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BELLAIRE WAS NOT YOUR TYPICAL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

HOW SO?

OUR TALENTED BAND PLAYED THEIR INSTRUMENTS UPSIDE DOWN.

ACTUALLY?

REPLACING OUR PRINCIPAL WAS A TOP NEWS STORY IN HOUSTON.

FOR REAL?

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS SPOKE AT OUR CLUB EVENTS.

WHO DID?

OUR HOCO WAS THE SAME WEEK WE WON THE WORLD SERIES.

WAIT, WHAT?

BILINGUAL CARDINALS RECEIVED A FREE TRIP TO SEE JAPAN.

SERIOUSLY?

WE SCANNED QR CODES TO TRY TO KEEP CARDINAL HOUR.

SAY WHAT?



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AT OUR TALENT SHOW,  
CONTESTANTS JUGGLED BABY DOLLS.

**HUH?**

CHEERLEADERS PRACTICED  
FLYING AND CHANTING  
IN THE CROWDED MAIN HALLWAY.  
EVERY. DAY.

**LITERALLY?**

WE HAD 7,500 BOOKS  
AND AN ECSTATIC LIBRARIAN,  
BUT STARTED THE YEAR WITH  
NO LIBRARY.

**WHAT?**

THE SHOCK OF  
EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS,  
ASTONISHMENT FROM  
UNCONVENTIONAL LEARNING  
AND LAUGHS AT  
NOTE-WORTHY NONSENSE  
MIGHT HAVE YOU ASKING...

**that's bellaire,  
REALLY?**



# STUDENT LIFE



WE HAD A MEET AND GREET FOR OUR NEW PRINCIPAL.

SERIOUSLY?

OUR SCHOOL LAYOUT WAS DIFFERENT EVERY YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS.

ACTUALLY?

THREE STUDENTS DRESSED UP IN BLOW-UP T-REX SUITS FOR THROWBACK THURSDAY.

REALLY?

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At the annual Bellaire vs. Lamar rivalry football game, Kayla Ford<sup>12</sup>, Brisa Roberts<sup>11</sup>, Brandy Cage<sup>12</sup>, Jessica Whittaker<sup>12</sup> and Jess Sigmon<sup>12</sup> form a hype train. "I loved the competitive fight both sides shared," Roberts said.  
PHOTO BY JOY WANG

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OUR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM MADE A 31-POINT COMEBACK AT OUR HOMECOMING GAME.

FOR REAL?

OUR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM WON 67 SETS AND WAS THE DISTRICT CHAMPION FOR THE EIGHTH YEAR IN A ROW.

NO WAY!

# SPORTS



Poised to pass the ball, Husan Abdullatif<sup>2</sup> searches for a teammate at the match against North Shore.

"I saw the defender rushing towards me, so I looked across the whole pool for anyone open," Abdullatif said. "I tried my best to get it to my teammate's hand."

PHOTO BY JOY WANG



# CLUBS

EACH OF OUR 129 CLUBS HAD TO HOST TWO SERVICE EVENTS.

## SERIOUSLY?

THE ASTRONOMY CLUB STARGAZED ATOP THE PARKING GARAGE.

## NO WAY.

WE WROTE AND PERFORMED 10 PLAYS IN 24 HOURS.

## HOW'S THAT?

WE HAD THREE CLUB JAMBOREES.

## REALLY?



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Brandishing improvised weapons, actors Max Stear<sup>10</sup> and Alex Flores<sup>11</sup> brace for the climax of "The Neighbor's Business," a 24 Hour Play. "We improvised the intricate details like the way we moved and the emotions we portrayed," Flores said. PHOTO BY JINGYU WU





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Snapping a photo of a dancer in the hype circle, Ariana Castaneda<sup>11</sup> and Arielle Wooten<sup>11</sup> experience their first homecoming dance in the Bellaire cafeteria. "Afterwards, my friend and I got ice cream from McDonald's," Castaneda said.  
PHOTO BY JOY WANG

# HIGH SCHOOL

WE HAD MORE TEACHERS THAN CLASSROOMS.

**ACTUALLY.**

OUR FACULTY COMPETED IN QUIZ BOWL TOURNAMENTS AGAINST STUDENTS AND LOST.

