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PREPARE FOR BATTL



By Spencer Kane

Submitted photos.

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y. – Behold, the long-awaited Battle of the Classes is upon us! Starting June 2, you and your classmates will prepare to compete against other classes to see who will bring home the trophy and the bragging rights.

Starting after school on June 2, battle events will include Wii bowling, badminton, and a ping pong competition. June 9 events will consist of the crowd favorite volleyball tournament. The rest of the activities will fall after school on June 10.

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SWCS BASE-**BALL: History Is Made**

By McKay Young

GOWANDA, N.Y. - Bottom of the seventh inning. Two outs. Southwestern's in the field. And Spencer Kane catches a pop fly to seal not only the final win of the regular season, but something much more. With his catch. Southwestern was named league champions for the first time in 42 years.

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BEST IN CLASS: Livingston Named 2022 Valedictorian



By Tucker Gesing

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y.- As school winds down and summer begins, the end of high school draws near for seniors. With graduation getting closer and closer, The Trojan Times would like to spotlight the Class of 2022 valedictorian: Ethan Living-

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HOLLYWOOD LIGHTS:

Students Reflect on Prom 2022



Submitted photos.

By Mia Turnbull

LAKEWOOD, N.Y. – What comes to mind when you think of prom? For many, it's sparkles, dresses, suits, dancing, fun, excitement, prom proposals, prom court, and good food.

Southwestern's 2022 prom met all those standards. The "Hollywood Lights" themed prom was hosted at Lakewood's Yacht Club on Saturday, May 14. Here students enjoyed a beautiful sunset, good food, and the company of their best friends.

This year's prom was particularly special because it presented the feeling that life is slowly returning to normal for all of the students who attended. But especially for the class of 2022, prom was a memorable experience that they were all very grateful to have.

"My favorite part of prom was seeing my friends' dresses, taking pictures at the lake, and of course the Shirley Temples," said senior Emma Anderson of her prom experience,

Senior Shiv Patel commented that the best part of his prom experience was when fellow seniors "Dontae [Hoose] and Max [Marshall] picked me up to crowd surf on the dance floor.

Having a fun prom would not be possible without the adults that help plan prom. Mr. Baglia and Mr. Frisbee are the junior class advisors, which gives them the task of planning prom. Mr. Baglia said he likes prom to be a primarily student-run event. Mr. Baglia also commented how the owner of the Yacht Club said he would be willing to host Southwestern's prom every year, which speaks to the strong character of our teachers and students.

Prom would not have been possible without the assistance of hard-working students, teachers and chaperones. It was a memorable night filled with and quality time with friends. In the end, prom 2022 will always hold a special Teagan Shedd and Spencer Kane place in the hearts of juniors and seniors.



were named prom king and queen.

BATTLE

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Different from other years, this year's Battle will include events during the school day and will be played out over three different dates.

"We are trying to get more people involved through more events," said Battle Coordinator Mrs. Seiberg. "This is our first year for Wii bowling, which is exciting. We are also excited for the freshman and sophomores to experience their first real Battle of the Classes."

Mrs. Seiberg has put a lot of work into this year's Battle of the Classes and hopes all students can come participate and support.

And students are already gearing up for the competition, including senior Dontae Hoose.

"I would say tug of war every year," Hoose said, when asked about his favorite event. "It's the best part of Battle. It's very fun and this is going to be our year to win it."

Hoose added: "Battle is a really fun activity that brings the school together and fosters some healthy competition between students."

Take it from Hoose: Battle of the Classes is a very fun activity that

gives you and your classmates a chance compete and have fun together. A11 students are encouraged to come and support their class!



Senior Class Travels to Allegany State Park



By Teagan Shedd

Submitted photo.

SALAMANCA, N.Y. — Normally at the end of the year, the senior class takes a trip together to cherish their final days as a class. With COVID-19 in the equation, there was a big question as to whether or not this year's seniors would be going anywhere.

The answer to this question is yes! At a cost of \$40, the senior class travelled to Allegany State Park from June 6 to June 8, accompanied by six chaperones.

When senior class advisors Mrs. Steger and Mr. Houser started planning the senior class trip, they had to think about COVID-19 restrictions.

