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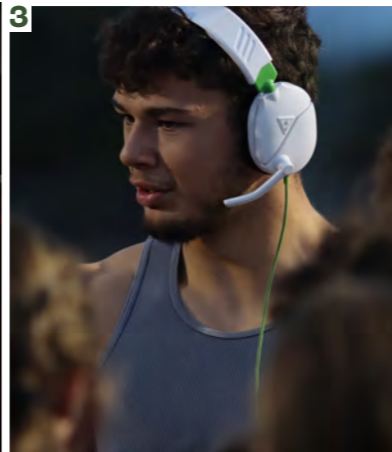
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2. STRIKE A POSE. With her hands on her face, Kyla Cunningham '24 models what she wants the young children behind her to do while they perform at the boys basketball game against Fairview on Feb. 10. *photo by c.carmichael*
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4. LET'S INVESTIGATE. Kori Zirker '25 and Nathan Fernstedt '24 complete a conductivity lab to test if their substance was an electrolyte in Honors Chemistry. "If it was an electrolyte, the light would appear on the device," Zirker said. *photo by r.doherty*
5. LET'S GO BULLDOGS. Dawson Ruppel '26 stands on his friend's shoulders while Ryan Kiernan '26 points at the cheerleaders as the football team scores a first down against Vista Peak on Sept. 3. *photo by e.rolfs*
COVER CAPTION. Calvin Doyle '23 holds up the soccer rivalry trophy as he and the rest of the varsity soccer team celebrate their victory over Prairie View on Oct. 13. "This is the first year a trophy was given to the winners, and we were glad to get that win," Doyle said. *photo by c.kistler*



“PUMPING UP THE SCHOOL SPIRIT IN OUR SCHOOL REALLY HYPES ME UP, SO I TRY TO GO ALL OUT. WHEN I AM WITH ALL OF MY FRIENDS IN THE STUDENT SECTION, WE JUST ALL GET CRAZY.”

ryan kiernan '26

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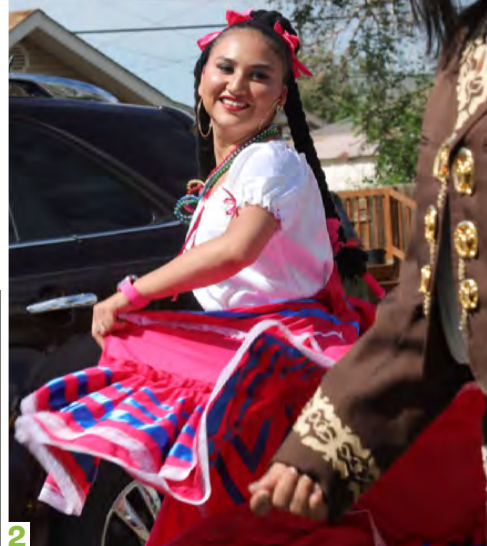


"I AM PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AT BHS. THEY KNOW HOW TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE A WIDE DIVERSITY OF STUDENTS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREATNESS OF OUR SCHOOL."

ted halbert, english



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SCHOOL INFO

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Colors: **Cherry Red** & White

POPULATION

Enrollment: 1990
Freshmen: 585
Sophomore: 515
Juniors: 480
Seniors: 410
Faculty: 132

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1. LET'S HERE IT FOR CHRIS. At the fall Pep Assembly in October, Ted Halbert, English teacher, holds up Christopher Scott's '23 arm as the students and staff in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium clap and holler for him after he participates in a class competition. This was the first Pep Assembly the high school has had in almost three years. *photo by n.duran* **2. DANCING IN THE STREET.** Melanie Ramirez '24 twirls her dress as she dances on Egbert Street to the Folklorico music with the rest of the LULAC students in the Homecoming Parade on Sept. 15. "It was so much fun getting to dance in the parade and see all of the little kids lined up on the street cheering for us," Ramirez said. "I think it is important that we share our culture with everyone through our dancing." *photo by e.rolfs*

AND HERE IS
WHERE WE BEGIN
pep assembly, homecoming parade



Maybe

WE NEED A CHANGE.
AND IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME COMING.

no more 90 minute blocks.
GOODBYE QUARTERS.
HELLO SEMESTERS.

but wait, does that mean seven classes?
at least I have sasseville all year long.



