

A Day for Scares and Cares

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Halloween, 2013, is definitely a Halloween I remember. It was a year that was different from all the others.

I did not go trick or treating that year. I was considered the adult last year.

I was the one responsible for taking all of my younger family members trick or treating. They needed someone to go with them because they were between the ages of six and nine.

They were really excited to get their hands on some candy. I had to keep a really close eye on them.

They were running around the neighborhood like madmen.

It was difficult trying to keep them under control. I could compare the way they acted to a kid waking up on Christmas day. They were excited every second of it.

They were going house to house as fast as they could. I had a hard time keeping up with them. I just knew that this was going to be one tiring night. We tried to cover as much

ground as they could. They were taking this night very seriously.

Every time they went up to a house and got something good, their eyes lit up like the 4th of July. They were already hyper. I was afraid of how the candy would affect them.

After a night of running around Richmond for a while, we were finally back at my uncle's house. We probably went to 200 houses. I was exhausted.

All I could think about was going home and taking a long nap. I knew I would sleep for the longest time that night.

When we got home, the kids dumped out all of their candy. There were all kinds of different treats. There were Reese's, Hershey's, sour candies and many other tasty snacks.

I sort of "took" my share from everyone. I didn't take them trick or treating for nothing!

Candy, however, was not the best reward. Being helpful, responsible and seeing the kids have a great time was great.

My grandma was originally supposed to take them, but she had trouble walking that day so I offered. I knew she wanted a

break so I had no problem doing it.

I usually just hang out and go and hang out with my friends on Halloween, so I offered because it was something different. I was helping out my family members. I thought it was good to step

out of the box. Just do something different. Change up tradition a little bit.

When I took the kids out to go trick or treating, it also felt good to have some more responsibility. After all, Halloween is for the kids, right?

I'm a senior now reflecting on that night. I think it made me a better person by giving up a night of hanging out with my friends to go and give my family a hand.

Family comes first no matter what.

It felt especially good to give my grandma a hand so she could enjoy the holiday. Everyone should have a good time. I know for a fact that I did.

I now know it isn't an easy task taking a ton of kids trick or treating. In fact, it's quite difficult. I couldn't imagine and how my grandma could do this. I'm glad

she didn't have to go with them because it involved a lot of running around.

To be honest, it feels like not that long ago I was out trick or treating. Literally, it feels like yesterday I was going out and dressing up.

Now that I am not doing this anymore, it makes me feel like my childhood is basically over. Now I can help create good memories for the kids.

I enjoyed trick or treating when I was little, so now I can help them enjoy it.

Being the one who gets to help out is just as fun. You feel good about yourself after you help someone. I feel responsible and more trusted within my family. Being a kid means not having much responsibility. Now I have a lot of it.

Things are not given to me anymore. Now I can give back to people.

Giving on the holidays simply makes you feel great, and now I am able to do it.

Student section leading the way to Victories

RHS student fans bringing school spirit to games, but it shouldn't stay just in the bleachers

By: Jacquelyn Loria
Staff Writer

Friday night: Is dirt gliding through the air from the football players? No. It is baby powder from the RHS student section.

Every Friday night, the student section gets ready for another football game. Dressing for the theme. Blow horns. Bottles with rocks. Baby powder. These are just some of the things that make the RHS student section so good.

What makes the student section so good are all the things the students do. They put their hearts into the student section to make it good. They do their best to make it better than every other school.

The biggest way the student section shows their school spirit is through themes. The themes give students a chance to show school spirit in their own way. Whether it's going all out or just

wearing one item for the theme, students have fun with them.

Various themes they have used are the white out camo night cancer awareness U.S.A. themes, and the pink out.

Furthermore, the student section has many different cheers to get the crowd and players hyped up.

With that, this year's student section

has been the biggest and loudest Richmondmond has ever had. The dedication between the student section has made a big impact. I, myself, like seeing such a small school come together every Friday night. It shows the community and parents what the students are all about. The school spirit shows support for the players.

people come out and even wear the themes.

Rivalry between the student sections in the BWAC also makes a difference.

It gives RHS students motivation to have the best student section. The student section pushes us to be better than the rest. Being better than the other student sections

includes being louder, bigger, the themes, and of course being better. It is a matter of pride, and I am proud of our school working together. The themes attract students to actually want to go to the games. Whether it's home or even away games, students travel just to watch the game and dress with the theme.

