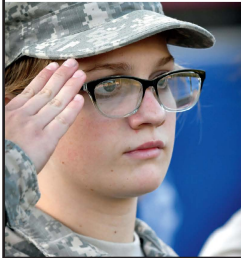


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HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. HIGH SCHOOL



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The future is ours.
We say, why wait?
We're ready today.
Not tomorrow.
Not someday.
It's our time.

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■ **CHALK TALK** On the night before the first day of school in August, seniors Dylan Lawson and Olivia Moore spend time together decorating their parking spots. "Chalk Your Spot" had been a senior tradition for a number of years. "Chalking our spots was full of excitement because it was the start of the new school year," Moore said. "We got to be with all of our friends before starting our last year." (photo by Susan McGarry)

■ **DRILLING IT** While in carpentry class, junior Josiah Brown works to build a firewood holder to be used to stack wood throughout the semester. "We pretty much finished this project during one class period, but it taught me how to build one and made carpentry more fun," Brown said. (photo by Avery Brewer)

■ **ROARING SUCCESS** Playing Jesse Carson High School in the second round of the state playoffs, junior McKennah Daley and the team react to the winning point in the fourth set. The varsity volleyball team won, 3-1, to face Marvin Ridge in the third round. "They had a strong defense that we had to adjust to," Daley said. "Everyone on the court and on the bench was really loud because this win meant we would play Marvin Ridge." (photo by Pat Shreder)

■ **FLIP OUT** As the football team runs out onto the field before playing East Rutherford on Aug. 23, sophomore Savannah Crisp executes her back flips. The varsity team won, 56-42. "Tumbling on the sideline like this was my favorite because it was more fun than cheering, and it was entertaining to the crowd," Crisp said. (photo by Ralph Rasemann)

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■ **RISE UP** During the halftime break of the men's varsity basketball game against Hendersonville in early December, junior Haley Dunnigan performs with the Dance Team. It was the team's first appearance of the season. "The energy in that gym was indescribable," Dunnigan said. "It really helped us perform our best, especially with the rowdy student section cheering us on. It was an amazing start to the season." (photo by Ralph Reese/minn) ■ **CAMO OLAD** At East Henderson on Sept. 6, seniors Sienna Padilla and Bailey Swayngim lead a student section chant. The varsity team won, 41-10. "Being a county rivalry, the East game is always rowdy," Padilla said. "Some of us were even asked to leave for being too crazy, but it was a good game overall." (photo by Per Shroder) ■ **FACE GUARD** On Dec. 3 at a home junior varsity game against Hendersonville, sophomore Trey Nash goes up for a shot. The team beat Hendersonville, 60-26. "I was really focused on making the shot and doing the best that I possibly could, especially because it was the first game of the season," Nash said. "It was a mix of emotions. I was nervous, but also really excited to get on the court again." (photo by Ralph Reese/minn)



■ **PRESENT ARMS** On Johnson Field, sophomore Rainy Fizer salutes the flag before the Hendersonville game on Aug. 30. The varsity team won the rivalry, 16-13. JROTC helped with the halftime and presented the colors before the game. "We salute to show respect to our school and our country," Fizer said. "I love going to the games in my uniform because it shows school spirit." (photo by Per Shroder) ■ **ALPHA, WEST** At the first home football game against East Rutherford, senior Luke Whisenant stands in the student section for kickoff on Halloween night. "I love the football student section because we are always rowdy, and I feel like it impacts the team," Whisenant said. "It's awesome to see your peers supporting one team." (photo by Per Shroder) ■ **FIRE D UP** While participating in a chemistry lab in Amy Zalevsky's AP Chemistry class, junior Caroline Maxon heats up a Bunsen burner to melt unknown compounds to identify which elements are present. "I like chemistry because of how everything fits together, like this lab showed," Maxon said. (photo by Megan Cooke) ■ **TRUE COLORS** In the halftime show during the home football game against T.O. Robertson, freshman Josie Hallingsworth plays her planeline. The band's halftime show was "18" and featured music by Panic! at the Disco, Marshmello and NF. "It was really warm that game, but we were still super pumped to play in our uniforms," Hallingsworth said. (photo by Ian Knight) ■ **OUR HOUSE** After helping the offense score a touchdown against Hendersonville, senior running back Austin Jenkins encourages his teammates. The team won, 16-13. "I was overwhelmed with joy that we had scored a touchdown. I blocked Hendersonville's biggest linebacker," Jenkins said. (photo by Per Shroder)

