



TIGER NATION NEWS

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SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM PROJECT UPDATE

High School and Middle School Summary

Since our last update, construction has progressed at a rapid pace over the summer. Periods of rain delayed completion of a few roofing areas, but the last sections of roof replacement will finish in mid-September.

An updated ventilation system was installed in the weight room and wrestling room areas to improve air flow and comfort and to eliminate floor buckling on the stage. The previous wood stage floor has been replaced with low maintenance, flexible vinyl floor in the high-traffic area, and has been newly painted.

In the Tech Ed area, the wood and metal shop spaces have been combined in order to facilitate improved supervision and student workflow. The agricultural lab has added a resinous floor and new work areas to allow for a larger, more flexible and expanded Agriculture curriculum.



Curt Bisarek
Superintendent



Bathroom Remodel



High Efficiency Boilers

In the lower-level gym bathrooms, damaged plumbing fixtures and toilet partitions have been replaced. New tile flooring, ceiling tile, and LED lighting give these bathrooms a refreshed look. New high-efficiency boilers will replace aging, inefficient boilers. A new electrical service and panel board system have also been installed. Lastly, new ceilings in the upper floor corridors address noise concerns and provide an opportunity for more efficient LED lighting.



New Ag Classroom

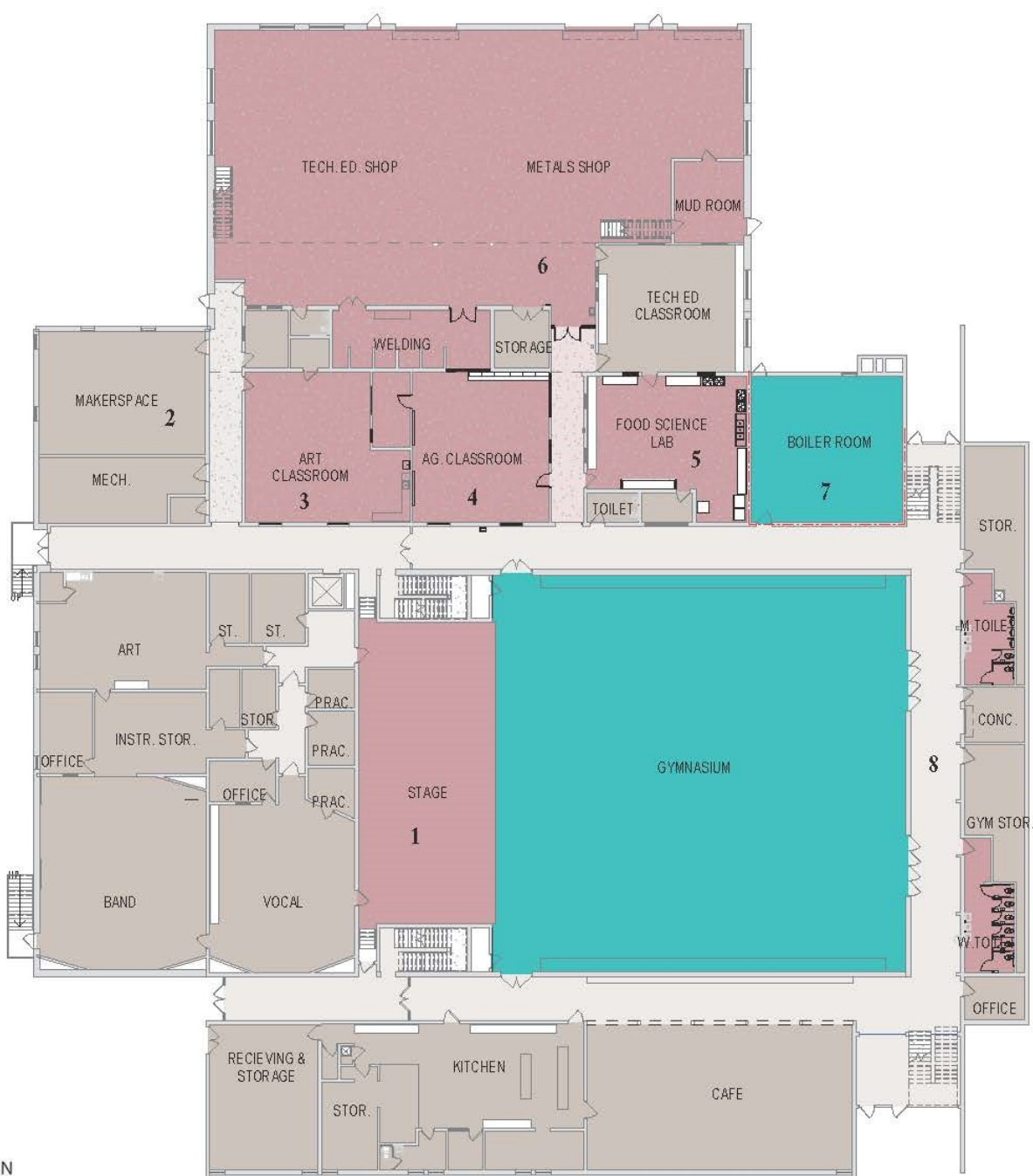


New Makerspace



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The High School / Middle School Ground Floor Plan

Map Legend

High School and Middle School

1. Stage Floor
 - a. Old flooring was removed
 - b. Installation of a new stage floor (painted masonite on floating floor) that is more suited to drama performances
2. Makerspace
 - a. Added cord drops for student work stations
 - b. Window addition to hallway
3. Art Room
 - a. Relocated the Art room
 - b. New resinous floor, ceiling tiles and lighting
 - c. Windows to the hallway added
4. Ag Classroom
