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FRAT DANCE. Smiling at the crowd, senior Isaiah Dominguez dances to a remix of “Mi Gente” by J Balvin at the second annual Ignite the Empire pep rally. Dominguez was one of the last performances of the night and was dressed as a frat student along with the rest of the senior class. “I was in a rush right before and had to run to my car to get something,” Dominguez said. “But as soon as I got on stage I forgot about everything that had just happened and I just went for it.” Photo by Carolina Arredondo.

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“The climate crisis is real.”
“Can people stop screaming ‘sksksksks?’”

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MY POINT IS...

“Knowledge is power.”
“Technology blocks out human connection.”
“Immigrant families shouldn't be separated.”

“College is not for everyone.”
“Mob mentality can ruin people's lives.”
“The dress code is way too strict.”

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MARCH FOR CHANGE. Poster in hand, juniors Carlos Bishop and Emily Reyes chant on the sidewalk of Edgemere Drive during a climate change march on Sept. 26, organized by the It's Your World club. The march coincided with a worldwide day of action initiated by Greta Thunberg in response to the G7 summit where the top 7 nations in the world met to discuss global issues. "The newer generation has so much power to change the world," Reyes said. "If everyone knew and did what they were capable of then our effects would be amazing." Photo by Nayeli Andrade.

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We've been told
TO BE SILENT,

that we *don't know* what
we're talking about.

All of our opinions are
bottled up in our minds,
waiting to be heard.

It's like the adrenaline that rushes
through your veins in the gym's
bleachers, shouting with your
class to win the spirit stick...

THAT

...in your throat, after the
Wal-Mart shooting when Beto
O'Rourke spoke on the football
field at the memorial.

The fight song that echoes in
your chest on the stands at the
Bel Air football game.

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TOUCHDOWN EXCITEMENT: Caught
off guard by a sudden touchdown run,
senior Zoey Renteria waves the Aztec
flag on Sept. 12 at the homecoming
game against Andress High School at the
SAC. The Aztecs lost their homecoming
game 34-30 against the Eagles. "Getting
everyone in the student section to
cheer for the team was a great feeling,"
Renteria said. "Holding the flag up high
to represent our school made me feel
proud to be an Aztec." Photo by Carolina
Arredondo.



NERVOUS JITTERS. Taking deep breaths, freshman Ryan Miner stands on the diving block before the 100-meter breast event at the SISD Invitational Meet at the Student Aquatic Center. Miner earned fourth place in his heat with a time of 1:27. "Before I dive off the block I feel a mix of emotions," Miner said. "I take three deep breaths before I dive in to relax and reset my body." Photo by Carolina Arredondo.

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That feeling in your gut when we marched on Edgemere Drive for climate change awareness.

The fire lit within us to make history and leave our mark when we ignited the new Aztec Sun.

The feelings that obligate us to rally for change, make us outspoken and motivate us to tell the world how we feel...

THAT'S THE LIVING

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Key points

- 012 SENIOR SUNRISE
- 014 EL PASO STRONG
- 018 FAMILY ROOTS
- 024 HOMECOMING

"As a sophomore, I am talking to more people and starting to get the hang of things around campus. I feel more comfortable at school."

... Abraham Vaughn, 10

SUMMER

Design by Romario Gonzalez.



SUMMER TUNE. Surrounded by the colors of the Mexican flag, sophomore Abraham Vaughn plays his violin at the 16 de septiembre celebration. Students and faculty celebrated Mexico's Independence day in the courtyard with a day-long fiesta hosted by the foreign language teachers. Mariachi performed "Mariachi Loco" by Pedro Fernández for the guests. Photo and design by Romario Gonzalez.

Design by Romario Gonzalez.

Key points

- 040 VARSITY FOOTBALL
- 042 FALL FESTIVAL
- 044 HALLOWEEN
- 048 MILITARY NIGHT

DOUBLE TROUBLE. With his drum harness around his waist, senior Jonathan Guzman takes a break from playing the snare to proudly wave the shimmering flags at the halftime performance of the band before the away game against Franklin High School. As a member of the drum line since freshman year, this was Guzman's very first experience performing with flags. "It was fun. We get so used to playing drums and staying in our comfort zone, so when we try something new it feels good," Guzman said. Photo by Alyssa Herrera.

