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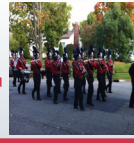
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ANNA SCHRADER - REPORTER

DEAN COMPTON

Dean Compton has taught for 5 years, all of them at Brown Intermediate Center, focusing on eighth grade math. Mr. Compton came to John Adams when the school closed due to Focus 2018. He began to entertain the idea of becoming a teacher in early high school, and the feeling gradually grew throughout his high school career. "I entered college as a teaching major, and never looked back," Compton said when asked about his career choice. He enjoys helping students make connections with mathematics and see how math can connect to everyday situations. A fun fact about Mr. Compton is that he likes to play a large variety of board games such as Settlers of Catan and 7 Wonders. He also has two children; Addie and Cole, with his wife Michelle.

GRACE ISHIKAWA

Grace Ishikawa is starting her teaching career here at Adams as a band teacher. She is a Capital University graduate, and was searching and applying for jobs in both Indiana and Ohio. Her sister was finishing her residency for family medicine in South Bend, and saw the opening at Adams. Before coming to Adams, she worked as a music technician and assistant for the Ben Davis High



School marching band. She wanted to study music in college, but did not know what specifically to focus on. Ishikawa said that, "In the first year of college, after thinking about past experiences of teaching music, I discovered it was my vocation". Some of her favorite aspects of teaching is getting to know the students and being able to use that positive student-teacher relationship to develop the most effective teaching strategies to help them learn. One thing that most do not know about Grace is that she has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and enjoys playing the piano and saxophone.

Eagles Fierce at Pep Rally

ELLEN GRAFF - REPORTER

On August 24, John Adams High School held its first pep rally of the 2018-19 football season. Broadcasted by local news station WNDU, the event attracted students from various fall sports and academic programs, eager for a chance to represent the school's many clubs on live television. Enthusiastic members of the JA student body trekked to the A gym as early as 5:30 am, full of caffeine and school spirit.

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Board Member Explains Start-Times

CLAIRE STOWE - EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Reverberations of the sudden change in start-times are still being felt across the South Bend Community School Corporation [SBCSC] even several weeks after being implemented. Students face transportation difficulties or differences and must adapt to a new schedule, while teachers and parents solve various child-care or professional issues. The change, made at the August 6th SBCSC School Board meeting, lacked clarity, leaving students and staff still questioning the origins of the modification.

The corporation credits the schedule revision to transportation issues. "The most direct issue was the lack of drivers. Once the Department of Transportation knew an approximate number of students who might need a bus this fall, its routers determined the number of routes, drivers and buses needed. I understand that they began to see the discrepancy mid-summer and needed a quick solution so the district could avoid late arrivals and missed routes again this fall," commented Jay Caponigro, a member of the SBCSC School Board. Caponigro, however, expressed some frustration at the school board meeting which determined this change. "My frustration at the board meeting [was] because the board had been told by transportation that a new, later bell schedule would work back in December, 2017, when we voted

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Another Year, Another Tower

CLAIRE STOWE - EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Another year begins, which means another generation of *The Tower*. This year, we are taking our paper in a new direction, away from just being the eight-page leaflet you find sitting on the cafeteria tables. We are launching our website, the first step towards *The Tower Online*. In recent years, the news industry has been drastically changing as video, audio, and mobile news has become increasingly popular. We here at The Tower don't want to be left behind, so we are excited to announce our new online edition, as well as the developing *RadioTower* Podcast and additional video resources.

The Tower has been part of the Adams community since 1940, and every year it has changed, developed, and grown. This year, my co-editors Ryan Downey and Seth Kirkpatrick and I look forward to putting our personal touch on Adams news media. We have been working tirelessly to form our online presence, so please check us out at **sbadamsthetower.com** when we go live on Friday September 21st.

Seth has already begun to produce his podcast for the year, and is gearing up to record three episodes per week. These will both be featured on our website and on the *RadioTower* Soundcloud page. Ryan and I are continuing to create both online and printed versions of written news, although we will be cutting down on printing to only several issues per semester. Additionally, we will create new ways for *The Tower* to become more heavily involved in both the Adams and local communities. We hope to continue to support and demonstrate exemplary student journalism as we transition into a new year with different reporters eager to carry on *The Tower's* legacy.

