

THEME CHALLENGE

Take the challenge to find the THEME that will best tell the story of your year.

Walsworth yearbooks

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theme Challenge 2023

theme challenge '23

It's all about the

story

theme challenge '23

You are the storytellers for your school in 2023

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your challenge:

tell the story of 2023

challenge

ready?

let's begin the

theme challenge

theme team

Assignment 1

Gather your team and resources

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***Each school (theme team)** will need **magazines**, access to **internet, writing and recording material**.*

***Assign** someone to be the **recorder** (person to write everything –*
• Some schools may need two people to act as a recorder).

Your group will need

- ***colored markers • magazines • paper***
- ***(poster size post-it paper)***

theme team

Assignment 2

Reflect on your 2022 theme and the words they used

Looking back to 2022

Discuss:

What were the specific elements of last year's theme

story/tone/feel/vibe?

Discuss:

How well do you think the 2022 theme

told the story of 2022?

Looking back to 2022

No wrong answers.
All participate.
Speak quietly.

All for SEVEN minutes

Write EVEYTHING down

theme team

Assignment 3

Let's check out some 2022 themes and the words they used and the told stories told.

theme challenge '23

What is the story that each book wants to tell?

Let's talk about story

We are going to show you

several yearbook covers,

one at a time

Look carefully at the **book's cover**, the **theme phrase**, the **presentation of the theme** in the following books:

Let's talk about story

- No wrong answers.
- Everyone participates.
- Speak quietly.

Write Everything Down

Write notes about each cover and the theme

- *What type of story might these words tell?*
- *Describe its voice and tone of these words?*
- *How does font selection relate to story?*
- *What colors have been incorporated*
- *How are words/phrases used?*

What do you love, not love?

Let's talk about story

2022
The Legend

El Dorado High School

El Paso, Texas

Vanessa Martinez, adviser



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Let's talk about story

2022
The Torch

Athens Drive Magnet High School

Raleigh, North Carolina

Liz Luna, adviser



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Aledo High School

Aledo, Texas

Emily Pyeatt Arnold, adviser



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Hagerty
High School

Oviedo, Florida

Brit Taylor,
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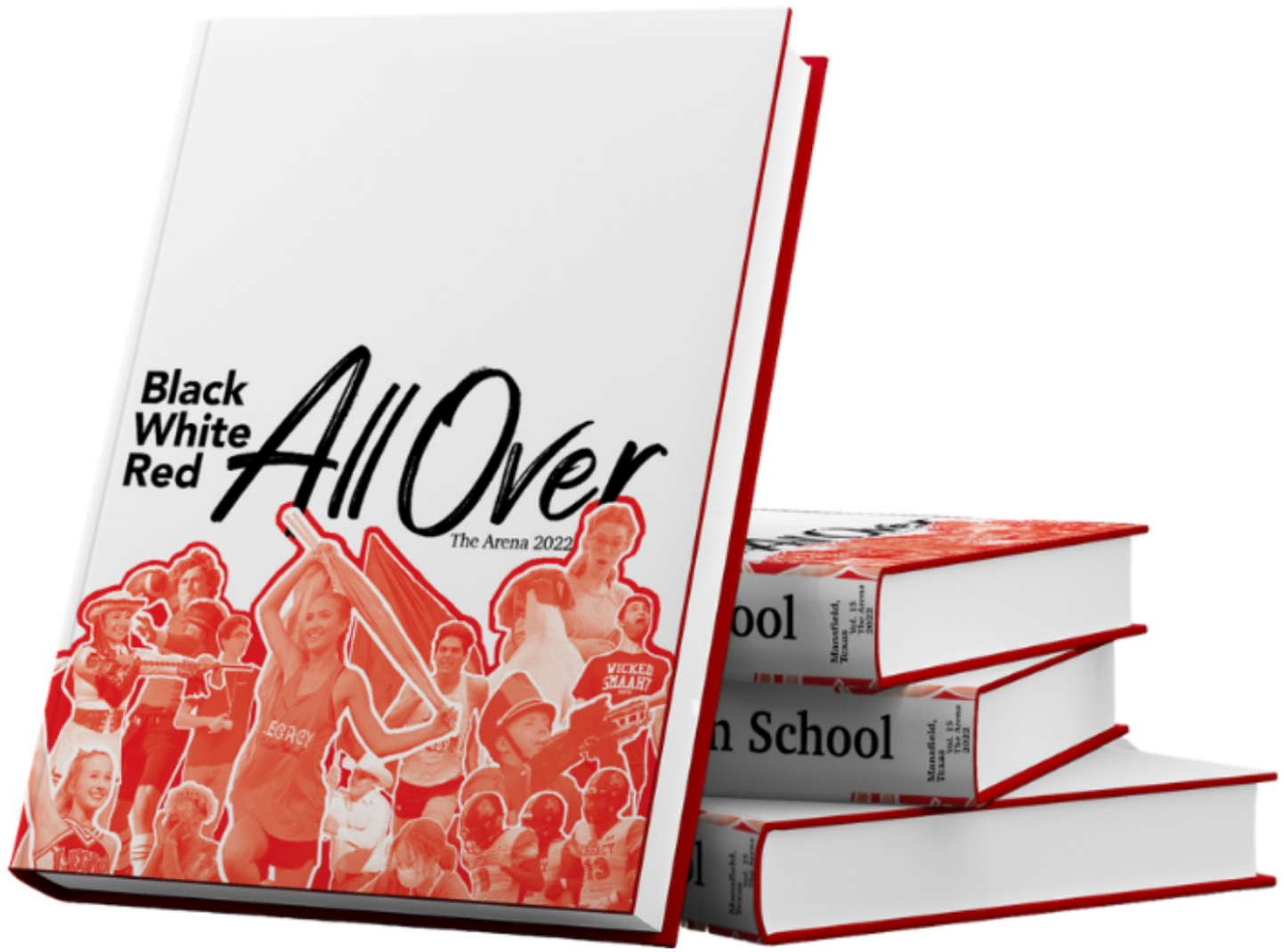
Let's talk about story

2022
Arena

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High School

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Let's talk about story

2022
Stampede

Mitchell High School

Trinity, Florida

Susan McNulty, Adviser



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2022
The Round-Up

Woodland Junior High School

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Vanessa Rameriz, adviser



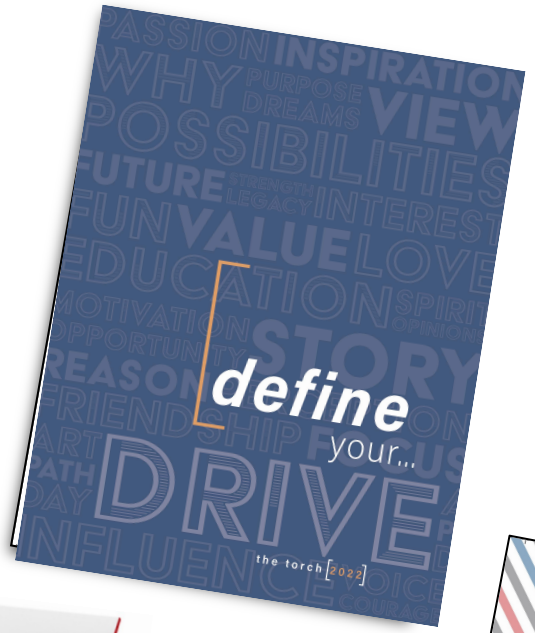
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Let's talk about story

What is the overall FEEL, TONE, VOICE of each cover and its words



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theme challenge '23

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El Dorado High School
El Paso, Texas

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i am becoming...
hopefully, I can see myself as more grown up and more mature." ismael talin, 11

modified summer

Seniors throw at-home prom after virtual year

With makeup scattered across the vanity and thrift store tags still attached to their David's Bridal dresses, seniors Paola Duran and Keidy Palma prepared for their big night. After an anxiety-filled finals week, it felt right to celebrate the completion of a virtual school year with friends.