"We thought if we could go somewhere outside, the school would approve it and we would be able to take the senior class somewhere instead of nowhere," said Mrs. Steger, prior to the trip. "We're hoping for good weather so we can take advantage of the beach and take a sunset hike the Tuesday we get there."

As for students' entertainment, there were paddleboards and kayaks to rent for use on the lake. There were also games and provided food. The seniors sat around the campfire at night and enjoyed each other's company.

The senior trip was also a great way for students to spend time with other classmates that they don't normally see during the school day.

"I think it will be very fun hanging out with my friends and people that I don't normally spend time with," said senior Suzie Piper, prior to leaving for Allegany.

The seniors stayed in two separate cabins, one for boys and one for girls. Within each cabin there were separate rooms that slept five people in beds.

Many seniors were excited to attend the senior class trip and they continue to appreciate and anticipate the finals days they have together.

FINANCIAL COLUMN with Southern Chautauqua FCU

Don't Fudge It, Budget!

By Ethan Luce

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y. – College kids are filling their minds, but are they emptying their pockets?

Living away from home for the first time often leaves students in control of their own finances. While this process is a normal part of life, it can be a trap for unsuspecting college attenders.

College tuition can be expensive. With the added cost of room and board, books and a meal plan, most students take out a loan for school. On top of these expenses, students can get themselves into trouble spending on fast food, social events and new clothes.

Fortunately, financially smart decisions along with a proper budget will put students in a good position. Anyone planning on college needs to save money, find ways to lower college cost and create a budget.

"If you don't have one already, get a job for the summer," said former business teacher, Mr. Casini. "Save as much of your paycheck as you can. Be frugal ...don't spend your money on trivial items or lots of fast food."

The next step is dropping college costs. Current seniors have likely chosen a school, but younger students should explore a place of study they can afford.

"College, depending on the choice of school, can be VERY expensive," Mr. Casini said. "[Students] making their education decisions cannot be solely based on which school they 'want' to attend."

All high school students can be on the lookout for grants and scholarships. Unlike loans, this is "free" money students can put towards college and not pay back. Scholarships have applications and can be awarded based on grades, extracurriculars, community service, and financial need.

"Be sure to apply for the Community Foundation Scholarships and check out the website www.myredkite.com for more information about financial aid and scholarships," said Mrs. Parker, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union school branch coordinator.

Finally, students need to create a budget.

"Think about the things you will need to pay for during the school

year and create a plan on how much you can spend each week," Mrs. Parker said. "This will help you make any savings and income you earn work for you and help you make better choices with your money. I am always here to help create a budget and talk about what things you might need to budget for."



STUDENT OPINIONS

Walls to Whiteboards SENIOR SEASON:

Staff & students reflect on what it means to be a senior



Seniors prepare their class signs at Homecoming. Submitted photos.

By Ella White

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y. - What is it like to be a senior at Southwestern High School? How do you begin to prepare for the "real world"? What is most important to know prior to graduating?

Southwestern High School acts as a home to their students for four years. The students range between 14 years old and 18 years old. The length of high school may seem absurd to younger individuals; however, time truly flies. Abby Adams, Emily Kimball and Alexis Crytzer are willing to share their experiences and advice for upcoming seniors.

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Senior Abby Adams enjoying one of her last days of high school.

By Brendan Luce

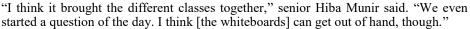
WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y.- A couple weeks ago, Southwestern students vandalized the upstairs bathroom in the high school. Several students painted messages on the walls, some of which targeted fellow students.

After addressing the issues over the loudspeaker, principal Mr. Cooper introduced a possible solution: he placed whiteboards in the two upstairs bathrooms by the IT department. This allowed students to doodle and write messages to everyone else without defacing school property.

After some confusion as to why whiteboards were in the bathroom, students began using the whiteboards for various purposes: doodling, polls, comments, and even a drawing contest that went on for an entire week.

"It's an interesting solution and I think it's helping the vandalism problem, but could allow for new problems to arise," said senior Dontae Hoose. "Not everything on the boards has been positive, but I think it's brought every-

one together through creative discussions."



So, have the whiteboards created more problems or solutions?

"My concern is that we still are seeing inappropriate posts in bathrooms, and some of them have been offensive," Mr. Cooper said. "I don't want to see these whiteboards be used as another platform to be mean or to bully any groups or individuals."

