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It's 4:15 a.m. and **Lea Hanson's (12)** already up.

She has too much excitement for the first day that sleep wasn't an option. Clearly, **Jaxson Darling (12)** didn't.

He was late. Nonetheless, we made it through our first day and the first Almost Friday post of the year.

That's the thing about **Burke,**

maybe you don't know everyone in the dog pound



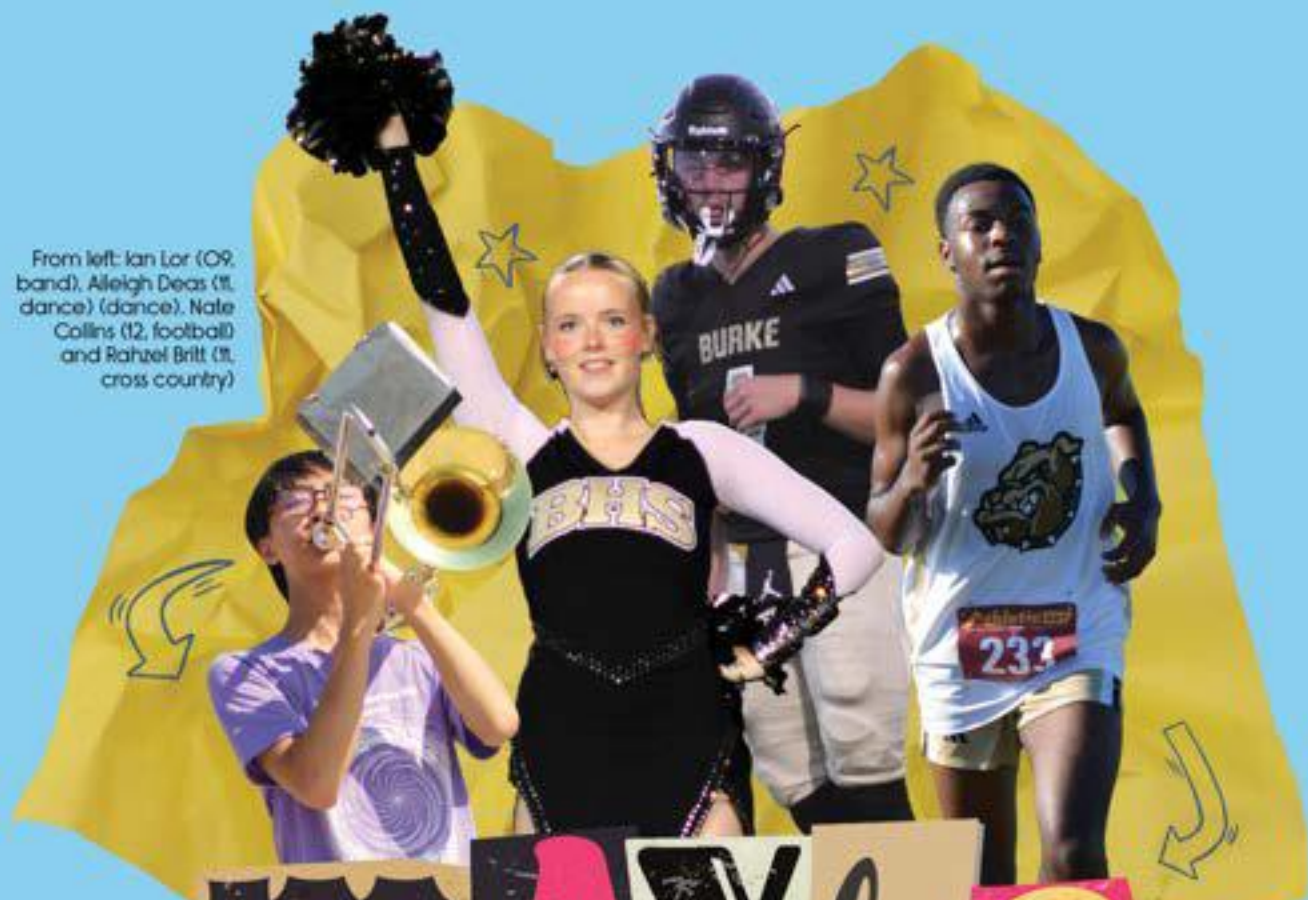
STANDING PROUD
Wearing their patriotic best, **Landon Foster (10, bottom), Caleb Kinman (10, left) and Rigley Renbarger (10)** pose during the Sept. 13 game vs. Westview. The team lost, 49-0. "It's fun having a lot of school spirit and a lot of people like to show out for the games and be proud to be a Bulldog," Foster said. Photo by Kyle Tipler

... **but YOU SHOULD**



SUNRISE, SUNSET
On the first day of school, **Logan Bautista (12, left)** takes a picture with her friend **Emma Lor (12)**. Bautista and Lor have been friends since freshman year. "Emma has been such an amazing friend to me and I can't imagine my high school years without her," Bautista said. Photo by Johanna Franden

From left: Ian Lor (09, band), Alleigh Deas (11, dance) (dance), Nate Collins (12, football) and Rahzel Britt (11, cross country)



maybe

you Don't

KNOW

The Burke Book

Fifty-eighth edition

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181 faculty
1,617 students
402 freshmen
426 sophomore
404 junior
385 seniors

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Raising her pom high in the air, dancer **Alleigh Deas** (11, second from left) performs in her first halftime show during the Burke game against Benson game on Aug. 30 at Northwest High School. With this being her first time on the field, Deas found herself terrified and spiraling about what would happen when it was showtime. "I was just thinking of all the ways I could mess up and was doing a lot of last-minute practicing," Deas said. "There were a lot of prayers said beforehand, but after finishing the dance and running off the field, I had a great feeling."