On May 28, 2021, Duran and Palma threw their own prom, after juniors were barred from the traditional school dance due to COVID-19 restrictions. They invited their closest friends, had a variety of music to dance to and a potluck for their end-of-junior-year party.

"One day we just kind of realized, 'Dude, we're not gonna have a prom,' " Palma said. "I felt like we lost so much that year. We hadn't been able to really see our friends and get together."

> "I felt like we lost so much that year. We hadn't been able to really see our friends..."
> keidy palma, 12

It was especially intense for Duran and Palma to plan the prom as finals week were right around the corner. With a test nearly every period and test-prep every day, their days were clouded with stress.

"We had IB exams, we had an AP test, so we were just extremely stressed," Palma said.

The fake prom would be held at Duran's house and be a relaxing, stress-free night with friends.

"We didn't want to make it this super elegant 'actual prom,' " Palma said. "We wanted to thrift our dresses. I wore Converse throughout the night. We just wanted a night with our closest friends and their dates."

The evening included a photoshoot at the park as the colors of the fading sun set the mood for a night to remember. The party continued in Duran's backyard as the smell of carne asada and music filled the air over the desert sky. At night, the party slipped into pajamas and climbed to the roof to watch the stars twinkle.

"It was just really fun to be in each other's company," Duran said. "As the night went on, the happiness went through the roof."

Duran and Palma realized that you don't need to have a fancy or flashy party to have a good night.

"You don't have to go to the big house parties," Palma said. "You can just throw one with your closest friends and that's enough to have an amazing night."

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Senior Keidy Palma poses atop the climbing pyramid May 28, 2021 at Bulldog Championship Park in Socorro, Texas. photo by paola duran.



Seniors Erin Black, Monica Resendez, Leeann Mclemore, Evany Ramirez, Paola Duran, Andrea Silva and Keidy Palma pose in front of the duck pond May 28, 2021 at Bulldog Championship Park in Socorro, Texas. photo courtesy of keidy palma.



Seniors Keidy Palma and Paola Duran pose in their thrifted prom dresses before their fake prom. photo courtesy of keidy palma.

q&a Aztec students envision their dream vacation



"I would love to go to New York. I'm a big theatre kid, so I would love to go see all the new and original Broadway productions."
ariadna valtierra, 11



"My dream vacation would be Yosemite National Park. I've always admired the beauty of natural resources."
caleb estrada, 12



"I would go to Greece. I watched some movies about it and it's really pretty. Plus, I've always loved the sea, so I think I would swim while in Greece."
karouta exantus, 10

design by sierra vargas

summer pieces



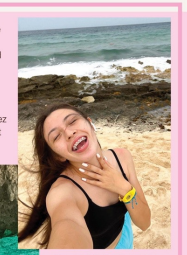
Draped in material with the sewing machine running in the background, senior Jose Gaucin prepares the summer collection for his brand "Gaucin Couture." Over the summer, Gaucin repurposed old jeans by giving them a new life with customized designs that pop.

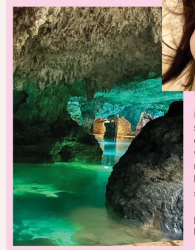
"I was taking orders from people over the summer," Gaucin said. "I asked for their waist size and their pant length and started from there. I cut up fabric onto the jeans and sewed it on, with some extra buttons or pockets and then shipped them out."

You can support Gaucin's work by going to his Instagram boutique **@gaucincouture.**

vida de la playa

Crystal blue waves crash on the rocky shore, the smell of salt fills the coastal air and the warm sand slightly caresses junior Vianney Hernandez's feet as she walks down the coastline of her happy place — Cancún, Mexico. From zip-lining to off-roading, Hernandez realized that this trip was the best time in her life.

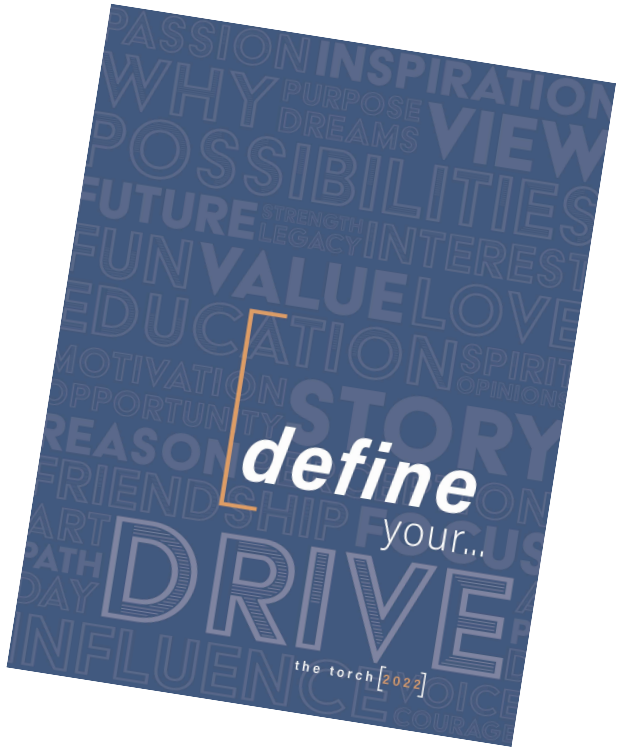




"I really felt at peace when I was over there," Hernandez said. "Everything and everyone was so nice and it was really relaxing. I would most definitely go again because everything was just so beautiful."

photos courtesy of vianney hernandez.

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Athens Drive Magnet High School
Raleigh North Carolina

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Aledo High School
El Paso, Texas

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New teachers join Tims' team, bond with faculty

TAKING AIM at in the practice field Aug. 11, AP Literature teacher Mrs. Zelder practices her archery skills. "Mrs. Tims usually does a fun team building event with faculty when school starts," Zelder said. "This year we had stations that we would rotate through on campus." Other activities at the event included axe-throwing and frisbee golf. *Photo by Emily Arnold*



DURING PROFESSIONAL development in August, Mr. Dassinger wields his weapons for the axe-throwing event. "I thought it was something fun that we usually don't get to do, so I thought that was nice, especially coming off a COVID year which was more remote," Dassinger said. Engineering teacher Mr. Christensen built several targets for the teachers' axe throwing team-builder.



They came from all over the place. All with different passions, pasts and perspectives. But they all came together for the same reason -- to teach.

