

DHS PRINCESS // Audree Taylor (10) flawlessly pulls back her bow. Her long red hair and archery skills often led to her getting compared to Merida from Brave. Photo by Sara Boone.



BULLSEYE

The addition of a range and a class improves team scores.

Lining up with the rest of the archers, junior Olivia Nelson breathed in and out before she pulled her bow back and shot her target. She was definitely not going to let her anxiety get to her while she represented her team. Like her, the rest of the

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-OLIVIA NELSON // 11

team did quite a number on their averages, with each individual making a marked improvement on their prior scores.

"I am pretty proud of our team this year. Everyone has improved their averages, and I am just so pleased to have such great people on the team," says Brennan Prince, freshman.

Compared to last year, there isn't a large gap between the teammate's scores; therefore, these archers are on the right track to be qualified and more successful for their future archery meets. Improvements around the school in regards to archery may have had a hand in the overall point increase.

"I feel that the new archery range and the change that archery is now a class are large factors that helped out with our improvements of our skills," Prince said. "Now we don't have to travel all the way to the middle school, just so that we can get some practice and experience in."

These archers were finally privileged with the equipment they deserved to excel in the ways of bow and arrow. // Crysta Selman



1. **STEADY** // Lily Nguyen (12) calculates her and her partner's results. Lily has been in archery nonconsecutively for two years. Photo by Sara Boone. 2. **SHOOT ME A SMILE** // Joseph Byrd (10) prepares to fire his arrow, but before he does, he gives a big happy grin. This is his second year on the team. Photo by Sara Boone. 3. **READY, AIM, FIRE** // Sophomore Dakota Bosarge flashes a smile after looking at his score. He is sporting the team's new uniform shirts, which were very popular around school. Photo by Sara Boone.



ROBIN HOOD // Sydney Kahl (10) tells her partner their scores. This year was her first year in archery; therefore, Sydney was happy to see her average increase. Photo by Crysta Selman.

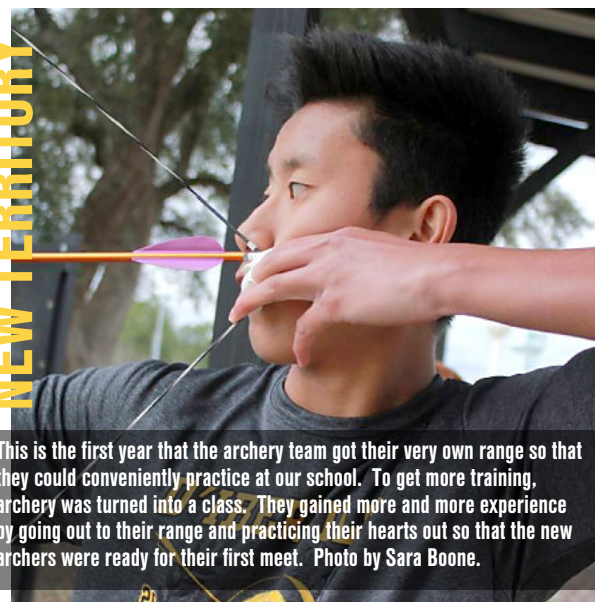
1. **LET IT GO** // Brittany Belesky (10) lets go of her arrow in confidence. From the beginning of the year to now, her average has improved. Photo by Crysta Selman.

2. **STRETCH IT OUT** // Gary Nguyen (10) flashes his photographer a smile as he prepares for the meet by stretching. When Gary was in archery, he always stretched before his match. Photo by Sara Boone. 3. **DON'T BLINK, JUST WINK** // Kamren McLeod (12) focuses on his goal. Kamren's scores have definitely increased from his start of archery. Photo by Sara Boone.



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NEW TERRITORY



This is the first year that the archery team got their very own range so that they could conveniently practice at our school. To get more training, archery was turned into a class. They gained more and more experience by going out to their range and practicing their hearts out so that the new archers were ready for their first meet. Photo by Sara Boone.

I THINK IT'S FUNNY WHEN PEOPLE CALL ME **MERIDA** FROM THE MOVIE BRAVE BECAUSE I HAVE **LONG RED HAIR** AND DO ARCHERY. I DON'T MIND, THOUGH. I'M PRETTY SURE I'VE HEARD ALL OF THE JOKES.

-AUDREE TAYLOR // 10

AIMING FOR GREATNESS

Sophomore Chris Salas always kept in mind that he would one day split an arrow. And that time finally came at the beginning of February at their archery range.

"Being on the archery team for two years has certainly helped me with being able to do this. It really felt good to see others' reactions to my split arrow," he said. "Hearing 'Good job!' and 'Congratulations!' from the other people on the team definitely boosted my confidence, but now that I've set my standards, I'm going to have to continue to practice to keep up my principles."

