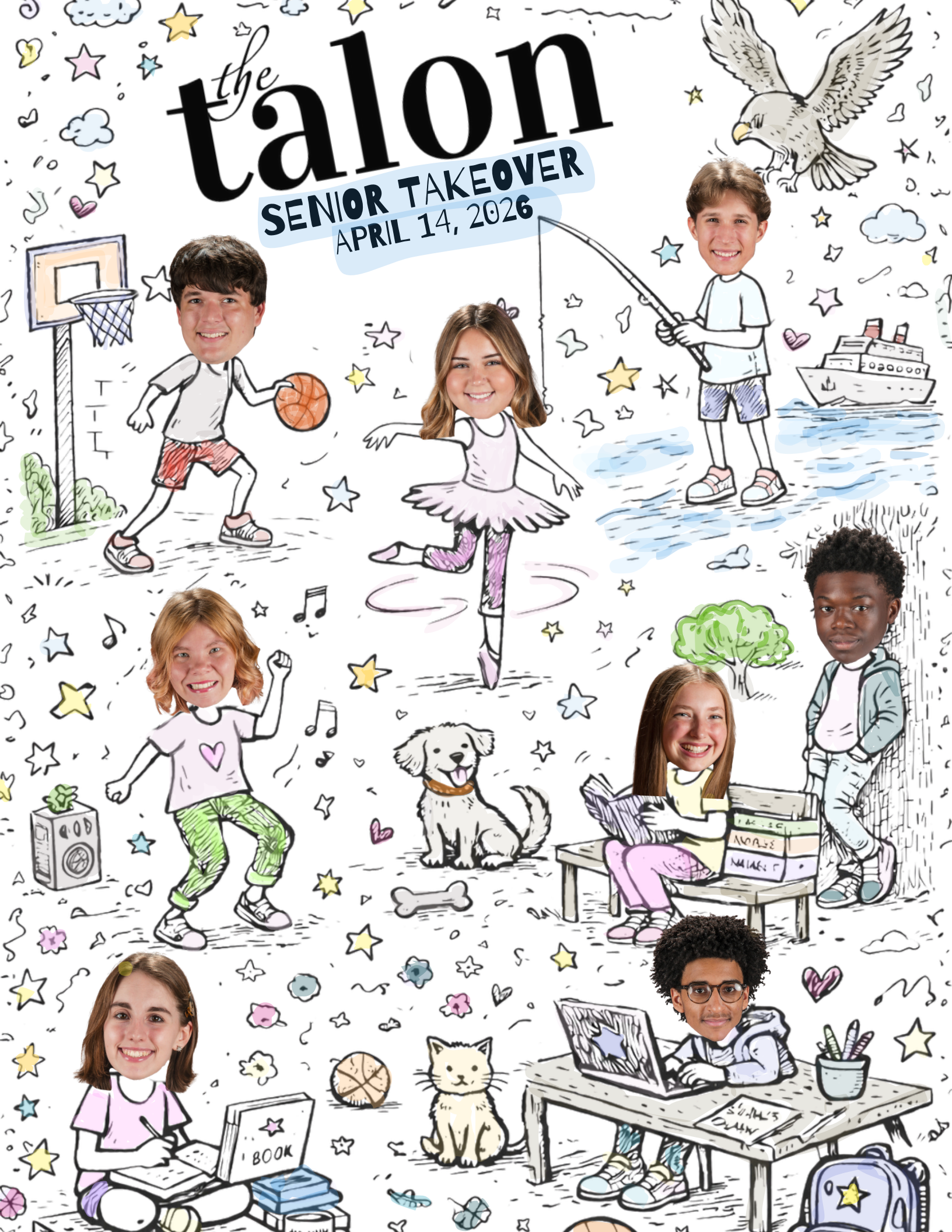


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SENIOR TAKEOVER
APRIL 14, 2026





"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." My favorite memory at TCPS is the senior class at the Upper School Retreat when we spent the time together at the high ropes course. Also, worship at the retreat was amazing as well and the senior cruise was so fun. I want to leave the students with this - when you have time to work on your senior speech, do it ahead of time.

