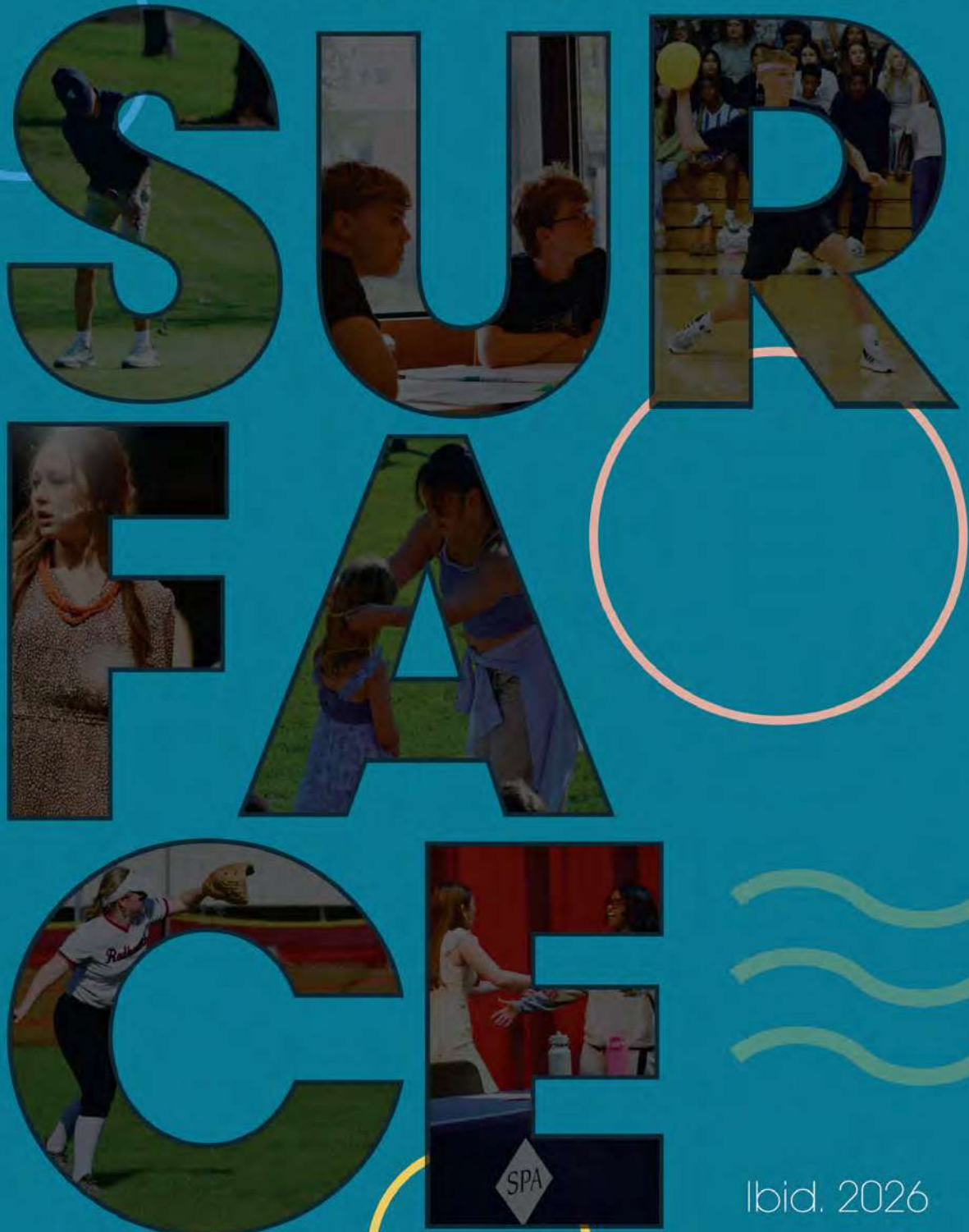


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SOULFUL STRINGS. Ryan Kari ('26) switches out his electric bass for a classical one for the third song of the Juan Miguel Quartet turned quintet for their performance during the spring Jazz Band concert Apr. 16, 2025.
PHOTO: Nabeeha Qadri