 - a. Relocated
 - b. All new flooring, wall finish, cabinets, ceiling, etc.
 - c. Windows to the hallway added
5. Food Science Lab
 - a. Expanded space with new flooring, wall finish, cabinets, ceiling, etc
6. TechEd
 - a. Expanded space by removing wall that separated the "wood shop" and the "ag shop"
7. Boiler Room
 - a. Replaced original boiler system, main electrical panels, etc.
8. Restrooms
 - a. Replaced tile, stalls, urinals, sinks, etc.



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Map Legend

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- 9. Life Sciences Classroom
 - a. New flooring, lighting
 - b. Added cord drops for student work stations
 - c. Removed excess cabinets
- 10. Physical Sciences/Math Classroom
 - a. New flooring, ceiling, eye wash station, sinks
 - b. Removed outdated
- 11. Middle School Special Education Classroom
 - a. Created new space by dividing computer lab/business education room into 2 classrooms
 - b. New flooring, lighting
- 12. Ceilings
 - a. Added ceiling tiles throughout upper level of MS/HS
 - b. Installed high-efficiency LED lighting in hallways
- 13. Floor tile replacement
 - a. Removed VCT flooring in Middle School wing and hallway near office
 - b. Replaced with Vinyl tile



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Elementary School Summary

Our new remodeled reception area and desk are complete with new security upgrades. The locked vestibule allows staff to identify visitors before they are admitted to the newly expanded office area.

The kitchen has been reconfigured to improve operating and service efficiency, allowing an opportunity for future equipment improvements. A new kitchen office has also been added to separate kitchen administration from food preparation and service activities. The reconfigured space also has an easy-to-clean-epoxy floor and added hand sinks for improved health code compliance.

The overgrown elementary school courtyard has been replaced with the newly paved courtyard, allowing new play opportunities for our younger students.

Lastly, the gym received a new roof and the locker room showers have been converted into flexible space for staff use.