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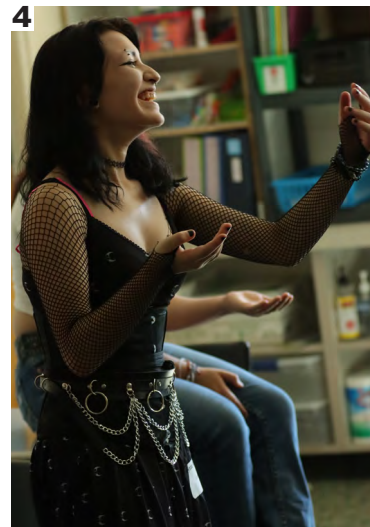


rainier niday '24

1. UNDER INVESTIGATION. While in Meghan Frenzel's first hour AP Chemistry, Rainier Niday '24 is about to mix two solutions together in a beaker to wait for an indicator that they have fully reacted in a titration lab in October. According to Niday, he used the information about the volumes of each solution to extrapolate further data. *photo by r.doherty* **2. YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.** At their last home meet, Lydia Nevarez '26 and Zia Gonzales '23 cheer on the boys cross country players as they run toward the finish line at the Adams County

Invitational on Oct. 20. It was tradition for both the teams to stand at the finish line to cheer and hug their teammates. "With this only being my first year on the cross country team, I have really enjoyed how much everyone supports one another. It pushes you to really try your best," Nevarez said. "Once you get to the finish line all you want to do is lay on the ground and die because you are so exhausted and wiped from the race. It's nice to have your team cheering you on. When you don't think you can go anymore, you can because of them." *photo by e.rolls*

"I APPRECIATE HOW FRENZEL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO NOT ONLY SEE THE PRINCIPLES IN ACTION, BUT ALSO TO MAKE MISTAKES AND OBSERVE WHAT POTENTIAL FACTORS MAY INFLUENCE AN END RESULT IN A LAB."



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WE GOT A LOT GOIN' FOR US.
AND WE KNOW IT.

best get ready for homecoming week.
got that cowboy hat and cow print?
DUH, I'M FROM BRIGHTON.
how 'bout that red and white face paint?
YEAH, YOU KNOW IT.

we're getting a new cte center.
and new smart boards, too.
does this mean the parking lot will be fixed?
soon we'll have more classrooms.
JUST HAVE TO SURVIVE ALL THE CONSTRUCTION FIRST.

3. COUNTRY PROUD. Sitting in front of the American flag, Jackson Tuck '23 rides the DECA float and waves at elementary students sitting on Egbert Street during the Homecoming Parade on Sept. 16. "It was my first year as president, so I needed to show my leadership and that Brighton DECA members are there for the community," Tuck said. "We are always looking for ways to give back to our community, and those little kids were just happy as we threw candy to them." **4. THAT WAS FUNNY.** Playing the Name Game with her Advisory class, Jayce Aragon '26 tries to repeat everyone's names but starts laughing when she forgot one at Freshmen Orientation on Aug. 10. LINK Leaders ran freshmen through trust games so Advisory classes could know each other. "I actually enjoyed all of the games that the LINK Leader took us through. It helped us get comfortable with one another. We also got to ask questions about the school and hear about their experiences," Aragon said. **5. RUN FAST.** Kyle Vonau '25 runs around trash cans to return back to his team while participating in Homecoming Class Games on Sept. 15 out at Bulldog Stadium. The sophomores did not win the competition. "I thought it would be something fun that my friends and I could all do together. This was something memorable. It was just super fun to be out there on the field with all my friends having fun and no competition. Well, competition with other classes," Vonau said. *photos by e.rolls*

WE ARE READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT. AND WE MAKE IT HAPPEN.

here, tradition matters to us.
did you sign the beam before it went up?
WROTE IT IN RED SHARPIE.
NOW, I'M REALLY A PART OF THE SCHOOL.
did you catch how we beat pv in the rivalry game?
WHICH ONE? FOOTBALL? BASKETBALL?
WE BEAT THEM IN ALL OF THEM.

we're just gettin' started though.
let's see how this goes
'CAUSE MAYBE WE'RE ONTO SOMETHING...