Hoose is right: There are students connections that have been made because of the whiteboards through polls, comments, and contests. But Mr. Cooper is also right: there have been many inappropriate messages written on the boards that are harmful and derogatory.

So, have the whiteboards created more problems or solutions?

Personally, I think the whiteboards were a creative solution that helped the vandalism problem. There has been a drastic decrease in reports of vandalism, but not all the messages written on the boards are appropriate.

Is it a perfect solution? No, but it is a very unique and effective approach to the problem at hand.

"I think it benefits students' creativity and fosters connections in the school," Hoose said. "I think we should put whiteboards in all the bathrooms so students can express themselves through drawing."

"If we can follow some guidelines, be courteous, and ensure all posts are kind and can't be construed as offensive in any way, we can continue to use the whiteboards as an opportunity for students to express themselves," Mr. Cooper said.

I agree with both statements. We'll have to see how the situation progresses before changing things, but for now, the whiteboards are here to stay.



Students' doodles on a bathroom white board. Photo by Brendan Luce.

SPORTS

THEY SHOOT, THEY SCORE

Unified Basketball Team Finishes Season Undefeated







Submitted photos.

By Emily Kimball

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y.- The Southwestern Unified Basketball Team proved they are capable of anything after a season full of crossing-up opponents, hitting threes, and playing ruthless defense.

This year marks Southwestern's first year playing under Unified Basketball, a program that administration has been attempting to adopt for quite some time now. Unified Basketball is an AIA-sanctioned sport supported by and in conjunction with Special Olympics, which has been established to foster inclusion, camaraderie, and the development of meaningful relationships between students with intellectual disabilities (Unified Athletes) and students without intellectual disabilities (Unified Partners).

"We've been working at getting our team since Covid," said superintendent Mrs. Donahue.

The Southwestern Trojans, coached by Mr. Emley, finished the 2022 season undefeated with a record of 6-0 in the league.

"We're undefeated - they're doing great," said Mr. Emley. "They're giving their best effort."

When asked about why he chose to take on the

role, Mr. Emley replied, "Most of them are my student population and I love basketball."

There are currently 46 Unified Basketball teams in Section 6 with six of those teams falling within Southwestern's league.

Unified Basketball gives anyone a chance to learn and compete, and for many on the team, this program was their first experience with basketball and competition as a whole.

Colin Leroy, a senior member of the Unified Basketball team, said, "This season alone was my first time doing this."

Although late to the game, Leroy and his teammates have done exceptionally well this season regardless of this being their first time playing.

After a game against Fredonia, Leroy said, "I had six points... Last game I got 12 points, which is an anomaly for me."

Thanks to the success of the basketball team, administration is eager to offer other Unified Sports programs at Southwestern.

There is confirmation that Unified Bowling will be up and running next year at our school.

Track Team Finishes First Normal Season in Three Years



Submitted photos.

Track team celebrates after winning Sectionals.

By McKay Young

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y. – Varsity track head coach Sirianni expressed, "It has been since 2019 that we have had a regular track season. I can't tell you how nice it is to finally be back."

After two years of no season and a modified season, the varsity track team is back and better than ever. Numerous records have been broken; six to be exact.

"Breaking records is always awesome to do," Sirianni said. "To break six in one season is amazing and unique." Sirianni said.

The track team is on a dominant run and has a 35-win streak in dual events. The graduating senior athletes will leave Southwestern without losing a single dual meet in their careers.



Graduating seniors from the varsity track team.

CHAMPS

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With an amazing run in the regular season the Trojans are named second seed heading into playoffs. Senior Aidan Kennedy had this to say going into the postseason: "I think heading into playoffs we are all confident and excited to be in this position to make a deep run."

The baseball team found its way to the second round where Medina knocked them out

Corey Competes at State Golf Championship



Submitted photo.

By Trojan Times Staff

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.—Josephine Corey's senior golf season ended Monday, June 8, after a phenomenal regular season and a run to states. She shot a 191 over a two-day competition at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association girls golf championships, taking 64th place. The tournament took place at McGregor Links Country Club.