SUGAR RUSH. Latinos Unidos hosted the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration May 6, 2025. Lucille Brooks ('26) used one of the cone-shaped legs of the broken piñata to hold all the candy she collected.
PHOTO: Lani Ngonethong



TALENTED TRIO. Roman Farley ('26) and Johann DeVriese ('26) entertained the crowd with a short podcast while Ethan He ('26) drew up a caricature of Farley during the spring Talent Show on May 13, 2025.
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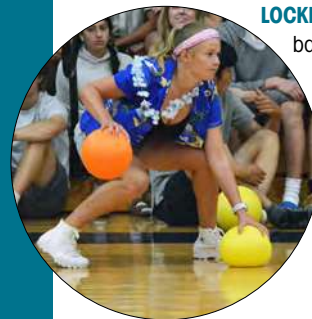
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LOCKED AND LOADED. Alyda Overgaard ('28) throws a dodgeball during the HOCO Finals on Sept. 20. She played on the Bjork Baddies: "We chose the name because it was our name last year, and one of my advisory mates came up with it kind of as a joke," she said. The team's 9-10 advisor was Fitness and Wellness teacher Rebecca Bjork. **PHOTO: Caden Deardurff**

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DYNAMIC DECA. Izzy Middlebrook ('28) holds up a sign to promote her new club at the Clubs and Groups Fair on Sept. 4. Our DECA chapter, started by Middlebrook, Gisele Parnell ('28), and Archie Dougherty ('28), includes a business and career skills competition. Parnell emphasized the benefits of competing: "It can be very real, like proposing your own idea for marketing," she said. **PHOTO: Eva Johnson**

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CLASSICS CONVERSATION. Olivia Andres ('28) and Asha Peckosh ('28) talk about the current Classics in Society book in their junior/senior English Elective. "We have discussions almost every class and it's a great way to hear other people's perspectives," Andres said. **PHOTO: Eva Johnson**

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TENNIS TRADITIONS. Nora Grande ('26) high fives her fellow Spartans after shaking hands with her doubles match-up in the starting lineup vs the Mounds Park Academy Panthers on Sept. 25. Grande and Peony Steele ('27) played second doubles together all season. Grande joined as a sophomore and earned a spot on the varsity team junior and senior years. Now, as an upperclassman leader on the team, she says she still loves the team's culture: "It just has a great atmosphere. You come to the court and everyone's saying hi and greeting each other and asking about each other's day," she said. **PHOTO: Phoebe Gottlieb**

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SPRING INTO SPIRIT. Patrick Wall ('26) hypes up the crowd during the All School Assembly on Sept. 16. This was the first year SPA offered PreK, and the four-year-olds were the youngest attendees. Students in the stands at Lang Field went crazy when Wall yelled, "Everyone up on your feet!" before the Spartan Beat. **PHOTO: Caden Deardurff**



"I can wiggle my ears," Eli Kardasis Sturtz ('28) said.

it's summer time

MIDWAY FUN. The "Great Minnesota Get-Together" is known for exhilarating rides. The Ferris wheel is a fan favorite, along with other skyline rides that overlook the fair. Phillippe Cristobal ("26) attended the fair two days this summer, once with family and once with friends: "I was with some friends eating Sweet Martha's cookies, like six cups of those, and I had to sit down for 30 minutes (after)," he said.
PHOTO: Eva Johnson

ADVENTURE

"I was elected prom queen of my high school in senior year through voter fraud," Varsha Venkatasubramanian (History) said.



FELT IT PAY OFF. Gwendolyn Uhlhorn ("28) stands next to her felt dragon at the State Fair. "It tied for first place in its category and was considered for a grand prize," Uhlhorn said. **SUBMITTED PHOTO:** Gwendolyn Uhlhorn

getting outdoors (out of school)



SUCH GREAT HEIGHTS. Alex Haupt ("27) poses for a photo in July at the top of Mount Fuji in Japan. "When we finally summited, it was about half an hour till a 5 a.m. sunrise, and we waited to get this nice photo from the peak of Mt. Fuji," he said. **SUBMITTED PHOTO:** Alex Haupt



FORGING AHEAD. Iris Bergad ("28) carries a canoe at YMCA Camp Menogyn, where she spent two weeks of her summer. "I love to canoe, and go on hikes with my camp friends," she said.



