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Woodbridge Senior High School

Homecoming 2016

Woodbridge's Evolution Chelsea Kumah

Over the years, Woodbridge has seen a surprising variety of traditions, students, and personalities. However, as with anything else in life, traditions fade and people leave, replaced with burgeoning freshmen and a myriad of incoming customs. Yet even then, some individuals have stayed and overseen the tumultuous environment and the very building around them morph into the Woodbridge we have now. Counter these observances with the fresh opinions of current and incoming students, and a true portrait of Woodbridge arises.

In light of the tour given to members of the class of 1996 for their 20 year reunion, we are reminded that Woodbridge hasn't always been the Woodbridge we've come to know and love. Throughout the years, Woodbridge has experienced many changes in things such as traditions, as well as the types of people who attend. Mr. Geck, Woodbridge alumni and current History teacher, expressed that his

favorite change within our school is the new connection between our school and the community. This can easily be seen through events such as our Homecoming week.

Considering that Woodbridge is one of the oldest schools in the county, change is inevitable. Ms. Greenberg, a member of the class of 1996, embracing these changes. She says,



"While I may look at some parts of school and miss them nostalgically (the locker bays or open classrooms), I know that the changes were necessary for safety,

occupancy, technology advancement, and other reasons." She believes that these things are necessary in order to ensure safety amongst our student body.

The extensive variety of traditions definitely sets Woodbridge apart from the rest. According to seniors Bergen Campbell and Muhammad Amjad, Homecoming festivities such as spirit week and class color days are some of the most popular traditions we uphold. As members of the Viking family, it would be a crime of us to not ponder on what the future traditions we will pick up on. Dorcas Obeng, a member of the junior class, hopes for a second spirit week and pep rally.

As Woodbridge continues to harbor new students, teachers, and administration, we are reminded on how quickly things can change. Throughout the years, people have had to learn to adjust to the uprisings of new traditions. Despite all of this, Woodbridge has always carried the same Viking pride that those within it has come to know and love.

Spirit Week

Amanda Rice

For students, the Spirit Week can be summed up in one word: crazy. Spirit Week is five consecutive school days in which the students can wear creative and imaginative outfits to school in an effort to boost school morale and spirit. This year, the themes consisted of the following: Fiction Friday, Dressing Tuesday, Wild Animal Wednesday, USA Thursday, and Class Color day on Friday. Seeing Lady Liberty and ranch bottles walking in between classes is an occurrence unique to Spirit Week. Patrick Stead remembers the group of students that dressed up as the Kung Fu Panda characters for Wild Animal Wednesday as the "most creative outfits of the week." Each class was competing against each other for the title of most spirited, and the class with the most participating students wins points for the Homecoming competition. The seniors almost had a clean sweep with the most participation on every day except USA Thursday, when the sophomores had only three more students dressed up. Throughout Spirit Week, the student body's participation was creative and elaborate, and definitely got students into the Homecoming Spirit.



Pep Rally

Ally Carswell

The Spirit Week Pep Rally took place on the last Spirit day and brought an end to Spirit Week. The classes gathered in the stands decked out in their class color to cheer on the members of their class participating in the activities. The classes battled it out to win the most events. The pep rally began with each class bringing out their banners and showcasing their class courts to boost morale for their spirit section. The first activity was showing the most spirited representatives. Each class selected a person to ride in the robo-karts made by robotics while the class section cheered for them. The seniors won most of the pep rally events. The senior's sweep was interrupted during the Tug of War, led by junior Henry Juvozi, dragging both freshman and seniors across the 50 yard line, ultimately bringing the juniors a win. The next event was the scooter relay race where the seniors dominated, with Mr. Kinslow winning the race by a landslide. The next was the streamer toss where the seniors swept the competition and took another win. The pep rally concluded with the male pep squad performances. Each grade level performed a cheer routine with the seniors taking the final win of the pep rally.





The Parade

Stephanie Parker

To kick off the homecoming weekend, students from SALC and other organizations worked to set up the parade. Last year the county threatened that the parade would not be able to have another year due to going overtime last year and interrupting rush hour traffic, but the parade ran right on schedule. The stress was definitely on SALC to complete setup and the parade itself in a timely manner. SALC and 2018 captain Eva Kemal remarks that, "setting up all the cones was stressful with so many other people running around." Prior to the parade, clubs make their banners and collect as much candy as they can to throw to the eager kids watching on the sidewalk. Committed Crew member, Caitlyn Roderick, reminisces on the excitement of "throwing candy from the flatbed truck and seeing the kids exclaim as they caught it!" Leading the excited group of students was the Might Viking Marching Band, marching and playing their instruments. Following the band were JROTC, SALC, school clubs with their banners, and the SCA classes with their banners.