Finally (I'm sure you've seen this spiel before if you've read *The Tower* in previous years), we always appreciate your opinion. This year, we are hoping to expand our Opinion-Editorial component, and we are always willing to hear from you. Please, please give us your opinions on any issue, it being schoolwide, local, or national. There is more information on our Letter-To-

The-Editor policy on the left margin of the second page; we particularly encourage you to send us your comments via the "Submit a Letter" tab on our website.

Without any further ado, welcome back to Adams and to *The Tower*! We hope that you have had an excellent return to school, and we will help in any and every way possible to make it a great year.

Start-Times *Continued...*

on the change. People had time to adjust to such a dramatic change from January to August, in my opinion. The subsequent start-time change from 8:30am to 9:00 A.M as presented - with less than one month before school started - put many families and staff in difficult positions." When asked by whom the final decision was made, Caponigro responded by stating it was an "administrative decision."

Several students and staff members have expressed displeasure with the newly implemented start-times. Issues with child-care, transportation, and after-school activities have all caused discontent among the SBCSC community. Many students and parents also have felt disapproval with the start-time change due to the effect on sports, which have been pushed further into the evening, causing some very late evenings for students. However, Caponigro believes that despite this issue, the change will benefit the students. "The original initiative to move the start time later for older students was based on studies that teens' brains are generally wired to be awake later, and to be less awake early in the morning. That goal is still being addressed. Unfortunately, there was not much time to make the 1/2 hour adjustment for sports and after-school schedules, but I have confidence that the later start time will result in better performance for our older students."

New Teachers

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BRIANNA STINES

Brianna Stines, the newest edition to the foreign language program, has been teaching for four years now. "I started my teaching career in a high school, but last year, I taught at a middle school. I missed teaching high school and was eager to join some awesome teachers whom I had known previously," Miss Stines said. Before teaching, she worked in cosmetics and even for a few prestigious companies, including Chanel. She did not always want to be a teacher. She thought about becoming a teacher in high school, but quickly dismissed it. She changed her major in college a few times before coming back to the idea of teaching. Now she cannot imagine doing anything else. I asked Stines what her favorite aspects of teaching were. She responded

"Everyday, every period I have a chance to change a life, one mind at a time. Cliche, I know, but you never know how the things you say and do will affect someone. I also love that students, from every walk of life, have taught me so much over the past few years". In high school, Miss Stines played rugby, but unfortunately ended that in double knee surgery for ACL reconstruction. She was the president of her sorority in college, and loves candy and Dairy Queen blizzards. Although Stines has little free time, she loves to workout and stay at home with her dogs and fiancé.

KIMBERLY LANDER

Kimberly Lander is teaching for her sixth year in the South Bend Community School Corporation. Before teaching here, she taught three years at Notre Dame, one year in Fort Worth, Texas, and 5 years in New York City. Lander also taught English as a second language for a year in Athens, Greece. She has had various interesting jobs. Throughout high school and after she graduated, she worked on large sailboats as a deckhand cook, and sailed up and down both coasts of the US, Canada, and Mexico. During grad-school, she worked as a production editor at Teachers College Press, in New York City. The year Mrs. Lander went to Greece and started teaching kids English she knew she was meant to be a teacher. When she came back, Landers went to graduate school for teaching. In her free time Mrs. Lander likes to garden, cook, and read. Mrs. Landers also went to high school with Steve Carell.

JACOB TIMMONS

Jacob Timmons is a proud Adams Alumnus who "felt the want and desire to give back to the educational community which set him towards his path to success". Mr. Timmons graduated from Lewis University. Ever since he was young, he wanted to be a teacher. Inspired by one of his own teachers, he wanted to help and encourage others the way his teacher encouraged and aided him. "My favorite aspect of teaching is the moment a student's mind sort of 'clicks' with understanding for a concept or situation, as well as just getting the opportunity to interact and get to know the students a little better," Mr. Timmons said. He enjoys both coaching and running, as well as preparing for the next day's classes.

