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### **RANGER FOOTBALL**

By: Jacob Zavala, Max Quintero, and Isaac Sanchez Cabello



As the leaves begin to change and the air gets crisper, the excitement around our school intensifies—it's football season! The team has been working tirelessly all summer, preparing to take the field with renewed energy, determination, and a fierce desire to represent our school with pride. This year, expectations are high as we aim to build on last season's successes and overcome new challenges. From thrilling touchdowns to heart-stopping defensive plays, the season promises to be a rollercoaster of emotions.

After a fantastic performance from 7th grade last year and new players on the team. we are looking forward to what this football season will bring for 8th grade. Jayden Conlon is a student on the team, and here is what he had to say: "With new teams and old foes, I think A team wants to get revenge against Jefferson and bring home the championship." We journalist believe, especially under the guidance of Coach Navarro, our A team will have the best of luck this season. We also have Coach Madden as the B team coach. He'll make us work hard to reach new limits. The defense coach is Coach El Campo. They are all fantastic coaches, and they will make the team work hard so they can win the championship. They will better the team's defense and awareness, ensuring the defense will be impenetrable for the upcoming games.

# Rudder's First Pep Rally!

By: Ameriee Santos and Delylah Hawk



Rudder Middle School kicked off the school year with a bang at its first ever pep rally on Wednesday, October 2nd. It's thanks to our talented dance teacher, Mrs. Patkowski, that this event was able to happen! She brought together students, teachers, and parents for a spirited celebration of school pride. The football field was filled with cheers, colorful banners, and the rhythmic beats of the school band, creating an electric atmosphere.

Students showcased their enthusiasm with dance performances, band performances, orchestra performances, and a special appearance from the Ranger school mascot. We even saw all our favorite teachers show off their dancing skills with a surprise teacher performance, sending the crowd into a fit of cheers. Principal Ramirez encouraged everyone to embrace the school spirit and work together to make this year a success.

"It is a good way to get everyone involved," Mr. Ramirez said. "This pep rally lets everyone see each other's differences and individualities!"

Mr. Ramirez is very proud of how the event went, stating that it creates a sense of community among the campus. We have to agree! Rumor has it there are plans to have at least one more pep rally in the future. We are excited to see our Rangers show off their talents one more time!

## **Rudder Volleyball**

By: Jacob Zavala, Max Quintero, and Isaac Sanchez Cabello Photos By: Jackie Reyna



With the volleyball season starting up and both new and returning players eager to hit the court, the excitement is building. The game itself is fast-paced and dynamic, where teams battle to be the first to score 25 points to win a set. To do this, they must skillfully pass, set, and spike the ball over the net while ensuring it's returned by the opposing team within three hits or fewer. Precision, teamwork, and quick reflexes are essential, and our teams have been training hard to perfect their plays.

This season, we have both an A team and a B team, allowing a wide range of talent to take the stage. The A team is full of experienced players, while the B team offers promising newcomers the chance to develop and showcase their skills. One of the standout stars this year is Arozo Safi, whose powerful spikes and well-placed serves have already made a huge impact. Known for their leadership and ability to stay calm under pressure, they're expected to play a crucial role in the team's success. With such talent and dedication, this season promises to be one of the most exciting yet for our volleyball program.



By: Jackie Reyna and Aaliyah Espinoza Moore

NJHS is a club that recognizes students for their hard work and for their effort in getting good grades all school year. Gardening club is where students go and learn about different sorts of plants. Also learn how to grow, and take care of different types of herbs.

Student council is about a group of students who get together in Ms. Espinoza's class and talk about and get to learn about being leaders and setting the right example for others.

D&D club is a club about Dungeons and Dragons where students go and share their interest for the game and enjoy each others company while learning how to play and compete against each other.

Henna club is a club where students go and do each others henna and students learn to also do henna. Henna is a cultural item that is used to give "temporary tattoos". It normally originated in the Middle east and North Africa then it passed on to Asia. Now, henna is growing in Pakistan and India.

Esports is a club about where you go and compete with others that like being competitive in games like you. It's where you get to compete in different genres of games such as Mario Kart, Smash, ect... In fact you get to compete in competitions and win awards for your Esports team, and also to compete with other Esport teams across the district.

See the list of clubs below and pick one to join today!

## Join a Club Today!

-Gardening Club -Anime Club -Book Club -Competitive Esports -Cricket Club -D&D Club -Guitar Club -Henna Club -Karaoke Club -Music Industry Club -NJHS -Robotics Club -Student Council -Solar Cars -Spanish Club -Video Game Club

### Fine Arts

#### By: Ameriee Santos, Delylah Hawk, and Lauren Blocker

#### <u>Orchestra Kickoff - Setting the stage for a successful year</u>

This year in orchestra has been filled with hard work, and great teamwork! They've grown as both musicians and collaborators. Orchestra is preparing for their first concert of the year. The concert is October 29 from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

#### Marching forward : Band's exciting New Season

Our band have been tackling challenging pieces this year! Improving their skills and grown closer as a team. As band prepares for their first concert of the year, they're excited to show how much they've learned so far. Thank you for your support and get ready for an amazing performance from band! The next concert date is October 1st and 15th.

#### <u>Choir's Fresh Start</u>

This year, the choir will be taking on exciting ranges of music, from traditional pieces to personal favorites. Every song they'll learn will not only help them grow as singers but as a group! Each rehearsal has brought them closer together, creating a sense of unity in every note they sing. Join them on October 23 to see them in action!

#### The Dance Year Ahead

So far this year has been an incredible journey for our dance team. From perfecting choreography to exploring new styles of dance, Every practice has pushed them to new levels of creativity and discipline. See the dance team in action at their next concert on December 9th.

#### <u> Theater - Bringing stories to action</u>

Our theater group have been working hard for this upcoming performance on November 13 & 14. Weeks of hard work and dedication. They're excited to show you what they've learned so far. We hope to see you in the audience for their first concert of the year!