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■ **GAME TIME** Before the Tuscola game on Oct. 25, senior defensive lineman MeAndre Allen leads the varsity football team out of the tunnel. The team lost the game, 21-24, in overtime, ending an eight-game win streak. "I always like to make sure the team is ready," Allen said. "I know when we run out of the tunnel we have to change our mindset to game time." (photo by Pat Shrader)

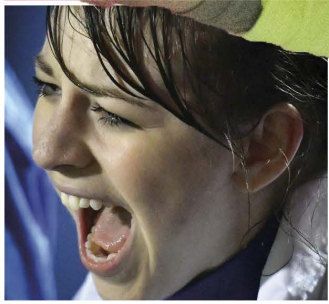


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Juniors 302
Seniors 276
Faculty and Staff: 133
Principal: Shannon Auten

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■ **WILD WEST** During the home football game against T.C. Roberson on Sept. 27, senior Wyatt Hughes stands on the rail to lead the student section. The varsity team won, 49-31. "I really love sports, and ever since my freshman year I couldn't wait to get to lead the student section," he said. "I enjoyed getting our students rowdy." (photo by Pat Shrader) ■ **BLOW YOUR HORN** While playing his trumpet at band camp in August, senior Avery Brewer works on the opening choreography for the Flying Falcon Marching Band halftime show. The annual band camp lasted two and a half weeks before the start of the school year. "Band camp is always really hot," Brewer said. "But seeing the new members get better and the show come together makes battling the heat worth it." (photo by Patrick Sullivan/blueidgenow.com) ■ **ON STAGE** In the honors theater class's one-act play for the North Carolina Theater Conference in November, "The Diviners," junior Trinity Luce portrays Darlene as she boasts about memorizing scripture. The cast placed third. "NCTC taught me a lot about stepping out of my comfort zone and being more confident," Luce said. ■ **RALLY CRY** After the football team blocked a field goal to send the Tuscola game into overtime, senior cheerleader Makayla Cooper yells her support. The team lost, 21-24. "I felt like the louder I yelled, the more they could feel it and do better," Cooper said. (photo by Ralph Raesemann)

Henderson County. Sure, it's home. But the **WORLD** is ours. From the nearby peaks of the **BLUE RIDGE** to the bustling streets of Europe, India and Latin America, we make a **STATEMENT** wherever we go. We belong on Hooper Lane or **MAIN STREET**. In the city or on the farm. We're ready now. As small town **ENTREPRENEURS** and activists, we make our **VOICES** heard. We take all we learn and create the **WORLD** we want to see. Of course, we're preparing for the **FUTURE**. But we're doing so much more. We're taking the **LEAD**. Teaching others. Starring in the show. Our story begins **HERE**.

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What is your favorite student section memory?
"My favorite student section memory is from the semifinals volleyball game. It was a 'red out' and the student section drove a bus down to watch the game. We all ran in cheering and yelling for our team. It gave us a big boost of confidence to play our best. And we won the game." ■ allison pierce, 12



I'll have to say a 'neon out' during a football game this season was my favorite. Everyone was there, and everyone had on neon and was decked out. We all got super hyped up about the game." ■ cooper hughes, 09



"The semifinals volleyball game because the energy was really high in the student section, and we were all pumped and excited to go cheer. The entire student section rushed court." ■ karsyn andress, 10

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It's never too **EARLY** to start. High school is more than a stepping stone on our **PATHWAY** to adulthood. It's our **CHANCE** to shine. Our stage is the classroom, the field, the gym. It's the mission field. The ballot box. The **LABORATORY**. We reach out to a community in need of a helping hand. We rise above the **CHALLENGES** we face and celebrate our successes. Even when a virus disrupts our plans. At the **BEGINNING** of a new decade, we remember 60 great years. But we're ready to go. Our time is **NOW**.

■ **FALCON FEVER** At the home football game against Hendersonville, senior Elise Trexler cheers for her team through a mask. Trexler did not feel well. "I knew I was sick before I went to the game, so I wore a mask," Trexler said. "The doctor told me to take it easy, but I was screaming in the student section, and I stormed the field after the game." (photo by Ralph Roeseemann) ■ **JUMP START** In the volleyball game at Brevard, senior Addison Hichman serves the ball. The Lady Falcons swept Brevard in three sets. "The Brevard game was early in the season, and we played pretty well. Looking back, our team developed so much throughout the season," Hichman said. (photo by Pat Shrader)



What is something you are most proud of?
“I’m really proud of all the new connections I was able to make with a lot of new people. I am really grateful for them, too. With the electives I signed up for, there is a good mix of both upperclassmen and freshmen. I got to get close and make a lot of new friends in all grades.” ■ Isabella Gonce, 10



“ I’m most proud of doing sports. I did cross country and swim, and I’m doing winter and spring track. I’m very proud about doing that. Hopefully, I can set personal records for myself.” ■ Dane London, 12