The themes not only get students to go to all the games, but they get players hyped up. When they look up and see their friends cheering for them, it makes a

difference.

When they're down in score, it makes a huge impact that the fans are there still cheering them on. When the fans don't give up on them, they won't either.

This student section should not only be for football games, but also continue for basketball games and other sports.

The more support for various sports, the better motivation the teams will have.

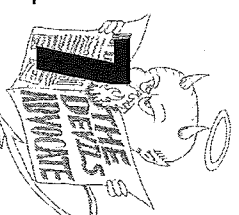
Other sports and activities deserve the support the football team gets.

It could make our sports even better than they already are when they have more fans there to cheer them on. When there are a lot of people there, it gives the players motivation to win.

And let's not stop at sports. When there is a band or choir concert, let's show support for them by going to those. When there is a robotics match, wish them luck. Lastly, thank the people behind the scenes, including staff, Key Club, Student Government, and so on.

It shows a better, friendlier culture. Let's continue the spirit, RHS!

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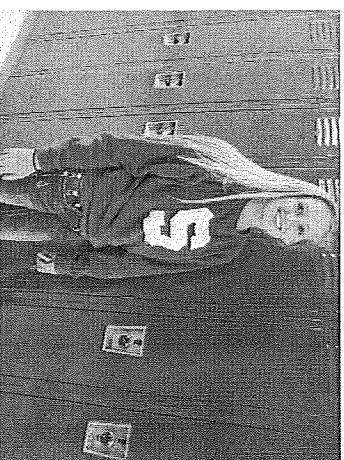
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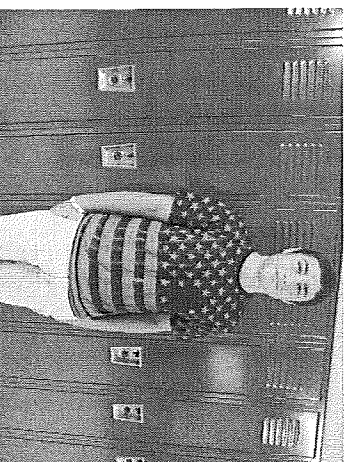
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"Dancing with my friends and Dave looking nice." — Hailey Holdwick



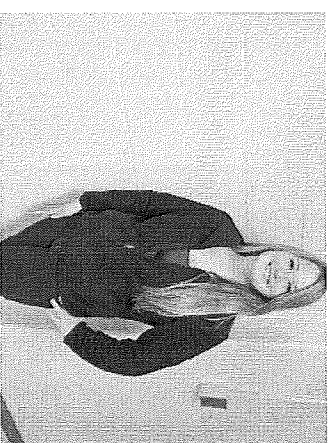
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"The Homecoming game Friday night" — Spencer Trapiss



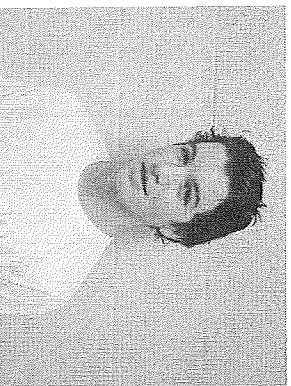
Sophomore

"Getting crazy with my buds." — Morgan Tellow



Freshman

"The game." — Jaylin Dziegelwski



By: Brandon VanCorp
 Staff Writer

The first thing Johnny Status does when he wakes up in the morning is check his phone. He sees he has a couple messages and it brings a smile to his face. While looking at his phone, he gets out of bed, stumbles out of his room and passes his brother without saying a word.

Johnny then posts a picture of his Frosted Flakes he had for breakfast. In between scoops, he frequently checks if anyone liked his picture on Instagram.

When he sees no one liked his picture an hour later, he grumbles and then deletes it and goes on Twitter. He tweets about how stupid cereal is and how he doesn't want to be at school anymore.

The duration of his bus ride to school consisted of Johnny going through his crush's pictures on Instagram and liking them all. While he was walking in the hallway to his first class, his eyes

glued to the screen of his new iPhone 6, he bumped into the same girl he has had a crush on all year, Rachel Update. Unfortunately for Johnny, she spilt her coffee all over her brand new white dress.

Johnny was so embarrassed that he couldn't find any words to say to her. So without saying anything, he ran away from his crush to his next hour.