U.S. history teacher, Dr. Lewis, says that his previous experience at Aledo played a role in deciding where he wanted to explore his teaching career.

"I student-taught here and I had a good time doing it," Lewis said. "I have my little core group of little academic babies that are growing up into seniors next year. So I came back to Aledo mostly because I liked it and I liked them."

Astronomy and chemistry teacher, Ms. Iaccino, moved from Houston to become a teacher. Iaccino says that she had no connections to anyone in the area except her boyfriend, but that the school was able to make her feel welcome.

"When I came and toured the campus before accepting my offer, it really just connected with me," Iaccino said. "The fact that everyone here has been so welcoming is absolutely amazing."

Transitioning to a larger school, particularly one in the 5-A category, can serve as a challenge for new teachers.

"I want to say it took me about four weeks before I felt like I wasn't underwater," AP English III teacher Mrs. DeHart said. "When I would come into a new classroom after being at a school for 13 years, or ten years, I knew a lot of the students just from being present in the school for that long. And here I was like, I didn't know anyone. I didn't know the teachers. I didn't know the admin. I didn't know the students. And then trying to get all of the different policies down was really a challenge."

These new teachers had time this summer to get to know each other and their new community through a team building event that involved activities like archery, frisbee golf and axe throwing -- all activities focused on taking aim.

"Being able to connect with people and see when they're able to do something that they weren't able to do before is the most rewarding feeling and I absolutely love it," Iaccino said.

Story by Kaley Schabel and Madison Scott

NEW PEOPLE on the BLOCK

FRESH START

Fish Camp welcomes over 500 freshmen





AFTER A flash mob performed by the Aledo Theatre Department Aug. 6, freshmen Kate Forman and Kaydee Torres enjoy pizza. "I feel fish camp really helped me because I was really nervous coming to high school," Torres said. "But from that experience, I felt very welcomed and it was very helpful and nice." Fish Camp gave incoming freshmen a chance to tour the campus before school starts. *Photo by Ava Bathurst*

AT THE year's first pep rally, senior Ella Drue Everett and junior Nathalie Touchet show the freshmen the encore tradition following the band Aug. 6. "Shouting 'Encore' is just telling whoever was performing to come back and perform more because we couldn't get enough of their performance," Touchet said. This was Touchet's second year as a fish camp counselor. *Photo by Faith Emmitte*

ON AUG. 6, junior Gracie Streetman plays the mellophone at fish camp. "When I first went to fish camp, I did not really learn anything new about the high school," Streetman said. "But it did help me feel more comfortable." The band performed at the end of the camp for the freshmen's first pep rally. *Photo by Faith Emmitte*

RISE UP

Senior sunrise tradition continues



WAKING UP early for senior sunrise Aug. 17, seniors Katelyn Attaway, Jetta Frazee and Lauren Wood gather with their class to watch the sunrise before starting their last year of high school. "I was really happy to see everyone and it was weird to finally be at the point where you know it's your last year but also it was kind of boring because it was humid and there was no sunrise to watch," Frazee said. Senior sunrise moved from the practice field to the baseball field for the first time. *Photo by Faith Emmitte*

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Hagerty High School
Oviedo, Florida

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disposable mask, Loyla Vieni, 11



keeping up
Passing out school IDs, junior Malachy Crossan works a table for Leadership during lunch. *photo by Shannon Hahn*

working together
Prepping for a Socratic seminar, juniors Gabe Pedroza and Delaney Mieko work during English. After a year of no group work, students got back to multi-person activities. *photo by Alexis Izaguirre*



IN THE CROWD
Cheering in the bleachers, seniors Taryn Riley, Alex Lynn and friends participate in an outdoor pep rally. In and out of class, students were split on optional mask wearing, especially at the beginning of the year. *photo by Shannon Hahn*



pizza for four
Working on a lab in Culinary III, juniors Emmalys Caamano and Kimbyrlee Clark wear masks while topping their pizza. It was difficult to maintain distancing in most electives. *photo by Mia Campese*



mask ON mask OFF

Students attend school with post COVID effects

by Alexis Izaguirre, Mia Campese & Scott Krensavage

Getting ready to start her day, junior Emmalys Caamano grabbed the essentials: her phone, student ID and mask. With the effects of COVID lingering from the previous year, students chose whether to wear facial coverings or provide a signed form opting them out.

"About 70% wear masks and 30% don't, and that's fine," junior Kimbyrlee Clark said, "but I think wearing it really helps keep everyone safe and secure."

Vaccinations became available for students in spring 2021, but they were not mandated. Many chose to receive them over the summer, while others waited.

The integration of different policies like the optional mask mandate opened opportunities for retired activities to return. Less social distancing policies allowed more group work, labs, and after school activities.

"Everything is pretty different. The dividers are down which is awesome because when I went into class I kept knocking them over," Clark said.

While not fully normal, new policies allowed for pep rallies, sports, and more involvement.

"I hope we can still be together and be safe and make smart decisions. I hope it's more like freshman year," Clark said.



double mask, Cat Bunn, 11

N95 mask, Camden Williams, 11

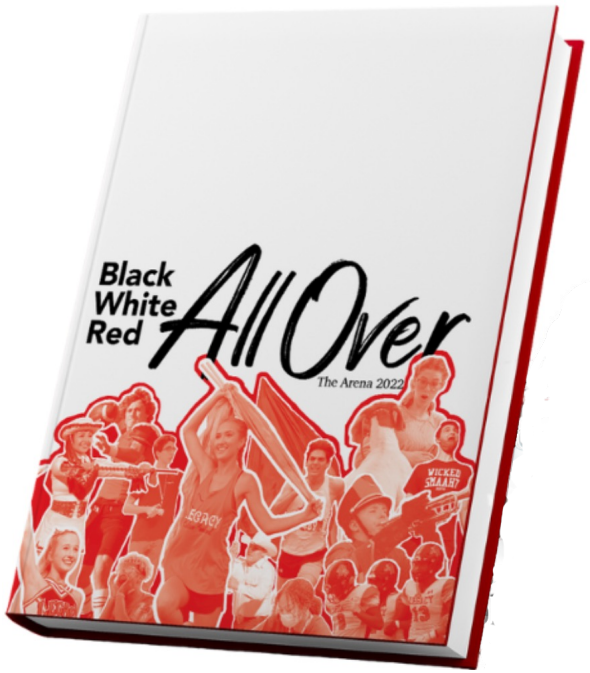
class action

With all students back face-to-face, teachers balanced COVID safety procedures against better learning opportunities. Economics teacher William Bordelon (top) took his class outside for a lesson. Chemistry teacher Angela Campbell (bottom) held labs for the first time in over a year, but increased the distance between lab tables, sanitized of lab goggles and avoided shared equipment. "The precautions allowed for students to have a safer lab experience while still enjoying the best part of science," Campbell said. *photos by Nicole Turner and Sarena Wilkerson*





