

show dress UP OUT

Students explain their favorite days of homecoming and why.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
 Julianna Hinton, 12, paints her face in the spirit of Day of the Dead for Halloween day. "I've always been very artistic so doing face paint gave me a chance to express myself," Hinton said. "The whole environment is lively because everyone is in a good mood and enjoying things." *Anna Pittman photo*



BABY YOU'RE A FIREWORK
 Jumping up for the picture, seniors Kate Mcneese and Carley Hand dress out for Fourth of July day. "I had a ton of fourth of July accessories," Mcneese said. "Plus, it was different from past years themes so it was something outside the box." *AC Bynum photo*



LUCK OF THE IRISH
 Dressed up in all green, Alexis Loftin, 12, shows off her outfit on St. Patrick's Day. "I just like to dress up with all of my green and all the tutu's and everything," Loftin said. "It was funny to dress up for all of the days." *Anna Pittman photo*



GOD BLESS AMERICA
 Walking through the cafeteria, Omar Thiam, 11, shows his school spirit on Fourth of July day. "My favorite day was fourth of July day because I like representing my country," Thiam said. "I like the festivities and being able to see everyone come together as a school." *AC Bynum photo*



THRILLER
 Dressing as the main character from Michael Jackson's hit music video "Thriller", teacher Michael Simmons sets the bar high for costumes. "I love Michael Jackson, so it was funny to dress up and act like him," Simmons said. "I like to see the students have fun and dress up." *Anna Pittman photo*

CROWNING MOMENT

Homecoming court shares about their experience on the field.



#CROWNEDHER
 Looking out to the crowd, senior Hanisee Sirmon smiles after being announced as homecoming queen. "This is such an honor for me," Sirmon said. "Knowing that I was chosen not only by the senior class, but by the entire student body, is amazing." *Lee Cave photo*

"I felt like it was a good opportunity to show my face to the students because I've never really done anything like this before. I liked spending time with the other escorts. They were just cool people." **Samari Naler, 12**

"I was super excited to be on the court to represent my grade. My favorite part was walking on the field because everyone was looking, and it was exhilarating." **Laundin Lang, 10**

"I was so happy that my classmates voted me on court. I loved walking out on the field in front of everyone. It was exciting." **Kevin Barnett, 11**

"I was super excited because I felt like it was such an honor that the senior class voted me to be apart of that. My favorite part was getting to dress up and walk on the field with some of my closest friends." **McKenzie Stansell, 12**

"I felt honored and a little nervous to be on court because I don't like standing in front of a bunch of people. I liked talking to my maid Kennedy because she was fun." **Nathan Abel, 9**

"I wouldn't say I was nervous to be on homecoming court. I was excited, and I would love to do it again." **Zach Little, 9**

"My favorite part of the homecoming pep rally was tug-of-war. I liked homecoming week because everybody dressed up, and there was a bunch of different games." **ABIGAYLE TALBOT, 10**

"The homecoming game is one of our biggest games of the year. I really like all the themes of the week, and everyone gets so pumped up. I just really love performing to them." **MADISON HONEYCUTT, 10, BAND MEMBER**

"I liked dancing at the pep rally because I love dancing, and I always do it in the hallways. I like to do my moves. My favorite part of the dance was doing the 'Souija Boy.'" **TRE'DERIOUS MAIDEN, 11, PEP RALLY DANCER**

"I love homecoming week because it's where you get to be creative and dress up to show what you know or how you are. My favorite dress up day was fourth of July for sure." **ENAS BEAUTI, 10, "MARIO"**

"The homecoming game, I think, was one of the band's best performances. It was our last one, and there was no pressure so everyone was very relaxed. You could tell we all just had a great time performing." **ELIZABETH PORTER, 12, FEATURE DANCER**

"My favorite thing about cheering is being involved in the school and showing school spirit. I loved cheering at the game too because the excitement on the field is just the best feeling." **MARY BETH KAVANAUGH, 10, CHEERLEADER**

"Being football sweetheart was such an exciting experience that I will remember forever. I love being able to go all out on the dress up days leading to the homecoming game and then being able to walk across the field in my dress that night." **AYDEN KLAIRE MCINNIS, 12, FOOTBALL SWEETHEART**

"I enjoyed the homecoming pep rally because I loved watching the hilarious dance that the boys performed. The homcoming pep rally is special because every grade is there together and each grade has a chance to compete against each other in fun games." **MARY GRACE COCHRAN, 11, GOLDEN SPIRIT**

"The homecoming game felt good to play in. I feel like I played my best all season, but it just wasn't enough to get what we wanted. It was special to play for the last time because I just wanted to make my last high school football game a game to remember." **ORLANDO SIMON, 12, RUNNING BACK**

"I like homecoming week a lot because it gives the students so much freedom throughout the week to bond with your peers. The homecoming game is the best though because it's a great feeling to play and perform in front of everyone who came to support you." **JARIUS REIMONENO, 11, SAFETY**

HOMECOMING

Students show holiday spirit during homecoming week



DROP IT LIKE ITS HOT
 Boys from every grade come together to learn a dance to perform at the pep rally. "I didn't feel nervous or anything," Payne Petro, 12, said. "I knew we wouldn't go out there and make a fool of ourselves because we had practiced so much." *Caroline Simpson photo*

PIE IN THE FACE
 After winning the pie-eating contest, Jevon Wyatt, 12, feels queasy from eating so much blueberry pie. "I've never really attended any activities at Oak Grove, so it felt great to win something for the first time," Wyatt said. "I doubt I would do it again unless it was sweet potato pie." *Riley Cleveland photo*

FIRESIDE
 Seniors Josie Walters and Bryce Strahan pose for a picture in front of the annual bonfire. "The bonfire is always a great time for the entire student body to really bond," Walters said. "The memories that we make at the bonfire will last a lifetime." *McKenzie Woodard photo*

HOMECOMING TRADITION
 Seniors Will Ruff and Ryan Sullivan help beat the homecoming drum. The annual tradition requires that the drum is beat all day. *Avery Stephan photo*