DAWN HUFF

Dawn Huff is a teacher and the head girls' basketball coach. She is also an Adams Alumna, and is very excited to be back at John Adams. She attended Earlham College, IUSB for her undergrad, and Michigan University for her masters. While in college, Huff played both volleyball and basketball. This is her eleventh year as a teacher, and has previously taught physical education and health, along with Language Arts. Mrs. Huff also has a social work background. "I knew I wanted to teach after I started coaching. I loved working with young adults and watching them progress, meet goals, and learn," Huff said when I asked her what inspired her to start teaching. Her favorite aspects of teaching are the students, and being able to watch them improve and excel in the classroom and in their everyday lives. She enjoys being able to spend time with her two boys and husband in her freetime.

DEBRA NEUMANN

Debra Neumann first came to Adams in 2013, when her son was a freshman, and started helping with the Science Olympiad team. She has been working with schools since 1998. After college, she worked at Fernwood Botanical Garden, and later at The History Museum in South Bend. In both of these jobs, Neumann taught programs to school groups that came on field trips and ran summer camp programs. For the last year and a half she has been a substitute at Adams. "I love all of the extra curricular opportunities available to students at Adams. There is something for everyone. When I was in high school, I was very involved, from Science Olympiad, to competitive cheerleading, drama, and student government. I think that being involved makes your high school experience even better," Neumann said about her favorite aspects of

John Adams. She went to Michigan State University, and majored in Botany and Plant Pathology. Mrs. Neumann has never eaten a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and no, she does not have an allergy. She enjoys reading mysteries and biographies, creating art, and taking ceramics classes. Her goal for this year is to attend at least one game for every sports team.

WNDU Pep Rally

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The marching band played the John Adams fight song, and students sang along in the stands, cheering and dancing with their friends, an undeniably "peppy" energy pulsing off the walls and through the crowd. Reporters from WNDU news interviewed football players about the upcoming game and season, but participants in extracurriculars, like Mock Trial, got their time to shine as well. A beaming principal, Jim Seitz, was also present, predicting a win for the eagles against Lowell. Kaitlyn Henderson, a junior at Adams, stated, "I'm really glad we got picked. It was really fun sitting with my friends and cheering my school on!" She wasn't surprised that Adams won the vote to host the pep rally that friday morning, "especially since our student section goes the hardest in the area." When asked what she liked most about the pep rally experience she explained, "I liked that they interviewed all different types of clubs because that's what makes Adams so special." As to be expected, a pep rally at the break of dawn is not for the faint of heart. Kaitlyn expected there to be a much bigger crowd, and felt as if the early start time was detrimental to attendance. "If they would have just filmed it after school, and then used that footage the next morning, I think there would have been a lot more people there." That being said, those committed enough to come out and support that early in the morning truly showcased the pride and love Adams students have for their school. The pep rally was ultimately successful, with a 33-6 win for the Eagles that same night, and according to Kaitlyn, "The donuts weren't bad either."

Crazy Rich Asians: Movie Review

SIERRA WEAVER - REPORTER

In 2013, *Crazy Rich Asians*, a novel by Kevin Kwan, was released. Later that year, a film adaptation was announced. In 2017, filming for the movie began taking place. The adaptation under the same title was released on August 15, 2018. The film stars are Constance Wu, Henry Golding, Michelle Yeoh, Gemma Chan, Awkwafina, and many other actors. *Crazy Rich Asians* is a fun and light-hearted comedy with a great story.

The film follows Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) who is invited, by her boyfriend, to Singapore. Nick Young (Henry Golding), Rachel's boyfriend, decides to go back to Singapore for his friend's wedding and visit his family. Once Rachel and Nick board the flight on first class, Rachel quickly realizes she may not know as much about Nick as she once thought. After arriving in Singapore, Rachel is told that Nick's family is one of the wealthiest in Asia, which she realizes at a family party. At the party, Eleanor Young (Michelle Yeoh), Nick's mother, is fairly judgemental towards Rachel. After this, Rachel begins to realize that Nick's family is just one of the many problems she will have to face if she continues her relationship with Nick.

The acting of the film was outstanding. All the actors give believable and emotional performances. In particular, Constance Wu gives a great performance as Rachel Chu. Her comedic lines were well received and her emotional scenes were impressive as well. In scenes where Rachel struggled, her sadness and anger could be easily felt by the audience. In addition, Michelle Yeoh's role as Eleanor Young made her a stand-out actress in the film. Her acting made her character seem very realistic. Gemma Chan also gives a great performance as Astrid Leong-Teo, Nick's cousin. While her storyline was not a main focus, Chan's acting made it just as interesting as all the other plots.

