



1. ready, set, squat

Junior Hannah Picazo prepares to receive the ball from the opposing server. Picazo said, "Before every serve, I take a deep breath and focus on the server. I want to make sure I have the best pass to my setter!" / anna pittman photo

2. fresh on the court

Sydney Mitchell, 9, is already making waves as a freshman starter. "Starting as a freshman has been an amazing experience; the games are intense but so much fun!" Mitchell explains. / jane granberry photo

3. serving on the sideline

Bethany McCain, 12, continues to cheer on her teammates despite her knee injury. "As the captain of the team," McCain explains, "it's my duty to give my all, whether it's being on the court or cheering off of the court." / susannah case photo

4. everybody clap your hands

Junior Alexis Papp and her teammates clap in sync as their opponents are being introduced. "Ocean Springs is our biggest competition. The atmosphere while playing them is absolutely awesome! Everyone is involved in the game and it makes it so much fun," said Papp. / callie anne mccarty photo

5. set it up

"Communication is the most important part of volleyball! Without talking, you won't get a good pass, the right set, or a good hit. It's so hard to score without communicating on the court." Meredith McCall, 12, sets the ball in preparation for her teammate to score. / anna pittman photo

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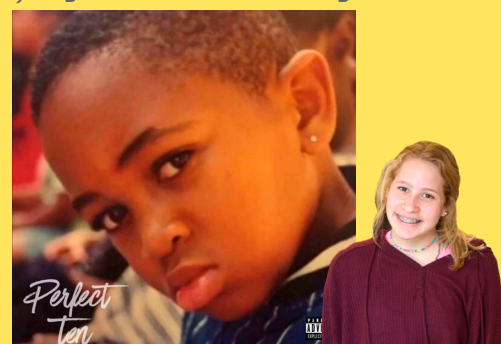
What's your favorite pregame hype song?

"UCLA," by RL Grime (ft. 24hrs)



Sydney Mitchell, 9

"Ballin'," by Mustard (ft. Roddy Ricch)



Franchely Flores, 11



6. dive n' thrive

Bekah Baugh, 12, swoops down to get the ball during pregame practice at PCS. "Pregame warmup is important to get us ready to play and it gets us hyped up before the game," Baugh explains. "My favorite part of warmup is hitting lines." / sydney durham photo

7. clean sweep

Junior Franchely Flores applauds her teammates after sweeping the home team in three sets. Autunez said, "It feels really good to win because all our hard work has paid off. It's very exciting just to do what you love with people like my team." / jane granberry photo



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Volleyball players reveal their must-have food court pre-game meals



"McAlister's" Alex Perren, 12



"Charleys Philly Steaks" Meredith McCall, 12



"Chick-Fil-A" Reese Plumlee, 9



"Mandarin Express" Lauren Perren, 12

"Baby Birkin," by Gunna



Anna McCardle, 12

"Humble Beginnings," by Bazzi



Alexis Papp, 11

"Slime Mentality," by NBA Youngboy



Lauren Barnes, 12

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