

GAME TIME PEP TALK

Freshman and JV players share what they liked about the season

"This basketball season was one of the best yet. I really loved my teammates, and going undefeated throughout district was the best reward for our hard work."



ananya jedi, 9

"We all had a ton of fun because we all love basketball and we wanted to play. We were all really excited for the season, and it really showed in our games."



blair krieger, 9

"This season was great because even though we didn't win every game, we had fun playing and we were able to improve and grow closer as a team."



emily martin, 10

"I really liked this basketball season because we all played really great games and we worked well as a team. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to play with."



sam kim, 9

"There was never a sad or boring moment during any of our games. We kept each other laughing, and we had the time of our lives just having as much fun as possible."



sabrina osborne, 10

dodge the defense
Speeding past a defender, sophomore Kayla Meyertons dribbles full-speed toward the basket. "I love it when the coach sends you back in the game," Meyertons said, "and you make a difference out on the court."

take it to the net
As she dribbles down the court, freshman Mariana Ramirez-Barrera hopes to score for her team.



david oliver

drive to win
Heading to score, sophomore Carly Anderson beats her opponent down the court. "My favorite part of playing basketball is that the team and coaches become like a second family to you," Anderson said.



sarah guthrie



laura gilligan

taking 'new beginnings' to the next level

"Is it getting hot in here?" That was the cue. Together, the JV girls' basketball team members took off their jackets and cardigans to reveal their temporary tattoos, all displayed on the same place on their arms. This surprise all started with sophomore Sophie Kunik. "One time at one of our pre-season basketball tournaments," Kunik said, "I wrote 'new beginnings' on my arm just like Coach Neira has as her tattoo." The team wanted to show coach Veronica Neira that they always listened to every word she said. "She said if we had a tattoo, then our shot would be better," Kunik said. "Even though she always told us never to get a tattoo, for that tournament, I decided to write it on my arm in marker." Neira told the girls that the 'new beginnings' phrase was something from her mom, so the JV girls quickly realized its importance to Neira. "The 'tattoo' didn't come off for a while because Sophie had written it in Sharpie," sophomore Carly Anderson said, "so that was pretty funny!"

At the end of the year, the team remembered the Sharpie from pre-season. "A friend and I came up with the idea to all get a replica of Coach Neira's tattoo for the banquet," sophomore Emily Martin said. "I inconspicuously took a picture of Coach's tattoo and found a website to submit the photo to make it into a temporary tattoo. When the tattoos came in, the JV team went to a tattoo parlor and took a picture with the tattoos on our arms and got it framed for her." "So at the banquet, after Coach Neira spoke, our teammates Kayla and Sophie went up to the mic and said the cue," Anderson said. "We all took off our jackets and showed our tattoos." "Everyone started cracking up, and Coach Neira loved it," Martin said. "She couldn't stop laughing!"



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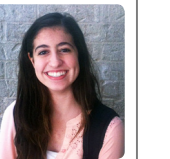


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shot callers
1 Fighting through the defensive press, sophomore point guard Nicole Price decides the best way to beat it. 2 Passing it overhead, freshman Emily Thurston gets the basketball to her teammate. 3 Sophomore Amelia Hood jumps high for the ball. "I love basketball because the game is always changing and you have to adapt to it," Hood said. "It's a lot of practice, but it pays off because it's so fun." 4 While running ahead of her opponents, freshman Ana Paula Sanchez pushes the ball down the court. "I love getting fast breaks and then dribbling past the defense," Sanchez said.

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"I just had to manage my time wisely and stay organized to manage both basketball and orchestra. I was also really lucky to have extremely understanding coaches and teachers that helped me manage my schedule."

emily mayer, 9



"It was tough being both the basketball manager and also in choir, but my love for each made me capable of managing both at the same time, while still maintaining an A average in all of my classes."

chaese jakle, 11



"Since I had play rehearsals for theater and I also played basketball, I had to use my time wisely so I did my homework during lunch and paid extra attention in class."

peyton siler, 9