



Madison Voelkert, 11

She is proud of her volleyball journey / "I'm proud of how much progress I've made over the years of playing volleyball. The coaches I had met have helped me improve throughout the years and some of the friends I met—still keep in touch with them now."

## FROM TRYOUTS TO TRIUMPH

### WINNING STREAK

In the heat of a 5v5 "possession" match, freshman Gabrielle McCarthy and senior Rebecca Pratt work tirelessly with ball control. With a history of successful seasons behind them, McCarthy looked forward to the upcoming season with high hopes. "Our girl's soccer is really good—this year we're trying to get the fifth championship and a second star to get sectional champions. We're on a roll and I'm really excited to be on this team," cause everybody is very uplifting and very positive," McCarthy said. Photo by Dhenys Malacas.

### SOCCER SPLENDOR

On the last day of boys' soccer tryouts, sophomore Shahid Sarwari outmaneuvers his defender with a nutmeg during a one-on-one drill. His relentless training, film study and team research paid off. "I play left wing and it's just fun especially when you score goals—you don't [get to] score a lot, so it's definitely exciting," said Sarwari. Photo by Dhenys Malacas

### VYING FOR VICTORY

Following months of practice since the previous season's finale, junior Landon Wong earns his place on the varsity soccer team. He was quite optimistic about the team's prospects. "We should definitely be able to make playoffs this year. We might [even] be able to win it all," said Wong. Photo by Dhenys Malacas



### KICKING OFF STRONG

On Nov. 1, freshman Madison Cessna makes an impact at the soccer tryouts with a goal during heading drills. Overcoming initial nerves, she embraced the challenge, found focus and identified opportunities for growth. "One goal I definitely have is learning how to do better because I'm playing with older girls; I want to build off of what they know so that I can better myself for when I'm older," said Cessna. Photo by Dhenys Malacas



### HAND-STANDING OVATION

Junior Edmund "Holden" Hammick participates in Breaking Down the Walls and helps the crowd with a physical feat. Hammick completed a five-second hold while doing two push-ups in total, leaving him feeling exhilarated by the applause. "Bunch of people from our grade were like 'You know, Holden can do the handstand push-up,' so, I had to bring the energy and spirit to everybody and help out the event," Hammick said. Photo by Kate Weidkamp



## THE WALLS CAME DOWN



### POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE

On Nov. 2 and 3, Breaking Down the Walls selects individuals to take part in a campus wide team building exercise. Individuals from all groups on campus were able share their stories and engage in various group bonding activities like name games, show and tell and walk to the line. Photo by Kate Weidkamp

**PEN-SIVE TEAMWORK**  
Pictured are sophomore Gianna Fenske, freshman Addelyn Gillespie and junior Zachary Sharon working on a group activity with pens. Photo by Kate Weidkamp

**BREAKING DOWN BOUNDARIES**  
While leading a team-building activity in the gym, juniors Elle Embree and Nehemiah Wamala guide their team through the game's rules. Although he was anxious at first, Wamala grew more comfortable as he bonded with his group, discovering new insights and making connections with peers he didn't normally interact with on campus. "I felt that I got to really connect with a lot of members of our community that normally wouldn't get connected with. Like, I feel like a lot of the people who were in my groups weren't very social as much, but it still was really good to learn a lot about them and their own experiences at Woodcreek," Wamala said. Photo by Kate Weidkamp



### KEY TO KINDNESS

During a joint event with Key Club, junior Jorazem Manglinong and freshman Lucy White help Link Crew make goody bags for freshmen before Thanksgiving break. Manglinong loved doing it since he created new friendships and connections. "It feels great to really be part of the community and having an opportunity to do these events that otherwise you might just be at home, just not doing anything; just putting your time into something that's worth it," said Manglinong. Photo by Kayli Tran

## In with a SPLASH

Pre-game ritual helps provide positive outcome against Mira Loma

### SPLASHING THE HYPE

Gathering in a circle with teammates, senior Anthony Marchitelli takes part in a pre-game tradition where the captain, positioned in the center, delivers an uplifting talk. The team then joined in shouting, followed by an energized splash and a spirited chant. "It's really cool and I think it really adds the hype to the game," said Marchitelli. Photo by Evan Agnone

### PRE-MATCH MINDSET

Before the game, seniors George Damaschin, Calvin Honsal and Evan Fields engage in a pregame talk, ensuring mental clarity and a shared understanding of the game plan. "In practices, they always have my back and they always make sure I'm staying on track, you know every time my focus is off and they always pull me back in," said Damaschin. Photo by Evan Agnone

### BREAKAWAY BRILLIANCE

In the playoffs, sophomore Carter Carano seizes the moment with a breakaway, setting up a 1-on-1 opportunity against Mira Loma High School's goalie. Motivated by excitement, he aimed to secure a crucial score for his team, in which the outcome was a 21-8 victory. "I was really motivated, it was my dad's old high school, so I wanna beat them," said Carano. Photo by Dhenys Malacas