BRYNNA

Cigliano

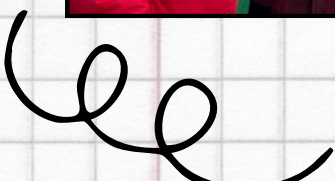
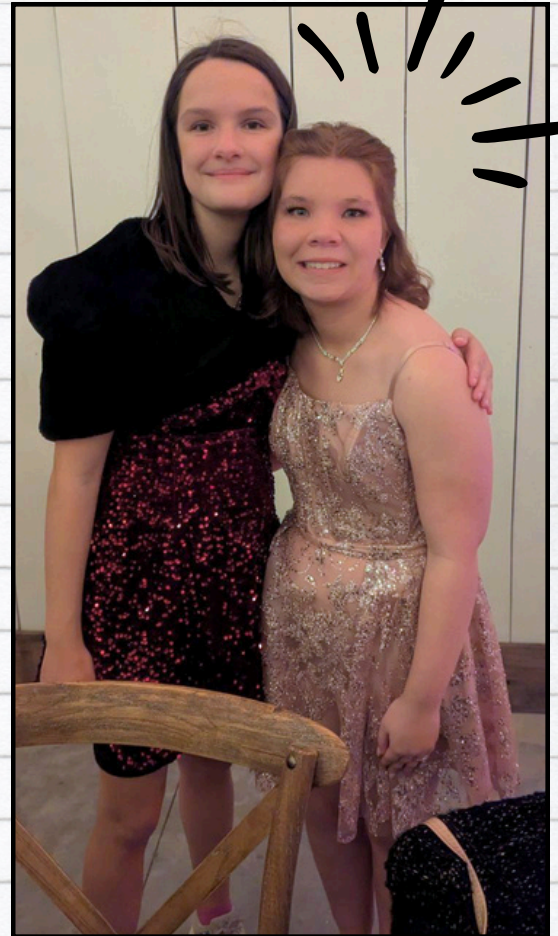
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I want to thank my mom. Thank you for your kindness and your love. I am proud to be your daughter. Thank you for your wisdom and support you give me though life and all that you do for me. Thank you for taking me to school when you don't have to. You are the greatest mom. I love you.

I also want to thank my dad. Thank you for your love and support in my life and the wisdom and love you give me. Thank you for all that you do for me and taking me to school everyday and work as well. You mean the world to me. I'm so grateful to have you in my life. I love you.

-Brynna Cigliano



BRYN Corley

As I reflect on my high school experience, it is safe to say it has molded me in many unexpected ways. Initially I thought that high school meant getting good grades and preparing for what comes after. However, I gradually realized that it involves much more than

that. High school has been all about learning, growing, and finding your identity, as well as finding the ability to deal with success and failures. One of the areas where I have grown the most during high school is my faith. I had to learn that sometimes not everything will go according to plan, and that there might be times where I feel lost, confused, and unmotivated. During those times I had to learn to rely on God, rather than on my understanding, and to see how difficult situations make you stronger both as a person and in your faith.



What makes me proud, besides achievements, are the valuable lessons behind them. However, it wasn't easy, and success comes with its challenges. Whether it be difficult moments at school or the overwhelming stress of assignments or relationships, I needed to master the skill of perseverance. The feeling of failure, as discouraging as it might be, gave me the strength to rise again and proved that personal growth is achieved through hardships.

Here is some advice to the students behind me: do not rush! Try to enjoy the moment that you are living through, even if it is difficult. Join in and create deep connections with your classmates, and even those not in your class. Do not be afraid of being outside of your comfort zone. Above all of that, believe that each and every experience helps you grow and become the person that you are meant to be.



-Bryn Corley





My high school experience was filled with growth and understanding, both personally and spiritually. My view of God has become clearer, and I've grown more excited for the plans he holds for me. I may not know the future, but I know what he holds is good. I have

SOPHIA ellis

learned lessons of patience and to draw closer to God when stress and anxiety become abundant. Similarly, I have learned that the Lord lightens my burdens in times of uncertainty and that prayer and scripture help lighten the weight of the world. When I feel overwhelmed or trapped in my situation, I know I can lean on God to protect me from the storm.