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Trinity, Florida

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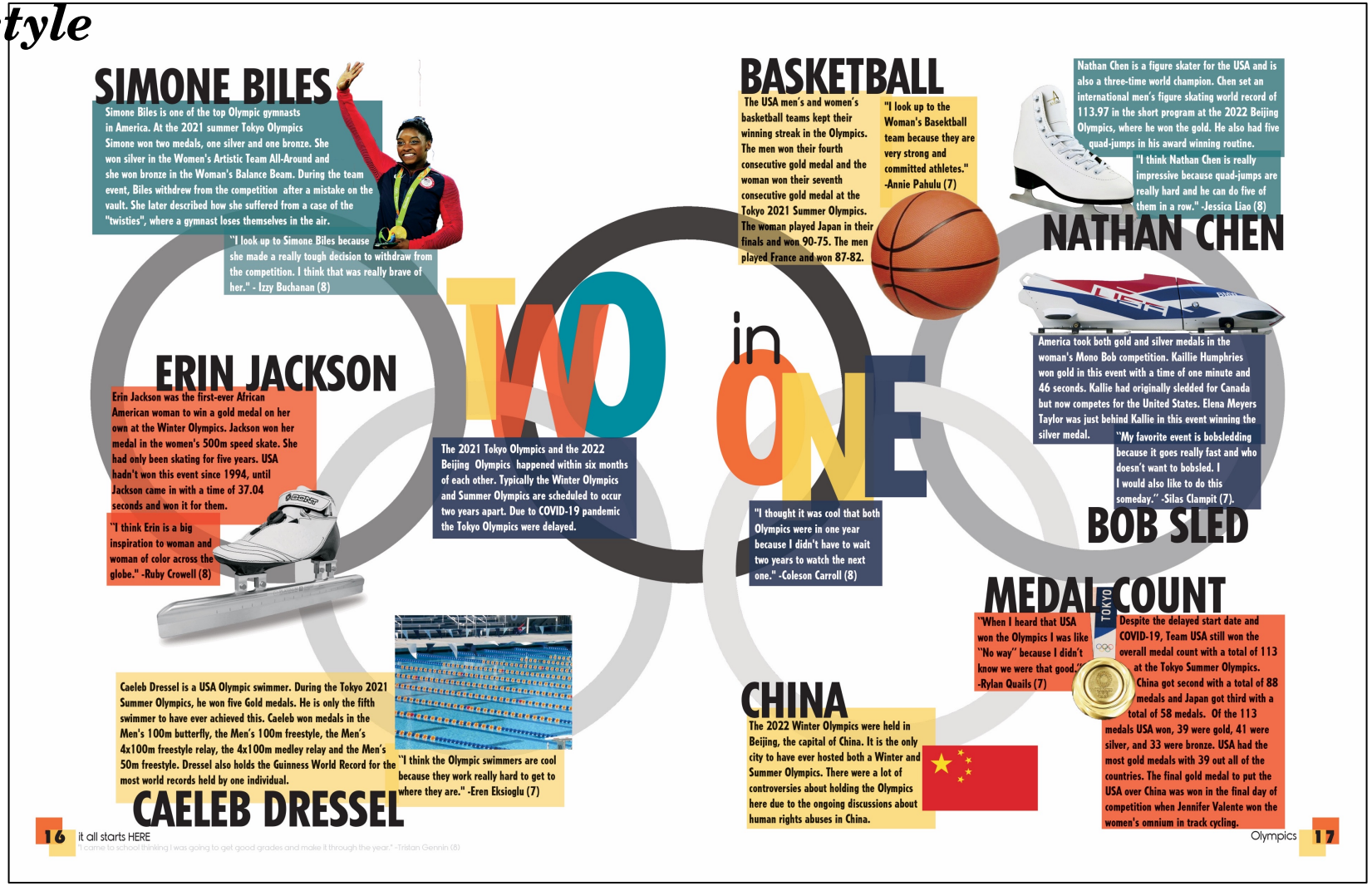
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Woodland Junior High School
Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Cover Set 2

Write notes about each cover and the theme

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- *What do you love, not love?*

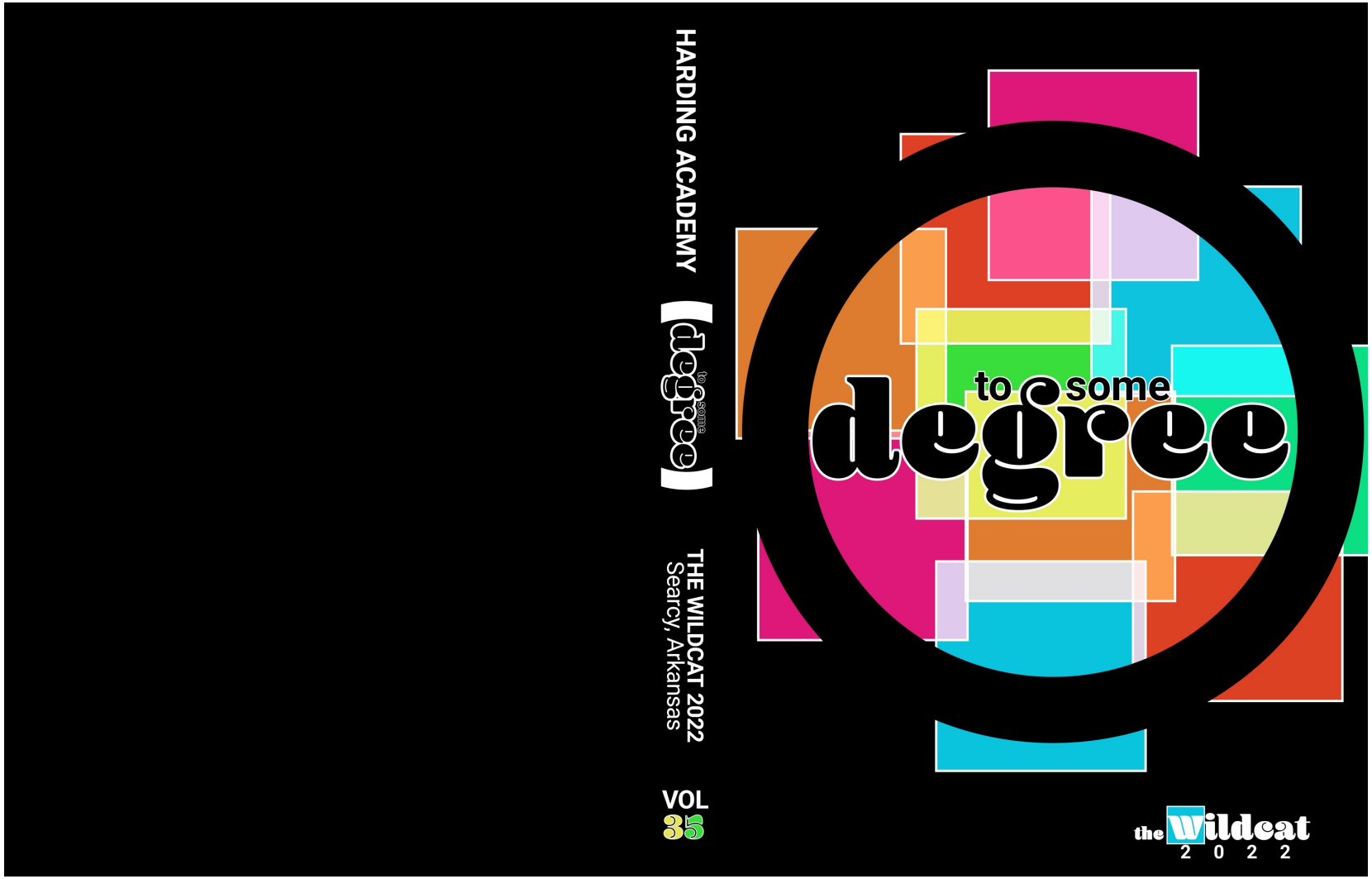
Let's talk about the words

2022
The Wildcat

Harding Academy

Searcy, Arkansas

Tod Traber, adviser



Let's talk about the words

2022
Clarion

Davie
County
High School

Mocksville,
North Carolina

Michelle Shue,
adviser



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Let's talk about the the words