During his next class, he decided to text her saying, "im sorry." He notices she read the text but he gets no reply. Five minutes later, he sees she tweeted about how much she is annoyed by the kid that spilt coffee on her.

Johnny could do nothing now but drag his feet to his next class. He had ruined his chances with the girl of his dreams. To make it worse, she even unfollowed him on Twitter, for the third time that month.

While taking a test in his least favorite class, math, he forgot to turn his phone to silent. The room was completely quiet until his phone started playing his embarrassing Tickle-Me-Elmo ringtone.

Everyone's head in the room turned towards Johnny. His classmates couldn't resist bursting out with laughter and started tweeting about the embarrass-

ment.

Johnny, who now has tears running down his face, put his headphones on. He started listening to his favorite song, Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

After that dreadful hour in math class, he had lunch. While munching on his chips, he kept one hand at all times on his phone. Instead of talking with his friends, he continuously tried to beat his high score on Flappy Bird.

After several attempts, and no success, Johnny angrily deletes the app and stomped to his final class.

Johnny then does nothing but put his face in his phone and scroll through Twitter in his last class. Right before the final bell rang, his teacher caught him with his phone out.

Johnny's face was beat red when his teacher yelled across the room at him and told him he has detention tomorrow after school.

After his 30 minute bus ride from school, in which he searched Instagram for another girl to fall in love with and like all her pictures, Johnny was finally home. Throughout the rest of the day he did little to nothing that didn't involve his phone.

During dinner he put green beans in his nose and sent an embarrassing picture to some of his friends. Moments later his phone vibrated notifying Johnny that his friends took a screenshot of the picture.

He immediately checked Twitter to see if anyone tweeted the picture. Not to his surprise, he saw the picture had already been posted and several people had favorited it, including Rachel Update.

Johnny, joyful from the amount of people that liked the picture of him, decided to go to bed.

While reaching for his phone charger, he noticed Rachel had unfavorited the tweet and dropped his phone on his face, just like every other night.

Johnny, with great frustration, plugged his phone in and went to bed, only to be woken up from his alarm in 8 hours.

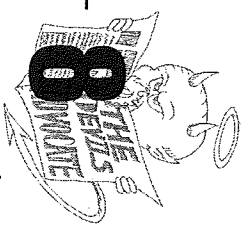
Then, once again, the first thing he will do is grab his phone.

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So You're in High School Now

By: Cecily McPherson

Freshmen: everyone wonders what the transition between middle school and high school will be like. The nerves are pulsing and the palms are sweating but somehow you manage to get through it.

The first day is always the hardest. Walking through those doors is like a trek into a dark alley.

Senior boys tower over everyone, their heads nearly grazing the ceiling. Signs of facial hair are present spreading across their jaws.

They look so old compared to newcomers. You are worried that you stick out like sore a thumb. Nobody has ever seen you before. You believe it is obvious that you are a freshman.

You think that there might as well be a bright orange sign strapped around your shoulders reading, "I'm a freshman. Come and gawk at me!"

Not to mention the hallways always are compacted with scrambling kids, trying to get their classes on time. This is all too familiar to them, but for you and your fellow newcomers, it is not.

I remember when I was a freshman, I feared the upper classroom. Intentionally, I would try to avoid them to avoid awkward encounters or embarrassment.

Later, I found out, avoiding them was impossible! You will find that Upper Classroom are wherever you go. It is likely that you may even have classes with them. I did.

But soon I found out something I couldn't believe: they were human!

Avoiding the classes that may have a senior or junior population in them is ripping yourself from a great experience.

My freshman year I took theatre arts. I was one of only three freshman in that class.

Everyone was older than me and everyone seemed to know each other.

It took days—possibly even weeks—for me to break out of my comfort zone but it is something that had to happen.

That class turned out to be the best class I ever took. I put away my worries and got to know some of my classmates that just happened to be upper classman.

In middle school you are only exposed to the people in your class/grade. You don't even know a quarter of the people within the building. I believe that to be the greatest thing about high school.

Coming to high school introduces you to tons of other people, some who may end up becoming your best friends. So don't seclude yourself among your grade or group of friends. There are a lot of other people out there just waiting for the right opportunity to meet you.

Another fear that may be going through the minds of any freshman is how much harder classes seem to be. Again, this is only temporary.

It is like adjusting in a new house. Once you know where everything is and how to use everything, it simply becomes routine.

