BOYS LACROSSE

holds his stick at the ready.

CREASE TO CREASE





A **crease** is the circle around a lacrosse goal that marks a "safe zone" for the goalie.

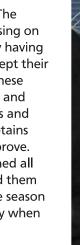
PANTHERS

Alexander Garcia (10) carefully surveys the field before a game.

Jahandre Mendez (11), number 23, thrusts the stick outwards to catch the ball.

Members of the team discuss

The Boys Lacrosse team had a dedicated season. The team spent hours every week practicing and focusing on improvement. The team created a strong bond by having fun activities at the end of every practice, which kept their team spirit up through triumphs and hardships. These activities welcomed the new players in the season and created a very friendly environment to all students and staff. The team didn't just try to have fun, the captains put in a lot of effort to help the new students improve. One of the captains, Jason Park (12) said, "I watched all the new players to see how they play and I helped them learn from their mistakes." All new students in the season learned very quickly and showed great consistency when playing on the field.







Matthew Goold (12), number 13, and Alexander Garcia (10), number 2, dash across the field



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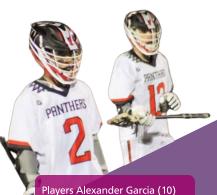
HOW TO: PLAY LACROSSE

team. There are 4 total positions to be played for each team: one goalie, three defense-men, three mid-fielders, and three attack-men. The attack-men must work with the mid-fielders to make their way around the crease, a circle around both goals that cannot be stepped on by the opposing team when moving with the ball, to score a goal. The defense focuses on keeping the opposing team away from their goal. They need to have strong communication with the other defense-men and goalie on who to move to through different situations: "Sometimes there can be fast breaks or even a penalty on our defense, so we had to communicate with each other on what player we're defending," said player Amir Mahmutovic (11).



The field buzzes with energy as West prepares to play off against Box Elder High School.





and Matthew Goold (12) gaze into the distance.

SPOTLIGH

Jason Park (12), number 3, was a very dedicated captain this season. His worth ethic was respected and consistent. He led by example and consistently showed up to practice. His excellent plays as an attackman always inspired the team to do better: "my goal is to always help the team improve and be ready for games," he said.

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