At first glance, the plot of *Crazy Rich Asians* seems simple, but throughout the movie it becomes clear that the plot is actually quite complex. However, the storyline is easy to follow and enjoy. The shots of different buildings in the film are stunning and gorgeous. The characters are all realistic and relatable. In addition, the humor of the film is very good. Awkwafina's character, Goh Peik Lin, was particularly comedic. The second half of the film was fast-paced and engrossing, with an unexpected ending. While the film was quite good, there were a few minor issues.

The beginning of the film was quite slow and could be boring at times, but it did pick up pace within the first 40 minutes. The characters were also hard to keep track of when they were first introduced. However, throughout the movie it became much easier. A few of the jokes fell short when it came to audience reception, but overall,

the comedy was very well done.

Crazy Rich Asians is a fun and original comedy. The characters and actors are entertaining and believable. While the film is a bit slow to the start, it gets much better within the first 40 minutes. Overall, *Crazy Rich Asians* is an amazing film that is definitely worth seeing.

New Director, New Band Plans

MATTHEW CARBONARO - REPORTER

With the the new school year underway, the marching band's work has just begun. In their new show titled "Shipwrecked," the show starts off with "Sea Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a merry sea shanty. Then second movement is a percussion feature that is a nice contrast to the climax of the show, a mix between "The Flying Dutchman" by Richard Wagner and "Chords for Brass Choir". The movement depicts a huge storm that appears before the ship that tests the ability of both the sailors and the ship to survive the night. The conclusion is a remix of "Amazing Grace" and "Nearer my God to Thee" that depicts the sunrise after the storm, proof that they survived.

Along with the new show, the John Adams Marching Band got two new directors, Ms. Grace Ishikawa, head director, and Mr. Matt Harvey, the assistant. Ms. Ishikawa graduated from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio with a Bachelors of Music in Music Education. Mr. Harvey graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelors in Music. When interviewed, Ms. Ishikawa said she found Adams through her sister. She said that "As an Indiana resident but an Ohio graduate, I was searching and applying for jobs in both states. My sister is finishing her residency for family medicine in South Bend and when I saw the opening at Adams, I thought it would be the perfect job." When asked why she wanted to be a teacher, she said that her drive for teaching started as a freshman in college, she started out as a Music Technology major and she quickly realized that it wasn't her calling. She then thought about her experiences in the band and as a tech for the band, and had the revelation that teaching is where she belonged. Although it may seem cliché, her goal for the year is to make sure all of her students succeed in their own personal goals and to



Fall Sports Preview

SAMUEL VILLAGRA-STANTON - REPORTER

The time has come for the Eagles to rise again, so this segment will be your preview for the fall sports season of John Adams High School, 2018. Here you will get some thoughts from different coaches and students, discussing their hopes and accomplishments that they have planned for the season.

Girls' Golf: With the team being coached by Mr. Andy Kern, there are some high hopes for the team and their future. According to Kern, it is a "very young team with little experience. Only one Senior and zero Juniors. [I am] hopeful, as each player seems willing to work hard in an effort to improve. We are finished with our NIC schedule and finished 6-6 with the tournament next weekend. I love all these girls as they are a joy to coach and we have a lot of fun while working." Overall, the outlook for the team is very positive.

Volleyball: With the new head coach, Mrs. Jamisen Redman, the Volleyball team is feeling very strong this year. Senior Captain and starting libero Lauren Salas had to say, "The Eagles Volleyball Program has improved tremendously throughout my four years at John Adams High school. [...] Not only did playing at Adams for my freshman year inspire me, but it drove me to continue my volleyball career with club travel teams, as did many of the now Senior and Varsity players. Now, as I am in my senior and final year of volleyball, I can confidently say, I am extremely proud of my teams progress, the intensity of the program, and the dedicated coaching staff, that has been granted to me these last for years. [...] All the girls are more than able and comfortable to come to their teammates, whether that be within their team or a Freshman coming to a Senior player, and ask for tips on a specific skill so they can improve personally. It is amaz-

