

THE HEADS TEAM'S FAVORITE SONGS

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"Reflections"
by The Neighborhood

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"Fate" by (G)I-DLE

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"Candles" by Daughter

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"Butterfly" by LOONA

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

As second-year members with an entirely brand new staff, we felt completely unprepared. Last year we relied on the expertise of our trusty heads team, but now we were entirely on our own. We had no idea there was so much to making a yearbook. From sitting in Panera for hours brainstorming our theme, creating countless templates and designs for each of our pages, or asking everyone in FBLA at the Cupertino Library for sports names, we felt completely overwhelmed.

Yet as late nights began to fly by, and our final deadline was rapidly approaching, we realized that slowly but surely, our yearbook was coming together. Our yearbook finally became a reality because of our amazing heads, dedicated staff, and wonderful adviser. So thank you, for countless late nights and hours of hard work, for going to so many sports games and getting top-grade photos, we couldn't have done it without you. By learning to rely on you, knowing that finishing this yearbook did not lie entirely on our shoulders, we learned the importance of having a community.

TO OUR STAFF - thank you for your hard work and dedication towards creating this yearbook. This year, all of you were completely new and we appreciate how quickly you were able to learn the ropes. Your commitment, creativity and teamwork have truly made this yearbook something special. We couldn't have done this without each and every one of you bringing your unique talents and perspectives to the table. This yearbook is a testament to your passion and effort, and we're incredibly proud of what we've been able to accomplish together.

TO AASHI AND DANA - our trusty Managing Editors that we can always depend on. Your leadership, organization, and dedication have been foundation of our yearbook's success. Aashi, thank you for sharing your invaluable photo and journalism expertise and for blasting the best music during class and late nights. Dana, thank you for all of your hard work taking amazing photos, making exceptional page designs, and taking on the senior ad pages for the first time. We are eternally grateful to the both of you for the countless hours of hard work and your invaluable contributions to making this yearbook a cherished keepsake for everyone.

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Signing off,

Mia Tsuchida, Grace Wang, & Tatiana Yoo
Editors-In-Chief

LETTER FROM THE ADVISER

There is a sign in the copy center that says "Sequels that left the originals behind" and it is a list of movie sequels that Monta Vista staff members think are better than the original. After this year, I am really tempted to put "Tune In" on that list. That is how proud I am of my staff of K-pop and Ariana Grande loving Yards

TO THE STAFF - whom I affectionately refer to as "my girl squad + Mukhil" to my coworkers, congratulations on a great book. Your gossip and senses of humor fuel my soul and it makes me always look forward to 3rd period.

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Kenneth Gan
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