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WATCHING FROM THE CONDUCTING PODIUM, senior drum major Sofia McGhee oversees her final lightshow. The marching band's lightshow was performed after the senior night football game against Olathe West on Oct. 13. "The light show was always my favorite part of the marching season just because we get to really have fun with that show," McGhee said. "But as a senior, there were a lot of emotions because I knew it was my last time doing it." *photo by robert leon*

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CATCHING UP, football coach Dennis Grayless pulls junior De'Andre Wilson aside to congratulate him after making a touchdown during the football game against Olathe North on Sept. 15. SM North was still down one point when Wilson understood what he needed to do. "We were playing a really hard game," he said. "Coach Grayless pulled me out to talk to me about the game. The moment was really exciting, I had made a good block so it was easy for us to score. It was such an amazing moment I got to share with him." *photo by rylie peterson*

IT'S UNDERSTOOD

THAT WE JUST *GET IT*.

We shared experiences that shaped who we are today.

We remember

Growing up and seeing friends get frustrated when they couldn't master that one Wii sports game.

Being nine-years-old trying to figure out what 8/7 central meant trying to catch the newest release of the Descendants movie series on Disney Channel.

Balancing our iPad chargers in just the right position to get it to charge.

And we were devastated when we learned that our parents' names weren't actually "Mom" and "Dad."

WE'VE GOTTEN *USED* TO IT.

We're used to the new bison sticker that replaced the Indian tiles in front of the office.

We're used to glancing to see if the art gallery remodel is finished yet as we stroll by.

We're used to senior "downtown" DJ Brown conducting our afternoon announcements every day.

And we've finally gotten used to calling ourselves freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH TOGETHER

We finally had our first year of high school without a mask mandate,

We experienced victory at our Homecoming football game, the first in over five years,

We occupied SM North's first all-gender bathrooms when they finally opened in November, then watched them shut down, then watched them open again.

We sat in frustration as the dreaded update on our new MacBooks continued to pop up at the most inopportune times,

We celebrated Shawnee Mission North's 100 year anniversary with a senior group photo in September.

We walked through the same halls, and saw the same people every day,

So how did we not notice that we all **understood** each other better than we thought?

BUT WHAT ABOUT WHAT WE DIDN'T SEE?

CROWDING THE COURT, senior Addie Reichert cheers on her fellow drummer at the Homecoming assembly on Sept 7. "It felt really good to see everyone crowd around at the end of our performance and have fun and dance together," Reichert said. "The moment reminded me of my freshmen year when everyone ran and crowded the court with the same cadence. Seeing the pride come back to North makes me happy." *photo by laurel hansen*

WE JUST WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT...

I'M NOT ALWAYS BUBBLY A PERSON I AM VERY DIRECT
HOW MUCH I CARE ABOUT *I WON'T PEAK IN HIGH SCHOOL* **I OVERANALYZE**
I DO FEEL BAD WHEN I DON'T *THAT UPSETS ME*
MY HOBBIES **WAVE BACK IN THE HALLWAY** ***I PUT OTHERS FIRST***
FOOTBALL IS MY PASSION **I LIKE TO BE ALONE** I'M NOT MEAN
I GET MAD EASILY
I REALLY AM BUSY WITH HOMEWORK ***I AM A PEOPLE PLEASER***
MY BRAIN IS GOING A MILLION M.P.H. **I'M NOT MY FRIENDS**

I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING **YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO**
SOFTBALL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING **DEAL WITH MY PROBLEMS**
I CAN TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY
I'M LONELY I NEVER BREAK A PINKY PROMISE ***I LOVE YOU***
I KNOW ABOUT SPORTS I DON'T HAVE PERFECT MENTAL HEALTH
I DON'T FEEL STRONG
I LOVE MUSIC **I WANT TO BE HEARD**
I AM MORE THAN MY *I WISH PEOPLE SAW ME AS MORE FUN AND JOYOUS*
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES **I THINK DIFFERENTLY** ***I LIKE BEING A LEADER***

IT'S COMPLICATED.

