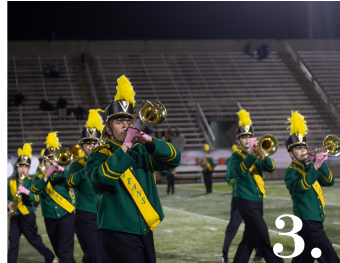


make some noise

1. KICKIN BRASS. Holding their instruments in the air, marching band dances in the stands. "Survivor is my favorite song to play this year because the other ones are boring," **senior Lily Guiney** said. Guiney had been a flute section leader for three years. The halftime show dance was choreographed by **seniors Kylie Lake** and **Aliyah Holmes**. **2. HELPING HANDS.**

Adjusting **senior Killian Moody's** hat, **senior Jasmine Schmidt** helps to make sure his uniform is on properly. Both Moody and Schmidt played trumpet and had been in band since sixth grade. Schmidt had also been on the cheerleading squad since her junior year. "I love being down on that field with my girls but being in the stand with my band family, it's nothing that can compare," Schmidt said. **3. SHOWTIME.** During the halftime show, marching band members perform on Thirlby Field. The theme for this years show was Survive and featured the songs Living on a Prayer, Survivor, I Will Survive, and Don't Stop Believing. The drum feature was written by **seniors Mary Roth, Matthew Mudget, junior Alysha Haight,** and **sophomore Baylor Baldwin**. **4. STIRRING UP TREBLE.** With his mallet in his mouth, **senior Evan Johnston** smiles for the camera. "My favorite part about being on drumline is probably the people on it," Johnston said. "All my friends are on it and we just have a good time in the stands." Johnston had been in marching band since his freshman year and played the bass drum. PHOTOS BY L. SHEFFER



friday nights

1. HIKE. At the 40th yard line, the football team sets up for a hike. West played Grand Haven on September 6. West won with a score of 19-7. PHOTO BY C. GEIGER **2. BOOM SHACKALACKA.** After the ball bounces out while running power to the left, **junior Christian Boivin** runs the ball to the left side lines. West took the win against Grand Haven with a score of 19-7. "I love the competition and I just love the teamwork of the whole game," Boivin said. Boivin had been playing football since the third grade. PHOTO BY A. WACK

3. HUDDLE UP. After running onto the field, the football team crowds together to hype up before the game. During this game, the team played Grand Haven and won 19-7. The team scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and one in the fourth. PHOTO BY L. SHEFFER



Senate P&A

Why did you join Senate?

"I did the middle school version of Senate and decided to get back into it because a lot of my friends are in it and it seemed like a lot of fun."
- **senior Kaiyan Buffenman**

"I love being able to see everyone and make so many friends."
- **junior Madelynn Johnson**

"I always loved helping the school and student body."
- **freshman Alesha Nguyen**

"The people I get to be around; everyone in there is so quality and I get to help around the school and do things."
- **senior Zachary Featherstone**

SEPT-OCT

what went down?

SEPT 01-07

National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
"I almost broke my leg ski racing in Colorado."
- **freshman Leo Watson**

SEPT 01-07

National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
"I cracked my tailbone one time jumping off of a diving board."
- **freshman Ella Brivin**

SEPT 02

Labor Day
"I worked on Labor Day."
- **senior Cameron Oaks**

SEPT 02

Labor Day
"I went camping."
- **senior Tegan Kozina**

SEPT 03

National U.S. Bowling League Day
"I'm on the varsity bowling team and my best score is 268."
- **senior Jeremy Decker**

SEPT 04

National Macadamia Nut Day
"Macadamia nuts are good in cookies."
- **senior Patrick Guiney**

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TOKE DOWN

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Bleacher Creatures make a sea of red at the 8th Annual Patriot Game

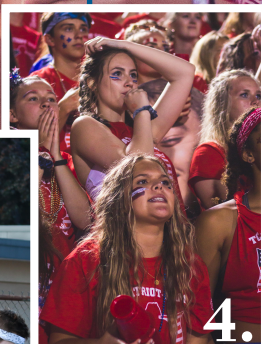


1. ATTENTION GETTER. Shaking their noise makers, students in the front row yell during the Patriot Game. "We waited in line since 9am to get front row," **senior Emma Marriott** said. "I sprinted down the road as cars were coming our way to get to the other gate." West lost to Central 32-0. **2. BANG IT.** At the eighth annual Patriot Game, **seniors Luke Lacross** and **Mackinley Marinoff** lead the student section in a cheer.



"Patriot game is always really fun, but it gets really stressful. There's so many people there and everyone's always yelling at me, it's just a lot," Marinoff said. Lacross and Marinoff were both nominated to be on bucket brigade by student governor, **senior Aiden Griggs**. **3. BATTLE CRY.** Yelling in the band section, **sophomore Bjorn Schoonover** cheers on West during the first half of the Patriot Game. "I was really excited for the game, there were so many people there

and I like football games," Schoonover said. Schoonover played saxophone and had been in band since sixth grade. The money raised from the Patriot Game was donated to the Veterans In Crisis organization. **4. DESPERATE.** In the student section, **seniors Rebecca Momrik, Ella Wangeman, and Sydney Palomaki** cheer for West. "My favorite part of the Patriot Game was the pre-game. It was just a fun community thing," Palomaki said. Palomaki arrived at Thirlby Field at 6AM to wait in line for front row seats with **seniors Madeline Jenkins, Paige Fischer, Macie Birby, and Arianna Bowman**. "My favorite cheer is We The Creatures; it slaps," Wangeman said. Wangeman and Momrik got to Thirlby at 1:30PM. **PHOTOS BY L. SHEFFER** **5. CRASHING DOWN.** On the way to the student section for the Patriot Game, **senior Audrey Braund** trips over **senior Sophia Thompson's** foot. "Everyone was piling up and pushed up against the gates and everyone got shoved through. I got shoved up against the gate and Audrey ran and tripped over my foot," Thompson said. The student section only accounted for part of the crowd of 13,000 at Thirlby Field. **PHOTO BY A. WACK**



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- SEPT 05** National Be Late for Something Day
"I celebrate that any everyday."
- **senior Madeline Jenkins**
- SEPT 05** National Cheese Pizza Day
"My favorite pizza place is Pizza Hut."
- **senior Jacob Pugh**
- SEPT 05** National Cheese Pizza Day
"My favorite place to get pizza from is Little Caesars."
- **senior Dahir Estrada**
- SEPT 06** On This Day
"I went for dinner with my family to celebrate my 17 birthday."
- **senior Ella Stewart**
- SEPT 06** National Read A Book Day
"My favorite book is H/22/63 by Stephen King."
- **senior Riley Ball**
- SEPT 07** National Tailgating Day
"I like tailgates because I get to spend time with everyone."
- **senior Julia Wright**
- SEPT 07** National Tailgating Day
"My favorite thing about tailgating is the food."
- **sophomore Aiden Kemp**

