

# On the sidelines, but not a coach

## Bose captures memories for students

As a math teacher, Joey Bose has her students solve problems and make calculations, but after the final school bell of the day, Bose takes on a different role. She uses her knowledge of angles to capture fascinating pictures at Southern Valley's many athletic and activity events.

Bose, mother of six children, has had kids attending Southern Valley for many years which is how she got started taking pictures to capture memories. "I started maybe when my oldest kids were in junior high or high school back around 2010. I started with a little Kodak camera that had some zoom and was like an 8-megapixel camera," explained Bose.

What started as a way to preserve memories for her family soon expanded to taking pictures at many Southern Valley events. Bose said, "I started taking pictures of my kids as they played or were in activities like concerts, church, or family time. As they got older, I was taking pictures and sharing them on social media. I had some parents thank me for sharing photos of their children."

As parents, it can be difficult to get pictures especially in families with multiple children in different activities. Bose said, "I love that I can help other parents out and the athletes too. I know most can't or don't want to take pictures of their kids. They appreciate it when they get to see their kids in the photos I take. I also know the athletes like to go see what I get of them. I try hard to get pictures of everyone."

High school students enjoy going on social media and seeing all the outstanding pictures Bose gets of the teams at Southern Valley. Junior Vanesa Aguayo is a multi-sport athlete and is also involved in many activities. "I enjoy the pictures Mrs. Bose takes of us because we get to see ourselves playing, and we get to keep those pictures," said Aguayo. Bose shares her images for free and encourages families to save their favorites.

As the years go by and her last two children get older, Bose aims to continue taking pictures for the school. "I am planning to continue as I will still have a daughter playing for a couple more years. After that, I will probably not get to all the activities but will still try to get to a lot of them." Bose enjoys being on the sidelines as a photographer.

"I have no regrets. I love taking pictures, I just wish I was as good as people I see post on other teams. I know I have come a long way, but I also know I have room for improvement. I honestly am thrilled that I do this. I have seen so many of my pictures on other people's posts, and I even saw a student a few years back who had their senior table display filled with pictures I took. That is why I do it--for the kids!"



RIGHT: A view of just a few of the hundreds of photos Joey Bose has captured for SV students.

