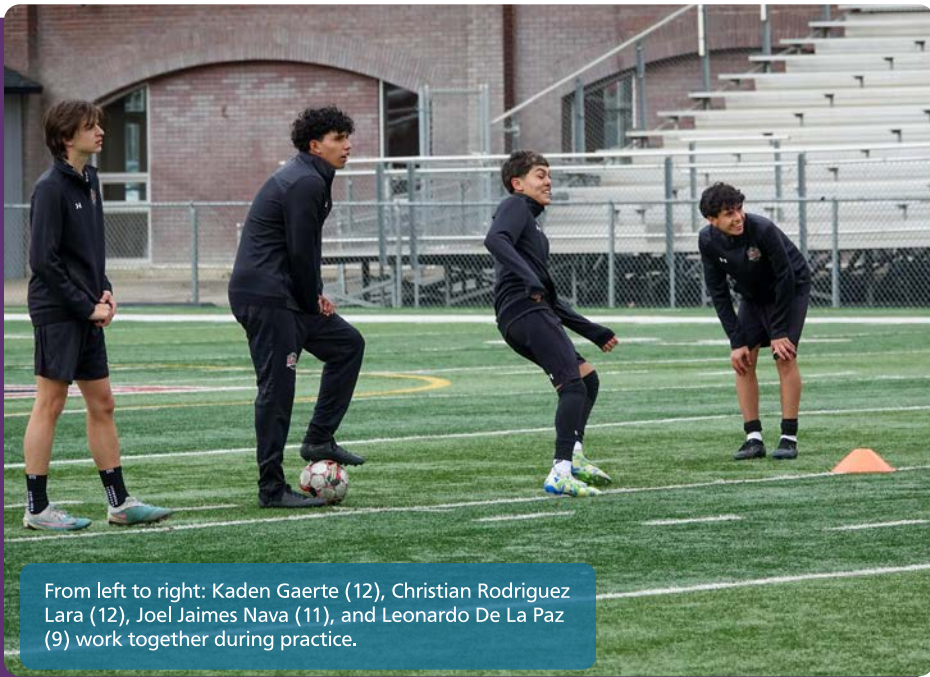


# KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL : BOYS SOCCER

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From left to right: Kaden Gaerte (12), Christian Rodriguez Lara (12), Joel Jaimes Nava (11), and Leonardo De La Paz (9) work together during practice.

The boys soccer team played a dedicated season, with ups and downs but the team always stayed together. Jason Amezcuita Mejia (12), who played left back for our squad, said, “we are really unique compared to other schools because we always come in as underdogs and end up exceeding our and everyone else’s expectations. We always do well every year”. Freshman Leonardo De La Paz enjoyed his first year on the team: “I like soccer because you get to express yourself and to get your physical activity up,” Leonardo said. Soccer is a great sport to join for those who want to instill good values into their lives. The soccer team worked on building strength, communication, and teamwork.



## THE PHYSICS OF A KICK

featuring Joel Jaimes Nava (11)



Adi Helac (10) laughs with a teammate as they practice for an upcoming game.