2022
Heritage

Shawnee Mission South High School

Overland Park, Kansas

Tucker Love, adviser



theme challenge '23

Let's talk about the words

2022
The Creek

Timber Creek High School

Fort Worth, Texas

Kathy Beers, adviser



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theme challenge '23

Let's talk about the words

2022
Apollo

Colonial Forge High School

Stafford, Virginia

Tiffany Kopcak, adviser



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2022
Raider

Gulliver Preparatory High School

Miami, Florida

Monica Rodriguez, adviser



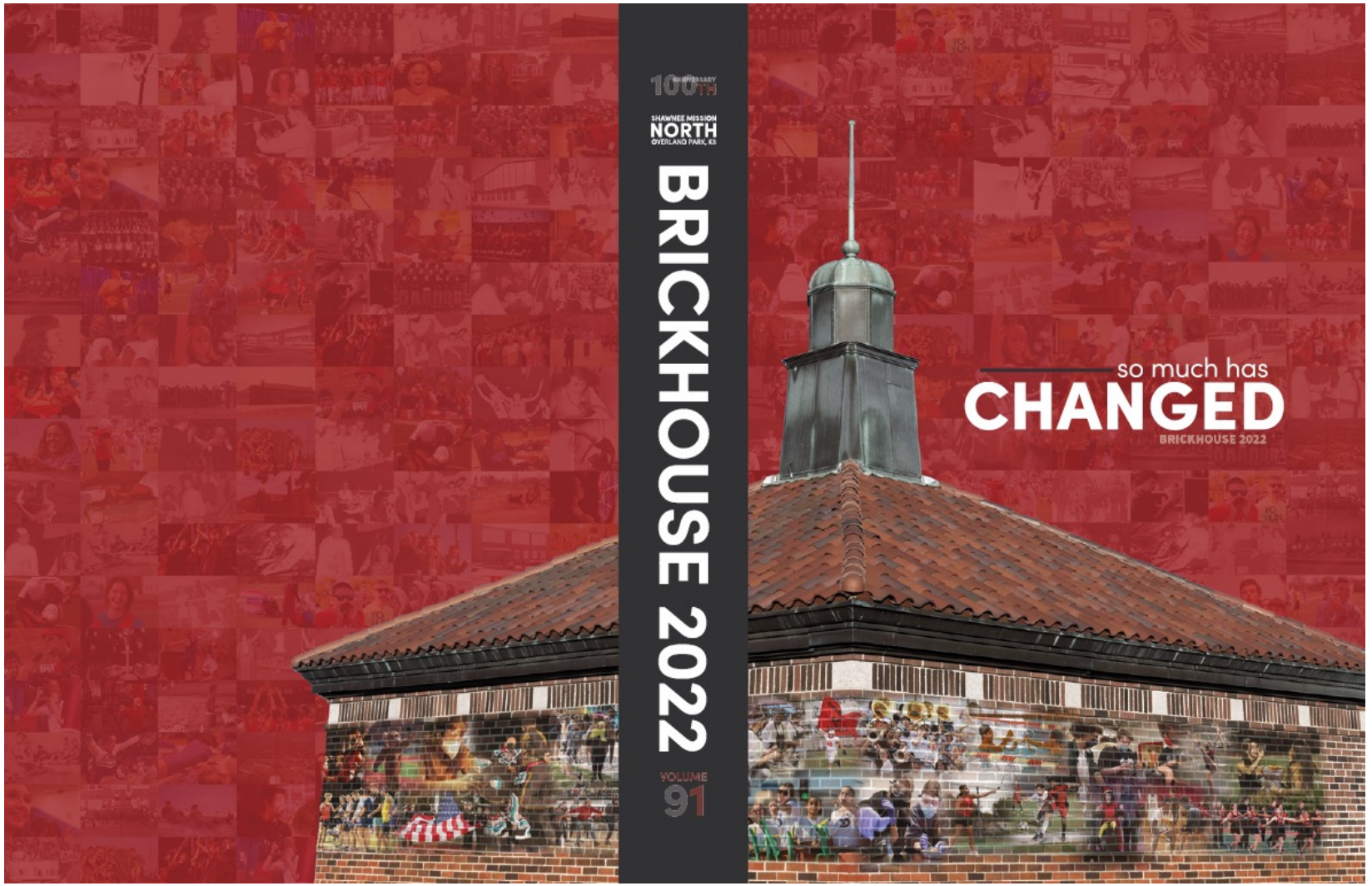
Let's talk about the words

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Brickhouse

Shawnee Mission North High School

Overland Park, Kansas

Becky Tate, adviser



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Harding Academy
Searcy, Arkansas

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BUSY SCHEDULES

In addition to cheer responsibilities, seven girls balance dedications to other sports.

"It's difficult, because we played volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the football games are on Thursdays. [If there was a conflict between the two] we had to decide if we wanted to go cheer at the football game or go to our volleyball game."
-Mackenzie Byrd (8)

"It is hard to rush home, try and cheer, and hit stunts after you just did a lot of volleyball."
-Ellie Morgan (8)

H-U-S-T-L-E Leading the fans in a chant, the junior high squad encourages family members and friends to cheer on the football team as they play the Bald Knob Bulldogs at the home game on Aug. 26. photo by Sydney Turner

Pre-kick tradition Before a kickoff during the Bald Knob game, the junior high cheer squad assembles in their standard formation. photo by Sydney Turner

Perfection During half time of the Heber Springs home game, the junior high cheerleaders perform a routine on Oct. 7. "It was a very fun experience to learn and perform the routine," **eighth grader Abigail Fox** said. photo by Sydney Turner

Best dance ever The junior high cheer squad performed a dance during halftime of the junior high game against Rose Bud On Jan. 22. The dance was choreographed to the song "Best Song Ever" by One direction and "Die Young" by Kesha. photo by Briley Kemper

All right On Jan. 14 the Jr. High cheer team does their Red and White all right cheer during the Jr. High girls game at Bald Knob. The captains were playing in the game so it was left to **eighth graders Hunter Griffin** and **Abigail Fox** to lead the squad. photo by Briley Kemper

Good tackle In the Sept. 10 game against Heber Springs, **eighth grader Cam Pryor** (#5) stops Weston Warden (#3).The final score was 36-16.photo by Daegon Brown