ing to see the lengths the girls go to play for one another. For my Senior year, our team added a new, very important member, our head coach, Jamie Redman. Jamie has taken over our program in a way that I have never seen before, through all the coaches I have had. She has a spark of energy that never runs out, a passion so deep for the game of volleyball that shines through both her face and her actions. [...] We work day in and day out, but still continue to make hilarious memories and bonds that can and will, last a lifetime. [...] I'm more than happy of everything we as a team, have accomplished and the multiple improvements that have been made this year. I wouldn't want to play at any other school. Our spirit and hard work is unmatched, as I know will remain for years to come. This is only the beginning of a South Bend School, stepping up, and dominating the NIC".

Cross Country: Savino Rivera returns to coach the John Adams Cross Country team, pushing to have a successful season. In fact, Maddie Mischak, who won first at the city meet, was kind enough to comment on the season this year. "Last year the girls varsity team did really well, qualifying to semi-state for the second year in a row. This year we lost our top four girls, but still won the city meet and the Caston invitational. I have lots of faith that the girls team can place at NIC and qualify to Semi-state. The coaches have been pushing us since the start of the summer and this is really what everybody is working toward. State is always the goal, but we need to start with Sectionals and go from there. As a captain, I am thrilled to see what my team can accomplish this year."

Boys' Tennis: Led by Mrs. Maria Strafford, the boys' tennis has had a great season according to Sam Berebitsky, a sophomore on the team. "We've done very good this season so far. We have a really strong varsity team, with 1-3 singles, Tommy Han, Ben Guerrero, and Marty Stoner. For varsity doubles, it took some time to figure out who is compatible with each other. We have Michael Dunham, Zach Fernan-

dez, Leo Thurin, and Jonathan Zapf. This year, because most of our varsity members are seniors, is our best shot at sectionals. But we most definitely have a very strong team, and it's a very nice, relaxing, and fun sport that everyone should try."

Girls' Soccer: Coached by Mrs. Caryn MacKenzie, the girl's soccer team is supportive and successful. Here's what Jordan Mihut had to say: "This season I'm really looking forward to improving as a team and getting closer with each other. Our goals as a team are to beat St. Joe, Penn, and win Sectionals. I love all the Seniors and they've really shown what hard work and commitment can do for a team, and that no matter how rough things are from the start, they can always be turned around."

Football: Officer Antwon Jones coaches the football team, and for the first time in John Adams history, the team has a female kicker, Amanda Abner. Abner was more than willing to give her thoughts on the season. "I know that the football team is hoping to go to state this year. Being a kicker, I hope that I can score some extra points and maybe even some field goals, because every point matters in a game. I mean, if we're trying to go to state, you gotta get all of them." when asked about the coaches, Amanda said that "They're actually very supportive, they've given me a lot of tips on how to kick and put in a lot of their time." Jackson Joyce, a senior on the team, added that "for this season, we're really trying to get some titles this year, Adams has never had any titles before or a Sectional championship. The coaches are really great this year too."

Boys' Soccer: The boys' soccer team is pushing ahead with coach Jacob Myers. The team seems very strong, but is struggling along the way. With varsity being 0-2 currently, there is still room for them to improve. Junior varsity is 0-0-1 this season, let's see what the eagles can do.

“Playing Like a Girl” Has a New Definition

ANNA FULLER AND BRIDGET NILLI

Throughout the 21st century, women have changed their role in society by becoming more empowered in different fields. The normalities are changing, helping to inspire girls in generations to come. In this community, we see this through Amanda Abner, a senior at John Adams High School. Being one of the first girls on the football team in the history of John Adams comes with more pros than cons, but through it all, Abner is thriving on the field. Here is what Amanda Abner had to say about her experiences with the football team so far.

How did the tryout happen?

I was called down to Coach Jones' office during the middle of school one day and that's when he asked me if I would be interested in kicking for the team. At first I thought he was kidding because it sounded so crazy, but I ended up going to a football practice that same day. I kicked a few field goals just to get a feel for it and see how well I would do, and I ended up making all of the ones I kicked. That's when Jones officially asked me to become a part of the team, and from there on I was committed.

What are some of the best parts about being the only girl on the football team?

