

# GIRLS SOCCER: KICKING OFF

Emma Roberson (12) and Abby Thornton (11) dribble the ball to one another.



Lillian Brennan (11) runs with the ball and attempts to make a goal.

The Girls Soccer team had more unity and support than ever! Noemi Kinzinger (12), one of three soccer captains, emphasized the incredible backing they receive, saying, "I have actually felt an overwhelming amount of support this school year especially, while dealing with some issues with other high school teams. The support and just how much I feel the teachers are understanding and kind, and they want us to be our best, they want to help us succeed in both school and soccer." Noemi highlighted that, although she and her teammates are student athletes, they are always students first. Our soccer team was incredibly devoted, with practices every day other than game days. The team was able to bond and communicate better in the sport because of that. However, players were sure to maintain a healthy balance between their athletics and academics.

Ella Thompson (12)



Lillian Brennan (11) kicks the ball past the other team.



Noemi Kinzinger (12)



Alisha Damian (10)



The team lined up during senior night!





Mike Cornell (12) and Mac Beckham (11) dribble the ball to one another.

Alisha Damian (10) dribbles her way to the soccer goal.



## NOEMI KINZINGER

Noemi Kinzinger is one of three team captains and has been on the team all four years of her high school career. She has "an absolute love for my teammates." After playing soccer for her whole life she says that "I have never been on a team that feels so much like family as the West team does." The team is always supported by Noemi. She keeps them on task and motivated through complete love and support.

"We're student athletes, but we're students first."

# GETTING STARTED

For Sophia Selzman, a junior on the team, the prospect of joining such a close-knit group seemed a bit daunting at first, but she offered advice for those struggling to get started: "I would just join the team and try to find people who could keep you more involved because it's definitely kinda scary." Though the team was close, they always did their best to welcome and motivate new comers to the team and to the sport.

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