

Taking a break from their fun morning, seniors Cael Morris, Willem Hagen, John Meyer and George Reese hold a senior sign for a picture. The four guys were among the group of seniors who spent the night on the football field prior to senior sunrise. "It was a lot of fun and is going to be a great memory to look back on in the future," Meyer said. Photo by B. Hart



SLEEP Over

SENIOR BOYS SPEND THE LAST NIGHT OF SUMMER ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

The night before senior sunrise, Aldrich Field had some unexpected visitors. A group of around 20 senior boys had the idea to spend the night on the field.

This idea was brought up at the last minute and the seniors started to plan their night. They decided to show up shortly after sunset to begin their fun.

Their night was filled with yard games, joking around and trips to McDonald's, which resulted in very few hours of sleep.

"We tried to play spike ball, but it was difficult in the dark," senior **BENJAMIN SPRINGER** said. "We spent most of the night talking to each other about random stuff."

Senior **JOHN MEYER** had an original experience that night. He had lost his fantasy football league the previous season, so his punishment was drinking a gallon of milk and running a mile after, commonly called the milk mile.

"I had no intention of running, but when I got to the field, my friends had the milk ready," Meyer said. "The milk was warm and I felt terrible for a long time after."

His friends tried to take him to McDonald's to make him feel better, but it was not helpful.

Around two in the morning, the guys decided to get some sleep.

"I brought a tent, but we ended up not using it," Springer said. "We wanted to look at the stars, so everyone put their sleeping bags on the turf."

Seniors **CAEL MORRIS** and **COLTEN WIESELER** agreed that sleeping in the middle of the field was memorable.

"My favorite part was definitely talking with everyone before we fell asleep," Morris said. "It was such a unique experience."

The group of boys packed up before the sun rose and waited for their other classmates to arrive. Through their tiredness, they continued to have fun that morning.

Senior sunrise provided an opportunity for the class of 2026 to gather, watch the sunrise, eat breakfast and play games, marking the start of their final year of high school together.



After an intense game of spike ball, seniors Colten Wieseler, Benjamin Springer and Joseph Majerus pause for a picture with the senior sunrise sign. "My favorite part of the morning was playing spike ball with my friends," Springer said. Cornhole was also a big hit among seniors in addition to spike ball. Photo by B. Hart



With a giant deck of cards, a group of senior girls plays a game of spoons. "The cards were huge, which made the game more exciting and way more stressful," senior Kelcee Kumke said. Kumke won the game, so her friends had to buy her a 7 Brew drink. Photo by B. Hart

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