A message I would like to leave behind is to always be yourself. As corny as it sounds, I do believe that, when we hide the beautiful parts of ourselves to fit in, we do a disservice to God and his creation. I believe that we as a society should learn to love the "weird" about us. The things that stand out in us should be embraced rather than sheltered. Nowadays, it feels like cruelty is the standard, and there is little empathy left in the world for the obscure. I find that things that are the most weird are the most beautiful—I myself would prefer to be called "weird" than find myself misunderstood. There is just something beautiful about not being normal, finding beauty in the odd. I've learned to let go of embarrassment, as it only weighs you down in life. Trends die, people change, and the flowers wilt and bloom again. The world around us was never meant to be concrete, and that is why we must be so. Be concrete in your faith in God and in your knowledge of self.

-Sophia Ellis



AUDREY

Lyles

Reflecting back over the last few years, I truly can't believe how far I've come. I joined TCPS at the beginning of 2021, my 8th grade year. I was very shy, and nervous to start a new life hundreds of miles away from my old one. Although at first I may have wanted nothing more than to return to my old



home, eventually this school and the people around it became the home I never expected to have. These past five years went by in a blur, and although high school is challenging (and not always fun), I want to remind the classes below me to take in every moment. Don't count down the years until it is over, but make the best of every second you have, because one day very soon it will come to an end.

Over the past five years, this school has helped shape me into who I am today, and given me a focus for a future I am unsure I would have picked up anywhere else. I vividly recall the first time I considered a career in nursing. Sitting at a desk in the middle school math classroom during Sophomore year, I was thinking about what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. No specific field had particularly interested me before, and the only thing I knew for sure was that I wanted to use my life to help others while bringing glory to God. Then I contemplated the possibility of becoming a nurse and, for the first time, felt a true sense of peace when thinking about life after high school. If I had not nervously stepped foot into the gym that first day in 8th grade, I truly don't think I would have ever thought about being a nurse. That being said, I am excited to spend the next four years studying nursing at Lee University.

Being around the same small group of people year after year, sharing experiences and accomplishments, has given me a true sense of community that most high schoolers never encounter. The teachers truly love for their students, and go out of their way to make sure they are cared for. Looking back I can clearly see how God has moved in my life during my years at this school, through every bible class, chapel service, discipleship night, and bible study. I am so grateful for the opportunity to spend the past five years at this school, and grow not only in my knowledge of subjects like history and science, but in my relationship with the Lord.

-Audrey Lyles



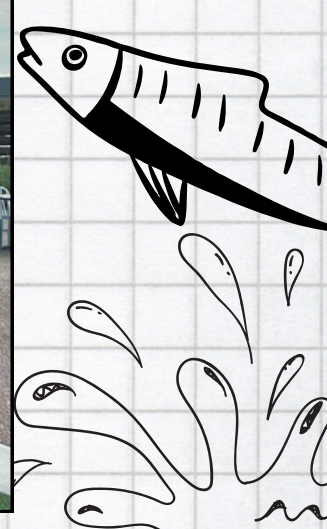
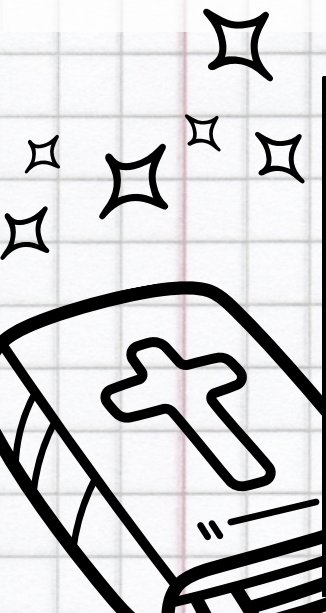
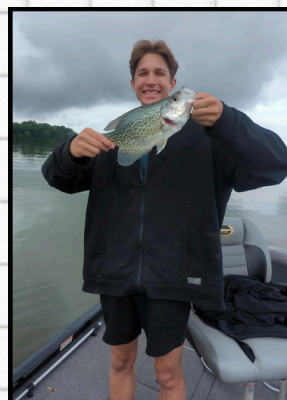
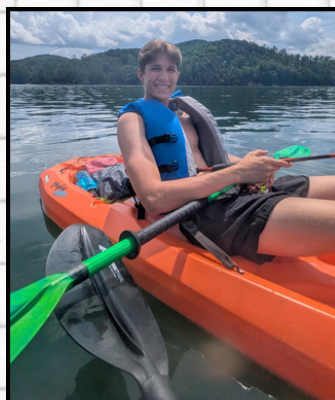