In for six On Sept. 9, **freshman Owen Miller** goes into the endzone at home versus Heber Springs. Miller played quarterback for the team throughout the season while practicing and preparing to help the varsity if needed. photo by Alec Rush

Hold on On Sept. 10 during a home game against Heber Springs, the junior high squad stops a player just short of the first down. The game was week two of the undefeated season for the team. photo by Kenny Falconer

PAYBACK GAME

Against Heber Springs boys sought revenge

"They beat us last year and everyone on the team was kinda mad at them. We wanted to beat them and it took a lot of preparation because they were probably the best team we have played so far."
-Anderson Mercer (8)

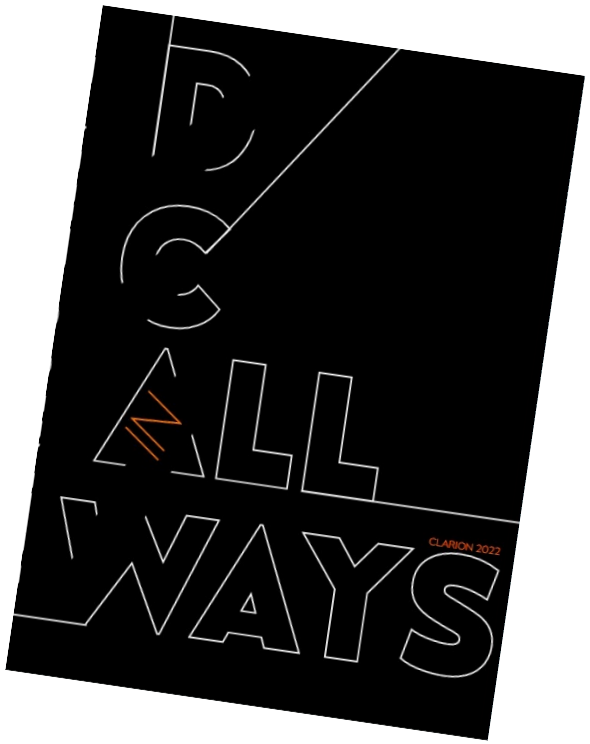
"Our morale after the win was very high, everyone was jumping around and screaming."
-Easton Page (9)

Up high In a crosstown battle against the Riverview Raiders, **seventh grader Braden Kemper** snags a one handed catch on Trey Bailey (#9). "I did not expect to catch the ball," Kemper said. "I just stuck my hand in the air and ended up coming down with it." photo by Seth Waggoner

ATHLETICS : JH Cheer and JH Football

CONTENT BY : Isaac Baker

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Mocksville, North Carolina

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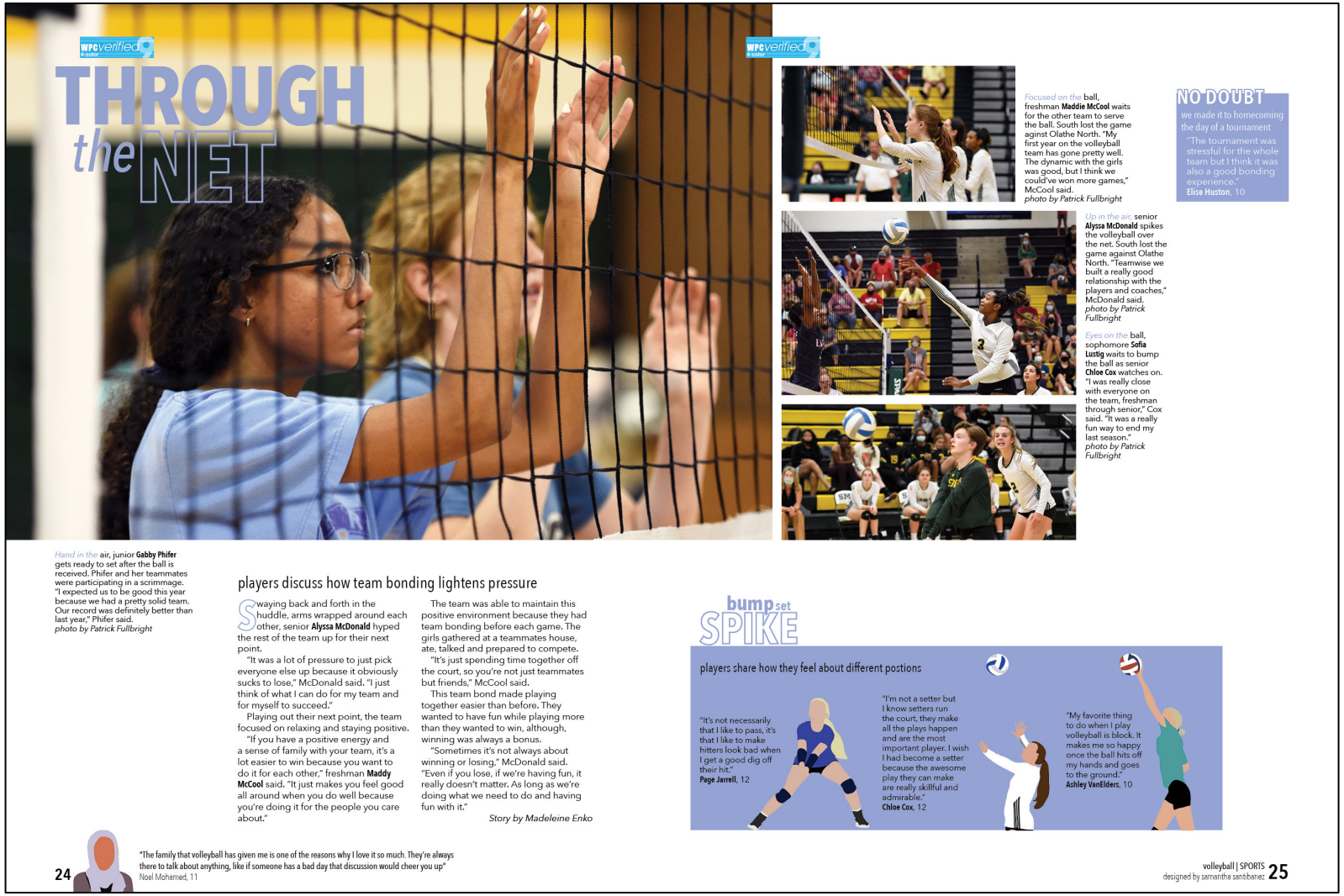