New Reception Desk at Elementary School



Reception Area Remodel at Elementary School



Courtyard Play Area at Elementary School

Elementary School

1. Office Remodel
 - a. Remodeled office to redirect visitors through the office area prior to entering the main school building
2. Kitchen Renovation
 - a. Removed walls to open the space
 - b. New electrical, flooring, lighting, exhaust hoods
3. Courtyard Renovation
 - a. This area that was hard to maintain and often overgrown has been paved to allow the space to serve as a learning space and play space for our younger students.
4. Repurpose of shower rooms
 - a. Used for student break-out areas
5. Classroom renovations
 - a. Installed ceilings, dimmable LED lights, sinks and removed wood soffits for added storage above cupboards

Both Buildings:

New roof above Elementary Gym and the entire MS/HS building

NEW STAFF JOIN HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT



Brayvyn Hammer
Agricultural Ed.
Teacher
FFA Advisor

Mrs. Hammer is excited to be joining the Tiger Nation. She was raised just over the hills on her family's farm in Tomah. Brayvyn graduated from Tomah High School in 2008 and continued her education at UW-Platteville, where she graduated in 2013 with a degree in animal science. During her senior year of college Brayvyn won the title of Miss Rodeo Wisconsin. This allowed her to travel the United States as an ambassador for the agricultural life and the sport of rodeo. From the day Brayvyn was taken home from the hospital, she was in the barn "helping" with chores. She hopes to soon move to the country with her husband Aaron, daughter Landrie, son Gatlin and their two horses and two dogs. While having two young children doesn't allow much time for her to have hobbies she enjoys can-am rides to check crop land and fence lines, art, sewing, crafting, and spending time with family. Brayvyn is excited to share her love of agriculture and teaching with students.



Cathy Wildes
4th Grade Teacher

Cathy grew up on a small dairy farm outside of Kendall where she attended Royall High School. She continued on to UW-Platteville to get her degree in education. Before coming to Hillsboro, she taught for fifteen years in the Tomah Area School District. Cathy is a busy mom of four wonderful children, Tyrus, Tucker, Trey, and Brooklyn. She spends a lot of her time with her family, with sporting events being a large part of her entertainment. She also enjoys being active outdoors by hiking, biking, jogging, and playing volleyball. Cathy is so excited to join the team here at Hillsboro and looks forward to many years in this community.



Renee Reuter
Elem/MS
Physical Education
Teacher

This is Renee's eighth year teaching, she has spent time across schools in the Midwest and is now excited to be in Hillsboro at the elementary level once again! She enjoys being with her daughter and watching her in all her activities she is involved in. Renee also enjoys playing volleyball and softball, kayaking and knitting when time allows.



Angela Clearfield
Early Childhood
Teacher

Angela has a degree in Early Childhood Special Education from the UW-Madison and recently returned from teaching abroad for 17 years. Her family resides in the Richland county area and she returned home to be close to family and friends. She is grateful for the varied teaching experiences she has had and for the continued learning experience that every new year brings. Angela feels honored to be a part of the Hillsboro elementary team and is looking forward to a fantastic school year in the EC classroom.



Zak Dray
HS Math & Science
Teacher

Zak is originally from Onalaska, WI. He is married to Breann, who teaches 1st grade in Richland Center. He has three children: Gavin (9), Jaxon (4), and Clara (1.5). He's been teaching for 15 years and has taught previously in the exotic locations of Las Vegas, Richland Center, Janesville, and Boscobel. In his free time, he enjoys running, doing escape rooms, and of course spending time with his family!



Cassidy Mitchell
Elementary
Social & Emotional
Learning Coach

Cassidy Mitchell is a 2013 graduate of Reedsburg where she was born and raised. Cassidy moved to La Crosse to attend the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse and earn a bachelors of science in psychology and a minor in at risk youth. Cassidy continued to live in La Crosse until taking the Social Emotional Learning Coach position at Hillsboro. Outside of work, Cassidy enjoys hiking with her dog, gardening, and spending time with friends and family.

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Ann Benz
3rd Grade Teacher

Having grown up in Bangor, Wisconsin, Ann appreciates the charms and values of a small rural community like Hillsboro. As an adult, life took her to Minnesota, where she raised her two boys and finished her bachelor degree in education at the University of Minnesota-Mankato. After teaching in Minnesota for a few years, Ann recognized her aging parents needs and made the decision to move back to Wisconsin to be closer to them. After all, Sean and Scott, had both purchased their own homes and were moving forward in their careers. This move landed her in Mauston, where she quickly became an active member of St. Patrick's Parish Community and president of the Mauston Kiwanis Club. Ann enjoys spending her time outdoors; with working in her yard, walking, and hunting being favorites. Walking often includes dog sitting for her favorite chocolate labs, Cooper and Jager. Ann also enjoys playing the piano and watching sports on tv or at the stadium.



