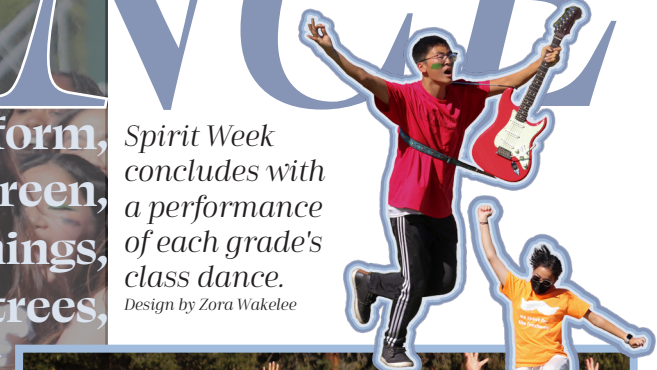


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Spirit Week concludes with a performance of each grade's class dance.  
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(above) **SMILING WITH JOY** and cheering to the songs, seniors Isabelle Jacobi and Julie Chung enjoy every moment of their last Spirit Week dance. "I thought seeing everyone together for the spirit dance was so fun and it was fun to reconnect with people you don't usually see around campus," Jacobi said.  
(top left cutout) **WITH A GUITAR** in hand, sophomore Charlie Chen runs in celebration and cheers with his classmates.  
(top right cutout) **JUMPING TO THE** beat, freshman An Nguyen leads the Lorax themed Spirit Week dance.

(top right) **AT THE FRONT**, juniors Bella Nguyen and Siena Dunn lead the juniors through their Minion Spirit Week dance. "I'm so glad I could share my passion of dance with the rest of the junior class and I'm really proud of how it turned out," Nguyen said.  
(bottom right) **WITH ARMS LINKED**, sophomores dance to the Stranger Things songs. "My favorite part of the Spirit Week dance was when we did the Stranger Things scene where Eleven uses her powers," Isabelle Carlsen said.  
(bottom cutout) **SPORTING CAMO**, SENIOR Ian Johnson flips through the air during the senior dance. Photos by Zora Wakelee

As students were decked out in orange, characters from Stranger Things, running with overalls on, and in senior camo. They were on the field, representing their class at the last Spirit Rally. Students danced their hearts out, showing the community the hard work they had put in for the past few weeks. All dances were choreographed by students in their grades.

Freshman An Nguyen, sophomores Kennedy Do and Llew Ladamirak, juniors Bella Nguyen and Siena Dunn, and seniors Bella Daly, Theresa Hart, Natalie Karel, and Anna Hagan all choreographed the dances.

Kennedy Do, sophomore choreographer, reflects on her experience incorporating the theme into the dance. "Our theme was Stranger Things so I wanted to add a lot of elements from the show," Do said. "Toward the end we had the 'o'clock' sound and then we also added a lot of songs that are known for being in Stranger Things like Running Up That Hill."

For the juniors, they leaned into the cartoonish aspect of their Minion theme, choreographed by Bella Nguyen and Siena Dunn.

"We just wanted it to be emphasized on being fun and almost comical," Dunn said.

To choreograph, students met together before the dance practices began to come up with the moves. Seniors

Bella Daly, Theresa Hart, Natalie Karel and Anna Hagan spent weeks brainstorming moves for their final spirit rally. "It was very collaborative," Hagan said. "We all just had random ideas pop in and we just bounced off of each other."

Some ideas involved dynamic dance moves so that the other classes in the audience could see their gestures.

"We wanted to make the dance very dynamic and have good visuals," Bella Nguyen said. "So less individual choreography, and more big picture visuals."

Along the way, choreographers ran into problems with their dances and getting attendance up.

"We'd have to reteach it constantly [...] and getting people's attention and getting them to come to the practices were definitely a challenge," Hagan said.

Some opted for a simple dance that could be easily learned to avoid this problem.

"Siena and I made the dance easy enough to where they were able to follow along easily and look like they actually knew the dance when a lot of people didn't come to practices," Bella Nguyen said.

Despite these challenges, the dances turned out great. Overall everyone was proud of the final products.

"I'm really proud of our grade," Hagan said. "A lot of people participated [...] and it felt nice to see the big dance after."