The Game

Chelsea Kumah



Throughout the week, the anticipation of Friday night lights inhabited a vast majority of our student body. The football team has endured a lukewarm season, sitting a record of 1-5. During the pep rally, senior football player Bryon White spoke to the crowd with encouraging stating that "whether we win or lose, we'll have fun tonight!" After the parade, the class of 2018 continued the party by hosting the Gold Rush tailgate which was inclusive to all grade levels. Mr. Geck, the class of 2018 sponsor, was amazed by the class camaraderie and how well everyone worked together, saying "I was so excited, I was overwhelmed." As 7 o'clock approached, the parking lot began to fill with eager students of every grade level dressed in gold. Freshman Quincy Newman recalls the feeling of walking into a stadium filled with hundreds of screaming fans; he commented, "I came in late, and as I walked in towards stadium, all I heard was the shouting of the fans." In the end, Woodbridge won the homecoming game over Forest Park with a final score of 26-14.

The Dance

Michelle Hilado



The Homecoming Dance is a staple within high school culture. But, more specifically, it is a tradition that happens every year that completely embodies Viking spirit within Woodbridge. The dance is an event where students dress up in their best semi-formal attire, with girls often wearing dresses and guys typically wearing suits. Before the dance on Saturday night, students usually spend the evening with either a significant other, or more commonly, a group comprised of their closest friends. Senior Alexis Pierce expresses her thoughts on spending Homecoming evening with a group of friends instead of a date saying "it is a lot more fun with friends because if you go with a date you are confined to one person and they are super clingy, however, when you go with friends, you can dance more, take more pictures, and it creates a better senior year experience". The time leading up to the school dance is filled with picture taking, dinners, and lasting memories. Upon entering the dance, students are presented with decorations revolving around the overall theme, Great Gatsby. There are an abundance of activities to do at the dance, such as taking part in the photo booth, checking out the candy bar, watching the movie, *The Great Gatsby*, in the lobby, or dancing in the gym to a diverse selection of musical genres.

Vic the Viking – Anthony Marovelli



The Amazing Race

Ally Carswell

On October 19th, 23 hopeful teams set out for Washington D.C. to participate in the WSHS tradition known as the Amazing Race. The Amazing Race is a photo scavenger hunt that takes place in D.C. and is open to all seniors. In contrast to previous years, the Amazing Race had two competitive divisions, the Lincoln Division and the Capitol Division, and even two non-competitive divisions. Each team consisted of 8 students, an adult chaperone, and clever team name. The team names consisted of puns based off of their teacher's names, such as Mike-a-roni and cheese, Squale We Do is Win, and Eberly Hills. Both competitive divisions started at their

perspective sides, raced to solve the clues and eventually finished at the Washington monument. The teams trekked back and forth throughout D.C. to solve the clues as fast and accurately as they could. Some clues for the Capitol Division included singing the national anthem in front of the capitol, taking a picture with a D.C. police officer, taking a picture with a Segway tour group, and even taking a picture with the owner of a food truck while doing the popular dance move, the dab. The Lincoln Division clues included taking a picture with a specific tree by the Washington monument, determining who came up with $e = MC^2$, and singing Single Ladies in

front of the White House. The non-competitive divisions meandered throughout the D.C. museums to find different works of art and take pictures with them. When the race was finished, all teams gathered for a group picture in front of the Washington Monument before heading back to Woodbridge. The winning teams were announced the next day with Mr. Geck's team, "Get Regecked," taking the win for the Lincoln Division and Ms. Spindler's team, "Spin-It-To-Win-It," taking the win for the Capitol Division. Even though there were only two winning teams, everyone enjoyed this senior privilege as we spent the day in Washington D.C.



Volleyball Article

Patrick Stead

The Woodbridge Girls' volleyball team is coached by Coach Morrissey and Coach Erika. The team is led by senior captains: Kelly Ryan, Kendall Mikkelsen, and Savanna Meyer. I recently interviewed Kelly Ryan about her thoughts on the volleyball team this year.

How is the team doing this year?

Kelly: Overall, the team has exceeded expectations, especially with all of the various injuries. Our current record is 14-5 and we are hoping to secure two more wins this upcoming week.

When does the conference start?