Take the harder classes. Be up for new challenges and a lot of homework. Eventually, what you once thought was a huge buildup of stress and pure exhaustion will seem like nothing.

It is a process if anything but it is one that doesn't need to be fretted over. It comes as naturally as learning to ride a bike. As long as you don't give up, you will get there.

Over time, all the pieces will fit together. You may still be freshman, but you will feel like you belong in high school.

Looking back, I wish I could have eliminated these fears earlier. I didn't participate much, which is something I regret deeply.

If I had a chance to redo it, I would have gotten more involved.

I might have auditioned for a school play (I recommend this very highly), joined more clubs such as Student Government and SADD, and went to Homecoming.

Many do not realize at the time, but participation is key. It can make or break a high school career. Freshman year is the start of it all. It is the time to decide whether high school will be the best years or the worst years.

It all depends on what you make of it.

Michael Bullock

Freshman Michael Bullock believes high school to be a hard adjustment that gets easier with each passing day.

"There is a lot more homework. The hallways are pretty crowded, and being a freshman, there are not many privileges," Michael said.

Mrs. Wolfe, Michael believes, has been a huge help. She is constantly clarifying herself and making sure Michael understand all of the material.

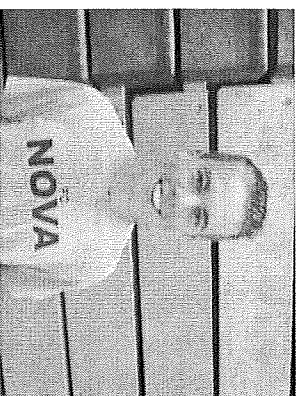
Michael is very appreciative of this for it makes a hard subject a lot easier. "I have always liked math, and she has been a huge help to me," he said.

Michael, who is also a part of the varsity soccer team, believes high school soccer to be fun but a lot more aggressive.

He was excited for districts. Their team did pretty good this year, although he was hopping to make it to states.

As far as his goals this year, he thinks it critical to keep up his grades. "I want to get all A's this year," Michael said.

This math-loving athlete seems to be adjusting pretty well.



Emily Nichter

For freshman Emily Nichter, the new grading policy has been the hardest adjustment. With harder courses this year, she finds herself working harder to keep her grades up.

Through these struggles, Emily feels like her sister, Hannah Nichter, senior, has supported her through it all.

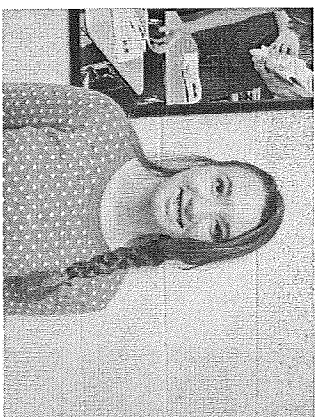
"Theatre," she said is what she is most excited about. She is glad to finally be participating in a show with her older sister.

She is sad about the departure of Mr. Applegate. She felt like she knew him through her sister's theatre stories.

However, when it comes down to it, as long as she is acting it does not matter who her director is.

"My biggest goal for this year is to keep my grades up," she said.

Keeping her grades in mind, sticking to what she loves and having the support of her older sister will make this a successful first year of high school for Emily.



Tae Potvin

Tae Potvin thinks that the best thing about high school so far has been the new lunch menu. "There is a lot more food here compared to the middle school," he said.

The locker set-up has been the biggest change for Tae. In the middle school, lockers were set up by grade level, but here at high school, they are not.

The teachers, Tae believes, are also different. They treat students more like adults. Tae is loving all the new freedoms he has received.

His favorite teacher is Mr. Nuss. He always makes sure he explains whatever he is addressing and is very kind to Tae.

So far, his best class has been Dr. Ladd's World History.

"Ladd is so funny," he said. "You never know what he is going to do next."

Right now the class is learning about the Romans.

Tae is excited to learn more about the material and see what jokes Mr. Ladd has prepared for them this time.



Megan Reece

Megan Reece, freshman, has a slightly different take on high school. She said, "High school has definitely been a change, but it has been a fun change."

She can't wait for Homecoming. "It's going to be great just dancing and going crazy on the dance floor," she said.