Throughout my time at TCPS I have learned so much as well as grown exponentially in my relationship with God. As I've worked to finish my assignments and finish my high school years, God has taught me so much through the special and even ordinary experiences. By working hard and putting God first to the best of my ability, I've seen the goodness of God through many challenges and hardships. These accomplishments have given me new hope and faith that will carry into this new chapter of life by the grace of God. One obstacle I've learned to overcome is anxiety and stress from working a job paired with

JUDAH Machacek

athletics and homework. I've gotten better at trusting God with my chaotic life as well as remembering to live more in the moment. I've learned when I fail it's an opportunity to grow as a person who becomes more like Christ everyday. This journey is ongoing as I hope to pursue a career in ministry and fulfill God's purpose for my life. This relentless pursuit is part of my missional statement reminding me of my purpose because when it all comes down to ground zero our only objective is this: love God and love people.

-Judah Machacek

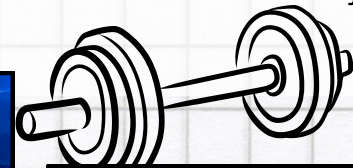


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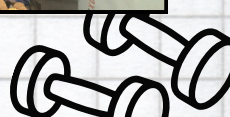
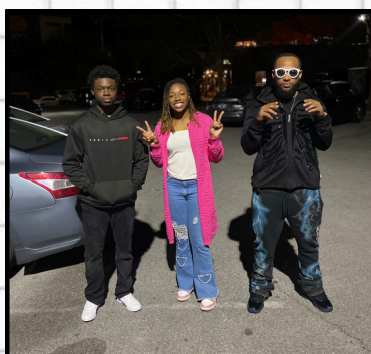
Coming to a different school for my last two years of high school was a bit difficult for me at first. I don't think it's ever been possible for anyone to be



ready to move into a different environment such as a new high school. But everyone's friendly and welcoming manner made it so much easier to feel comfortable. An especially warm memory for me was being able to attend the back to school retreat during my first year at TCPS. I feel like being able to have so much fun while also forming bonds with new people helped a lot in getting used to a new school. Not all of high school has been easy though. One of the biggest obstacles I faced was learning how to manage my time and stay focused. It became hard to not procrastinate and feel overwhelmed when assignments started to pile up. But this also helped me realize I needed to change my habits. By doing things like using a planner and breaking big assignments into smaller work sections, I began to have more control of my work and my schedule. If I could give advice to the students coming after me, I would say to make the most of your time in high school. It goes by faster than you think, and it's important to enjoy both the big and small moments. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. You can miss out on so many parts of life just by being afraid or focusing on what others think, and life becomes much more enjoyable when you push yourself.



-Caleb Miller





These past 4 years of high school have flown by so fast. I have learned and grown so much over my 7 years at TCPS. I would never have thought I would be able to have the opportunity to do everything I have accomplished here. I was able to be a part of the student council, NHS board, & NAHS board. I got into my reach school and was able to be a part of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership.

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Morgain



I have been helped and inspired by so many people along my journey. I have grown closer to God and grown so much more in my faith while here. Mr. Hammond's bible class and discipleship group have played a huge role in helping me revitalize my faith and think about my beliefs more critically.

My words of wisdom to the underclassmen would be to "do it imperfectly". Do things at your own pace sometimes, and take advantage of every opportunity you can, even if you do not think you will get it. One thing that really held me back sometimes was trying to do everything perfectly. It is better to do something imperfect than not do it at all.