1. REPORTING LIVE. Conor Federocko '23, Emilee Kiernan '23, Julia Gargaro '23, Akira Olson '23 and Hayden Cuevas '23 pretend to be ESPN reporters with headsets and microphones cheering in front of the student section for the boys basketball team in the fourth quarter against Eaglecrest on Dec. 2. "Even though the boys lost, we like to show our spirit in fun ways when we can. This night was just really fun," Gargaro said. **2. SIGN RIGHT HERE.** At the construction site, Gino Conca '23 signs his name with a sharpie on the last beam that was getting placed in the CTE Center later that day in October. "I thought signing the beam was pretty cool. It was nice to see that the school was going to have the beam up for display. It's going to be part of the school's history, and I got to be part of that moment," Conca said. *photos by e.roffs*

"WE WERE CHEERING ON THE BOYS BECAUSE IT WAS A SUPER INTENSE GAME, AND WE WERE GETTING EXCITED TO SEE THE OUTCOME. SINCE WE WERE HYPING UP THE STUDENT SECTION, WE DECIDED TO BE THE BHSESPN CREW."

Julia Gargaro '23

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WE LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW. AND SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE.

“ I WASN'T SURE IF I WANTED TO BE A LINK LEADER AGAIN, BUT GAVE IT ANOTHER TRY. I AM SO GLAD I DID BECAUSE I REMEMBERED MY GOAL WAS TO HELP MENTOR FRESHMEN. HAVING SOMEONE THERE TO HELP YOU ADAPT TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENT THAT IS HIGH SCHOOL IS REALLY HELPFUL.”

bryan martinez rocha '23

“ THIS WAS MY FIRST TIME IN A GYM SETTING SO THAT SCARED ME. THE FIRST DAY OF GIRLS STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO PICK UP THE 45 BAR AND HAD TO START WITH THE 15 POUND BAR. IT HELPED KNOWING IT WAS ALL GIRLS IN THE CLASS BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE TO OVER THINK WHAT I WAS DOING AND I COULD GROW WITHOUT WORRYING.”

elizabeth rawlings '23

“ ONCE I ATTENDED PRESEASON OF GIRLS WRESTLING, I DIDN'T LOOK BACK. GIRLS DOING THIS SPORT USED TO BE TABOO, BUT MOST PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTIVE AND THINK IT'S COOL. IT TAKES

emma drecresentis '23

LET'S SEE HOW THIS GOES. THERE ARE SO MANY OPTIONS...



1. SHOOT THE BALL. Tyler Huss '23 prepares to shoot a free throw as Prairie View's Noah Christoforatos '23 stands watching him in the third quarter of the boys basketball rivalry game at Ball Arena on Dec. 14. Students were excused from classes in the afternoon to attend the rivalry game. The Bulldogs beat the Thunderhawks 58-56. "It was cool to play on the same floor as the Denver Nuggets. To have that crowd there to cheer us on was amazing," Huss said. "The game was intense, but I am glad we won." *photo by c.camichael*

2. A GIFT FOR YOU. At Thimmig Elementary, student government representative Kenady Savage '24 gives Dorian a Bulldog jersey and photo of

Tom Brady during a ceremony put on by Dream on 3. "Dorian was getting his dream to go meet Tom Brady and watch the Buccaneers play football and the school threw a big parade for him. We wanted to be part of it and share some gifts with him," Savage said. *photo by c.kistler*