IN THE AIR, junior D'Myzio Allen leaps through the air during the pregame performance at the homecoming football game on Sept. 9. "I was most likely thinking about Sonic's Bacon Double Cheese Burger combo with a Cherry Limeade Slush," Allen said. "I get it after every performance."
photo by rylie peterson

WE UNDERSTAND THAT...

JOHNSON DRIVE NEEDED TO HAVE CONSTRUCTION

but did it have to be right after the new weight room construction finally ended before the first day of school?

OUR PARENTS HAVEN'T YET GRASPED THAT WE ARE GROWING UP

but do they have to spend forever embarrassing us by taking too many photos of our friend group before the Homecoming Dance on Sept. 10.

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS DURING LUNCH TO ENSURE OUR SAFETY

but do the hall monitors have to be all up in our business when we try to go to class early?

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED "BRICK TIME" DURING SEMINAR WAS CREATED TO EDUCATE US TO HAVE AN OPEN MINSET

but why do upperclassmen have to sit through the lessons?

THE TARDY SWEEPS INTRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING OF SECOND SEMESTER ARE TO PREVENT LATE-COMERS TO CLASS

but doesn't it defeat the purpose when it took extended time out of class?

SO DO WE REALLY KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL?

WAITING FOR THE PLAY, seniors Ben Cloud, Gabe Stigers and Maya Wallace stand in the student section during the "Nut Cup" football game against SM East on Sept. 23. SM North's theme was "white out" and SM East's theme was "black out," a tradition between the rival schools. "The worst part about this game was that we lost," Pep Club President, senior James Barton said about the 34-35 loss. "This was a very close game with tons of excitement but in the end, we ended up losing. Most of this game was so tense with a lot riding on it as we had a winning streak from our two previous games." photo by laurel hansen

AMBITIOUS

22 SPORTS OFFERED AT NORTH

"I'm in cross country and swim. I do it to **GET FIT** and my favorite part is seeing friends and getting in better shape."

MAXIMUS DILLON, 10

"I was involved with volleyball. I played on varsity the majority of high school. My favorite part was the **SUPPORT** and having those really tense games where there's a huge crowd and everyone's on edge."

EMMA BIER, 12

"I enjoy playing soccer and practicing with a team, and playing with **FRIENDS** I've known all four years of my high school life."

CADEN CARSON, 12

RUNNING THE 3200, sophomore Ryder Burdette competes the 3200 against SM East, West, and Blue Valley Southwest. "I went out too hard in the first mile of the race but was still happy with my time." Burdette said. "Everyone on the team performed well and a lot of people came away with PRs". *photo by laurel hansen*

EXCITING

425 STUDENTS IN THE FRESHMEN CLASS

"It was very **DIFFERENT** than middle school but over time it became more natural. I would describe it as pleasant in the highest meaning."

MICAH REIGHARD, 9

"My first year at North has just been **EXCITING** all around. I enjoy my Honors World Regional studies class and teacher because she keeps it moving and interactive. The football games and the bonfire getting all of the students **INVOLVED** with each other is

KRISTEN LEBEAU, 9

"I have so much more **FREEDOM** here than I had at Hocker and I feel like I'm starting to figure everything out for myself."

SAWYER MANIRATH, 9

COLLECTING BALLOONS, freshman Micah Reigard gets pushed on a scooter during a pep rally. Students competed against each other in a game of "Hungry, Hungry Hippos" in the field house. "They were doing random games and I wanted to play," Reigard said. "I got picked for one where you pick up balloons with little baskets and then have to take them back to your base, it was really fun." *photo by robert leon*

DETERMINED

331 STUDENTS IN THE SOPHOMORE CLASS

"I've finally figured out what kind of student I want to be and what I want to be **INVOLVED** in. Sophomore year has been a year in which I know what I want to do in the future and now I'm working to make that next big leap towards my goal."

LAINA WATSON, 10

"I think that all kids in high school are constantly **GROWING** and learning in all sorts of ways but in my life personally I've seen people change so much."

MAGGIE BARTLETT, 10

"I feel like I have blinked and now I am a sophmore."

