes, but we're mostly the reason for that," Froemmling said. photo by Scarlett Isaacs



## LIKE A DREAM

Hey, the masses of people in these photos speak for themselves. The crowds are unbelievable—so many new faces everywhere. We really felt that one when we stood in line for textbooks, just to wait two weeks to get more.

Classes were packed, too, and if you didn't get into Culinary the first time around, don't bother standing another line—the one for schedule changes. It's not happening.

But the best part? We're all relishing in the new dress code, student expression is through the roof, and it's not just the hats. I mean that's just the beginning of being real...

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# AUGUST



### HEAD IN THE GAME

In the opening game of the season, assistant coach Kenny Howell talks to senior captain Rylan Fitzgerald. The team won the game 28-7 on the way to a 8-3 season. "We really had a lot more heart this year," Fitzgerald said. "The coaches built up the skill as a team going into this year." photo by Levi Cal Rivera



**TECH WRECK** Junior Samantha Semmel works on a battle bot during the Aug. 8 Club Crawl, showcasing the Robotics Team. Club Crawl, in its second year, happened the week before school. photo by Shannon Hahn



**OUT AND ABOUT** During a school spirit night, junior Misa Gibbs pays for Chipotle after passing out thespian flyers. "People just had to mention they were there for Hagerty and it helped our troop," Gibbs said. photo by Sarah Hinnant



# OCTOBER

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## WHO DIDN'T LOVE HOCO?

Everyone wanted to be here for homecoming week, with dress-up days, Powderpuff football, a nighttime pep rally and the actual football game... but our performances on the dance floor—under the neon lights—truly ruled the week.

But it wasn't only about homecoming this month. "Pygmalion" took the stage and blew expectations out of the water, not to be confused with the swim team, who had members make it all the way to regionals.

And the hype didn't stop there. Oh no, it oozed out to the local gyms where our students were rocking new PR's and getting mad sponsorships. Everything going on this month was truly a treat.



**FAMILY BOND** Siblings Mac and Megan Anderson sing "Love Shack" on stage at the Oct. 11 chorus pop concert. "It wasn't a hard choice," Mac Anderson said. "We've loved that song since we were kids." photo by Elise Nash

### LOUD AND PROUD

Junior Shannon McPeek looks on as Grayson, a Husky Pup pre-schooler plays tic-tac-toe. The Early Childhood class took the pre-schoolers out to the pumpkin patch, which was run by girls lacrosse. "It was a lot of fun to hang out," said McPeek. photo by Bela Guise



**WINGING IT** With senior Jeremiah Williams cheering him on, coach Farwig competes in the wing eating contest between Oviedo and Hagerty. The Gatons Dockside contest was in a new location, and it was brought back after a few years absence. photo by Shannon Hahn



**A N-ICE TIME** Freshmen Kaylee Lainey Yost and Isabella Semmel, along with sophomore Grace Ives, enjoy a snow cone during a tailgate for the Pink'd Out football game on Oct. 14. The group enjoyed the food, games and prizes before the game. photo by Sarah Hinnant

JUST  
EAT IT

Brycen Dillinger, 10



## DRESSED TO IMPRESS

From the Saturday dance to dress up days all week, homecoming took a lot of outfits, even if students had to borrow them from the cheerleaders. Students enjoyed the activities all week. Sophomore Brycen Dillinger was excited to dress up and attend his first homecoming. "I was running around dancing. I was definitely having fun," Dillinger said. photo by Shannon Hahn



Luis Fajardo, 11



# NOVEMBER

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“I love marching and playing in front of everyone. It brings a lot of energy to the game.”  
 Jackson Kaplan, 12



Our creativity was flourishing. Digital artists were creating some amazing things on computers and tablets, and people were actually reading... for fun.

Books weren't the only thing jumping off the page, though, as our fall sports teams competed for district and state titles week after week.

## YOU WISH YOU HAD THIS KIND OF SUPPORT

And we supported our teams, with painted student sections, especially when we played Oviedo. (We didn't break the bleachers, we swear.)

But when your teams tear through old records and truly make history, which happens to be a common theme, you've gotta show up.

Art classes were an popular way for people to get their fine art credit, but for others it was a passion or even a possible career. Students created pieces out of clay, paint, and anything else they could using the techniques learned in class. "I love that we are able to get as creative as we want with out pottery. It's a relaxing outlet for me," freshman Ava Matthews said.

photo by Amber Ashby



**IN THE BEGINNING** Junior Macy Smith begins work on a piece for her sixth period Ceramics class. Students formed, painted and glazed work over a multi-week period. photo by Amber Ashby



**RAIN** In the playoff game against Lake Mary on Nov. 14, senior Ian Miller covers the Lake Mary receiver. Though the team lost in the first round, the season was a success with the best record, 8-3, since 2017. photo by Brett Bellech

**ALLEYES ON ME** Junior Alexis Evans dances during the pep rally. "We practiced so long for this. I'm glad were able to get the crowd pumped before the game," Evans said. photo by Levi Cal Rivera

Three teams, boys cross country, boys bowling and girls volleyball competed for state titles in November

## BREAKING the MOLD

Ceramics students find creative outlet



# SO, **YEA.**

We know it's cocky, but it's the honest truth.  
It sounds rude and callous,  
But there's no better way to say it.

## **OBVIOUSLY**

No one is perfect,  
Our spring fling may have flopped, hurricanes Ian and Nicole  
demolished at least two weeks, making the year seem even shorter and  
quicker, just like those FLVS deadlines.

And it probably didn't help when school took a backseat for a day or  
two when students battled in virtual ques over Taylor Swift tickets.

## **YOU GOTTA ADMIT**

Our hall of fame alumni return, along with immaculate Y2K and  
vintage styles, and double district titles for our basketball team?  
That's pretty cool.

Not gonna lie, we're all ready to start summer break. New Smyrna  
calls to us, Oviedo in the Park just opened a couple new restaurants, and  
some of us are even headed to graduation. Now isn't that crazy?

All in all,

## **YOU W!SH**

You had what we had.



### **NEW YEAR NEW ME**

To celebrate the Lunar New Year, junior Amanda Negron draws a dragon at the front of the school in chalk. "We chose a dragon because it's something that has always been a symbol of the new year," Negron said. Cultural projects from chalk murals to luntime dances to talent showcases were a big part of the year.  
photo by Sarah Hinnant