3. ALMOST THERE. Geo Velarde '23 uses a set of plungers to push him along a skateboard while competing for the senior team in the fall pep assembly in September. This was the first pep assembly held in over three years. "It was a lot harder than it looks. I couldn't get the plungers to move me fast enough," Velarde said. "It was cool that assemblies were back because it hyped up the spirit." *photo by n.duran*



4. WATCH YOUR STEP. While the high school staff gets a tour of the construction in the CTE Center, Daxton Hruby '23 stands near Saunders construction workers to share what they have done with the space. Hruby worked as an intern with the project managers on the construction site through his Construction Trades class. "I thought it was cool that I got to be part of the process and learn how the building was being structured. I learned so much about communications, which really is an important part of the job. I can say that I was part of building the center for our school," Hruby said.

5. SAY CHEESE. DECA students such as Jackson Tuck '23, Silas Vazquez '25 and Jasmine Orozco '23 hold a "Thank You" sign while filming video for the District 27J communications. The bond was passed in November of 2021. "With us passing the bond to start the CTE Center, we wanted to say thank you to voters, so we created a video for social media with the district. It is important to show your appreciation to the community," Vazquez said. *photos by c.kistler*



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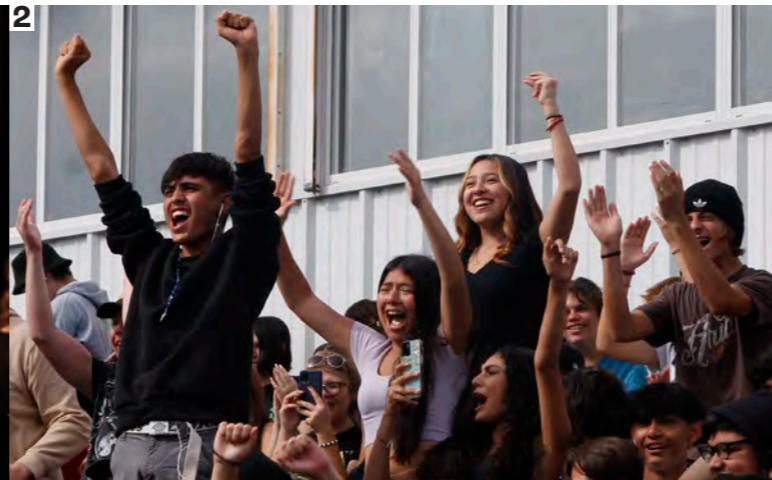
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1. SING ALONG. Choir director John Young turns toward the audience to help them stay on beat to perform along with the Select Mixed Choir during their Christmas Concert in December. This was Young's first year as the choir director. "I have really enjoyed my time here at Brighton. Everyone has been so welcoming. I can't imagine working anywhere else because it's been such a great experience so far," Young said. *photo by h.dyck*

2. CHEER ALONG. Cristobal Gonzalez '25, Giselle Contreras '25 and Alexa Guerreto '25 scream for the sophomores riding the mechanical bull in the the Class Games competition

on Sept. 16. "I was excited for my class because the sophomores had the best competition. We had an advantage because my uncle was the one controlling the bull. It was a fun experience," Gonzalez said. *photo by e.raffs*

3. A PUPPET. Roxie Hart (played by Jayla Shedeed '24) sits on the lap of lawyer Billy Flynn (played by Landon Gunderson '24) as he treats her like a puppet in the song, "We Both Reached for the Gun" in the spring musical "Chicago." "This performance was fun because Landon was treating me like a puppet and telling me what to say in the trial so I would win," Shedeed said. *photo by e.raffs*



AND
we got it
FROM HERE

WE KNOW HOW THIS GOES. AND IT WORKS FOR US.