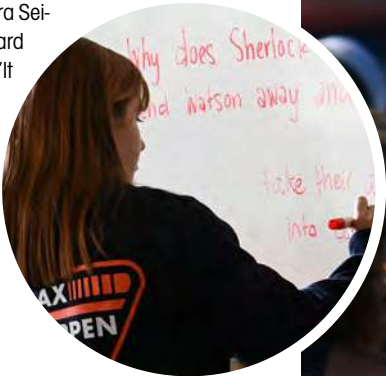
EYE-CATCHING ART. Iris Luther-Suhr ("27) poses with a statue at the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. "I was about to start my semester program in D.C. and was walking the national mall with my mother. I love the statue because the injured soldier depicted is meant to survive. The artist wanted to convey a theme of hope," she said. **SUBMITTED PHOTO:** Iris Luther-Suhr

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CRACKING THE CASE. Nora Seifert ('26) works on the board during her English class. "It was the Sherlock Holmes unit in Classics in Society, and I was writing my group's answers to the discussion questions on the board," Seifert said. **PHOTO:** Eva Johnson



READY TO RUMBLE. Johnny Rog ('26) lines up against De La Salle in the football game on September 5th, 2025. Rog said, "The game was a blowout. Once we knew the game was over, we put in a lot of new guys and got to try out a lot of our new plays against a real team." **PHOTO:** Jocelyn Rog

BIO BOSSES. Kate Tuttle ('28) and Theodore Salonek ('28) use Benedict's solution to detect glucose in different mixtures. They were excited to see the solution change color, revealing the presence of glucose. "I am having fun conducting experiments and doing labs," Tuttle said. **PHOTO:** Gisele Parnell



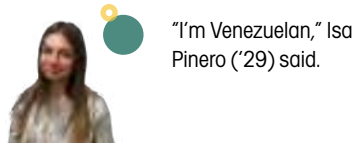
MINNESOTA WELCOME. Spanish exchange hosts greet their partners from Colegio Malvar on Sept. 8 at MSP International arrivals. US Spanish teacher Peter Daniels said, "When you step out of your daily life, out of your comfort zone, when you step into the lives of someone else, you realize that the little things fall away and it's instead the relationships that we can make with those around us," he said. **SUBMITTED PHOTO:** Peter Daniels



SET THE PACE. Paloma Good ('27), Maren Overgaard ('26), Sophie Kannapiran ('28), Alyda Overgaard ('28) and Leah Passe at the starting line at Les Bolstad Invitational at the University of Minnesota on Sept. 20. Even though Kannapiran is competing by herself, she still values team culture. "It's really hype, because I feel like everybody actually, includes each other," she said. **PHOTO:** Katherine Lin

NEW YEAR NEW START

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"I'm Venezuelan," Isa Pinero ('29) said.

it's winter let's create

CREATIVE COLLABORATION. Aurora Schaffer ('29) and Louis Goldbaum ('29) work on their Physics 9 mobile project. Schaffer said, "Our theme is nature and the thought process behind it was using a lot of different objects we found around the design lab. My group has been really good at dividing and conquering to make sure stuff gets done." **PHOTO: Phoebe Gottlieb**



GAME DRIVE. Boys basketball played their first game of the season against Mounds View on Dec. 2. Ben Sieben ('26) said, "People didn't believe we could compete with Mounds View because they are so much bigger of a school than SPA, but we not only sent the game into overtime but also were up most of the game." **PHOTO: Caden Deardurff**

coming together



SPANISH SMILES. Archie Dougherty ('28) practices Spanish pronunciation with Rory Kigin ('28). Dougherty said, "Spanish is always a little silly, but Señora Starkey makes it fun." **PHOTO: Phoebe Gottlieb**



