Senior Jackie Taylor stepped into the Blue Dungeon on Oct. 3 determined to win. St. Brendan lined up for a rematch, also ready to give it their all. The crowd cheered as they welcomed the team, bringing their Raider spirit to support the girls. The energy was high as the game began. Seniors were overjoyed as this was the start of their last high school season. For Taylor, her fellow athletes were more than just teammates. “I am really proud of the players and the team we’ve become this year. They really are like sisters to me, and this year made me realize that,” Taylor said.

Senior Maya Pace cheered her team on for their final year on the court. She was excited to come back for a rematch against St. Brendan after a rough patch with them in every single game," Brenner said.

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After their years on the team, seniors were close to the team of 12 girls with whom they practiced every day for countless hours to bring the win home. For senior Nicolette Peñaranda, this was the case. “I am so thankful for these 12 new sisters. Now I realize the true bond we have.” Peñaranda said. For senior Hailey Brenner, she realized how these girls had such an impact on her throughout the season. “I really enjoyed this year fun and loved playing with them in every single game,” Brenner said. Photo by Fox Mer

The varsity volleyball team took on St. Brendan for a rematch. “It felt incredible stepping onto the court because they are one of our main competitors. They beat us last year in regional finals and it really felt good to come back for a rematch,” Pace said. As the game came to a close, the Raiders were up 2-1, bringing the win home. Nicolette Peñaranda looked around the court, gathering with her teammates to share in their victory. Peñaranda felt that hard work and perseverance would continue to fuel the team throughout their season. “Show up to every practice because you don’t know what’s coming next, and really enjoy the moment because it doesn’t last forever,” Peñaranda said.

With team members, Kate Welty.

Q. How long have you been on the team?
A. I've been on the team since 8th grade so I've known these girls for awhile now.

Q. How does it feel to be the only Freshman on the team?
A. Great, I feel like they welcomed me and everyone is ready supportive.

Q. How does their support show?
A. They are supportive in every single game, they always include me and everyone is very genuine and nice even though I'm the youngest on the team.

Q. What’s your favorite moment you’ve experienced being on the team?
A. My favorite moment that I've experienced is Senior Night, it’s so heartfelt because they always include me and everyone is very genuine and nice even throughout the younger on the team.

THE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM MAKES HISTORY BY WINNING STATES.

On Nov. 11 the girls played at Polk State College. The girls won 3 of the 4 sets dominating the scoreboard. The final game to bring them the win was switched up by senior Hailey Brenner. Senior Jackie Taylor makes a standout dive during the game not far behind was junior Julie Rose. The girls made history by bringing home the first girls volleyball state title. Photo by Francisca Binello.