GABRIELLA KELLER, 10

YELLING TO THE CROWD, sophomore Alaina Watson joins the cross country team during the Homecoming Parade. "The cross country team never made a float, so we borrowed a small car and taped our flag to it," Watson said. "Even though we didn't have a float, it was still tons of fun to be with the team cheering down the streets." *photo by robert leon*

SOCIABLE

375 STUDENTS IN THE JUNIOR CLASS

"Going into my junior year I had heard it was the hardest year in all of high school, but being in the last quarter of junior year it's **NOT AS BAD AS I THOUGHT**. Maybe I think of it as pretty easy because I'm comparing it to my freshman year online which was extremely difficult to me."

LUIS GUZMAN, 11

"Nothing's really happened this year. It's like a filler episode."

JAMES CLEMENTS, 11

"I've just done a lot more this year than I ever have done. I've made so many more **FRIENDS**."

RHETT LANE, 11

CELEBRATING, Junior Luis Guzman hugs the Bison on freshman first day. "I remember being extremely nervous for this assembly, I've never been the center of attention in front of this many people and it was very nerve wracking," Guzman said. "As I got more comfortable I started to show every single emotion I was feeling so when celebrating with the Bison it was extremely dramatic." *photo by teryn debey*

RESILIENT

366 STUDENTS IN THE SENIOR CLASS

"It's really cool to see people you knew when they were 10 years old blossom into their own **UNIQUE** adults with different **GOALS** and callings."

GABE STIGERS, 12

"I am graduating this year, and it's truly amazing to know how many **MEMORIES** I made in the brick house."

MIA VILLAMAR 12

"I'm crying at home every day because of this **STRESS**. But I'm so happy, because I'm at least passing."

PAYTON VANSOUPHET, 12

AT THE FOOTBALL GAME on Sept. 15, senior Gabe Stigers cheers on the players. "High school has definitely been a mixed bag but one thing I'll always cherish is the fun I had at football games," Stigers said, "Cheering on our team and getting hype in the front row with close friends is something I'll never forget." *photo by macy williams*

INTERESTING

150 STAFF MEMBERS

"My thoughts on the year is that it was way **SMOOTHER** than last year coming back from COVID. I feel like everyone's starting to get the hang of doing school again."

BILL PATTERSON, HSITORY TEACHER

"I would describe this year as interesting. I personally went into **SURVIVAL MODE** halfway through the year."

NIKKI COCHRAN, FOODS TEACHER

"The world is a hard place and we all wonder about the future. Each year the students give me **HOPE**. They rise to the occasion, they push through and achieve anyway. They show me over and over that, in the end, we will be okay."

ERIN RIVERS, ENGLISH TEACHER

HANDS IN THE AIR, language teacher Shagane Sigler works on speaking with her russian class. "We were doing storytelling with the students acting it out, and I was asking questions about the story that was developing," Sigler said. *photo fatima reynoso navarro*

COMMUNITY

65 CLUBS • 17 ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

"I have been hanging out with friends more and getting more **INVOLVED** with running and classes."

NATHAN SCHWEIGER, 10

"The community at this school makes it feel like **HOME**. Also, I've spent more than 14 hours straight in this building, at this point I deserve a futon here."

LYDZ WALLINGFORD, 10

"Band is my favorite **COMMUNITY** in the school. Everyone is so nice and fun. Making music is also fun but the people in band are my favorite part."

ELORA PEACH, 11

FOCUSING, senior Jade Morales-Gomez paints a poster at the Stuco retreat on August 30. The group's theme was '70s for their float in the Homecoming Parade. "I was very calm while painting this poster, I remember being very excited for the theme and I kept coming up with clever ideas for posters," Morales-Gomez said. "My favorite part was definitely making the posters although it was frustrating whenever it would not turn out the way I wanted it to. It was so fun." *photo by fatima reynoso navarro*

EMOTINAL

120 ADS SOLD IN THE YEARBOOK

"As a senior, you realize that everything is your last for high school. It's been full of so many lasts that it makes me emotional but **EXCITED** for what is in store for the future."

