



"THE WATER BALLOON TOSS WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE BECAUSE I TRIED SOMETHING NEW."

Thomas Bauersachs (7)



ROYAL ENTRANCE: In his homecoming king crown, **Tyler Keiser (12)** makes an entrance into the homecoming dance. All three of Keiser's older siblings also won homecoming king or queen. "I was really happy I won it," Keiser said. "It feels good to be the one who finished it. It is cool to say we all did it."



JUST SMILE AND WAVE: During the parade, senior homecoming court candidates **Maddox Wentworth (12)** and **Kylie Krajicek (12)** laugh while waving to the elementary students. Both candidates had older siblings who were on homecoming court. "I was laughing so hard because of Maddox saying funny dialogue the whole time," Krajicek said.



GAME ON!: During the second annual powderpuff football game, **Charley Weeder (11)** gets ready to hand off the ball to **Emmy Tederman (11)**. The seniors won the game 21-7. "Even though we lost, it was a fun chance to play a sport I normally don't play," Tederman said.



SOMEBODY'S CLOSERRR: On Adam Sandler Day during homecoming week, **Chase Schake (10)** joins in on an interactive world history project. About 73 percent of students dressed up that day. "I was excited to dress up as Happy Gilmore for Adam Sandler Day because it is one of my favorite movies," Schake said.

Traditions tastefully TAILORED

HOMECOMING FRIDAY PROVIDES DAY OF FUN FOR THIRD YEAR

At Yutan, students have always looked forward to the joy of homecoming Friday, with its afternoon of fun and games. Three years ago, this tradition was brought to a new level with games all day and an early dismissal at one. With this being the third year of the tradition, the Student Council focused more on fine-tuning the day instead of adding new activities.

"The day ran more smoothly than the first year," Student Council sponsor Alyssa Hansen said. "It flowed better, and I feel like everyone was on the same page."

To start the day, students moved through rotations, making banners in the cafeteria and playing card games in the library, tag on the football field and kickball on the practice football field. After rotations, students played trivia on a Kahoot, answering questions from a range of school subjects.

"Some of the questions were actually really difficult, but we could remember some of the stuff throughout our high school years," senior Molly Besch said. "It was fun playing against other grade levels."

After trivia, students walked to the elementary school to watch the parade, consisting of homecoming royalty, band, cheer and class floats. For the second year in a row, the Class of 2030 won the class floats.

"My favorite part was that you could see all the hard work we put into it," eighth grader Ella Baulisch said. "I also liked hanging out with my friends after the float was done."

When the parade ended, students headed to the practice field to watch or participate in the Chieftain Games, consisting of cupcake eating and water balloon toss, and powderpuff football, where the junior and senior girls faced off, with the senior girls coming out with the win.

"I would say being able to block the juniors from scoring and them getting kind of mad about it was just kind of funny," Besch said. "I had a lot of fun playing with friends for my last year."

The games then moved inside, and students in seventh through tenth grades played dodgeball in the gym while the juniors and seniors ate lunch. The eighth graders beat the seventh graders, and the sophomores beat the freshmen, but regardless of the outcome, dodgeball was fun for all.

"I liked playing dodgeball because it brought a lot of competitiveness back into my life," freshman Hayleigh Darling said.

Once dodgeball was done, the junior and senior boys played a game of powderpuff volleyball. Just like in powderpuff, the seniors came out with a win.

"My favorite part of volleyball was just playing and just messing around on the court, just having fun as a group, being competitive," junior Eli Kult said.

The day of fun then ended with a pep rally. This year, the seniors and teachers played a game of pizza box knockoff. During the game, the seniors tried to knock each teacher's pizza box from their hand while the teachers tried to do the same to the seniors.

"My favorite part of the pizza box challenge was when I sacrificed myself to get the Dan Krajicek out," senior Jordyn Campbell said.

Overall, the day ended with memories that students will remember years later, all because of a new tradition that keeps getting better.

"I want to make sure that the focus remains on our students having the best day they can, making memories that they are going to treasure for the rest of their lives," Hansen said.



TA DA!: **Ashtyn Anderson (10)** demonstrates a magic trick on **Jenna Long (10)**. On color day, a bird hit a nearby power pole, causing the power to go out. "We had to take our tests in the hall when the power went out, so when we were done, I showed Jenna this magic trick," Anderson said.

Caught up in the MOMENT



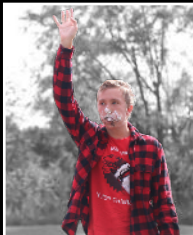
"My favorite part of the pizza game was that I got to prove Mrs. Hansen wrong."

-Jaxon Wood (12)



"I really liked getting to play against the freshman in dodgeball and winning."

-Addi Jones (10)



"I was happy that I won because that was the first contest I've won here."

-Jalen Gahan (9)