### DRAINING THE DEFENSE

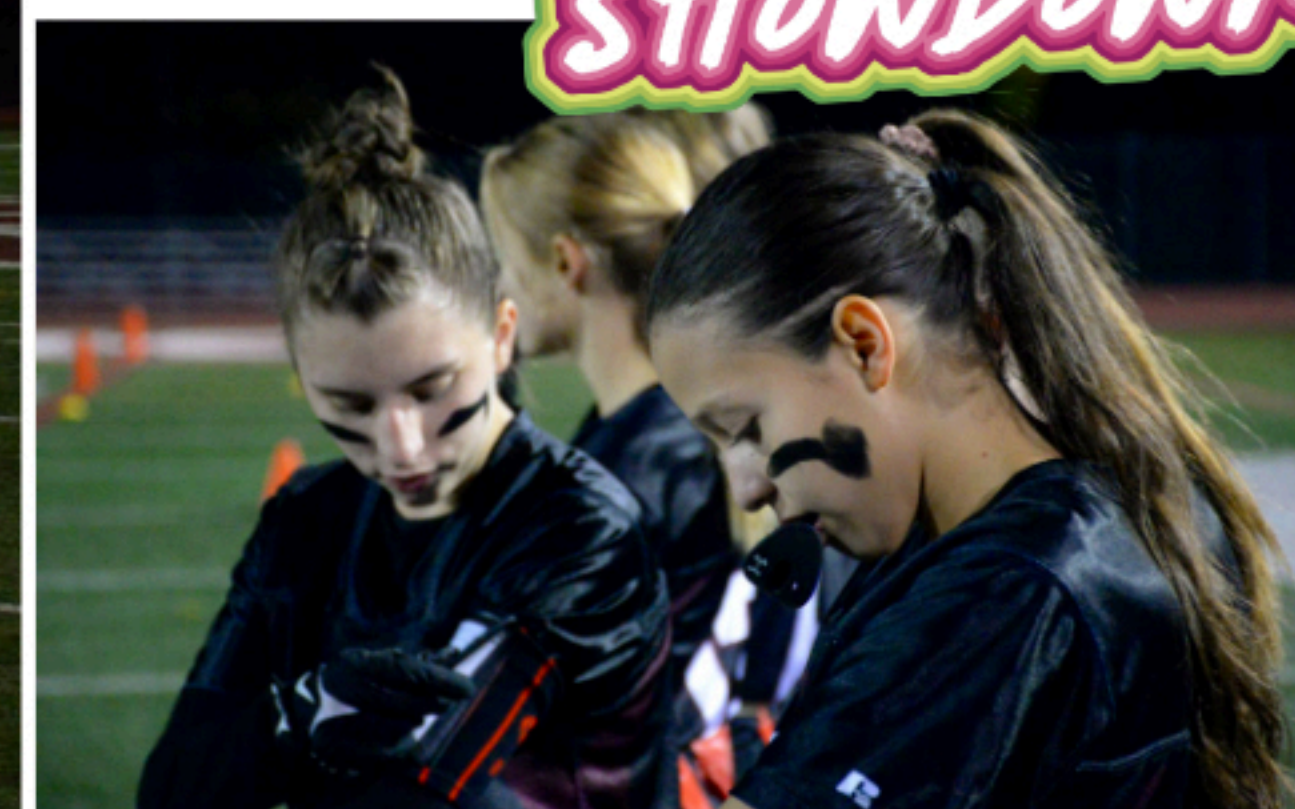
Pictured is senior Shane Carter on Nov. 1, performing a side-step move in order to draw the defense out. Photo by Dhenys Malacas



### STEALING SUCCESS

Caught in an intense moment, junior Gabriel Larson focuses on the referee's call after successfully stealing the ball. Despite being exhausted, Larson was still able to enjoy the moment and not be affected by the pressure. Photo by Dhenys Malacas

## SEMI-FINAL SHOWDOWN



### SPIRIT SOARS

In the semifinal clash, sophomore Amaya Grant and her team secure a victory over Merced High School, buoyed by the roaring support of the home crowd. "We had really good spirit throughout the whole game, even when we were down. They would start [cheering] and shout 'Go Woodcreek!' The parents were super supportive when they came out to watch the game. They were all super supportive, so I would say we had a lot of spirit," said Grant. Photo by Dhenys Malacas

### TOGETHER TO THE TOP

At playoffs for flag football, senior Cianna Vignola and her team power through their final game before championships. Despite being nervous about the season-defining game, Vignola put her trust in her teammates and remained confident that they would win. "I was very nervous but I trusted my teammates; I know that all of them are really good. We can communicate really well, I just knew that we were gonna win," said Vignola. Photo by Evan Agnone



### HOWLING TO VICTORY

On Nov. 1, after beating Merced in the semi-final with a 20-14 win, freshman Summer Hennesz is excited about playing in the championship game. Despite feeling nervous during the game, her hard work and determination to stay undefeated led to a victorious outcome. "We practiced every morning, bright and early so I feel like that definitely helped because not a lot of schools would wake up bright and early to go practice and put in the work and that's what we did," Hennesz said. Photo by Evan Agnone



### FRIGHTENING FOCUS

Pictured is junior Izabella "Izzy" Deveraux. Photo by Dhenys Malacas

## Oct. 31



### PEELING AWAY AT TRADITION

Early Oct. 31, members of percussion and band race across the quad, dressed in banana costumes. Prompted by the sound of a cowbell rung by senior Oliver Orbita, the "bananas" dashed towards the band room, following their yearly tradition. The event nearly been canceled, as the confirmation had only been stated the night before the run. Picture by Samantha Boggs

### HALLOWEEN HI-JINX

"I had a few students in my first period class that got really motivated and they walked around the classroom with me and then asked to take a picture with me, so I ended up taking some pictures with students that were also dressed up." - Jennifer Marsh, Faculty. Also pictured is faculty Kristy Worley. Photo provided by Tracy Davis



## SPOOKY SPIRIT

### PAW-ESOME PURSUIT

"The Para team on campus thought it would be fun to dress up as 101 Dalmatians. We have the Dalmatians, Cruella and the Henchmen. I [also] enjoyed Spirit Day—it's fun to dress up and see all the fun creativity of staff and students." - Angelique Bandy, Faculty Photo by Tracy Davis

**HARVEST HAUNT**  
"I was [wearing] a farmer hat with glasses for [a] picture in ELD." - Khalidullah Aryobi, 10 Photo by Lisa Edmisten