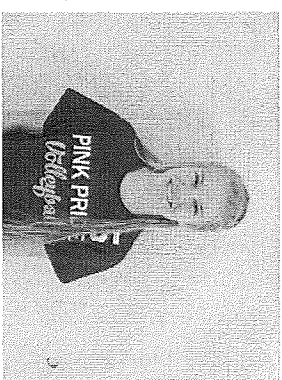
She has already bought her dress and she is planning on going with a big group of friends.

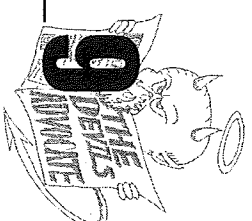
Being as this is her first Homecoming, her excitement is sure to continue until the big night.

Being an athlete, Megan believes sports to also be a big change this year. "They are a lot more competitive and more serious this year," she said.

The best thing she thinks she can do is keep working hard and not hold things against herself. After all, everyone makes mistakes.

She hopes to not only improve in sports this year, but also keep her grades up. Her biggest supporting factor for this aspect has been her older sister Ashley Reece, a junior. Ashley is not going to let her quit, and that is why she has been such an enormous help to Megan. She is on her side no matter what, helping her through this massive adjustment.





#WeHungry: Richmond Football Craves State Title

Different players stepping up to fill holes left after special year

By: Brendan Hart
Sports Co-Editor

After the Class of 14 seniors graduated, Richmond football might have been in a bit of a rebuilding mode.

But no one told that to Coach Koocher and the 2K14 squad.

Even without the arm of Ryan Boyd, the leadership of Jake McKiernan or the raw talent of Dustin Leach, Richmond football is still thinking State title or bust.

New leaders have emerged for Richmond and they have given the Blue Devils that mental attitude.

The last thing this year's seniors want is another loss early in playoffs. Many hopes lay on the shoulders of junior quarterback Trevor Barrett.

Filling the shoes of Ryan Boyd is quite a task but Trevor Barrett has definitely done more than expected.

Barrett has thrown for over 650 yards and 14 TDs on the season and doesn't plan on slowing down. With help from 20-plus touchdowns from senior running back and Indiana University wrestling commit Devin Skatzka, the weight on Barrett's shoulders has slightly been lifted.

The six foot giants Barrett has are very helpful as well. Seniors Brett Zihlavsky and Jake Schmidt have become the favorite targets of Barrett combining for 11 of his 14 touchdown passes. Through seven on seven pre-season workouts chemistry was developed between Barrett and Zihlavsky.

"I try to spread the ball around but their pure talent just keeps me going to them," said Barrett.

Offensively, Richmond has exploded this season with Skatzka being top 5 in the state when it comes to rushing TDs.

Richmond's offensive line has been a very large part of the success of Skatzka and the offense. However, there have been some big shoes to fill after losing junior Nate Younk to Washington, because of his family moving, along with senior center Austin Peltier.

But with help from seniors Anthony Hinojosa and Jake Matthes splitting time at center and junior Andrew Reed taking the spot of Younk, the offensive line is in good shape going forward.

"Without my O-line I definitely wouldn't look as good," said Skatzka.

Thanks to the many offseason workouts Richmond's, o-line has developed great footwork as well as the strength to protect Barrett as well as provide Skatzka with gaps to run through.

Richmond's defense has emerged as one of the best in the area.

With senior defensive end Brady LaFore leading the way, scoring on the Blue Devils has become quite a task.

"We're so fast on the defensive end which gives us an advantage over everyone else," said LaFore. The secondary this year has also been solid, with Poppe emerging as a star, and senior Dan Fistler coming back to the football team. On Friday nights, the average fan might

confuse Richmond's secondary with the Seattle Seahawks "Legion of Boom".

With the secondary picking off opponents 13 times as of October 20th the passing game has disappeared for Richmond's opponents this year. Led by senior Daniel Fistler with four interceptions throwing Fistler's way isn't a very smart move.

"I would see my NFL comparison being Charles Woodson," said Poppe, revealing the confidence that he has in his game.

Things haven't always been fine and dandy for the Blue Devils. After a mid-season loss to Almont, Richmond realized that their road to a state title might be a little tougher than expected.

"It was definitely a wake up call for sure," said both Schmidt and Zihlavsky.

Which it was, and Richmond bounced back from the loss better than ever with a 35-7 win over rival Arnada.

Even though many leaders are gone, this team seems to be the closest thing within this school to a family. Seniors Jake Schmidt and Brett Zihlavsky both give a lot of credit to the team chemistry for their success, along with credit to the junior class for filling the voids left by the seniors of last year.