Corey's states run came after finishing ninth at the Section VI qualifier at Gowanda Country Club in May. She shot a 92 at the qualifying match to earn her place at states.

"Josephine has been working to improve her golf game both during the season and in the off-season since seventh grade," said Corey's coach, Mrs. Seiberg. "It has been so special to see her hard work and dedication pay off. Going to the state tournament has been a goal of hers for a few years, and with this being the first state championship in three years due to COVID, I am so happy that she was able to participate."

Corey is headed to Allegheny College in the fall to compete for the Lady Gators golf team.

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

An overview of Southwestern's 2022 spring sports seasons

Varsity Boys Baseball:

League Record: 12-2

Overall Record: 15-4

Player of the Year: Aidan

Kennedy

1st Team All-Stars: Aidan Photo submitted by Shelly Phillips.

Kennedy, Jameson Walsh,

Lucas Gilbert

2nd Team All-Stars: Dustin Hendrick, Jayce Neal

Honorable Mentions: Spencer Kane, Max Marshall



Overall Record: 4-11



Varsity Track:

Overall Record: 7-0

League Record: 6-0

Sectional Champions

State Qualifiers:

Trenton Shutters: 800, 4x800

Relay

Nate Lewis: 4x800 Relay Ethan Luce: 4x800 Relay Donavin Brown: 4x800 Re-

lay

Michael Butterfield: 200 Dontae Hoose: Shot Put



Photo submitted by Shelly Phillips.

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Varsity Boys Tennis:

League Record:

Overall Record:

Sectional Qualifiers:



Varsity Girls Softball:

League Record: 2-10

Overall Record: 2-

13

1st Team All-Stars: Alli Durnell

2nd Team All-Stars: Teagan Shedd, Maddy Rose Cresanti

Honorable Mentions: Brynne Con-

tions: Brynne Conley, Lia Constantino



Photos submitted by Shelly Phillips.



JV Girls Softball:

Overall Record: 9-4



Varsity Boys Golf:

Overall Record: 18-3

League Record: 13-3

Sectional Qualifiers:

Griffin Bogdanowicz

Zach Rhodes



Submitted photo

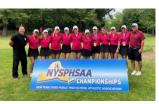
Varsity Girls Golf:

Overall Record: 2-8

League Record: 2-6

State Qualifier:

Josephine Corey



Submitted photo.

REVIEWS

RIDDLE ME THIS...



Image of the Riddler submitted by Aiden Moons.

By Ezekiel Passanise

When I am metal or wood, I bring you home. When I am flesh and blood, in the darkness I roam. What am I?

A bat!

And a bat is the just happens to be the main character of the most recent movie added to the Batman franchise, "The Batman." Batman himself is por-

trayed by the well-known actor Robert Pattinson as he tries to stop a deranged puzzle-loving serial killer who is known as the Riddler.

The film is full of some of the most popular Batman characters, such as Catwoman, the Penguin and even the Joker in a small, deleted scene.

"The Batman" is an expertly shot and the visuals of the film are clearly meticulously thought out. The lighting of the entire film depicts both moody streets and filthy buildings located in the city of Gotham.

And that's not the only visually impressive part of the movie, as the action scenes are choreographed with beautiful fluidity and impressive camera angles.

Pattinson does a fantastic job in making every fight scene with the Batman look both realistic, yet fun and exciting to watch.

Along with everything else, the music for the film is perfectly chosen. It enhances the lonely, gritty feeling as the movie unfolds.

"The Batman" is a thrilling movie to watch, with passionate, talented actors and stunning visual and audio effects. It is a perfect addition to the Batman franchise.

"OBI-WAN KENOBI" Hit or Miss?

By Oliver Hagel

Does the new "Obi-Wan Kenobi" show do justice to the "Star Wars" saga? Is it everything we've wanted since the "Mandalorian" series? Will it be a hit or a miss for Disney?

"Obi-Wan Kenobi" is a new show in the "Star Wars" series following the story of Obi-Wan Kenobi 10 years after the events of "Revenge of the Sith." Obi-Wan Kenobi, now referring to himself as Ben Kenobi, has been forced into hiding and left his Jedi ways in the past. Or has he?

Although only three episodes have been released so far, the show has given "Star Wars" fans much to be excited about. Bringing back Ewan McGregor to portray the Jedi in hiding was a stroke of genius. A flash to the past for "Star Wars" fans, McGregor was an amazing casting choice.