“WHenever someone like Parker [Rose '26] needs us, the school rallies together and fights with them. The Orange Out was a great cause that helped raise money to help Parker's family with medical costs.”

damaris gutierrez '24

“DECA is one of those programs where it's not just about the learning aspect, it's about the relationships. You talk about business and then you spend that time bonding with your peers. The program suits me because being involved in the business aspect of life gives me an advantage when going out into the real world.”

jasmine orozco '23

“What is not to love about homecoming week? They made sure that each day had something for everyone whether you were dressing up in some type of western spirit day or helping build your class float for the parade. Each night was full of fun events like volleyball or football. To top it off, we had a dance that fit the theme. It was all just a blast.”

riley doherty '26

BUT THIS IS OLD TERRITORY. SO LET'S GET THINGS GOING...



4. HUG IT OUT. Before the Prairie View volleyball rivalry game, Evynn Jacobson '23 hugs her teammate after she received roses celebrating her during Senior Night on Oct. 20. The Bulldogs beat the Thunderhawks 03-00. "It was hard to believe that Senior Night was already here as the season went by so fast. It meant a lot to hear the words spoken to me by my teammate," Jacobson said. "The whole season went really well. I think we played great as a team, and I improved, too." *photo by c.kistler*

5. CLOSE TO A PIN. As the referee gives him two points, Soloman Smouse '23 tries to pull his opponent from Adams City over so he could pin him in the 126 lb. bracket at the Colorado High School Sports Association Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 17. Smouse ended up winning the match and advancing to the next round. He did not place in the top six. "When I pin someone, I feel unbeatable. All the noise goes silent. I feel like I am on top of the world, but then I quickly have to come together and get ready for the next match," Smouse said. "Even though I didn't take State, I'm proud of my performance. All of us guys supported one another the entire time. We even honored the tradition of dying all of our hair red so we would be united out on the mats." *photo by e.raffs*

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2. COUNTRY GIRLS

Abigail Spencer '24 dances with the poms squad in their country attire including glowing cowboy hats at the Homecoming Bonfire on Sept. 16. "Performing at the Bonfire was so much fun. I loved wearing the cowboy hat as it really added to our performance," Spencer said. *photo by Lsolano*

3. IT'S OUR FIRST DAY

Ryan Wadsworth '26 and Tristan Tomari '26 walk around the school trying to find their classes at the end of the Freshman Orientation on Aug. 10. Students were given the afternoon to walk around campus to follow their schedule. "Honestly, my first day went really well. I thought that the LINK Leaders did a good job of introducing us to what high school is all about. I wasn't really nervous or anything. My two sisters and brother went to Brighton, so I am used to being here," Wadsworth said. *photo by e.rollis*

4. SWEETHEART'S DANCE

Homecoming King Brok Eddy '23 and Homecoming Queen Kaylee Parrington '23 dance in the center of the gym floor as Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud" plays over the speakers. "It was a very special moment for us. I was glad we won royalty and got to have that moment together," Parrington said. *photo by h.dyck*



WE STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, AND CHEER TOGETHER.

“AS A FRESHMAN PLAYING VARSITY BASKETBALL, THE GUYS HAVE WELCOMED ME WITH OPEN ARMS. IT HAS BROUGHT EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES AND FRIENDSHIPS FOR ME. I AM ACTUALLY EXCITED FOR WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ME HERE AT BHS.”

austin sickle '26

“I WOULD DEFINITELY SAY THE FOOTBALL GAMES WERE ALWAYS SOMETHING EVERYONE WAS EXCITED FOR. DRESSING UP FOR THE THEMES AND PLAYING RIVAL TEAMS WAS ALWAYS FUN FOR EVERYONE. I ENJOYED BEING IN THE CROWD BECAUSE IT HELPED ME FEEL MORE INVOLVED. OUR SCHOOL HAS A LOT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT. EVEN AS A SOPHOMORE, I HAVE FELT INCLUDED IN THE STANDS AND EVERYWHERE I GO.”

emma buckner '25

“BRIGHTON DOES A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING EVERYONE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING. I AM PART OF SOFTBALL AND LULAC, AND I ALWAYS FEEL SUPPORTED. MY COACHES IN SOFTBALL REALLY PUSHED ME TO DO THE BEST I COULD IN EVERY GAME. NO PLACE IS EVER PERFECT, BUT IT JUST FEELS GOOD TO BE AT A SCHOOL LIKE BRIGHTON WHERE I FEEL INCLUDED.”

emily moreno '24

THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE. WE BRING ON THE SPIRIT...