-Ian Morgain





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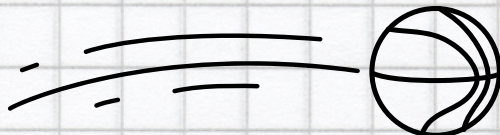
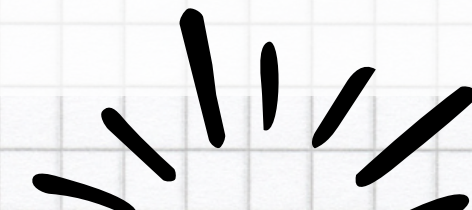
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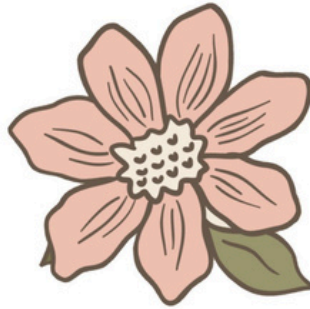
One experience where God taught me more about Him was when I was uncertain about my future. During that time, I had trust and faith that he had a plan instead of trying

to control everything myself. It really shows that God is present even in uncertainty and struggle. One thing I would say I have accomplished is gaining the opportunity, experiencing graduation, and being able to put forth multiple years of playing sports. I have experienced success in our athletics; I think it was my first year on the TCPS soccer team, and that team ended up going undefeated, and I have seen some great people develop out of those athletic teams. One obstacle I faced during school was managing my time between athletics and school; I got in a routine of prioritizing athletics over schoolwork with a do-it-later attitude. I overcame this obstacle with a change of mindset to stop procrastinating till the last minute. There have been many challenges and failures that I have faced. I discovered that success ultimately hinges on one's mindset and attitude. Having a good mindset and attitude can help you move on from those failures and challenges. Never prioritize anything over your relationship with God, and keep practicing faith in your everyday lives, and have that Christ-like mindset/attitude.



-Ben Slocumb





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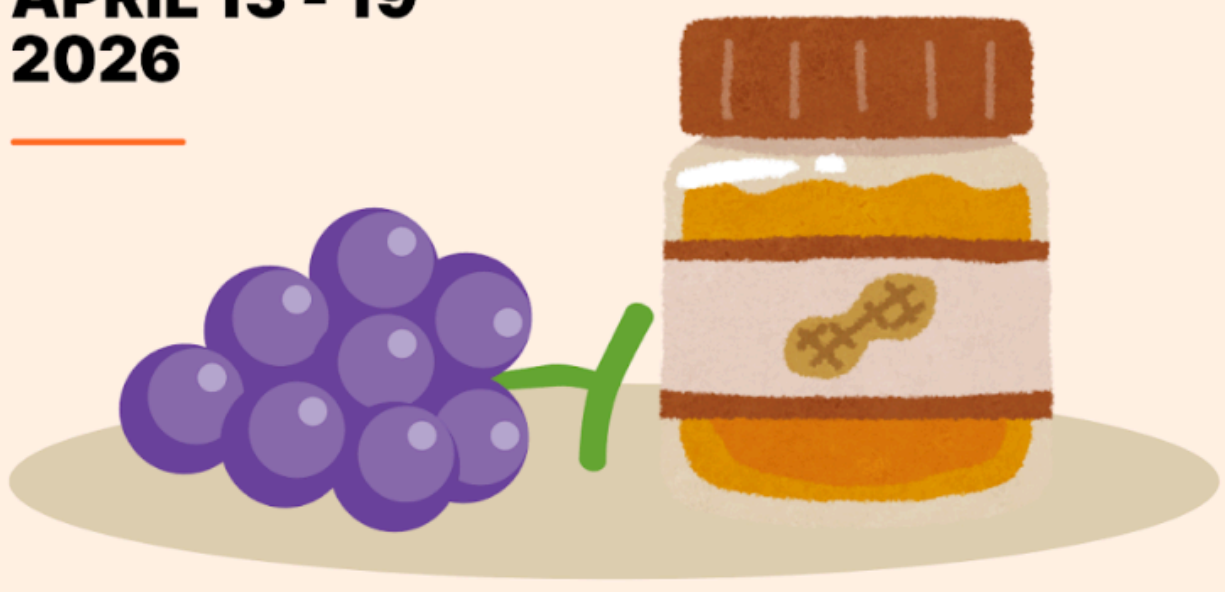




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