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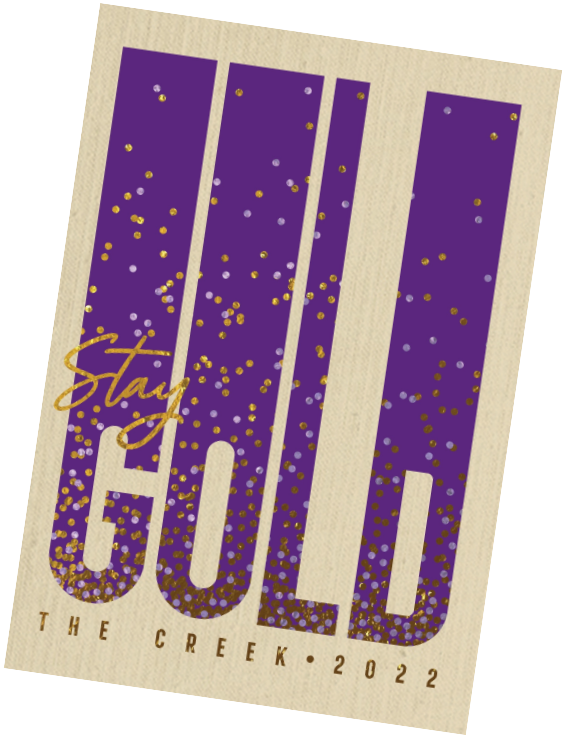


Shawnee Mission South High School
Overland Park, Kansas

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Timber Creek High School
Fort Worth, Texas

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HELPING HAND After fleeing form the hate of others, the Creature, **Ismar Pereira (12)** is helped by De Lacey played by **David Percival (12)** to read and speak. • PHOTO BY BREN MCDONALD

SECRET SERVICE Heading to their land, **Jaden Bentley (12)** and **Claire Remo (12)** see that the rocks have been cleared and the field is more open to begin farming. Though they were unaware of who had helped them greatly without realizing later on they would be turning against him. • PHOTO BY BREN MCDONALD

GREETINGS AND CONFRONTATIONS After searching for Dr. Frankenstein and confronting her, **Remidy Dixon (12)** listens to **Nyah Adler (12)** explains her reasoning for her excuses on her creation. "She is a very complicated character with a very complicated life," Adler said. "The constant struggle in her mind between what is right and what is wrong makes her an interesting and exciting character to play." • PHOTO BY ZOE TAYLOR

DEAL WITH THE DEVIL Pleading to Dr. Frankenstein to make him a wife, **Ethan Hyatt (12)** agrees and makes a deal with a handshake with Creature, **Ismar Pereira (12)**. "I got to show this character who descends into this monstrous shadow of his former self and being able to execute it was amazing," Hyatt said. • PHOTO BY BREN MCDONALD

Behind The Mask

In the weeks leading up to the opening night of Frankenstein the hair and make up crew as well as Director Lance Morse thought of ways to create an artistic way of making the characters have a monstrous feel to them.

"When you have basic corrective makeup the actors are able to do it themselves," Morse said, "but with special effects you need a designer and somebody to apply the makeup because it doesn't fall into the normal realm of what an actor knows how to do."

Creating the scar-like look and being able for it to withstand on their face was a challenge that they were faced with and if it would stick with movements such as running and jumping.

"I went and consulted with makeup artists in Dallas and they told me about a new product used for scarring that I have never used before. They taught me how to mix it and build it on their face."

DOUBLE FEATURE *Creature*

SUMMER

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The theatre department showcases twice the talent with a double casted dark classic fall show

STORY BY BREN MCDONALD

With strong male and female leads in the department, director Craig Robertson decided to double cast Frankenstein to display that talent. For the male lead cast **Ethan Hyatt (12)** played as Victor Frankenstein and **Ismar Pereira (12)** as the Creature in the male cast. As for the female cast **Nyah Adler (12)** played Victor Frankenstein and **Remidy Dixon (12)** as the Creature.

"It's been so fun to watch the differences between the two casts because everybody has gotten the same direction, same blocking, and in theory doing the same things just a different approach, and it's so interesting to see what different choices the actors bring to the character," director Craig Robertson said.

The creature is a more loving emotional character, trying to improve himself, while Victor Frankenstein is a more cold-sided, arrogant character. Shining a new light on a predominantly male stereotype with a female playing him.

"Although both casts' scripts are the same, the shows are definitely not," Adler said, "it feels like, even though we have the same lines and similar blocking, we are not playing the same character, but two different characters in the same situation."

"It was a lot of hard work trying to develop her and to determine specific female attributes and reactions in the story."

– REMIDY DIXON

DESIGN BY BREN MCDONALD • *Frankenstein*

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Colonial Forge High School
Stafford, Virginia

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Gulliver Prep High School
Miami, Florida

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Shawnee Mission North High School
Overland Park, Kansas

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THEME TEAM

Assignment 4

Tag Line Hunt

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It's time for a tag line hunt

theme challenge '23

tag line hunt

Get out your MAGAZINES and other

RESOURCES

Everyone is going to look through them

for **SEVEN MINUTES**

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tag line hunt

Everyone will find a

HEADLINE

ADVERTISEMENT TAG-LINE

that could become a ***THEME PHRASE.***

Do not worry if it's not perfect, just tell your recorder to record the phrase

Recorders, you will need to write everything down. ***DO NOT STOP***

tag line hunt







check these out

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tag line hunt





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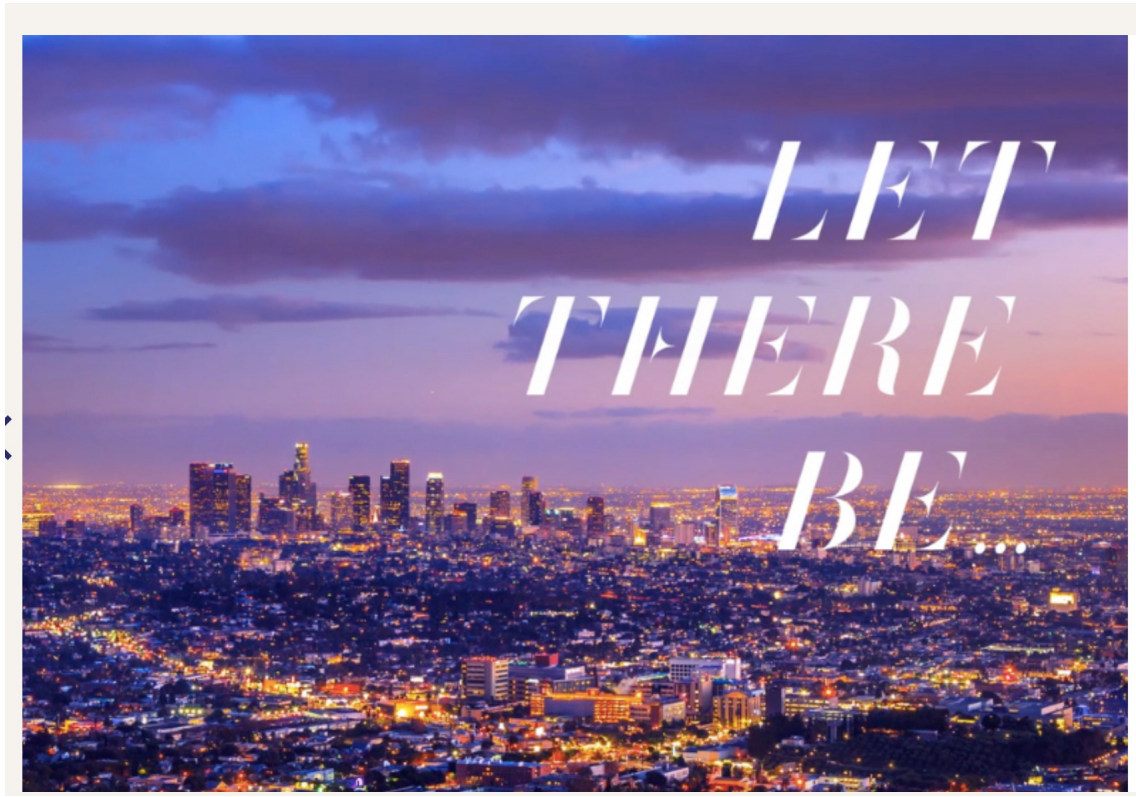