Jan Levy
Elementary Music

Jan Levy will be the Elementary Music teacher for the first semester this year. Jan is an alumni of Hillsboro High School and received her Elementary Education Degree from UW-Platteville. Jan has worked in the Hillsboro School District for the last two years as a Substitute Teacher in both the Elementary and High School buildings. Jan is very blessed to be a part of the Hillsboro teaching staff and is excited for the new adventure.



Lourdes Belmares
Elementary
Special Education
Teacher

Lourdes loves to spend time with my family, her two sons ages ten and eight and her husband. The family loves to travel and go to the movies. Lourdes has worked in the School District of Reedsburg for the past five years and is very excited to be a part of the Hillsboro School District.

WHAT'S NEW AT HHS?

Gunner Hynek | HHS Senior

Hillsboro High School has made some progressive changes for the betterment of the student body this year. One of the major changes implemented into the high school was the creation of an Honors Study Hall. In this study hall, students will be able to relax in the comfortable seating of the library and enjoy the use of their cell phones. The standards to qualify for this luxury varies from grade to grade. The upperclassmen must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher. Sophomores need a 3.25 GPA, and the freshmen a 3.5 GPA. Along with these academic requirements, students must maintain positive behavior and attendance.



Another addition to the high school schedule is the insertion of seven-minute passing periods between first hour and tiger time as well as sixth and seventh hours. The break between first hour and tiger time enables students to grab a second chance breakfast if they missed it in the morning. The extra time from sixth to seventh hour gives a no-rush feeling to the final two classes of the day and allows students to use the restroom or accomplish other tasks if necessary. All in all, the changes made this year have been successful, and it makes student life at Hillsboro High School that much better.



AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATER

Grace Stockwell | HHS Senior

On Wednesday, September 18th, high school English teachers, Ms. Madden and Mrs. Hora, and Choir/Theater teacher, Mrs. Parker, sponsored a trip for forty-seven students to travel by bus to American Players Theater in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The students enjoyed a nice hike to the outdoor amphitheater and watched William Shakespeare's comedy, *Twelfth Night*, alongside many other area schools. The group made a stop at Peck's Farm Market to enjoy fall treats and pet therapy before returning to school.



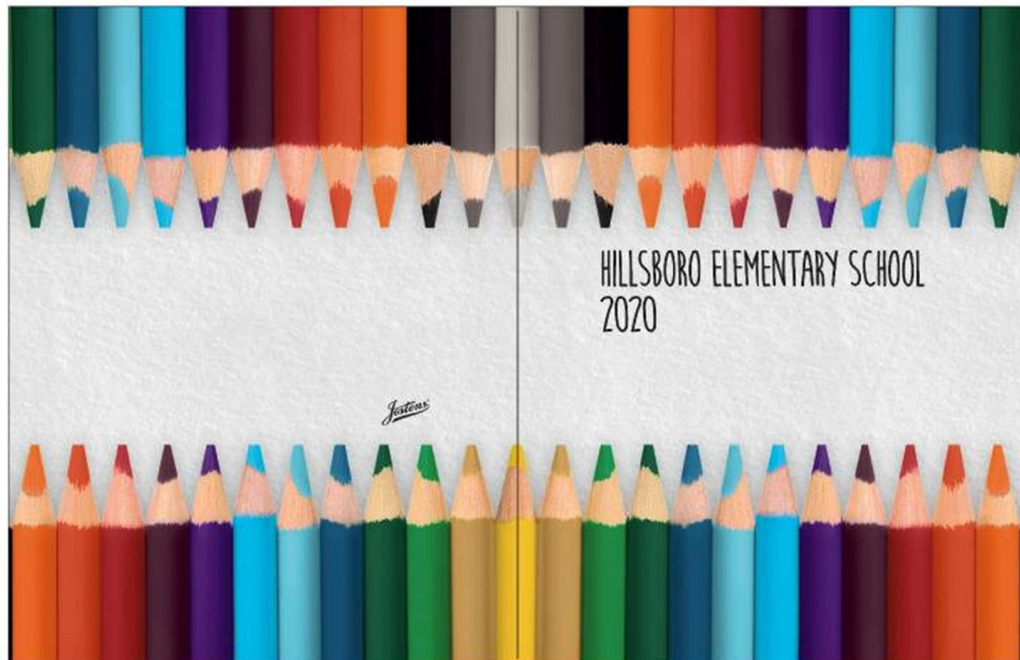
NEW ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK BY JOSTENS