1. THE CROWD GOES WILD. Kelsi Veik '23, Kevin Day '24, Avery Clark '23 and the rest of the student section cheer, "Let's Go Bulldogs" in overtime as Austin Sickler '26 makes his free throw so the Bulldogs take the lead in the rivalry rematch basketball game against Prairie View on Jan. 31. The Bulldogs defeated the Thunderhawks 64-60. "It was such an intense game, especially going into overtime. All of us in the stands were going crazy the whole time. We just wanted to show the boys that we were there supporting them and believed that they could get the win," Day said. "I love being in the student section because everyone is there just too have a good time and cheer on the sports teams." *photo by e.rollis*



And

we bring it

ALL TOGETHER

Kean,

**WE LOVE IT HERE.
AND WANT TO
REMEMBER IT ALL.**

gettin' that win in competitions.
MAN, THAT PILLOW HURT.
BULLRIDING ISN'T FOR EVERYONE.
did anyone really last eight seconds?
at least assemblies were brought back.

AND LET'S NOT FORGET.
watching gatsby come to life (and die).
chanting 'parker power' for our bulldogs.
hugging our friends after a last game.



“ I COULDN'T REFUSE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PILLOW FIGHT. I DO PRIDE MYSELF AS A PILLOW BATTLE CHAMPION, SO I JUST HAD TO SHOW EVERYONE WHAT I GOT AND I CAME OUT THE WINNER.”

**shaughnessy mcdaniel,
social studies teacher**

1. I AM KING OF THE SCHOOL. Social Studies teacher Shaughnessy McDaniel lifts up both of his pillows and screams as he defeats the Bulldog mascot to be the champion of pillow fighting during halftime at the Horizon football game on Oct. 14. "This is only my second year at Brighton, but absolutely love it. All of the fun things that students and even teachers get to participate in is awesome," McDaniel said. *photo by n.duran* **2. DID SOMEONE SAY GATSBY?** Daisy Buchanan (played

by Abby Flancher '23) sits next to her cousin Nick Carray (played by Rainier Niday '24) as they listen closely to her friend Jordan Baker (played by Jayla Shedeed '24) talk about her plans for the summer. "I loved reading the book in English class, so I was excited to bring this book and character to life for other people," Flancher said. "Daisy is not a nice person, so I definitely had to think about how I could portray her as a very careless person. I loved being part of this production." *photo by e.rolfs*



3. I AM MUMMIFIED. After Calvin Doyle '23 wrapped her up from head to toe in toilet paper, Zia Gonzales '23 tries to move across the Bill Gamble Gymnasium in the mummy competition during the Fall Pep assembly in September. Students had to compete against other classes to wrap a student in toilet paper. "I am always up for participating in any type of class game at a pep assembly. It's important that we model school spirit for the underclassmen," Gonzales said. *photo by n.duran* **4. RIDE 'EM COWGIRL.** Brylyn Haddick '24 puts her hand in the air and laughs while she rides the mechanical bull during the Homecoming Class Games competition on Sept. 16 at Bulldog Stadium. "I wanted to be a part of Homecoming Week. I've never been on a mechanical bull, so that was an experience," Haddick said. "I wanted to show my school spirit. I thought Student Government did a great job of choosing class games for us." *photo by e.rolfs* **5. IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE.** After the coaches huddled the players together at the end of the Legacy football game on Oct. 28, Avery Clark '23 pulled Dominic Schroder '25 aside to give him a pep talk. "Avery is like an older brother to me. I was having a talk with him because he was trying to lift me up. I was pretty down because guys like him are graduating. It's hard to see them leave when they have been great mentors," Schroder said. *photo by a.flancher*



**IT'S OK TO CRY.
AND LAUGH.
AND SAY GOODBYE.**

WE REALLY DO LOVE IT HERE.

whether you're graduating or coming back another year, you'll always be a bulldog, and always have a place here.