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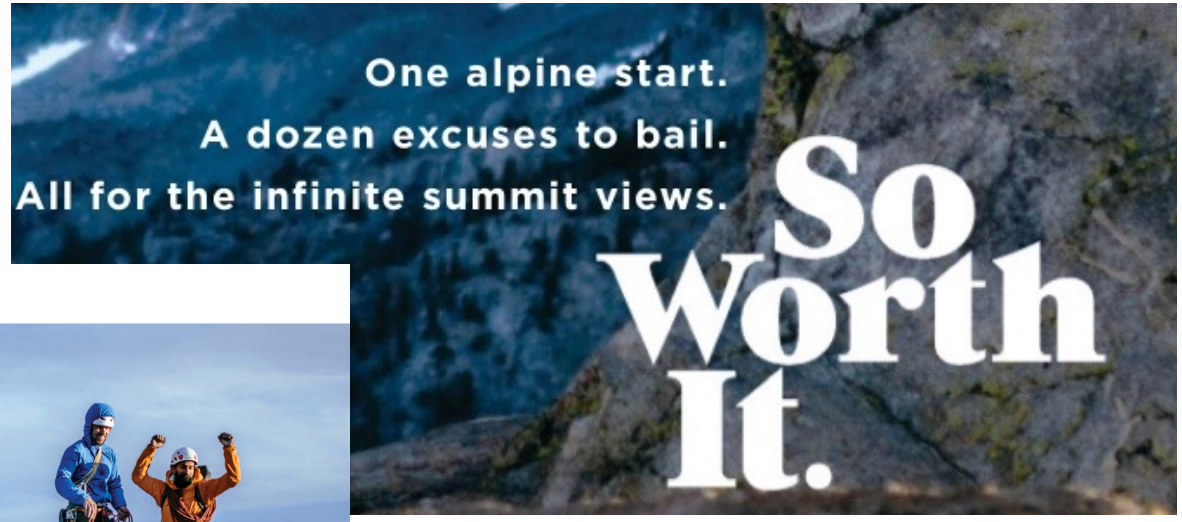




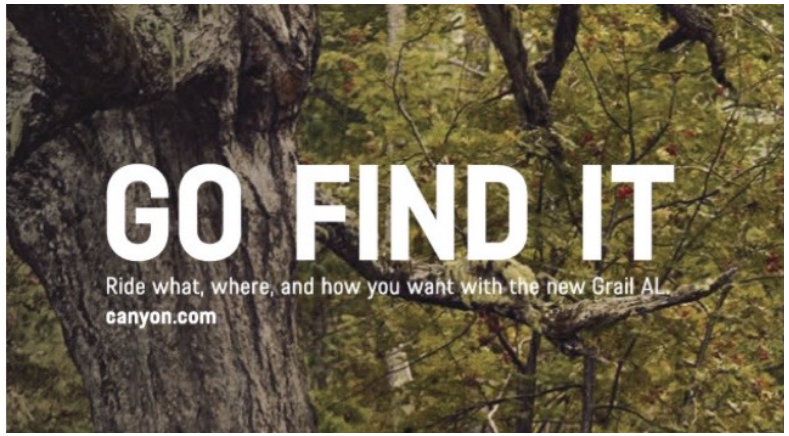
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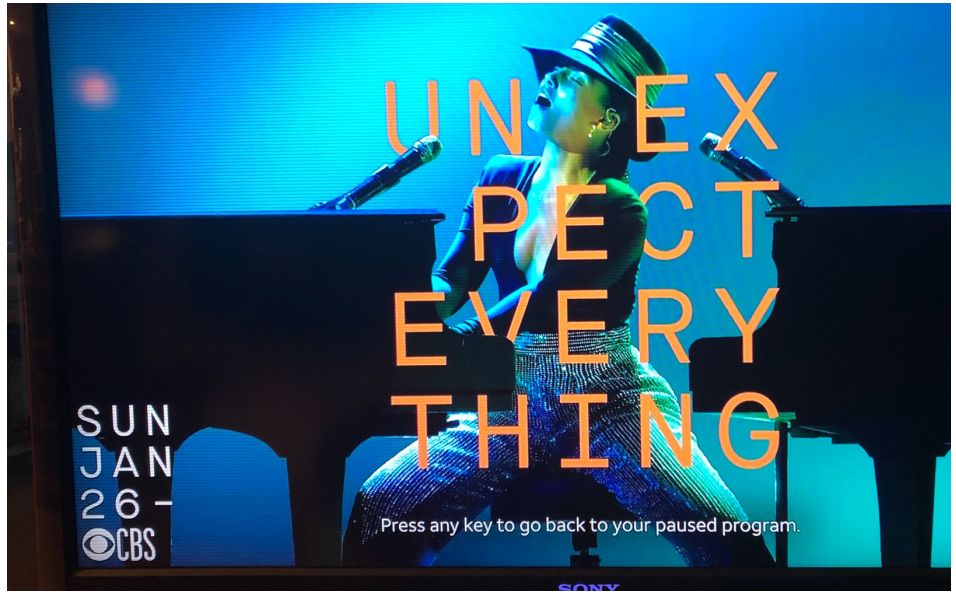


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TV Grammy promo

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Evaluate

What you've discovered

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Recorders will

– be the leader for this next

SEVEN MINUTES

– need a COLORED MARKER

– READ EACH PHRASE:

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STAFF will

– Give a **THUMBS UP** if the phrase or tagline sounds **GOOD**

– Give a **THUMBS DOWN,** if it **DOES NOT** sound good

– Highlight the **BEST ONE** (s)



No other discussion should take place

THEME TEAM

Assignment 5

Word and Coverage Connections

Word and coverage connections

Step ONE:

Choose one phrase that your team feels might work as a theme.

Remember…this does not need to be your final phrase

Word and coverage connections

Step TWO:

Brainstorm known phrases using words in the phrase

Remember…this does not need to be your final phrase

Step TWO: *For each word, write down as many* ***known phrases*** *that you can in seven minutes*



Step THREE:

Examples

check out these examples

Word and coverage connections

Step three - examples

possible theme phrase:



So Worth It

Word: Worth

Phrases: self-worth, worthy, worth every second, know your worth, infinite worth, nothin worth having comes easy, Ft. Worth

Word and coverage connections

Step FOUR - Evaluate

Discuss what you found and how well you think your phrase may or may not work



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the point?

It takes time to find your perfect

THEME WORDS

we are the *storytellers*

so...
get the
process
started!

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have fun finding your perfect theme for 2023

THANK YOU

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