"Ever since I started band, it has only ever been practice, practice, practice. But it's made me who I am today and I am grateful for that."

... Jonathan Guzman. 12

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"Senior year is scary because I have to plan what I want to do. I've been waiting since freshmen year for this, but I don't really know what's going to happen."

... Nayeli Andrade. 12

WINTER
winter

Design by Romario Gonzalez



WINTER MIRACLE. With powdery snow on her beanie, senior Nayeli Andrade enjoys the snow on Feb. 5 by the cafeteria at El Dorado High School. El Paso experienced a rare two inches of snowfall, prompting the school district to delay the start of school by two hours. "It was nice to wake up to bright, white snow outside my window," Andrade said. "I felt really relaxed when I walked outside and knew it was going to be a good day." Photo by Romario Gonzalez.

Design by Romario Gonzalez.

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"The year was going really good. I got into colleges I thought I would never get into. I took harder classes, but never gave up. I'm just sad it ended the way it did."

... Leslie Gutierrez. 12

SENIOR LOVE. With an arm around her teammate, senior Leslie Gutierrez accepts flowers and gifts from junior Amberlee Alvarez as she walks down the field on senior night on March 6. Gutierrez participated in the soccer program for four years, so senior night was a long-awaited and important ceremony. "Knowing I'm a senior, I had to give it my all. It was my last game," Gutierrez said. "And winning was the best feeling knowing that everyone was there to support the seniors." Photo by Melody Medina.

SPRING

THE YEAR ENDED,

But we struggled to come to terms with our second semester, which was really only nine weeks.

Spring break was extended — and then just melted into summer as COVID-19 prevented us from fulfilling our end-of-year activities.

The varsity girls soccer team never got the chance to defend their area title and run to state playoffs.

The UIL journalism team didn't bring home medals and plaques as defending district champs.

Track wasn't able to finish the season and we never heard the cheering crowds at the James Butler Games.

Our suspense was never satisfied by viewing the annual IB art exhibit at the Hospitals of Providence. Seniors hurt the most when they couldn't partake in the long-awaited and deserved traditions.

Aside from all the missed opportunities, we must never forget the accomplishments we did get to celebrate together.

The swim team had the most regional qualifiers yet and robotics kids received the Connect Award, advancing to regional competition.

NHS and Student Council hosted the El Paso Strong blood drive, helping to heal a city stunned by unspeakable violence.

Varsity boys basketball made playoffs for the first time in two years and the band made history at Tournament of Bands.

The yearbook staff won their first ever national Pacemaker Award and took first place at Skills USA in photography and design.

It's Your World will expand to all SISD high schools.

And, in the middle of the desert, we even played in the snow — twice.

The point of high school is to enjoy the experience, and after four years of staying at the Temple, when the final bell rings, it's time to say...

ONE LAST TIME. Confetti falls on happily surprised faces as seniors pop confetti cannons up toward the ceiling of the big gym at what would become the last pep rally of the year on March 6. The Western Wear pep rally was held on the last day of school before a Spring Break that students wouldn't return from. The junior class won the spirit stick. "My favorite part was when all the classes got up from the stands and we all started to country line dance to 'Copperhead Road'," senior Daniela Garcia said. "Although we had our fun, I only hope it won't be our last." Photo by Lia Rodriguez.