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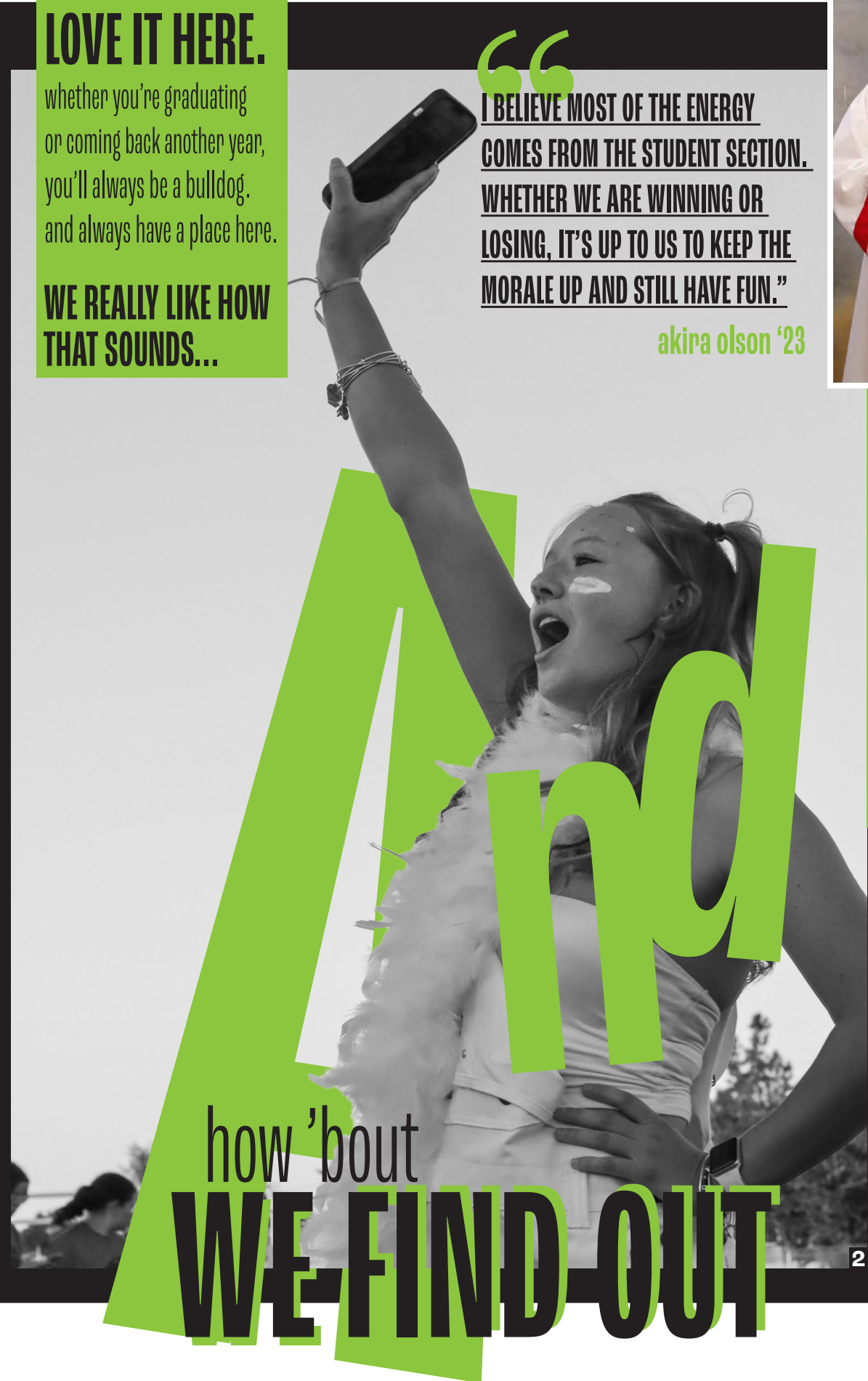
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I BELIEVE MOST OF THE ENERGY COMES FROM THE STUDENT SECTION. WHETHER WE ARE WINNING OR LOSING, IT'S UP TO US TO KEEP THE MORALE UP AND STILL HAVE FUN.”