Mitch Huntley | HHS Junior

With many newcomers to the yearbook staff, yearbook adviser, Mrs. Chute felt that it would enhance the development of the book if members attended a workshop at WTC for yearbook design. Students from across southwest Wisconsin attended this amazing opportunity including HHS yearbook staff members Bronson Borchardt, Grace Stockwell, Eli Stokes, Cade Jenson, Gunner Hynek, Savannah Urban, Abby Nemec, and Mitch Huntley. At the workshop, students were able to see different yearbook designs and listen to Jostens Representative, Dave Belland, giving the basics of “good” design and how to use the Jostens yearbook design site. The skills and knowledge they acquired at this workshop are used everyday as students meet 7th hour to work on yearbook tasks such as taking, editing, and organizing photos, as well as designing and editing the high school and middle school yearbooks.



New this year, on top of everything they do, the yearbook staff will be designing an elementary yearbook as well! They will be working hard to make sure they are able to catch all important moments that happen at the elementary school. High school, middle school, and elementary school yearbooks can still be ordered at jostensyearbooks.com.



CROSS COUNTRY HOST CONFERENCE MEET

Savannah Urban | HHS Senior

Both the boys and girls Cross Country seasons have been in full swing for a few weeks. The boys have a young, inexperienced team with no seniors while the girls' team is being led by seniors McKenzie Bell, Mia Brown, Hannah Munson, and Savannah Urban. Although both teams have been crippled by multiple students with injuries, the teams are still racing well overall, with Hannah Munson placing in the top ten at every meet. Upcoming meets are scheduled at Fennimore, Wisconsin Dells, and Riverdale. Hillsboro will also be hosting the conference meet at Spring Valley in Union Center on October 17, with the girls racing at 4:30 and the boys to follow. Come out and cheer them on!



VOLLEYBALL LOOKING TO DEFEND CONFERENCE TITLE

Abigail Nemec | HHS Senior

The volleyball team, led by seniors Abby Nemec, Grace Stockwell, Molly Crandall, Tessa Boldon, and Sierra Johnson, is 4-0 in conference as they are fighting to defend their conference championship title from last year.



Something that the team is bringing back this year is the “gratitude for attitude” award. This is awarded to the player who has the best attitude on the court. Keep an eye on the wall next to the student section to see who wins the award for each game. Go Tigers!

FOOTBALL TEAM CLINGING TO PLAYOFF HOPES

Eli Stokes | HHS Senior

The football team started off with a 1-4 record but have no reason to hang their heads considering the level of competition they’ve faced. Mr. Auel’s Tigers have already played the 1st ranked (Bangor) and 3rd ranked (Potosi) teams in the state. The Tigers also faced another early defeat when they lost their starting center Cade Jensen who suffered a blow to his knee within the first ten plays of their first game. With Jensen back in the lineup for week five, the Tigers stepped up on homecoming night, beating the Cashton Eagles 16-12. In order to qualify for the playoffs, the Tigers need to win the rest of their conference games and with Bangor out of the way, this is definitely achievable.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMING TO A CLOSE

Cade Jensen | HHS Senior

Anyone that has visited or passed by either the high school or elementary has surely noticed many projects taking place. The goal of the summer projects whether it be in the high school, middle school, or elementary school building, was to better the experience for the students and put forth the best resources for their education.



Some of the major projects for the elementary school include; a new roof on the gym floor, remodeling of the courtyard, remodeling of the main office (to update safety precautions when entering the school), remodeling of the kitchen, and updating the oldest rooms in the building with suspended ceilings and LED lights.