"Too many innocent families are being broken and kids are being traumatized due to Trump's racist immigration ban." "Societal pressure leads to lost self-esteem, confidence and even your identity." "Juuling shouldn't be a trend but it's hard not to fall into it." "It's impossible to be accepted by everyone, so you should just do you." "The public education system needs to be redone and revised." "#Trump2020." "The media affects everyone's opinions." "Pop culture helps young people stay up

MY POINT IS...

to date with what's going on." "College just puts people in debt." "Art, music and literature unite us as human beings." "Better environmental awareness is necessary." "Getting into drama shouldn't mean you're cool." "Influencers need to use their platform for good." "Everyone deserves an opportunity for a better life." "Music has been key in my happiness and helps me not feel alone." "The U.S. cannot sustain the current influx of immigrants." "Students need to be taught more about money and how the economy works." "Educators shouldn't use their platform to instill political bias in their students." "College should be free." "I wish people could put their beliefs aside and just be decent human beings to each other." "The world runs on technology." "Vocational careers are just as necessary as any other career." "Immigrants bring violence and over-population." "People shouldn't be forced to do something they do not agree with." "Celebrities only do things for attention." "Saying something is a lot harder than actually doing it." "The only way to be cool is if you have money." "We need to prioritize our nation's safety." "I only have a problem with immigration when it happens illegally." "It's beautiful how culture can unite people." "The media has lost all their morals and respect." "There are way too many trends that benefit no one." "Kids need to stop copying what they see online or on TV." "You need a degree to get a well-paying job." "Artists should write and help produce their own music." "Technology blocks out human connection." "There is way too much unnecessary drama in pop culture." "Social media negatively affects people's self esteem and expectations." "Life experience is more important than formal education." "Standardized tests do not determine a person's intelligence." "The school system promotes necessary social skills." "Laws should be followed for the greater good, not taken advantage of for personal gain." "We should have open lunch." "Public education is made to give lower and middle class students more opportunities." "The immigration policies are not ethical." "Republicans are too closed-minded." "#Kanye2020." "Peer pressure often leads to tragedies and it needs to be stopped." "We should be free to be ourselves without outside influence." "I shouldn't have to rely on scholarships to go to college." "Ignorance prevents people from realizing that immigration keeps this country running." "People can make money off of social media and be just as successful as someone with a degree." "Teachers should be paid more." "Math and reading are the only important subjects." "Information has never been so easy to obtain." "Censorship is a real issue." "Doing work on paper instead of online is better." "Technology should complement the human mind and knowledge but shouldn't replace it." "Politics should be kept out of our education." "Today's culture is simply built on being ignorant and jumping to conclusions." "I want to become something big." "A further education is necessary to be successful." "Kids don't go outside as much as they should or used to." "Social media has led to increased societal pressure." "Immigration strengthens the workforce." "Peer pressure doesn't exist because at the end of the day, it's your decision." "Society should support each other and accept the diversity in this beautiful world." "No one is taking our jobs." "Being pressured from friends and the media is commonplace now." "Immigrants should be expected to assimilate." "You shouldn't have to try to be like everyone else." "Immigrants are human beings too and shouldn't be treated the way they are." "Pop culture is part of the fabric that makes us humans." "People need to stop believing the first thing we see and actually find the facts." "It's hard for students to be motivated." "Schools provide students with a safe haven." "There is not enough diversity in our government." "Technology has helped us overcome many diseases." "Politics are a joke." "There is always an ending for every beginning." "Students are way too stressed out." "Immigration is something that happens naturally and shouldn't be so corrupt." "People who fall into peer pressure are weak-minded." "People forget how to be respectful toward others." "Immigrants are the future of this country." "We need to stay informed on what is going on worldwide." "School lunches are incredibly unhealthy." "Innovation is necessary to assure a bright future." "Pop culture defines our generation." "You shouldn't have to try to be like everyone else." "Going to school is a waste of time." "Politics divide people." "It doesn't matter if someone has a problem with you as long as you're true to yourself." "I'm just trying to pass my classes." "Society puts too much pressure on teen girls to be perfect."

LOVE LIGHTS. With a pink and purple spotlight on her face, junior Amaya Flores looks out to the crowd from the stage while performing her scene "The Story of Hope" at the production of "Almost, Maine." The play was a compilation of love stories happening on the same day at the same time and was performed in the theater Sept. 19-21. "I really love making people feel things," Flores said. "If I made people tear up that night, I did my job." Photo by Carolina Arredondo.