“ I got employee of the month at Ingles after a year of working. It was nice to be recognized. I made a picture of it in Mrs. (Suzanne) Green’s class, and my manager let me hang it up at work.” ■ Garren Roasch, 12

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■ **DRESSIN' UP** At the homecoming pep rally, sophomore Johnathan Cavanaugh struts in his toilet paper dress created by sophomore Kera Putnam. Cavanaugh and Putnam were selected as contestants in a contest to make a dress. "I remember telling Kera how to wrap my toilet paper dress. I thought we were going to lose because she wasn't very good at it," Cavanaugh said. "Over the shoulders is not a good look for me," (photo by Rachel Ball) ■ **CUSTOM PRINT** In Julianna Stout's forensics class, senior Chloe Van Oostendorp dusts for fingerprints, trying to solve the "death" of media center assistant Denise Cope. In the simulated crime scene, students searched for evidence to find the killer. "Fingerprinting was very hard, and forensics may be a future career for me," Van Oostendorp said. (photo by Megan Huske) ■ **MOVEMENT MEMORIZATION** In Karen Dellinger's Spanish I class, sophomore Taylor Williams plays "Action" to memorize vocabulary. "It was really fun and helped me remember the vocabulary well," he said. (photo by Rachel Ball) ■ **SMASH HIT** In third lunch outside the cafeteria, junior Hannah King hits a car as part of a Spirit Week fundraiser. Student Government Association organized and ran the fundraiser. "I was in charge of running the car smash for SGA on the last day of Spirit Week," King said. "Everyone who was working the car smash got a turn at hitting the car. Smashing a car was harder than it looked, but fun all the same," (photo by Rachel Ball)



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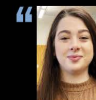


What do you do to stand out?

"To stand out, I wear whatever clothes I want or whatever I'm feeling like. Today I wore some overalls and an old shirt with wacky socks. I also don't let other people put me down and always try to be nice and try to be a good role model for others." ■ emma zaborowski, 10



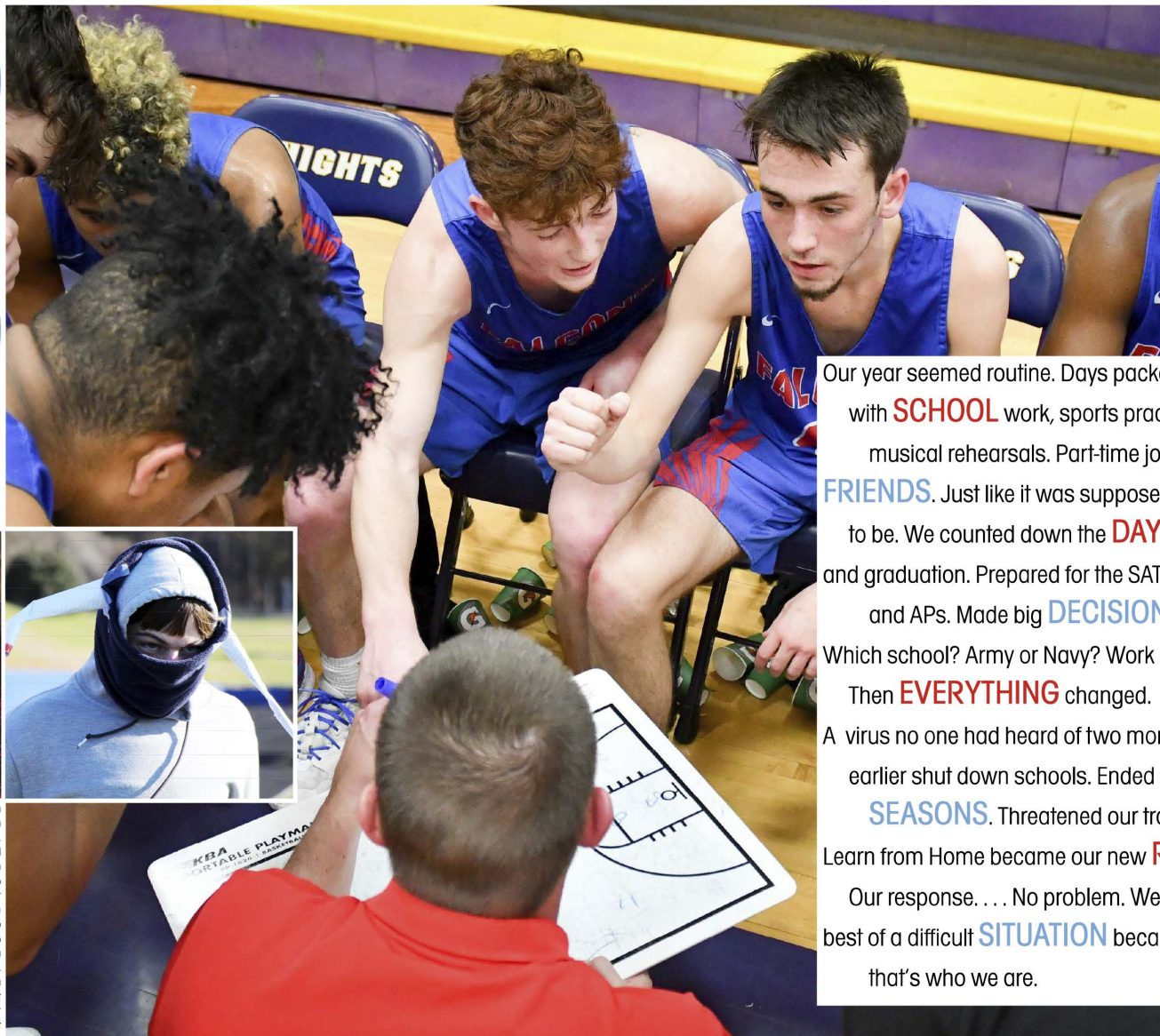
"I try to be kind to everyone, and I try to focus on my priorities and don't let other people affect my life poorly. I always try talk to people as if they are my family, and I don't judge them." ■ mira nech, 10



