

**IN SYNC**

A group of guys, ranging in age, volunteered to perform a synchronized swim routine at the Homecoming pep rally. "The routine was by far the funniest and most embarrassing thing I've ever done," Turner Swistak, 9, third from the right, said. "It was very hard not to laugh." // McKenzie Woodard photo



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**SCREAMING FOR SENIOR YEAR**  
On the first day of school, the senior class gathers in the gym to show their excitement for their last year. "Out of all 12 of my first days, this one was definitely the most memorable," Anna Kathryn Andy, 12, said. "I was so happy to be part of such a great class and excited to start our final step of high school." // McKenzie Woodard photo

**JUST CHEERFUL**  
Taking a moment to laugh, Riley Atkinson, 9, performs alongside her squad at the D'Iberville pep rally. "I love cheering at pep rallies because they are so much fun," Atkinson said. "It is a bit nerve racking, but it is also very exciting." // Halle Morrissette photo

**PUTTING THE PEP IN PEP RALLIES**  
Taking the mic, Braxton Betts, 11, pumps up his fellow classmates for the Friday night football game. "It feels great to speak at pep rallies," Betts said. "The roaring from the crowd and the electricity is just the best feeling." // Emily Grace Edwards photo