



Seniors Avah Wallischeck and Isabelle Reynolds hang up a banner for their Homecoming hallway. The seniors' hallway theme was Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Olivia Ford photo

The football team runs out at the beginning of their game against Plainfield. The Woodmen fell short against the Quakers. Keyara Johnson photo



Seniors James Williams and Lydia Crossman ride in the Homecoming parade. They were crowned Homecoming King and Queen the week prior during the school dance. KJones photo



Mr. Jerrod Watson, strength coach, talks to powderpuff players before their game. Watson was one of the refs. Leah Beaman photo

# Homecoming Hysteria

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Homecoming hysteria kicked off with the dance and ended with a game threatened by rain. Students enjoyed the red carpet Hollywood-themed dance with a DJ and popcorn machine in the auxiliary gym. Seniors James Williams and Lydia Crossman took home the title of Homecoming King and Queen while seniors Alex Kamer and Emma Gardner claimed senior prince and princess titles. Juniors Parker Doolin and Paige Glynn were honored as junior prince and princess, sophomores Jefferson Delmonte and Briar Simpson were crowned sophomore prince and princess, and freshman Jackson Davis and Addy Houseman won freshman prince and princess titles.

Then, students arrived on Monday dressed in their pajamas to kick off Homecoming spirit week. The next spirit days included Adam Sandler Day, USA Day, and Pink Vs. Blackout followed by Class Color Day on Friday although teachers won red in honor of Mrs. Bates' passing.

Students then participated in the next Homecoming festivity: the parade and powderpuff event. In a sudden death finale, the senior class took home the powderpuff trophy, making it the second time the Class of 2025 has taken home a victory in powderpuff. Students also got to watch the powderpuff cheerleaders perform popular dances, such as the Dallas Cowboys Cheer routine and various other songs and remixes. The night ended with an exciting performance from the senior powderpuff cheerleaders after spectators waited for senior Nick Pruett and Carter Chatham to arrive from a tennis match to perform their routine.

Homecoming week ended on Friday night under the lights with a 90-minute rain delay and an unfortunate loss to the Plainfield Quakers.



Senior Makena Cruse crowns seniors Emma Gardner and Alex Kramer as Homecoming princess and prince. Gardner and Kramer have been dating for two and a half years. Abigail Wilcox photo



Senior Emma Gardner and junior Gillian Semmler invite elementary students to the Homecoming parade. Gardner is the student council vice president and Semmler is the junior class president. Abigail Wilcox photo



Sophomore Isaac Bemis flips through the air. The cheerleaders performed at the powderpuff game. Leah Beaman photo



The marching band performs during half time of the Homecoming football game. They debuted their new show the following day at their competition. Keyara Johnson photo



The cheerleaders welcome students to the pep rally. The competition team had won their competition the previous week. Paige Glynn photo



Sophomore Davion Jones hurdles a Plainfield defensive player. Jones rushed for 53 yards during the game. Atley Jacks photo



Senior Nicky Sergi and graduate Nathaniel Nasser pose for a photo at the Homecoming dance. Student Council set up multiple areas for photos. Ali Emkes photo



Junior Sophia Hignite gets students pumped for the pep rally. The cheerleaders performed the fight song as well as their competition routine at the beginning of the event. Paige Glynn photo