The show up to now is suspenseful, action packed and exciting. Bringing back many familiar characters and introducing many new ones, "Obi-Wan Kenobi" has been perfect for "Star Wars" fans reminiscing on the movies of the past. Kenobi tries to lead a simple life as an average villager but is soon left with a very difficult decision.

McGregor portrays an indecisive former Jedi, left torn between resorting to his former Jedi ways to help someone in

need or remaining a simple villager to protect his identity.

Hopefully the show will be able to live up to the rest of the "Star Wars" saga and compete with "Mandalorian" in success and eminence.

Overall, the beginnings of the show will be exciting for "Star Wars" lovers. Although still very early on in the show, as of now "Obi-Wan Kenobi" is a hit. I would give it a rating of eight out of 10.



Promotional photo by Disney.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



GRADUATION 2022:

A Long-Awaited Return to Normalcy





Submitted photos.

COVID-19 restrictions impeded the Class of 2021 graduation.

By Hiba Munir

WEST ELLICOTT, N.Y- Homecoming dances, proms, sports, physical interaction. This is just a fraction of what students have been deprived of in the midst of COVID. As mask mandates are lifted and vaccines are produced, the hope for a normal senior year—and graduation—was rooted in the seniors' thoughts.

That dream will become a reality on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m., as seniors will be able to cross the stage and receive their diplomas in a graduation ceremony that symbolizes a return to normalcy. The high school staff and administration look forward to being able to give their seniors a ceremony they deserve..

"I feel like I won't have this stress level that I had for the past two years," said superintendent Mrs. Donahue. "We will be returning back inside the auditorium, no restrictions, and we're excited."

These fewer restrictions have led to a lot of excitement being expressed around the seniors. Excitement that has been lacking the past two years. There hasn't been a graduation with a normal graduation since the class of 2019.

COVID-19 took a toll on every aspect of school, and it left the graduating classes of '20 and '21 without real senior years. A huge part of that loss was graduation. The Class of 2020 could only arrive in cars, with two family members in their car, and step out and receive their diploma. While the Class of 2021 had it better, as they could have an actual ceremony, they still faced restrictions.

"It was nice to see our whole class at graduation, since we went the whole year only being able to see half, but it wasn't the most fun because of the fact we had to wear masks at certain times," said Zishan Munir, a 2021 graduate who experienced the restrictions at his graduation at Southwestern.

As seniors move into the final weeks of school, the Class of 2022 is preparing to graduate the way it's hoped all year long.

"These past four years have provided anything but a 'typical/normal' high school experience," said Mrs. Winchester, high school guidance counselor. "Yet remarkably, the graduating class met each challenge and obstacle to carve out a high school was unique and fulfilling."

The Class of 2022 will be able to hopefully finish carving out their high school experience, along-side their loved ones and peers, at graduation in two weeks at Southwestern's high school auditorium.

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Livingston is a senior in the class of 2022 and has earned the honor of being named Valedictorian. A Valedictorian is a student who has typically achieved the highest academic achievement in a graduating class.

"It's kind of complex," Livingston said, when asked how it feels to be number one. "I decided to shoot for number one back in freshman year, and it's satisfying to be able to follow through on that goal. Now that I've achieved it, however, it doesn't feel like as big as a deal."

Regardless, the accomplishment is certainly a big deal to those around him. Livingston's teachers say that his work ethic and focus on learning have separated him from other students and contributed to his success.

"[Ethan] is an extremely focused, hard-working student who is passionate about his learning," said Mr. Pagett, Livingston's physics teacher. He went on to say that Livingston is one of the top physics students he has had the pleasure of teaching, in part because of Livingston's commitment to not only learning material, but to mastering it.

As for anyone who seeks to follow in Livingston's footsteps, students must be willing to put in their due diligence.

"Do the little things," advised Mr. Pagett. "The separation of the top students usually comes down to who is willing to put that little extra time into preparing."

Southwestern Announces Top 10 Students in 2022



The top 10, pictured above, received an honorary luncheon. Submitted photo.