"We want to bring home some hardware," said Zihlavsky. In order to do this, Richmond needs to fix up some mistakes on the defensive side, blown coverages, for example. However, once the state title is on the line it seems Richmond will be focused for a run at week 14.

one way Coach Amhdar plans to obtain these goals is with mental toughness. "Healthy competition during practice against each other is always good at building mental toughness as well," she said.

Grace Daniel, a junior, said, "The competition helps prepare me for the game, and that helps me perform well and stay focused during tight games."

Leadership will be essential for the success of this season. On a team with six seniors, there's plenty of that.

Ward said, "I want to maintain a positive attitude and be a good leader."

Hard work and dedication to the team is how Ward plans to build up her leadership.

Another senior, Kaela Renner, said, "As a senior, I want to be looked up to as a leader."

In order to gain that leadership, Renner works her hardest on the court, and she is a positive teammate to everyone.

There's plenty of experience, too. Combined, Ward and Renner have five years of varsity playing time. New players are going to play a key role this year as well.

Seniors look to leave a legacy: 2x Champs

By: Brendon Jacques
Staff Writer

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 a group of girls from each grade will compete against each other to win the Powder-puff championship. The Seniors will face off against the Sophomores while the Juniors play the Freshman. Going into the game, the Seniors are supposedly heavy favorites after winning the championship last year as Juniors.

The Seniors are coming off a heroic championship run that gives them a lot of confidence going into their first game. "We were able to win last year because of our many offensive weapons and our capability to be more organized than the other teams," said Jill Schrade.

There was many big plays throughout the championship game last year but Liz Renner might have had the biggest, as she scored the game winning touchdown on a trick play to seal the deal. Schrade said, "Liz was a huge factor last year by running the offence and should give us a great chance to win this year."

The Seniors have a lot of advantages going into their last year of Powder-puff football but their three years' experience might be most beneficial. One of the seniors' key players, Kaela Renner said, "The advantages of already playing for three years is that we know all the other teams' weaknesses and we are more experienced."

While being coached by Bret Zihlavsky and Devin Skatzka, the Seniors are becoming very prepared to go out and win back-to-back championships. "We've been practicing a lot and trying to come up with different plays to trick the opposing defense," said Renner.

At practices, the girls are trying to learn all the plays and be very organized without any distractions. However, sometimes there are distractions. "One of the hardest things for the senior girls to do at practice is to pay attention and focus," said Lauren Riggs.

As the coaches try to teach the players all of the plays they mention it's very crucial to winning another championship. "At practice we have learned about 10 plays. My favorite one would have to be the trick play we call trippin,'" said Sarah Ann Marshall.

During the practices the Seniors really don't do many drills to get them prepared. Marshall said, "We usually just scrimmage one another to develop are plays and get more experienced with them." It was also mentioned that they will flip tires occasionally to work on getting stronger.

The head coach, Brett Zihlavsky will also be a very big key to the

Volleyball digging changes; Hits success

By: Trevor Barrett
Sports Co-Editor

A coaching change is never easy, especially when it is so close to the season. This is the challenge Richmond volleyball had to overcome. Coach Heidi Amhdar took over at the helm for Coach Kate Green after Coach Green took a teaching position at Grosse Ile High School.

A new coach means new style. Nicole Ward, a senior, said, "She has a total different philosophy." Practices are also a little different. Ward said, "She runs practices differently."

In an email, Coach Amhdar said, "I'm trying to add finesse to the game along with reading the floor instead of just pounding the ball at the other team."

This new style won't stop the team from aiming high this season. Their goals are to perform well during Districts and to beat Arnada.

Coach Amhdar has the same mindset. "My goals for the season are to improve as a team," she said in that email.

These goals won't come easy, and

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Rivals-Against Cancer

By: Emma Gillem
Staff Writer

Macomb county rivals, the Richmond Blue Devils, and Armada Tigers both wanted one thing: Victory. Not just over each other, but with the Battle Against Cancer. On Oct. 3, with a game time of 7:00pm, Richmond and Armada had their annual Rivals-Against Cancer football game. However, fans who attended did not just come to watch the game, but to show their support. Every year, both schools play against each other for cancer awareness month, with a multiple number of different fundraisers.