I have received a lot of support and encouragement from people I don't even know. My soccer coach, Karen Mackenzie, Coach Jones, and all the boys on the football team also support me. They hype me up and always encourage me, especially after the first time I had scored an extra point. I received a lot of high-fives and pats on the back. I haven't heard anyone say anything negative to me; it's all been

positive and that's another one of the cool things I've experienced so far. I think that is one of the best parts because it boosts my confidence and also helps me mentally during a game.

Are there any advantages/disadvantages of being on the team?

An advantage is being able to experience participating in a high school football game firsthand. It's one thing to be in the stands, but another to be in the actual game. It's different in a good way. I love being able to say that I have scored during a football game. It's a unique opportunity and not many people can say that. I've gotten to meet a lot of people as well. I feel like I'm making an impact too, like what I'm doing may encourage other females to try out for a football team.



Kayla Ott (left) with Amanda Abner (right)

New Dance Team Coach Brings New Perspective

CLAIRE HARGIS AND JOEY SHRADER

The John Adams Dance Team is back for the 2018 to 2019 school year and students should be expecting big things to come from it. According to the team, a few changes have been made, the biggest being the new coach, Zoe Curry. With this being her first time coaching a team, Zoe is focusing on freshening things up. For example, the team has increased in size since last year, with 20 members instead of just 10. Zoe explained her reasoning behind this by saying that “coming from the competitive dance team world, having a bigger team is always so much better. When I think of choreography, my brain has my dancers doing multiple things at a time, and you can't really do that with a small team.” The team is also planning on exploring different styles of dance. Last year the team performed mostly hip-hop, which they will continue to do, but they will also add jazz and contemporary dances into the mix. Zoe gave her explanation for adding in the new styles saying, “I believe [hip-hop, jazz, and contemporary] are the most interesting and entertaining to watch for people who are not dancers. Also since we [the team] have such a diverse group of dancers that there will be a style for each person to embrace.”

You can see the team at their very first performance during the homecoming pep rally on September 14th and at the games this upcoming basketball season. Besides performing, the team will be hosting a few fundraisers including two car washes and a Halloween mixer. The Halloween mixer will be open to all students and there will be lots of dancing and snacks. The members of the team said that they are looking forward to this year as well and cannot wait to perform for their fellow students.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Julilla Baer

SETH KIRKPATRICK - MANAGING EDITOR

Julilla Baer is one of the several seniors involved heavily with the arts, especially drama and band. She currently serves as section leader for the school's Marching Band. Her interest in band began "like many" in the fifth grade, after being persuaded by her parents. Her love for it came after her discovery of the trombone, which she describes as "a beautiful way to let out stress in my life." She decided to become a section leader to help the band reach the goal of going to the state competitions, something that was last accomplished the year before her freshman year. Baer currently leads the mellophone section in marching band and describes

them as "the best section in the band" since "they are all super talented, which makes my job easier." She states the hardest part of being a section leader is acting like a leader in the hardest times, but "as a leader I try my best to keep a positive attitude for the rest of the band." She has two points of advice for any upcoming/already established freshman: "Go outside your comfort zone [...] don't be afraid to try new things" and also "do what makes you happy. Spend less time worrying about college applications and more time on things you genuinely want to do". Her favorite memory of band is "their obsession with fruit snacks. I bring a huge box of fruit snacks to almost every competition and pass them out on the bus. It sounds strange, but I think [they] taste better on the band bus."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Marielle Guerrero

SETH KIRKPATRICK - MANAGING EDITOR

Marielle Guerrero is currently the head drum major for the marching band at John Adams High School. She began her love for music at home, where many of her family members were involved in band and where her parents had her take piano lessons at a young age. She describes that "joining band was something I was excited for." Guerrero first found her interest in becoming drum major as her "passion for band increased". She says that throughout her years of being in marching band she has seen "some great leaders, and some not so great leaders" and that she "wanted to be one of the great leaders. I wanted to make a difference." She says that when it comes to working with the band that she "wouldn't even call it working, because we have so much fun together." However, it hasn't all been easy. She did face a conflict when several people, because of her being a female drum major, thought she "won't be loud enough [...] is not confident" but she says she "did her job, and those comments stopped." The advice she has for any upcoming freshman interested in band is that "marching band is a big commitment, don't do band just to do band, do band because you love performing." One her favorite memories of band is when the old drum major, Ethan, "ripped his pants [while] stretching... my mom had to duct tape his pants."

