

# change of TEMPO

STARS SHOWCASE DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES AT PEP RALLIES

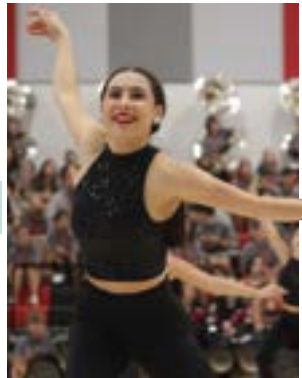
"My favorite dance to do at a pep rally is definitely hip hop because it brings the most hype. It has the best music, the best energy, and people tend to enjoy it a lot more because it's the most hype dance we do." *Photo by Jaya Kulkarni*

**BRADY BENAWAY<sup>12</sup>**



"Personally, I liked all of the jazz dance. It's really fun to perform. When we first learned it, it was really hard. But then as we kept doing it, it became a lot easier and it was fun to do." *Photo by Mara Brandt*

**CAITLIN SAUCEDA<sup>12</sup>**



"I like kick because people think it's impressive when we're all kicking together. The only thing I dislike about kick is that it's usually very hard and hard on my stamina, so I get really tired afterwards. My legs are also always sore after kicking, but besides that I think it's really fun." *Photo by Jaya Kulkarni*

**AMILIA VELEZ<sup>12</sup>**



## making FACES

NEW GYM OFFERS MORE SPACE TO GET READY

**CONCENTRATING** on her reflection, Sydney Cabello<sup>12</sup> puts the finishing touches on her makeup for a football game. The Silver Stars are required to wear blush and red lipstick so that it is seen from the stands. "I start with my makeup, and then I straighten my hair while I'm eating," Cabello said. "After eating, I put on my uniform and start to make sure my squad is ready." *Photo by Jaya Kulkarni*

**SLIDING** to the ground, Hailey Menell<sup>10</sup>, Amilia Velez<sup>12</sup> and Emma Suydam<sup>11</sup> fall into the splits. This move into the splits comes after doing a fan and the traditional high kick dance to 'How the West Was Won'. "The best part about performing at football games is seeing the stands and the lights from the field," Menell said. "I definitely do get nervous, though." *Photo by Hannah Salz*



**POM POMS** in hand, Neha Raghunathan<sup>10</sup> and Samantha Seiter<sup>11</sup> pose together, preparing for the football team to run out of the tunnel. This is Raghunathan's first year as a Silver Star, but her sixth year dancing. "During performances, I'm trying not to mess up," Raghunathan said. "I'm also trying to just have fun because I know that when I'm having fun it's a lot more fun to watch as an audience." *Photo by Mara Brandt*



**HOLDING** the final pose of the Star's Choice Dance, Dakota Dorch<sup>12</sup> and her dad show off their moves. Each year the Silver Stars perform with a dance partner and new choreography. "My favorite part of the dance was being able to do it all three years," Dorch said. "We have memories of doing it every time for every year." *Photo by Hannah Salz*

# strike a POSE

GRADE LEVELS INFLUENCE PERSPECTIVES ON SILVER STARS  
*Spread by Sara Hernandez & Hannah Salz*

## WHAT WAS UNEXPECTED?

"Silver Stars is more of a commitment than I expected, we have to come before school everyday and often stay after too. It's a lot of hard work and effort, but it's worth it. Once I started middle school I joined dance, and I wanted to continue doing that throughout high school."

**SUZI COLLINGS<sup>10</sup>**

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

"My favorite memory is being at the really cold games. When you're sitting there in the bleachers with your blanket and everyone around you is freezing, it's a good way for people to make memories together. Every time we go through something tough together it grows us as a group to be better teammates."

**NICOLE WINN<sup>11</sup>**

## WHY DID YOU JOIN?

"I joined Silver Stars because I had been doing the Silver Stars dance camp clinics that we host every year over the summer. I've grown up dancing so it's a big part of my life. We put in a lot of hours and practice everyday, and it's a lot of work but it's still fun and rewarding to be a part of."

**LILLIAN HOOVER<sup>12</sup>**



**OFFICERS** Olivia Cassidy<sup>12</sup> and Amorie Erichsen<sup>11</sup> smile together in their final pose. This was performed on senior night against Lake Travis on Oct. 27. "I get nervous performing in front of the school, but my friends on Silver Stars always know how to hype each other up so all the nerves go away," Cassidy said. "The performance goes by so fast, so you really have no time to be nervous." *Photo by Mara Brandt*