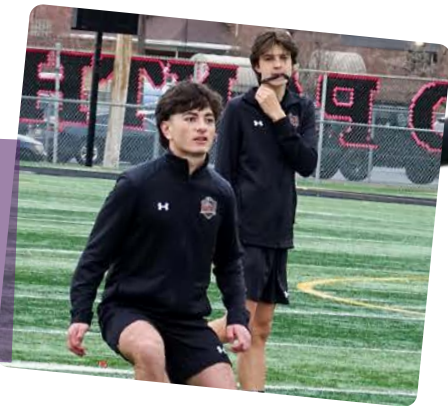


**STAY FOCUSED:**  
helps you make quick and accurate decisions during the game.

**ENDURANCE:**  
be able to run for long periods of time.

**PASSING:**  
deliver the ball effectively to teammates.

**DRIBBLING:**  
keep the ball away from defenders.

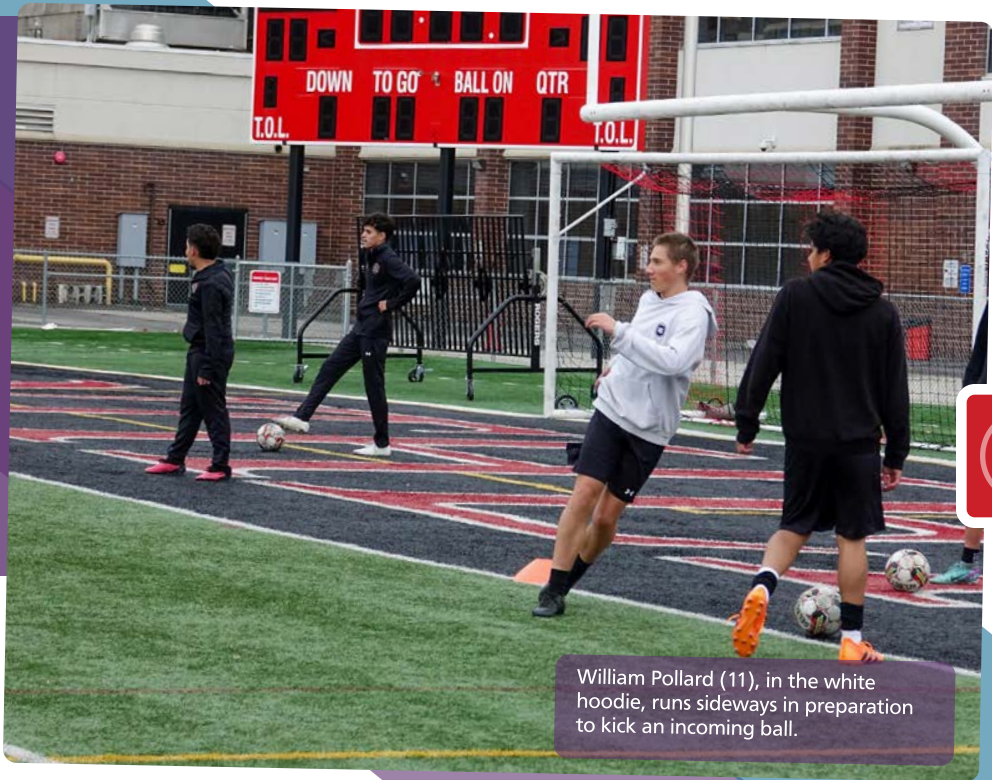


Joel Alarcon Franco (11), on the left, watches the ball as it gets passed to him. Kaden Gaerte (12) watches from behind.



“JUST DO YOUR BEST IN FRONT OF THE COACHES. THEY HAVE A LOT OF LENIENCE OVER WHOEVER IS DOING WELL AND WHOEVER REALLY WANTS TO PLAY ON THE TEAM.”

- Isaac Barrios Rodriguez (12)

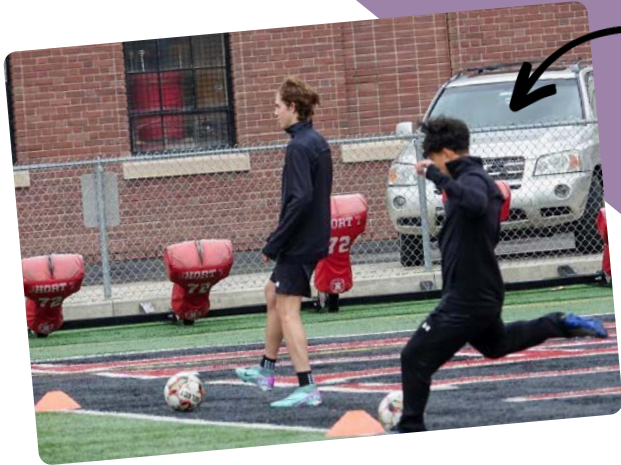


William Pollard (11), in the white hoodie, runs sideways in preparation to kick an incoming ball.

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# HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

Soccer is a team sport played between two teams of 11 players each, who use their feet to propel a ball around a rectangular field. The objective of the game is to score more goals than the opposing team by moving the ball beyond the goal line into a goal defended by the opposing team. This sport is usually a spring sport but can be played in the summertime as well.



Lal Zar (12) and Kuper Dyke (12) practice their kicks.

Lal Zar (12) gazes upward as the ball soars through the air.



# BRINGING THE TEAM TOGETHER

Teamwork in soccer was extremely crucial; individuals have their own set of skills and strengths, but there are many different roles on the field that takes a team. When the whole team worked as a unit, everyone has an opportunity to learn from each other. Multiple minds working on difficult tasks or projects will achieve better results and offer different solutions than individuals working alone. Team members are also able to avoid future errors and gain insight from differing perspectives. One of the team’s most vivid memories was “probably beating Granger,” said Leonardo De La Paz (9), and Jason Amezquita (12) agreed. Without teamwork, these memories wouldn’t even be possible.