**SERIOUSLY.**

# FACULTY



During a pep rally, Digital Art teacher Tania Andrews and English teacher Kathryn Eccles play to win. "Mr. [Jesse] Rivera wasn't there, so I was called on," Eccles said. "I wasn't happy that we lost, but it was about connection, not competition, so I was happy with that." PHOTO BY JOY WANG



# FRESHMEN

SOPHIA HAMDANI FINISHED THE STATE  
CROSS COUNTRY RACE WITH ONE SHOE.

LITERALLY.

OUR BELLAIRE CLASS OF 2026 WAS COMPRISED OF 1,030 FRESHMEN.

FOR REAL.

At Cardinal Camp, Isabella Alcantar and Ishaan Agarwal play Simon Says. "The seniors were really helpful and friendly," Agarwal said. "Everyone was nervous because it was the start of high school, but I had a friend, so I was more relaxed."

PHOTO BY JOY WANG



MEMBERS OF OUR SOPHOMORE CLASS QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS IN DEBATE.

TRUE.

THIRTY-FIVE SOPHOMORES TOOK AP STATISTICS.

REALLY?



At the Best Buddies and Cardistry joint service activity, Bethany Wong and Dayanna Santibanez tie-dye shirts. They rolled up the shirts then placed rubber bands to section off each portion. "I used dark blue, dark pink, purple and green," Wong said. PHOTO BY JOY WANG

# SOPHOMORES

CALCULUS AB STUDENTS WALKED INTO RANDOM CLASSES TO SING MATH PARODIES OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

THE JUNIORS SPENT THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE.

CLASSIC.

OH YEAH!

# JUNIORS



At the Chinese Honor Society talent show, Ethan Liu<sup>10</sup>, Daniel Chan<sup>11</sup>, Charlie Jiu<sup>11</sup> and James Kong<sup>12</sup> strike their ending pose after performing the play "Chang'e Flies to The Moon." "I kind of messed up a line, but no one noticed," Jiu said.

PHOTO BY EMILY HE

# SENIORS

SONYA KULKARNI WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF TWO DELEGATES TO REPRESENT TEXAS AND MEET THE PRESIDENT DURING AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ACTUALLY.

WINTER PHENIX WAS THE FIRST FEMALE BIRDKEEPER IN BELLAIRE HISTORY.

FOR REAL!



Preceding the homecoming court during halftime, JROTC members perform their Saber Team routine. "We did it for homecoming games and practiced with the sabers twice a week during lunch," David Garcia Sanchez said.  
PHOTO BY CELESTE MACKIN



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WE WERE THE BIGGEST SCHOOL  
IN THE EIGHTH LARGEST DISTRICT  
IN THE NATION.

## REALLY?

During Cardinal Hour, students head to club meetings or eat lunch. "Bellaire students were some of the most interesting people that you would ever meet because of all their unique life perspectives," **Alessio Berni**<sup>12</sup> said.  
PHOTO BY JOY WANG



WE WERE **3,390** UNIQUE SHAPES

THAT FIT TOGETHER  
**PERFECTLY**

AND CREATED THE  
**UNIMAGINABLE.**

WE **LITERALLY** SAW DANCE  
FLASH MOBS BREAK OUT IN THE  
MIDDLE OF CARDINAL HOUR.

WE **ACTUALLY** MADE  
DRACULA-THEMED BOARD  
GAMES IN ENGLISH CLASS.

WE **REALLY** HAD TWO  
SEPARATE CLUBS TO CELEBRATE  
BREADS AND DESSERTS.

AND WHAT SEEMED  
**UPSIDE  
DOWN...**







...LIKE

IMPROMPTU JAZZ CONCERTS  
DURING PASSING PERIOD,

MR. NIGGLI PLAYING SPIKEBALL AND  
PING PONG AND DANCING IN THE  
HALLWAYS WITH STUDENTS

AND CHOIR INTERRUPTING CLASSES TO  
DELIVER **300 SINGING VALENTINES**

IS WHAT WE CELEBRATED.

THROUGHOUT ALL THE **UNCERTAINTY**  
AND **SURPRISES**, WE GATHERED AS ONE  
TO **SHAPE** OUR SCHOOL TOGETHER AND  
**KEEP MOVING** FORWARD.

that's belleire,  
**REALLY.**



# REVEAL YOURSELF



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