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**1 BEHIND THE PLAY** In a 4-0 victory over Beech High **SCHOOL**, sophomore Livi Langan scores her first goal of the season. "I was overcome by hugs and high fives from my teammates right after I scored," Langan said. "My prayer partner was [senior] Grace Hobday, and when we talked, it didn't feel like she was older than me because of how she understood me." **PHOTO** Jay Wilkinson

**2 RISE AND SHINE** Seniors Daniel Kramer, Hattie Funk, Lulu West, Ben Griggs, and Sarah-Clayton McBrayer continue the annual tradition of Senior Sunrise. "We all got up early on the morning of the first day of **SCHOOL** and headed over to **STEEPLECHASE** to watch the sunrise as a class," Griggs said. "The fact that it was our last year didn't truly hit me until then. I've been at **CPA** since seventh grade, so the idea that I would not come back next year was a lot to handle." **PHOTO** Katherine Rollins

**3 BUST A MOVE** Moving along with the music, seventh grader Lyla Finnegan performs at the Homecoming Pep Rally. "We worked on our dance routine for about two months, so by the time Homecoming came around, I was

feeling confident," Finnegan said. "We had all three dance companies perform together for one number in the **GYM**. I had the best time working with some of the older and younger girls." **PHOTO** Lyla Kelley

**4 STEP BY STEP** Scaling the **PLAYGROUND'S** loftiest ladders, kindergartner Bella Happ climbs at recess. "I got to run around super duper fast and climb all the way up **THE PLAYSETS**," Happ said. "Ladders were probably my favorite thing to climb because when I got to **THE TOP**, I felt like I was the queen of the **PLAYGROUND** for a little while." **PHOTO** Graham Dodd

**5 BEAUTY IN ASHES** In the **ART CLASSROOM**, junior Luke Magli paints a guitar as a message of hope for the veterans of Challenge America. "Our art class was tasked with painting guitars for the graduates of Challenge America, which was a four-week program that taught veterans suffering from intense PTSD how to play guitar and write their own songs," Magli said. "For my design, I painted a skull surrounded by flowers. I wanted to show that even though there was darkness in this **WORLD**, there was still a better life out there." **PHOTO** Parker Wright

**6 TELLING A STORY** As an insect **ON STAGE**, seventh grader Aaron Moessner encourages his creepy-crawly companions. "I was Grasshopper, the father figure of the peach crew," Moessner said. "While everyone else was freaking out about running out of food, Grasshopper sang 'Floating Along' and told them not to worry." **PHOTO** Katherine Rollins

**7 PASSING THE TORCH** At the Passing of the Scrolls, kindergartner Grace Carter accepts her scroll. "My siblings, [third grader] Andrew [Carter], [freshman] Wynn [Carter], [seventh grader] Samuel [Carter], and I have gone to **CPA** our entire lives," Carter said. "They told me all about The Passing of the Scrolls, and when I got my scroll, they were cheering me on **IN THE AUDIENCE**." **PHOTO** Lyla Kelley

**8 GIMME TEN** Coach Carrol Denure runs the end-of-match tradition. "After each match, the girls shook hands with the opposing team and then lined up to get a 'high ten,'" Denure said. "Every game, win or lose, I went down **THE LINE**, made eye contact, and congratulated every single player." **PHOTO** Jay Wilkinson

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### MASCOT MAYHEM

Posing in anticipation with Rumble the Lion, first graders Rowan Newton and Charlotte Holt, second grader Brooks Holt, and preschooler Grace Newton begin the new school year. "I remembered Rumble from when he was at the football camp over the summer," Rowan said. "He was there every day, and he chased us all around **THE FIELD**, and when he caught us, he gave me a big hug. He kind of scared me, but I was not quite as scared when he gave me a hug." **PHOTO** Graham Dodd

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# THEY'RE YOURS, MINE, AND OUR'S

Stories formed in the **CROSS GARDEN** after graduation and the **GREEN ROOM** before the Christmas Program. In the **STUDENT SECTION** and on the **PLAYGROUND**. And especially inside Ms. Jones-Toledo's **CLASSROOM** where we step up to **THE PLATE** during the first harkness of the year.

Speaking of plates, we can't forget the crowd as eighth grader Wright Martin slides into **HOME** for the fifth time, setting a record. His teammates cheering him on. Rattling the **DUGOUT** fence.

Rattling? We meant running, like when the new therapy puppy, Leo, runs straight into the arms of sisters Audrey, Iris, and Evangeline Anderson as they say hello to the newest staff member **ON THE QUAD**.

From the first step on **CAMPUS** to the last bell, our teachers, classmates, and coaches walk with us. Not only through life, but also around the **TRACK**. Like in middle school wellness where students are dripping sweat as Coach Harris yells 'no time for slackin.'

Guess what? 1,080 hours of the year, we call this place our **HOME**. The **SOLI DEO CENTER** is **HOME** to more than just fifth grader Caroline Wolfe, though. It's a **HOME** to her stories. Like the time when she and her dance teammates lined the **BACKSTAGE HALL** waiting to get their makeup done. The butterflies in her stomach? They wouldn't stay there for long.