Kelly: Conference playoffs start Tuesday, October 25th with a home match against Gar-field. We beat them twice during the regular season, but will be well prepared for a solid match. If we win, we continue in the playoffs with a match on Thursday, October 27th at Forest park. We played them twice during the regular season, splitting the matches with one win and one loss.

How long have you been playing volleyball?

Kelly: This is my sixth year playing competitive volleyball. I started out on the Lake Ridge Middle School team in seventh grade. I loved it so much that I decided to concentrate 100 percent of my time and energy on the game of volleyball. That is a decision I have never regretted.

How long have you been on varsity here at Woodbridge?

Kelly: I have been on the varsity volleyball team all four of my high school years. Making the varsity team my freshman year was one of my goals that I had set for myself. I have loved every minute of my time here at Woodbridge with Coach Morrissey.

How was senior night?

Kelly: Senior night was the highlight of my last season of varsity volleyball as a Viking. I had been watching the seniors celebrate for the past three years, and it was surreal that it was finally my turn. The atmosphere in the gym was fantastic, especially with the Drum Line in attendance.

Was it as emotional as you thought?

Kelly: Senior Night was definitely as emotional as I thought it would be. I have been playing volleyball with some of these girls for four years, and have been playing under the same coach for my entire high school career. It will be hard to say good-bye.

Final question is, are you playing volleyball in college?

Kelly: Although I have had several conversations with college coaches about playing at the collegiate level, I have chosen not to play volleyball competitively in college. I would like to concentrate fully on my academics, but hope to play fun at the club level.

eSports

Stephen Caldwell



Due to the ever increasing popularity of skill-based games such as Counter-Strike, Dota II, and League of Legends, a new type of competitive sporting environment has emerged- eSports. ESports has been on the rise for the past 16 years, and has gained a huge following in Europe and East Asia, where professional players gain celebrity status for being some of the best gamers in the world. Most of the popularity is thanks to the massive, global competitions, where the winning team can win up to, and sometimes more than, twenty million dollars. Due to the skillful plays and tactics required to defeat opposing teams and win massive annual prize pools, the players train more than some professional athletes.

One massive annual competition, Intel Extreme Masters Oakland, where professional players from around the world compete in Counter-Strike and League of Legends tournaments in sports arenas, takes place from November 19-20, and will feature the best teams in North America and Europe. IEM Oakland will not only feature the best teams, it will feature the best moments in Counter Strike, with intense gameplay, hordes of fans, and insane clutches, where a lone team member goes up against 2 or more players in a heated battle of reaction and skill in front of the world. Moments like these are what define eSports throughout its steady uprising, and they are the reason why eSports are gaining so much traction.



The games, players, and vendors aren't the only things coming to these tournaments. There is also a cosplay competition for spectators, and an energetic atmosphere as fans wear team jerseys and cheer on their favorite players. The action is brought closer to the spectators by commentary from the best casters in the online gaming community and massive screens showing exactly what the players see. IEM Oakland will also be broadcasted on Twitch, streaming live, for the world to see. This creates a huge amount of pressure for the players, which leads to the best action, making these competitions extremely tense and entertaining. The best part of eSports is that it isn't just a spectator sport. ESports, such as Counter-Strike, League of Legends, and Bad Ratz, are for all ages; they are easy to learn, hard to master, and ready accessible.

Language of the Month

Zulu

Chris Mack



isiZulu, more commonly known as Zulu is one of the eleven official languages of South Africa. The language originates from the Niger-Congo family and is a subset of the Bantu language. Zulu utilizes the traditional Latin alphabet, so there is no need to learn new characters or symbols. The main distinction that makes isiZulu different from other languages is its use of “click consonants”. The click is made using varied parts of the mouth and is sounded out on the letters “c”, “q”, and “x”. A sentence in Zulu is made up in a Subject-Verb-Object format, an example being “John sees a dog”, in isiZulu, that sentence being “Ujohn ubonainja.” Zulu is an important language to understand, because it is a rapidly growing language and is one of the most spoken languages in South Africa!

Here are some phrases in isiZulu to begin basic greetings!

Sawubona -- Hello

Sanibonani -- Hello everyone

Unjani -- How’s it going?

Ninjani -- How are you guys doing?

Ngiyabonga -- Thank you

Sala kahle -- Stay Well

Ukhuluma isiZulu? -- Do you speak Zulu?

Yebo, kancane -- Yes, a little

Cha -- No

isiZulu sami sibi. -- My Zulu is bad.

Igama lama ngu isiChris Mack. Ngihamba isiWoodbridge. –

My name is Chris Mack. I go to Woodbridge.