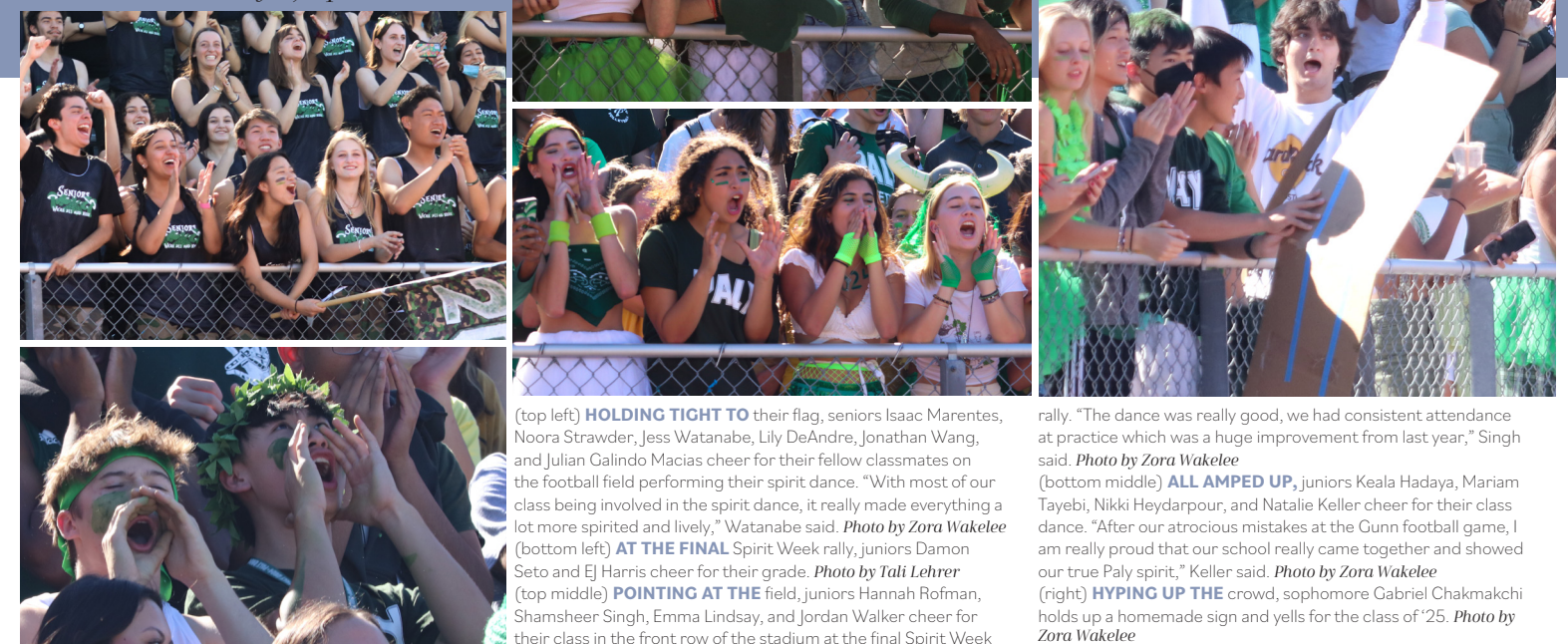
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**ANNA HAGAN (23)**

SCORE board	
seniors	12900
juniors	10500
sophomores	9700
freshman	5300

## RALLY it up

Students from all grades gather together to celebrate the last day of Spirit Week.



(top left) **HOLDING TIGHT TO** their flag, seniors Isaac Marentes, Noora Strawder, Jess Watanabe, Lily DeAndre, Jonathan Wang, and Julian Galindo Macias cheer for their fellow classmates on the football field performing their spirit dance. "With most of our class being involved in the spirit dance, it really made everything a lot more spirited and lively," Watanabe said. Photo by Zora Wakelee

(bottom left) **AT THE FINAL** Spirit Week rally, juniors Damon Seto and EJ Harris cheer for their grade. Photo by Tali Lehrer

(top middle) **POINTING AT THE** field, juniors Hannah Rofman, Shamsheer Singh, Emma Lindsay, and Jordan Walker cheer for their class in the front row of the stadium at the final Spirit Week rally. "The dance was really good, we had consistent attendance at practice which was a huge improvement from last year," Singh said. Photo by Zora Wakelee

(bottom middle) **ALL AMPED UP**, juniors Keala Hadaya, Mariam Tayebi, Nikki Heydarpour, and Natalie Keller cheer for their class dance. "After our atrocious mistakes at the Gunn football game, I am really proud that our school really came together and showed our true Paly spirit," Keller said. Photo by Zora Wakelee

(right) **HYPING UP THE** crowd, sophomore Gabriel Chakmakchi holds up a homemade sign and yells for the class of '25. Photo by Zora Wakelee

## lets float

Each class shows off their themed float.



(left) **SHOOTING BUBBLES, JUNIORS** Nate Donaker and Beck Lyons pose on their Minion themed float. Photo by Zora Wakelee  
(top middle) **GETTING INTO CHARACTER**, sophomores Tyler Kramer and Giacomo Resmini show off their class float in costume. "I think we did well on the float, the Scoops Ahoy sign was the best part," Kramer said. Photo by Caleb Wong  
(bottom middle) **WHILE BEING PARADED** around, freshmen Nathan Lee and Maxwell Merkel act in their class float. Photo by Caleb Wong  
(right) **DURING THE FLOAT** reveal, seniors Ian Johnson and Mia Rose Tuifua pose on their class's Alice in Wonderland themed float. "The scene that they chose to portray on the float was perfect and adding the characters really pulled everything together," Tuifua said. Photo by Zora Wakelee