JALEN JUAN, 12

"When you're a senior you are so close to graduating and so every little **MILESTONE** makes it so much more exciting. Like the last football game, or the first semester ending. It's sad but mostly happy."

MAYA WALLACE, 12

"This year I've been really busy, so this year has just gone by really **FAST**."

SOFIA MCGHEE, 12

AFTER BEING CROWNED first attendant at the Homecoming football game on Sept. 8, senior Sofia Bustamante embraces her older sister. "For me, this moment was really special," Bustamante said. "I truly look up to my older sister and my freshmen year, her senior year, she was crowned First-Attendant as well. There were already some crazy similarities, like we were both nominated by Stuco as the SB Publicist, we both had navy blue dresses, neither thought we would win, and then both won First-Attendant. I know all the random coincidences seem silly, and I could have cared less about winning, but to me, this photo represents everything coming together to create a moment of bliss that will always remind me of how thankful I am for my relationship with my sister." *photo by robert leon*

IT GOES UNSAID

"That we all have to wake up and go to school."
ANASTASIA QUICK, 11

"We're all so real."
GABRIELLE CANTRELL, 12

"Everyone dislikes homework."
DESTINEY HALL, 11

"We all know everyone is going through things, we either help or leave it be."
KYLIE CARRENDER, 9

"We respect one another."
GAVIN JACOBS, 10

"We share a lot of the same experiences."
GRAYSON AIKMAN, 10

STUNNED BY THE PLAY, junior Noah Randall reacts to the game with senior James Barton. During the Winter Kick-Off the Pep Club officers commentated "ESPN style" during all the basketball games, adding a fun element to the night. "This specific game had us on the edge of our seats," Randall said. "The shots and blocks that went on during this game were absolutely phenomenal, which is to be expected from our amazing basketball team." *photo by teryn debey*

WE GET THE PICTURE

IN AN EMOTIONAL EMBRACE, senior Jakob Rooney says goodbye to his high school swim coach, Cody Fothergill, after signing his college letter of intent. Rooney left him with a parting gift, a snowglobe. "He had a custom made globe with a nice photo of us inside of it," Fothergill said. "He even had it engraved saying, 'One of the best coaches I've ever had.' It meant the world to me, coming from one of my great swimmers of the last four years." Rooney had collected snow globes his entire life and said he wanted to share something personal to him to show his appreciation for Fothergill's constant support of his future. "Coach Fothergill has always been an inspiration to me," Rooney said. "I owe him a lot for teaching me how to swim and what it means to work hard. If it wasn't for swim, then I wouldn't know what to do with my future." *photo by veda rojas*

We're the "lazy" school,

The "bad at sports" school,

The **"old"** school,

But **DIG DEEPER**

Our Noche De Baile, an event hosted by SM North's International Club took place on March 8.

Our BPA team took first place at state and went to Anaheim, Calif. for Nationals on April 26-30.

We hosted our North Relays on May 5, an annual event put on by SM North for 74 years.

But it's not about what they see,

It's about what WE KNOW.

WE ARE...

TOUGH

MATED

TGOING

UNIQUE

NORTH

WE ARE...

STANDING IN FRONT OF OVER 600 PEOPLE, junior Gia Watts performs the song "Misty" by Ella Fitzgerald at the Black History Program on March 21 during seminar. Watts was one of 38 performers involved with the program. "I was feeling a little nervous," Watts said. "I was excited to sing 'Misty' because I really like Ella Fitzgerald. Her voice is beautiful, and I think she was one of many women paved the way for Black women in the music industry." *photo by teryn debey*

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CHALKING HIS SENIOR PARKING SPOT, senior Fynn Bray lays on the concrete of SM North's parking lot before the first day of school on Aug. 13. The parking spot chalking hosted by the class of 2023 was the first held in three years. Seniors were given the opportunity to show up and chalk designs at a chosen spot. "It felt like a moment I will always remember because it was finally my turn to experience what we saw happening our freshmen year," senior Madison Elmer, one of the more than 30 people who chalked a spot said. "I finally understood what it felt like to be a senior and all the moments you only get to experience for that one year in your life." *photo by rylie peterson*

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