

what was your FAVORITE PART?

“The horse races were really funny. I’m bummed that the juniors lost at the last second, but it was still enjoyable. I also really liked the cheer and dance routines, and I think this year’s Pep Assembly really helped me get into the school spirit.”

—junior Darschelle Garza

“The juniors vs. seniors tug of war match was a closer game than I thought it would be, but they still put up a fight and ended up beating us. During the juniors vs. teachers it really looked like the juniors were going to beat the teachers, but they still lost which I thought was funny.”

—senior Landon Nankervis

“My favorite thing about the pep rally was watching the cheer and dance teams perform their routines. They were very entertaining, and I like how they all have different routines. I loved watching my friends perform and how in sync they all were.”

—freshman Maryrose Obada

CENTER STAGE

After all of the Homecoming representatives were announced, they stood center stage as senior Eli Miller was named Homecoming King. “My favorite part was just being there while everyone watched me,” senior Nick Jesse said. It took about 30 minutes to get through to everybody.

While sophomore Jhonna Leflore runs on the mat to perform her routine which is one minute and 40 seconds, she rushes to get in her assigned spot. “I couldn’t wait to perform the basket toss, it’s my favorite,” Leflore said. Leflore’s most difficult part was performing the twist cradle.



As junior Amber Smith stands in place to perform the notices how many eyes she has on her “I wasn’t nervous just excited,” Smith said. “We usually get two to three hours to practice, but we only got 10 minutes this time.” Eight people completed tumbling passes in the Pep Assembly routine.



At the beginning of the Pep Assembly, the varsity dance team lined up for the national anthem. “Our performance took a while to prep for, but it ended up paying off,” senior Haley Robb said. Dance team members include both Ford and Stevenson students. All photos by N. Rubel



After the JV dance team took center court, sophomore Randi Murray performs with her team. “It was really nerve racking and I was kind of scared,” sophomore Gabriella Orlando said. “I really enjoyed hearing everyone cheer and watching them all get hyped up for homecoming.” Orlando’s favorite style of dance is Hip-Hop and Jazz.

As the band plays their half-time routine, freshman Clara Taylor waves her flag in time with the other color guard members. “It was nerve racking for us because everyone else was watching,” freshman Kennedy Rule said. “We were scared we were going to mess up, but we did great and we all had so much fun,” Rule said. Rule’s favorite activity from the assembly was the horse races.



At the beginning of the pep assembly, freshman Naomy Kincer stands at attention while the band plays the national anthem. “Watching the band people was delightful. I enjoyed how they played the music, specifically the trumpets,” senior Asha Bigger said. “During the performance I enjoyed every second of watching them play, and after they were done performing I was proud of them and was impressed by their unique and organized routine.” Color guard members wore Detroit inspired jerseys to show the theme of their songs.



As students enter the gym for the pep assembly, senior Kaylee Moore and junior Leah Boettner lead band members in their songs. “The most fun part was playing and seeing every grade looking at us playing as they walked in,” Moore said. “I love getting all the band members together to practice, and I loved being able to do everything for my last Pep Assembly.” Twelve people are part of the color guard routine. All photos by N. Rubel



While students enter the gym, the wind section and band play. “The most exciting part is playing as everyone is walking in,” sophomore Carmen Lietke said. Lietke’s favorite song to play is “Final Countdown.”

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Galloping across the gym each grade cheers on the racers

With a hat, vest and bandanna, each relay racer hopped on the horse to the tune of “Old Town Road.”

With a relay race, capture the flag, tug of war, performances from dance, cheer and band and the crowning of Homecoming King, students participated in a western themed Homecoming Pep Assembly.

“It was really nerve wracking. I genuinely didn’t know what to do. It felt like the horse wasn’t working,” freshman Madison Mossley said. “They didn’t give any prior instructions on what to do. It felt like I was thrown out there.”

As the race kicked off, the juniors began to take the lead, setting the tone for what’s to come.

“I was really still. I was so shocked that we were in the lead

to begin with,” junior Madleen Yaldako said. “I wasn’t worried about our team at all. I think we picked pretty good people.”

As the race came to a finish, the seniors emerge victorious as the final rider rushed to the finish line.

“To be honest, I was rooting for the juniors. I wasn’t very stressed about the seniors,” senior Chris Storey said. “I was very excited that the juniors were in the lead at first and pretty bummed when they lost.”

At last, the final student removed their cowboy gear as the race finally comes to an end and the seniors rushed the floor.

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As the senior class cheers on their class, senior Brooke Williams participates in the tug of war against the sophomores. “I was doing tug of war for the pep rally,” Williams said. “I felt really tired because I was using all my strength and my legs were giving out.” Seniors lost against the juniors.



After putting on the hat, vest and bandanna, sophomore Ryan Moir moves the horse around the obstacles course. “I was trying to push the pedals to go faster so my team could win,” Moir said. “I felt excited and happy. It was a really fun experience.” As the seniors neared the finish line in first place, students rushed the floor.



Enjoying the rush of his last pep assembly, senior Camrion Johnson watches as the senior class cheers on. “I felt really excited and enjoyed the whole thing. The crowd was really hype and loud which made it better. It was a really funny thing to watch and my friends and I were laughing the whole time,” Johnson said. Seniors won the horse race.



After finding the sophomore flag, sophomore Yazan Al Janabi waits for the emcees to announce their arrival. “I thought they did really great, they should have come first, but they made our grade look good in second place,” sophomore Ghezal Tomka said. The seniors were the first to return with their flag.

As senior Solomon Gambone leads the student section with the flag, the senior class uses their flashlights to follow the flag. “I felt super excited, and I felt like the whole senior class was coming together and anticipating,” senior Jenna Walters said. “It set the tone for the rest of the pep rally and kept everyone really hyped up.” The song “FEN” was used to hype up the senior class.