SURPRISING SUCCESS

Stretching her arms to reach maximum power, **Leanna Fitch (10)** competes in the 100-meter freestyle race during the Rich Hood Invite on Feb 1 at Burke. In her second year on the team, Fitch said getting the proper rest, nutrition and strength conditioning matters on meet days. "We work in a weight room a lot, so we do that like an hour a day and we also do a lot of endurance type sets essentially," Fitch said. "I've been eating more proteins and more like carbohydrates and making sure you have enough fluids." Photo by Makienna Bendorf

you're **Jaliyah Braniff (09)**, trying a high school sport for the first time. Or maybe you're **Lea Hanson (12)**, the newest captain of the volleyball team. Or maybe, just maybe, you're **Jenisha Sasankhar (09)** Burke's first female wrestler to qualify for state. The thing is, whether you're a rookie on the court or seasoned veteran on the greens, what matters is how you represent the black and gold. We've been doing it since 1967 and you don't mess with a Bulldog.



MAYBE

YOU

want to lead the student section like

Sladen Bragg (12). Or maybe you want to cheer at

pep rallies like **Ariyah Miles (O9)**.

Or maybe (just maybe), you want to write

and direct your own play like **Sonia Alonzo Ocana (12)**.

See, you don't have to be like Bragg,

Miles or Alonzo Ocana to make an impact.

You just need to bring out your inner dog.

Don't worry, we promise we

won't bite. Or will we?

BOOMSHAKALAKA

Holding a sign above his head during a volleyball match, senior **Landon Foster (10, center)** cheers on the Bulldogs at home vs. Gross Catholic on Sept. 26, 2024. As a sophomore athlete, Foster understands the importance of supporting his fellow student-athletes. "I have a good time watching the games and getting to yell at people for fun," Foster said. Photo by Makenna Bendorf





I GOT MY EYE ON YOU!

With one eye peering into the microscope, **Julian Brown II** (09, left) works on a science assignment in **Donita Logeman's** biology class. Not remembering the exact lesson, Brown II was intrigued by what he was seeing under the microscope. "I like that there is a lot of weird and odd stuff in science," Brown II said. "What was interesting about that lesson was all the shapes of the cells in the microscope." Photo by Isabelle Higgs-Watson



DOWN

you want to become an AP scholar like

William Dunning (11) or study to be firefighter like

Dakota Leiviska (12). Or maybe you want to be like

like **Samuel Rankin** (11) and earn your drone certification. Here's the thing, no matter what your

academic story looks like, there's plenty

to satisfy your academic pallet here at Burke.

With 34 AP classes, three unique academies

and dozens of pathways, reaching for the

sky (and moon) has never been closer.





KNOW



A SCREAMING SUCCESS
With his hands acting as a sort of megaphone, Burke superfan **Brayden Pickett** (ft. left) cheers on his Bulldogs on Sept. 14, 2024 at Westview. Although the team did not score in a 49-0 loss, Pickett understands his job is to support the team any way he can. "I want to let the student athletes know they have our support," Pickett said. "We need to show up and show out at all of our games." Photo by Makenna Bendorf

this — Burke's much better than you think.
Seriously, we have the only planetarium in the state,
some of the best organizations in OPS (We see you, DECA)
and we build planes. Crazy right?
Plus, we have the coolest principal in town. We'll always
be proud, accountable, willing and safe, **Darren Rasmussen**.
Whether you came here for the athletics like
Brady Stanley (12), the four-minute commute like
Madi Britton (12) or just prefer Burke like
Hung Nguyen (12), it's worth the stay.
So, Maybe You Don't Know
but you should!



Summer 12
First DAY 14
BAND 16
teen center 18
CROSS COUNTRY 20



Good morning, Bulldogs and welcome back.

Aside from **Hevin Ketchum's (12)** cloudy senior sunrise,

Vishal Patel's (12) flaming hot football practices

and **Maddie McCarville (11)** cheering at

Northwest for a Burke home game, everything's going great.

Jocelyn Comeau (11) even felt brave

and signed up for her first AP class.

While this year has started off strong, who knows,

maybe it'll be banner year at Burke.

HIGH AS WELL, JUMP
Celebrating a 65-yard touchdown, **Nate Collins (12, left)** and Coach **Cannon Katske** embrace during the first quarter of the football game at Northwest High School vs. Benson High School. Energized by the crowd, Collins believes the atmosphere and fan support gave him an extra boost. "It felt good," Collins said. "My legs were tired though, it was great there were a lot of people there, it was loud overall and there was a great atmosphere." Photo by Makenna Bendorf

AUGUST



You definitely know how exhausting, yet still amazing, our year was. Whether you qualified for state swimming like **Colin Kelln (10)**, reached 900 career points like **LaNasia Wilson (12)** or studied like crazy to get your Seal of Biliteracy like **Yasmin Baydoun (12)**, there was much to get done. Maybe you didn't know our greatness before, but you should.

maybe you don't know

CAUTION – WORK IN PROGRESS

Watching the Bulldogs on the field, **Brady Stanley (12)** looks on during the football team's game vs. Benson at Northwest on Aug. 30, 2024. Coming to the school from Elkhorn, Stanley also plays on the baseball team. "I'd say, I've always had a lot of school pride," Stanley said. "I think it's important when you get to a new school to have pride in that school and taking up certain opportunities to enjoy the athletics that we have." Photo by Makenna Bendorf



HER OWN ADVENTURE
Performing during halftime, **Phoenix Mayle (09)** plays her clarinet during the 62-0 Burke victory vs. Benson on Aug. 30, 2024. Focusing on hitting every note, the band played, "Journey Through the Event Horizon," by James Parrott. "I strive to showcase my talent and push myself to the fullest every time I perform our show," Mayle said. Photo by Irene Jones.