akira olson '23



1. I AM GRADUATING. In her cap and gown, Karen Coronado Radovich '23 poses in the CLC Lobby for photographers with a diploma booklet in February. These photos would replace photos taken at graduation so parents could purchase them early. Assistant Principal Jennifer Minor coordinated the event. "I'm happy to have earned my cap and gown. Wearing it, I felt powerful. It gave me the motivation to pursue my dreams and pave my future," Coronado Radovich said. "It makes me really happy to continue the next chapter in my life, and I feel successful to have made it this far. I look forward to the future, and I will always cherish the time I spent here at BHS." *photo by b.martinez rocha* **2. DANCING IN THE STREET.** Melanie Ramirez '24 twirls her dress as she dances on Egbert Street to the Folklorico music with the rest of the LULAC students in the Homecoming Parade on Sept. 15. "It was so much fun getting to dance in the parade and see all of the little kids lined up on the street cheering for us," Ramirez said. "I think it is important that we share our culture with everyone through our dancing." *photo by c.kistler*



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“
I AM GOING TO MISS BASKETBALL AND
BEING A PART OF THIS TEAM. THERE
ARE SO MANY MEMORIES THAT I AM
GOING TO TAKE WITH ME.”

zia gonzales '23

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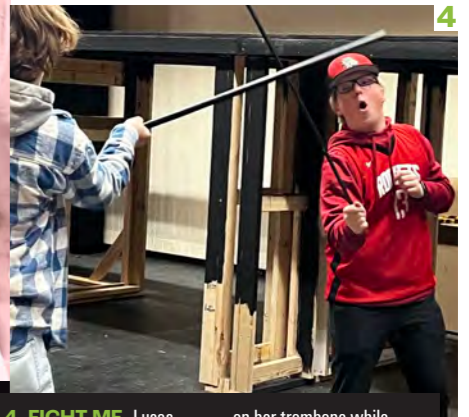
1. IT'S A WHITE OUT. Sam Aitkens '23, Logan Anderson '23 and Daxton Hraby '23 throw up baby powder with the rest of the student section at kickoff of the Vista Peak football game on Sept. 3. **2. A TUNNEL OF LOVE.** Zia Gonzales '23 runs down the middle of the gauntlet high-fiving cheerleaders and her team at the beginning of the Feb. 3 game against Erie. The Bulldogs lost 19-41. **3. TELL ME OLD SPORT.** Jay Gatsby (played by Trevor Moore '24) insists to Nick Carraway (played by Ray Niday '24) that Daisy did not enjoy herself at his party in the fall play, "Careless People." *photos by e.rolfs*



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4. FIGHT ME. Lucas Fiedler '26 and James Powers '26 sword fight while reenacting a scene from "Romeo and Juliet" in Honors English 9. English teacher Jane Archuleta taught them about swordfighting before reading the scene and had the students perform in the auditorium on stage. "It was cool getting to go on the stage and get to sword fight while reading the play. It made the story come to life a little bit more," Fiedler said. *photo by a.thomson*

5. IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR. Ashton Baysinger '26 performs a Christmas song on her trombone while following along to sheet music while watching band director Scott Unruh at the Symphonic Band Winter Concert in December *photo by h.dyck*

6. SIGNED AND SEALED. Amanda Byrnes '23 signs her acceptance letter to Metro University while posing for photos to continue to play basketball in the fall at her sports signing in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium on Nov. 9. "I am so excited to become a Roadrunner in the fall. I really like the school and just look forward to playing basketball there. All my hard work has led me to this moment," Byrnes said. *photo by c.kistler*