By Dontae Hoose

With the school year winding down and AP's finally over, many of the school's top students have finally had a chance to breathe. With their high school career finally coming to an end, many of these students were honored with a special luncheon for the top 10 in their class.

The top 10 represents the select group of students who boast the 10 highest GPAs in the senior class averaged over four years, with the crowning jewel being the salutatorian and valedictorian (see page A1).

"Every year I look forward to senior leadership and a lot of that does spin out of students in the top 10 in the class," said high school principal, Mr. Cooper. "The commitment these kids have made academically, but also through athletics and extracurriculars, is exceptional."

Every student on the top 10 list is more than just an exceptional student. Each one is a member of The National Honor Society and is active in sports here at Southwestern. It's also not uncommon to see these gifted students participating in community service and helping around the school.

"When I look around the top 10 list, I see how many other things they do. They do musical things, they work, they do athletics, and they do others extracurriculars,"

TOP 10 RANKING

- 1. Ethan Livingston, Valedictorian
- 2. Mellisa Devore, Salutatorian
- 3. Emily Kimball
- 4. Ella White
- 5. Dontae Hoose
- 6. Brendan Luce
- 7. Ethan Luce
- 8. Teagan Shedd
- 9. Braley Lachner
- 10. Isabella Grijalva

said superintendent Mrs. Donahue. "You can be a 100-average student, but you need to also be a well-rounded student. They've all accomplished that goal."

Each year, the top 10 luncheon honors these select few at the top of their class. Many students strive to one day be part of the occasion.

"I challenge future students to give their best, because that's all we can ask for," said senior Ethan Luce, who ranked this year at number seven.

A message that seems to resonate with every top 10 senior is the importance of hard work and dedication to your passions, no matter what your grades are.

"Work hard, but don't let it consume your life," said senior Teagan Shedd, ranking at number eight. "Your grades don't define you. Your work ethic does."

Regardless of rank or status, all seniors should be proud of what they've accomplished when they walk across the stage at graduation.

"I think it's an amazing accomplishment, and I'm so proud of our kids," Mrs. Donahue said. "I'm as proud of the kid who's in the top ten [as the kid] who's worked really hard and may not be in the top 10. Not every kid who works really hard is in the top 10, but the fact that they did the very best they could do [is an amazing accomplishment]."

SENIOR SEASON **Continued from B1**

Experiencing Senior Year



Seniors volunteer at Special Olympics. Submitted photos.

The experience of a senior at Southwestern High School is both exciting and emotional. There are numerous events that make the notable. vear One of the many unforgettable experiences prom. Although

the formal event consists of seniors and juniors, the dance is extra special for the graduating class.

"My favorite memory this year was prom," Adams said. "I loved to eat the food and dance with my friends."

A large part of a senior's life is consumed by applying to colleges, too. This experience is simply unforgettable. The realization of leaving your friends and school brings about various emotions.

"I will never forget the emotions I felt once I finished the applications and committed to college," Kimball stated. "Additionally, watching my friends commit to colleges was very exciting as I got to see all their hard work pay off."



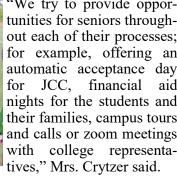
Seniors at the "Hollywood Lights" themed prom.

Advice and Resources for Seniors

The school counselor, Mrs. Crytzer, has a unique take on seniors at Southwestern High School. She is

constantly looking for opportunities that will simplify a student's transition out of high school.

"We try to provide opportunities for seniors throughout each of their processes; for example, offering an automatic acceptance day for JCC, financial aid nights for the students and their families, campus tours and calls or zoom meetings with college representa-



Similar to our school counselor, Kimball strives to

better the experience of all students at Southwestern High School. She offers advice to not only upcoming seniors, but underclassmen, too.

"I highly recommend working hard without overly exerting yourself," Kimball said. "You don't want to look back and regret missing out on experiences because you were too stressed about school."

Summarizing the Year

Senior Isabella Grijalva volunteers

at elementary field day.

The opportunities, resources and experiences for seniors at Southwestern High School are above av-

erage. The process of graduating high school is surreal and slightly different for all individuals. The life of a senior can hard to describe; however, Adams is able to summarize the year.

"The three words I would use to describe my feelings are sad, happy and excited," Adams said.



Senior English students participate in the Buddy Project to foster school community.