The varsity cheer team helped host the team raised \$600 from the participation of students and parents. Not only was the fundraiser a great way to raise money for cancer awareness, but many people found it as a great entertainment to see how many activities went towards the game.

“It was fun to be a part of, and to see how many people enjoyed it knowing it was for a great cause,” sophomore Lauren Duché, who is on the varsity cheer team, said. During Halftime, Richmond had done something that touched everyone. Last year’s school year, Richmond lost a very important woman from a battle of liver cancer. Gwen-dalin Aronson who taught a majority of the High School students now, since they were in Elementary School, was a very strong woman

who would do anything to make a student, or as she called them, “her children,” have the best out of every day.

The Richmond Blue Devils lifted off Chinese lanterns which were purple and yellow, the favorite colors of Mrs. Aronson. Mrs. Wolfe, the Spanish teacher, and Mrs. Wolfe the Geometry and History teacher had been the ones to be able to make this happen during our rivals game. After returning to the field after halftime, both football teams understand more of what the game is actually about.

“Fundraisers raise money for a good cause and they are so beneficial for our community,” said Mr. Bourdeau, the Richmond High School assistant principal said.

Mr. Bourdeau, described the game as being very nice to see everyone

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The Seniors’ success as he tries to prepare them at practice. “I am trying to teach them how important it is to play defense. Also the importance of stopping the big play and how to do so,” said Zihlavsky.

After asking Zihlavsky what the most important thing to winning this year, he said, “Not letting the ball get to the outside and also being able to get off the field on defense.”

The Seniors are known to be the most athletic out of all the grades, which could be the deciding factor while playing the more organized teams. “Two of our biggest

strengths this year is are quickness and ability to run the offence. We should be able out score our opponent by a wide margin because of our powerful offence which will not allow other teams to stick with us,” said Renner.

Brett also mentioned the Seniors strengths when he said, “Our biggest strength this year has to be are steady backfield. We just have so many explosive players at the running back and quarterback positions.”

Even though the seniors are the heavy favorites to win this year, some people believe that the sophomores may give them a run for their

money. “I believe that we are more athletic than they are and will shock everyone to pull off the victory,” said Sophomore Bailey White.

Another Sophomore, Amanda Job, also believes that they can pull off the upset. “We are very efficient while running the ball and have many trick plays that will fool the Seniors. That’s why I believe that we will win,” said Job.

When asked what she thought of the Sophomore team Riggs said, “They might give us a little competition but I’m pretty confident that we are going to win easily.”

Powder-puff football wouldn’t even be possible every year if it

wasn’t for the student government

teacher Dr. Ladd, here at Richmond High School. It is Dr. Ladd’s responsibility to get field permission, set up the field, create the Powder-puff rules, find the officials, and much more. Dr. Ladd said, “I have been doing this for about 10 years and it’s always been a really good time.”

During Dr. Ladd’s 10 years of being the commissioner of Powder-puff football he has been a part of some very memorable moments.

“The most memorable moment was 4 years ago when the Juniors won. They were a very fun team to watch that year because of their speed and athleticism.” He also said that Powder Puff gives girls a chance to get connected to the game of football, which is cool for them to do after watching the boys play all season long. When Dr. Ladd was asked who was going to win he said, “The Seniors because they are very athletic and they seem to be well-organized.”

Kick, Kick, Pass
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“I feel like we played as a team this year,” said senior striker Brad Trombley, one of the four captains on the varsity soccer team at RHS. The Blue Devils’ season had just come to an end with the boys falling short in their first District game. The Blue Devils faced the New Haven Rockets Monday, October 13. The outcome of the game was 3-2, favoring the Rockets.

New Haven had scored first which gave them an early lead. Sophomore right back Brandon VanGorp was the first to score for the Blue Devils leaving the score as 1-1. New Haven scored again and made the score 2-1. Junior striker

Senior Athletes



Nicole Ward

Nickname: Cole, Nikki, Nicks
Age: 17
Grade: Senior
Sport(s): Volleyball
Favorite pump up song: Don’t Tell ‘Em by Jeremih
Favorite class: Sociology
Future Goals: Beat Armada, Become a stronger offense



Christian Fallia

Nickname: Coco
Age: 17
Grade: Senior
Sport(s): Tennis, basketball and golf
Favorite pump up song: Shake That by Eminem

Favorite class:
Accounting
Future goals: Win States