LET IT SNOW. Phoebe Gottlieb ('29) makes a snowflake during combined advisory bonding time. "It was fun to work with people i normally wouldn't talk to and it helped me to learn more about finals too," she said. **PHOTO: Maggie Grimsrud**



BASS BRILLIANCE. Sonia Kharbanda ('26), Josh Melchert ('26), Johann DeVriese ('26), and Desmond Rubenstein ('26) play bass in the POPs Concert finale: "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You." Kharbanda said, "I was sad to play in my last POPs concert because it was a tradition that I looked forward to every year. I remember going to the concert even before I was in high school to watch my brother. I think our last concert went well and I really liked the finale." **PHOTO: Jocelyn Rog**

COMMUNITY

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the spring season is

PAINTING AWAY. Lila Montgomery ('27) and Asha Peckosh ('27) paint their emotion paintings during Painting 1. "I like the class because it is a nice quiet place where I get to focus all of my attention on one thing," Montgomery said.

PHOTO: Lailee Gaspard

creating bonds

CHEERING UP A STORM. Elliot Pierach ('27) and Jack Hawthorne ('28) cheer after a point is scored in the boys basketball game. **PHOTO:** Caden Deardurff

PREPPING EARLY. Kate Tuttle ('28), Eva Johnson ('27), and Ruth Kenny ('29) block a scene for the Spring musical, "The Music Man." John said "This was my first blocking rehearsal and it was very fun to see the show on its feet."

PHOTO: Lili Itzkowitz

SPARTAN SUPPORTERS. Nils Lajuzan ('28), Eli Kardasis Sturtz ('28), Andrew Lipinsky ('26), Whitsun Piper ('28), and Peter Ostrem ('26) wave their pom-poms at the boys basketball game. **PHOTO:** Caden Deardurff

FUZZY FRIENDS. Sam Ray ('26) takes notes on a moss ball during Botany class. The moss is named "Bob Moss."

PHOTO: Helen Frost

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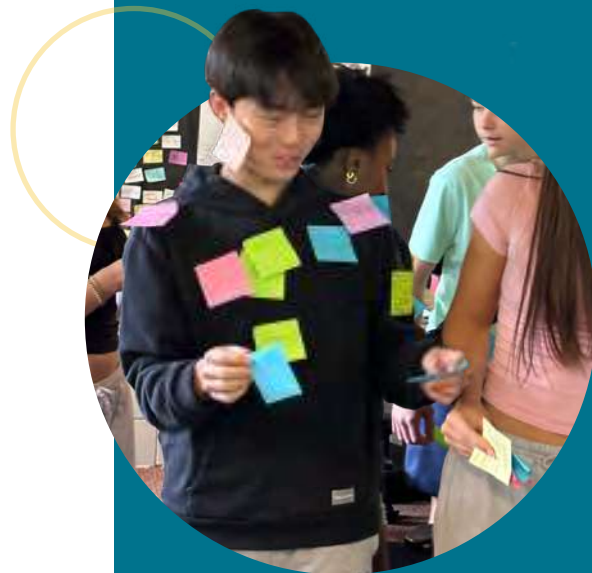
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POSITIVE POST-ITS. Director of RubricOnline Thomas Chen ('26) gets covered in post-its of love, a tradition after monthly publication critiques where members of staff write notes to each other expressing gratitude and celebrating each other's work. Winston Arvidson ('28) said that "Thomas has been extremely helpful whenever I've had questions ... and has made it an easy transition from W4P to being on staff." **PHOTO: Kathryn Campbell**



G.O.A.T GRAPHER. Peter Gillen-O'Neel ('29) receives a high-5 from his Physics teacher Joe Martin after winning the annual Graph Matching competition on Dec. 2, 2025. "The whole thing was really fun, especially getting to do it with the school watching," Gillen-O'Neel said. "My favorite part was probably being back behind the curtain with the other competitors discussing scores and strategies." Gillen-O'Neel is the first graph matching victor in history from Martin's class.

PHOTO: Juan Miguel Adams



"I was a synchronized swimmer (in later elementary). I would go to school with gelatin in my hair and people would ask me what happened and I would say, 'I have a synchronized swimming competition.'" Helen Frost ('26) said.



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