"My style differs from most other girls because I tend to create my own vibe. Most trendy things I'm not fond of because I don't like to look the same as everyone else. I am true to being myself." ■ hannah king, 12

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Our year seemed routine. Days packed with **SCHOOL** work, sports practices, musical rehearsals. Part-time jobs and **FRIENDS**. Just like it was supposed to be. We counted down the **DAYS** to prom and graduation. Prepared for the SAT and APs. Made big **DECISIONS**. Which school? Army or Navy? Work or travel? Then **EVERYTHING** changed. A virus no one had heard of two months earlier shut down schools. Ended our **SEASONS**. Threatened our traditions. Learn from Home became our new **REALITY**. Our response. . . . No problem. We made the best of a difficult **SITUATION** because that's who we are.

■ **BUZZER BEATER** On Feb. 4 with less than five seconds left in overtime, Coach Rusty Ward draws up the final play for seniors Josh Lyda and Ben Bryson. The team scored to beat North Henderson, 75-74. "I was just thinking one of us needed to get open for the final shot," Lyda said. "The play was originally designed for me, but Ben had a one-on-one matchup for the shot," (photo by Ralph Rosemann)
 ■ **KICK BACK** In their first game of the season on March 3, senior Aliya Shook clears the ball for the varsity women's soccer team. The team defeated North Buncombe, 2-1. "I was trying to pass the ball to the forwards to score," Shook said. (photo by Avery Brewer)
 ■ **SPLIT ENDS** During a lab in Julianna Stout's class, freshman Lauren Sachia looks at a sample of her hair under the microscope. "It was so cool to be able to see the genetic makeup of our own hair," Sachia said. (photo by Leah Spray) ■ **BULL RUN** In a reenactment of Spain's Running of the Bulls on Feb. 28, sophomore Zander Youmans acts as the bull. The students performed their reenactment for Spanish teacher Karen Dellinger. (photo by Rachel Baily)



What is your proudest accomplishment?
 "My proudest accomplishment would be learning English when I came from Mexico. Once I started learning English, I felt better to be able to speak to other people because I felt more confident and knew what I was saying. It was a frustrating process, but I was determined." ■ **vanessa villa-osornio**, 12



My proudest accomplishment would be improving my grades from last year. Last year I struggled to keep my grades up, and this year I have been doing better. I am on top of my assignments." ■ **cayden delauder**, 10



My proudest accomplishment would be doing better this semester. Last semester I struggled, but this semester I'm doing better. I have improved a lot since last semester." ■ **marisol martinez hernandez**, 10

We're already leaders. Scholars.

Scientists. **ACTIVISTS** and
fighters. So don't doubt us when we
say we're **READY**. We've got this.

We passed the **TEST**. We've been
doing it all along. Right **HERE**.

■ **GAME PREP** While practicing before the season begins, senior Griffin Smith hits in the batting cage. The players practiced consistently starting the second week of summer break and continued throughout the year. The spring sports season was cut short when N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper closed schools on March 14. "It was a little disappointing since it was my senior year," Smith said. "But how we ended as a team with friendships formed is something I wouldn't trade for the world." (photo by Pat Shrader)