The people we're surrounded by every day play a part in our stories. Mr. Carpenter knows stories. He asks his students to sign up for weekly lunches in his **CLASSROOM**. And, it's extra credit. That's how much he cares. That's how far he'll go. Plus, he gives out moon pies.

## THIS CAMPUS KNOWS WHERE WE'VE BEEN

### CUDDLES ON THE QUAD

Giggling and grinning from ear to ear, fifth graders Evangeline and Audrey Anderson and second grader Iris Anderson soak up the sun with their new puppy, Leo. "Leo wasn't just any ordinary dog; he had a special job to do," Evangeline said. "We adopted him as a therapy dog for the **LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS**, and it was the best choice ever. Seeing that Leo could do something better than sitting around and letting me pet him was rewarding. Instead, he got to help others, too."

**PHOTO** Graham Dodd



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**1 REASON TO PRAISE** Hands lifted in adoration and awe, junior Sassy Schottenheimer glorifies the Lord at Praise and Worship in the **BLACK BOX**. "I struggled to take in scripture, but music had always been something that touched my heart," Schottenheimer said. "Worship was a way for me to connect with the Lord and the people around me. My friends, [juniors] Andee [Cornelious] and Holland [Hill], were members of the worship team, and that was part of what made going to Praise and Worship so special to me. Seeing some of my favorite people use their talents to glorify God in the same **ROOM** was incredibly moving to me." **PHOTO** Katherine Rollins

**2 PRAYERS FROM THE PEW** Bowing his head, second grader Nate Crenshaw prays for safe travels on Reformation Day. "This was a special day because we celebrated brave people who did amazing things for God, even when it was dangerous," Crenshaw said. "We all went to the **SANCTUARY** that day and learned about people who founded the Presbyterian **CHURCH**, like John Knox and George Wishart. When we bowed our heads to pray, I prayed for my mom to have a safe drive because she was driving my sisters and me to **KNOXVILLE** after school for the [University of] Tennessee [Knoxville] versus [University of] Connecticut game. He must have heard me because we got there safe and sound. Plus, the Vols won." **PHOTO** Parker Wright

**3 BUBBLE TROUBLE** Together on **THE TRACK**, seventh graders Abigail Haynes and Lauren Harris blow bubbles. "We hadn't seen each other in such a long time since this was right when we came back from summer break, so we were thrilled to finally be back together," Haynes said. "[Harris] was joking with me about how I was blowing the bubbles because she thought I did it at an odd angle. She never fails to make me laugh." **PHOTO** Graham Dodd



As the pounding of drums grows closer and closer, second graders Mackenzie Bassett and Lexi Grigg cheer their hearts out for the Upper School Football Team and Upper School Cheer Team at the **LION WALK**. "The football team played super hard this season, so they were heading to **CHATTANOOGA** to play **BOYD BUCHANAN SCHOOL** in the state championship," Bassett said. "We got to watch and cheer them on as they walked to the bus, and I yelled extra loud for [senior] Marlee [Owen] and [junior] Mary Margaret [Carter]. They taught me how to do all sorts of cheers at **CHEER CAMP**, and they helped us perform the cheers that we learned for the Homecoming halftime show, so I wanted them to feel my support." **PHOTO** Aiden Tolley

## JUMP FOR JOY

The **ATRIUM**, **PLAYSCAPE**, and **BREEZEWAY** give us spaces to connect our lives with our academics. Even the **SIDEWALK** around **THE QUAD** gives fifth graders Lexi Grigg and Mackenzie Bassett the chance to cheer for the football team during the Lion Walk, as they head to the State Championship Game.

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**THE ART ROOM, THE THEATER, THE RECORDING STUDIO,** and **THE ORCHESTRA PIT** are home to our imaginations. Even the **LIGHTING BOOTH** allows senior Yoyo Caudill to tell the story of the upper school play, *Our Town*.

## JUST PEACHY

The middle school production of *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* takes a somber turn as sixth grader Eli Dorris performs a heartbreaking scene. "This scene took place right after Spiker, [sixth grader Ashlyn Tomlin], and Sponge, [seventh grader Annabelle Wolfe], made a ton of money off of the peach's fame. My character, [James], asked if they could move to the **SEASHORE**; after all, the peach only grew because of him," Dorris said. "Spiker and Sponge were super greedy, so they broke James' glasses and tore his scarf, the only things he had left from his parents, who were killed by a rhinoceros. This scene was one of my favorites because I could make the audience feel everything that James was feeling: his loss, his anger, and his hurt." **PHOTO** Aiden Tolley



Stories aren't just told on paper here. They're told on **COURTS, FIELDS, MATS**, and **PUTTING GREENS**. Even on **THE POOL DECK**, Coach Bruce Francis inspires a story of success during the Middle School Swim Team's meet in the **NATATORIUM**.

