



(top left) **REACHING FOR THE BALL** striker, Nadav Sternheim ('23) and mid-fielder, Rhys Foote attack the ball from an opposing player. "My favorite moment was seeing my teammates get back into the scoring mentality," Jonas Pao said. *Photo by Caleb Wong*

(bottom left) **BY TAKING A STAND**, senior captains, Zachary Cooper ('23) and Jonas Pao ('23) show their support of the LGBTQIA+ community by wearing matching armbands. "In Qatar they had a ban on the One Love armbands, which signify unity with the LGBTQIA+ community. And by wearing the armbands, we can silently stand up for what we believe in as captains and as a team," Cooper said. (right) **JUMPING TO HEIGHTS**, Seniors Hunter Aronson and Nadav Sternheim are awestruck by a soccer ball flying across the field. "My friend Nadav had a goal and three assists and other teammates had great goals," Pao said. *Photos Courtesy of Celeste Bates*

eyes ON the GOAL

Bringing home a victory of 4-1 against Leland, Boys Varsity Soccer Captains Zachary Cooper '23 and Jonas Pao '23 reflect on their win.

Story by Rebecca Doran



As the stadium lights illuminate the field turf, the boys varsity soccer team unleashes its power, taking home a 4-1 victory against Leland. Senior Captains, Zachary Cooper ('23) and Jonas Pao ('23) were impressed by the team dynamics and cooperation needed for a win so early on in the season.

"Overall, the game was a great opportunity for the team to work together and bond," Cooper said.

Because their soccer season coincided with the FIFA world cup, both Cooper and Pao wanted to show support for LGBTQIA+ communities by wearing matching armbands.

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Setting off an impressive final season as seniors, Cooper says they still have a long way to go. They are working hard to win league, win CCS and make it all the way to states.

"Those goals are lofty, but every day we are working towards those goals and the team has been doing a great job," Pao said. "I'm really happy that everyone is just as hungry as I am to win something for Paly and leave the school with a legacy."

"It's pretty clear that we had no problem linking up with each other and creating scoring chances," Pao said. "The result reflected how hard we practiced leading up to the game and we plan on continuing that mentality and team unity going forward."

During the game, the captains enjoyed the energy played on the field. "My favorite moment was seeing my teammates get back into the scoring mentality," Pao said. "My friend Nadav had a goal and three assists and other teammates had great goals."

He notes their most intense moment was their third goal because they built it from the back and almost every player on the field had made contact

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JONAS PAO ('23)



(top) **FINDING A BALANCE** was challenging for her business at the start due to school, but now Pegg has enough time to do both. "The biggest challenges so far have just been trying to find time for both my business and school, although I have found a pretty good balance between the two," Pegg ('25) said.



EMBRACING bracelets

Photos courtesy of Katelyn Pegg

Selling colorful bracelets online, Katelyn Pegg ('25) talks about creating a small business

Q "What inspired you to create your business?"
I have always loved making things with my hands, and after discovering other creators on social media sharing their work, I decided to try it out and eventually ended up selling my creations."

Q "What is your favorite thing about owning a business?"
My favorite thing about owning my business is being able to share my work with so many people, and the rewarding feeling when someone purchases something you've spent so much time to make."

Q "Do you have future goals for your business?"
My goals for the future are to continue working to grow my business and TikTok while also trying to create the highest quality content and products."

Keep On DANCIN'

Avni Shah '24 reflects on her preparation for *The Nutcracker*.

Photo Courtesy of Avni Shah



(right) **ON HER TOES**, Avni Shah performs in the holiday classic *Nutcracker* ballet. She recalls the process: "First I went to an audition, and a few weeks after the audition, I was cast," Shah said.

(down) **DANCING ON THE** stage, Shah performs with graceful dance steps along with the music. Shah's favorite part about her role as an arranging coffee soloist is that "it wasn't a purely technical one," Shah said. "It required me to express a lot of emotions and I was able to interpret the role a lot."

(right) **STRIKING A POSE** while performing, Shah talks about how they prepare for the show. "We did rehearsals every weekend, including a few Tucker's drills and dress rehearsals until the show," Shah said.



What do you like to do during winter break?



"I like ice skating, I like to go to the winter lodge to ice skate."

JANYA JAIN ('25)



"I like to go skiing during winter break. I went there twice in a month."

TERASITA RODILLO ('25)



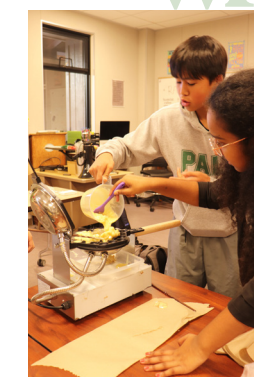
"I like to go skiing because I like to go to cold places as it is winter."

EMMA ZHANG ('24)

Waffle time

Photos by Hannah Huang

During a new PRIME addition, students cook up delicious bubble waffles together.



(left) **POURING THE BATTER** Nathan Lee ('26) holds the batter cup while Megha Madhabhushi ('23) scrapes it onto the waffle iron. "Our first waffle has some complications...we dropped it on the floor but some freshman still tried to eat it," Madhabhushi said.



(right) **MAKING SOME WAFFLES** freshmen Nathan Lee and David Wu smile during the PRIMETIME event. "The funnest part was helping to make the bubble waffles and eventually tasting the delicious final product!" Wu said.