As for the high school building, there were just as many updates and renovations throughout the building. To start with, the entire middle and high school roof was replaced. Some other extensive projects in the high school building include; a new stage floor and edge mats, air conditioning unit for the gymnasium, renovation to the science rooms, and the installation of a completely new boiler system.

When asked about what these many renovations mean to the district, Curt Bisarek had this to say; “We are incredibly appreciative of the taxpayer support for these improvements to the facilities. Not only have we been able to improve the overall efficiencies of our buildings, but we have also been able to make improvements aimed at student safety and the quality of the learning environments for our students.”

Bisarek was also very appreciative of the many groups and organizations that worked hard to turn our school into a better environment for everyone. “I would like to thank Bray Architects for their design work, Fowler & Hammer for their management of the projects and all of the subcontractors as well as our employees and volunteers who helped us get the buildings ready for students. It was a very busy summer, but in the end, I think we all can agree that the improvements were worth it.”

HOMECOMING WEEK COMPETITIONS BOIL DOWN TO A DANCE-OFF

Bronson Borchardt | HHS Senior

Homecoming activities kicked off Sunday evening as the Hillsboro High School girls took on powderpuff football. The Senior girls blew out the freshmen 20-0 with Hannah Munson scoring a total of three touchdowns. In the second game, the juniors gave the seniors a run for their money as they picked up some punishable yardage leading to an early score. However, in the second half, the Seniors said “not a chance” as they defeated them 28-8. Following powderpuff football, the boys took on volleyball. The juniors took home the win, having a tough championship game against the seniors as well as their semifinal game against the sophomores.



In Monday’s festivities, “hicks” filled the school to see the seniors take the win in dodgeball over the freshman and then later, the juniors. The juniors started out strong until the one minute warning, encouraging the seniors to score more eliminations. The tables quickly turned as the juniors forgot their “5 Ds of dodgeball: dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge.” As time ran out, the seniors took the victory.

During Tuesday’s competitions, the stands were painted with athletic jerseys as music was pumping and competitors were running for their seats during a session of musical chairs. The seniors blasted off to an amazing lead, but not for long as they slowly started to be eliminated. In the final showdown, Billy Filler (Junior) and Mathew Morris (Sophomore) faced off for the final chair. Juniors took the win over the rest of the classes, putting them into first place.

Thursday, students dressed as their favorite cartoon characters packed the gym for the Mr. Tiger competition. Hayden Bell (Freshman), Payten Strohmeyer (Sophomore), Mac Verbsky (Junior), and Dalton Kehoe (Senior) battled their way to the crown. Bell’s yoga demonstration earned him a fourth place spot. Although Strohmeyer killed the questionnaire portion of the competition and baked 220 cookies for the entire student body and staff, he came in third. Mac Verbsky tried to make the audience laugh but came up short as he acted the part of an HHS roofer. Dalton Kehoe showed the underclassmen how to get it done with his performance of a Backstreet Boys song. Dalton and fellow seniors, Bronson Borchardt, Gunner Hynek, and Trent Thorson rocked the gym with their performance of “Everybody”, leaving the crowd in awe. Cheers filled the gym as Kehoe and his crew danced their way to a Mr. Tiger coronation.

Friday’s festivities included a packed schedule as the classes put their taste buds to the test in “Guess That Food,” as well as a production of the senior skit. The seniors were announced as Homecoming Week Champions when they took the lead by winning the whole-class activity, “Pass the Hula Hoop”. At the all-district pep rally, Kevin Osorio and Molly Crandall were crowned 2019 Homecoming King and Queen followed by the parade downtown.

Saturday night, at the dance, the seniors were informed that a mathematical error occurred while calculating scores. After a full week of competitions, the Seniors and Juniors were in fact tied. This led to a dance-off at the homecoming dance. Senior, Bronson Borchardt, and Junior, Matthew Mondesir, competed for their respective grades. Both young men gave a worthy performance, but Borchardt came out on top with the win, leading to the Class of 2020 indisputably winning Homecoming 2019. Congrats Seniors!

