This season marks Turpin’s 3rd year having a cross country program. Though there has not been a program for that long, the team has already shown immense progress. 5th-12th grade runners show up early every morning before school for practice and sacrifice their Saturday mornings to participate in the meets. So far this season, there have been a consistent amount of athletes medaling at the meets. The head cross country coach, Lance Robinson, says the athletes are working hard to reach their potential. Coach Robinson sets high expectations for each and every one of his athletes. He wants each of them to feel a sense of accomplishment crossing the finish line with a new personal record. His words of motivation are, “The harder you work, the better the reward will be.” Coach’s goal for this season is to teach his runners to never be satisfied with where their at. He wants this to be applicable not only in sports, but in life as a whole. Mr. Robinson plans to incorporate new, challenging workouts into the program. He wants to encourage his team to work hard and begin to realize that they are capable of doing anything they set their mind to. Coach Robinson says, “I am looking forward to the future of this great sport here at Turpin.” Though the team is still young and relatively new, they have been showing enormous amounts of success and commitment. It is clear this program has a bright future ahead of itself.
FCA’s Back To School Pool Party

This year FCA hosted a pool party to start off the school year. FCA is where people come together to worship God. “FCA is Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They meet up on Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. FCA is a place where students come together and learn about god, eat food, and have fun with each other. I am part of FCA because I love worshiping God and learning about him with my friends. I always have a great time at FCA. FCA is special to me because I’ve been involved in the organization ever since I moved to Turpin nine years ago. My parents are the leaders so it is a big part of my life. I love being able to worship God with my friends and family.” Sammi Batt.

FCA is a huge part of Turpin high school because it gives people a chance to connect with God and be part of another family. Quarterback Isaiah Villalobos said, “I am part of FCA because my friends go to FCA, and we are all determined to learn about God!” It’s special to Isaiah because the people around him have the same mindset: to have a fun time and to learn about the man upstairs. He also goes to get closer to God and strengthen his faith. The pool party was held at the Opitz house. They had pizza and held a prayer circle to end FCA’s opening night.

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Family Night

Family night happened on Thursday, August 30. Mrs. Hendrich was in charge of the event. Everyone who attended received a bingo sheet with classes on them. Whichever teacher taught the class that corresponded with the bingo sheet sat at a given table so that the parents could get to know the teachers. 8 pounds of ice cream was served and there were many bingo prizes. There was also a teacher bingo; papers with crazy things about teachers were handed out. The goal was to find a teacher that corresponded with the crazy thing until the teachers were all crossed out. This game allowed parents and kids to get to know their teachers. There was a 4-H booth that had an interactive marshmallow catapult game, a PTCI booth, a TCEC booth as well. The night was a success with about 200 people in attendance; almost the entire cafeteria was full. After the games, the parents were allowed to visit with the teachers. The event was organized by the Title III committee: Mr. Buller, Mrs. Lehnert, Mrs. Groves, Mrs Hendrich, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs Watson, and Mrs. Wright.

Hamburger Fry

On August 20th, Turpin had a hamburger fry. The Hamburger Fry brings the community together for a fun evening of food, conversations, and gives the community a chance to meet all the fall athletes and coaches. Amanda Brungardt was in charge and planned the community night. The attendance was higher than usual for the Hamburger Fry. Around 300 people attended this year, and over 200 hamburgers and 80 hot dogs were served. Amanda Brungardt wants to give a shout out to Student Council for stepping up and volunteering to serve burgers and hotdogs.
Softball

The Turpin Lady Cardinal softball team ended this season with a record of fifteen losses and one win. Head Coach Mendoza said that his hopes for the team was to improve before the season ended by “coming together as a team” and by “learning from mistakes.”

The team was young this year with only seven upperclassmen. Mendoza tells that the underclassmen were learning the game. Hopefully by next season the team will have a better understanding of the game and will “cut down on mistakes,” as Coach Mendoza put.

Looking forward to next season, he expects the girls to “get better everyday and play hard.”
The Perryton Parade

On the sunny day of August 25, 2018, the Turpin Pride band went to Perryton, Texas to compete against eleven other bands in a marching competition. With only 5 days to prepare, the band placed 3rd in the Large School Division right behind Guymon and Liberal, respectively. The Pride band is a 7-12 grade group, and they outscored bands that are exclusively 9-12. They were led to this great accomplishment by this year’s drum major, John Robert Harris. In previous years, Turpin proudly placed first in the Small Band Division. Some would say Turpin is capable of doing the impossible. This would not have been achievable without the great band director Phillip Burns.
Student of the Month

September 2018

Litzy Aquino
The Turpin Cardinal Cheer Team during halftime.

The Senior football boys from left to right. Trent Weber, Isaiah Villalobos, Rene Mendoza, Joshua Heitschmidt, Noah Garcia, Alex Lopez, Trevin Watson

The 2018 Homecoming Queen was Litzy Aquino.

The Homecoming candidates were Rayna Robinson, Litzy Aquino, Micaela Young, Chloe Hendrich. The crown bearer was Easton Opitz and the flower girl was Delayanie Campbell.
On September 8th, the Turpin Cardinals faced off against Boise City and came out on top 30-0. In the first half, it seemed like Turpin and Boise City were evenly matched. With Turpin up 16-0 at halftime, both teams were moving the ball up the field at about the same pace. After the third quarter, the Cardinals began to pull away. Injured quarterback, Isaiah Villalobos, had sat out for the majority of the game to rest his injured ankle. After a major collarbone injury to sophomore quarterback, Riley Ratzlaff, and a minor injury to emergency quarterback, Trent Weber, Villalobos entered the game. Normally a run-first quarterback, Villalobos had to play a more reserved, throw-heavy game and do his damage from the pockets. With an interception from Rene Mendoza, Turpin had one of their biggest gain of yards of the second quarter. Allowing Trent Weber to score a touchdown and two point conversion, making the score 8-0 with 9:58 on the clock. In Turpin’s next possession, Isaiah Villalobos threw Trent Weber a twenty two yard pass, giving Noah Garcia ground to score the next touchdown and two point conversion, advancing the score to 16-0 with 5:20 left to play in the half. At the end of third quarter, Garcia made the third touchdown of the game, putting Turpin at a 22-0 lead. Towards the beginning of the fourth quarter, Turpin had been put in a tight spot, facing a fourth and twenty, Isaiah threw a thirty yard touchdown pass to Noah Garcia, but the play was called back due to a foul. The next play Isaiah threw another long pass that was called back due to another foul. Finally, Isaiah threw Cesar Anchondo a pass taken forty one yards to the goal. After scoring the touchdown, Noah Garcia scored the final two point conversion of the game.