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As the summer tans and memories fade, the new school year welcomes us with open arms. Our fall sport athletes have been training and conditioning for this season for months, and it has really been paying off. Our soccer teams have been consistently winning games, and our football team has our claim of victory well taken care of. Another sport that has been shining is volleyball. Their season so far has been successful, with winning most of their tournaments and going 1-2, the girls are off to a good start, and they continue to grow and improve everyday. When asked why she enjoyed volleyball so much varsity player, Hattie Hosinski, stated "I always loved how much of a team sport it was and how much you have to rely on your team to win the game. I've been blessed to have teammates that feel the same love for the sport".

Hosinski has been playing volleyball since she was 10 years old. Her mom always loved the sport, which sparked her interest in it. She said "I've played for travel teams since freshman year for Dunes VBC and Krush VBC." She earned her spot on varsity officially junior year, and she floated her sophomore year.

All student-athletes know that trying to balance school and sports can be a very difficult task. Hosinski has mastered what it means to be a good student-athlete, and here's her advice to younger students who hope to do the same: "Time management is more than key, especially this year with the new school times. I would recommend spending any free time in school trying to get your homework finished so that you have less for when you get home. It's also important to pack food for the day, because with games and practices it's important to have nutrition for the body and brain." School spirit is just as important as anything. Showing up not only for big sport games like football and basketball, but also some of the sports that don't get a lot of attention, is vital. Part of being a good student-athlete is also having pride on where you go to school and showcasing that. "As a player of a sport, I know how much I love people supporting me and my school," Hosinski states, "so going to sport events and cheering on my school is easy for

me because that's what I would want for my team." To be a good student or athlete, you have to have a balance of all of this. As a senior, this is Hattie's last year as a John Adams Eagle. She's one of the eight girls that will be leaving. "I love my coaches and my team. I have been playing with the same people since freshman year and we've watched each other grow and get better as players and as people. Now that we're here as seniors we all have the same goals and ambition to be the team we've wanted for the last four years." Next year she's planning on going to IUSB to get her business degree and possibly play volleyball there.

Our volleyball players continue to work hard everyday (despite the two-a-day practices starting at 6 in the morning). The girls have important games coming up, including some NIC games that they've been working very hard for. Make sure you come out to the courts and support!



Hattie Hosinski (Above)

Jaydin Miller (Below)



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Jaydin Miller

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Following the previous football season, every player on the Eagles' football team knew that there was much work to be done. Adams had a record of 3-7 last year with wins over only Washington, Clay, and St. Joseph. Unfortunately, after the loss to Northridge at the start of the 2018 season, the feelings associated with the loss were all too familiar. However, with the help of senior Jaydin Miller, the team has progressed in their passion for the sport and for their family in the locker room. Miller, being a captain of the team and a senior that has been on the team for four years, had no problem stepping into a leadership role to rally the Eagles for their next opponent. With his halftime speeches and his dedication, on and off the field, Miller has aided the Eagles team in strengthening their use of communication in games and their "football IQ". The immediate outcome showed results as Adams rolled over Lowell 33-6 and Riley 46-12.

Jaydin Miller, in his stats, has been having a successful season so far as he scored four touchdowns (two rushing, two passing) in the game against Riley with 88 rushing yards and 46 receiving yards. This is an obvious result of his consistent amount of work in the offseason with head coach Antwon Jones and the other starters of the team. Miller has been a starter on varsity since he was a sophomore and has been a constant source of impact on every side of the ball. He has been playing football since he was 5 years old and was in the position of quarterback and safety until high school.

In the future, Miller hopes to play football in college and possibly in the NFL. He said if he does not however, he wants to "work around football in some way after my career as a player." When prompted on how he thinks the season will turn out, he said "I think the season so far has been fun [...] I think we're hungry and we want to win so I'm excited. I think it could go very good as long as we play hard all year." Outside of football he is involved in JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) and B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S. Following the loss to Mishawaka, the Eagles are preparing to take down the Penn Kingsmen at their homecoming game this Friday (9/14) at 7 pm!