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## RAISE THE BAR

Locked in, senior Tyler Neilsen warms up his muscles and his mind for an upcoming match. "We usually got a good 30-45 minute warmup before each match. For me, warmups were more about refocusing my mind than loosening up my body," Neilsen said. "Even though it was technically a team sport, once you got out onto **THE GREEN**, you were on your own. That was why it was important for me to get my head in the game during warmups. If I lost my cool, I would be toast." **PHOTO** Katherine Rollins

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# IN THE CLASSROOM

We learn, and we focus. But, this **CAMPUS** grows more than just curiosity. It grows tomatoes. Even the **GARDENS** find their way into the **CLASSROOM**, where the process of produce shows kindergartner Cruz Duncan a new view of vegetables.

Leading the children of **ADZIWA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** in a devotional, senior Kenzie Edwards makes the gospel shine bright in **LILONGWE, MALAWI**. "I spent most of the days helping run a camp that was extremely similar to what Vacation Bible School looked like in the **UNITED STATES**," Edwards said. "I worked with the little kids, and we usually started the day with singing and dancing to music to get their wiggles out. We did some cute arts and crafts with them, and then they got to go **OUTSIDE** and run around for their recreational time. They always begged to play Duck, Duck, Goose. After the camp day was over, I led a devotional about how even though we all had different gifts, it was our job as followers of Christ to use our gifts to glorify him."

PHOTO Parker Wright

DUCK, DUCK, DEVOTIONAL

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# THROUGH THE HALLS

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## LEADING WITH LOVE

Cheering with passion and precision in the **VARSITY GYM**, eighth grader Kendall Knoch leads seventh graders Emma Moore and Linley Kail in their routine at the Middle School Pep Rally. "I had been cheering since fifth grade, but it was my second year on the middle school cheer team," Knoch said. "When I was on the seventh grade team, the eighth grade girls worked hard to include me and made me feel loved and appreciated. I felt like I could go to them with anything since they had great advice, even if it wasn't cheer related. Once I was on the eighth grade team, I modeled what the girls in the grade above us had done by putting in the effort to lead and be kind to the younger girls." **PHOTO** Aiden Tolley

With a quick walk across **THE QUAD**, sharing stories with classmates of all ages becomes a **PLACE** of connection. Fairy tales make our hearts pound with excitement as senior Ella Kate Holmes reads aloud in Ms. Routh's kindergarten **CLASSROOM**. Swarmed with hugs that say goodbye, she promises to come back for the sequel soon.

CLASSES





**THIS PLACE** was known to excel. Focusing, learning, and achieving were found in every **LIBRARY**, **CLASSROOM**, and **LAB**. But we found sweet treats, too. Making ice cream in **COACH BERNARD'S LAB** during eighth grade science class told the story of a salty solution.

**THIS PLACE** was known to create. With all that we had and with all that we were, we created. With every seat full, freshman Anna Green took her **PLACE** on **STAGE**, sharing her first solo moment on the Upper School Dance Team with the audience of *Coffeehouse*.

**THIS PLACE** was known to celebrate. Purple and gold filled **THE BLEACHERS**, celebrating every. last. second. of the Upper School Cheer Team's routine. Their story's ending? State Champions. Sounds like a happily ever after to us.

**THIS PLACE** was known to support. The **GYM** erupted in a standing ovation for Coach Brian Hemping as coaches turned to competitors at the Middle School Pep Rally. What can we say? Here, we love a good game.

**THIS PLACE** was known to imagine. The **EVENT CENTER** transformed into a sock hop as we time traveled to the 1950s, where fifth grader Lucas Patton learned The Twist. Imagination breaking the barriers of time, we learned the stories of the decades.

# HERE, EVERY STORY FOUND ITS PLACE



**1 GIGGLE MONSTER** Caught in a giggle fit, first grader Everly Tomlin dances the day away in the **LOWER SCHOOL HALLS** with first graders AliGrace Schot and Gracie Walker. "Ms. [Allison] Moore played GoNoodle and danced with us. She made me laugh all the time when she pretended to get mad at people in silly voices," Tomlin said. "One time, someone was talking while [Moore] was, and she told them to stop in a funny gremlin voice." **PHOTO** Aiden Tolley

**2 GET SCHOOLED** When the Middle School Student Leadership Team decided they wanted a three-on-three staff basketball game in the **VARSITY GYM** at the pep rally, Mr. Matt Freije and Mr. Brian Hemping were up to the task. "SLT chose two males and one female for each team. We scored thirty points collectively which meant the students had a comfy day the next day. I was terrified when they asked me to play, but we played **HALF COURT** and everyone got into it. Dr. [Nate] Miley refed, and at one point, he made a wrong call and gave [Freije's] team four points for free," Ms. Molly Bradshaw said. **PHOTO** Aiden Tolley

**3 ONE LAST TIME** Senior Jackson Mathews lines up for the final game of his high school football career at the State Championship. "The **ATMOSPHERE** was electric, and I fed off of the crowd's energy, which got even wilder when I scored a touchdown. I hadn't scored that many during the season, but that made scoring and winning at state even sweeter," Mathews said. **PHOTO** Jay Wilkinson