

LIP SYNC BATTLE

SONGS EACH CLASS USED DURING THE BATTLE

"PARTY IN THE U.S.A."

"I liked performing 'Party in the USA' because Miley Cyrus is one of my favorite artists [and] the lip sync was scary, but overall it was funny." CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM (9)

"SINGLE LADIES"

"I enjoyed performing the song for [the] purpose of it being fun. I liked the song [because] it's Beyonce, but [the song] was not the song I wanted but I had to make it work."

"SK8ER BOI"

ROCKO GRIFFIN (10)
"We just thought why not have some fun and just do whatever, as long as it's big and funny. Yes, [it was the song] I wanted, but I would have rather performed] 'Shake it Off:'"

"WANNABE"

JOHN HENDRIX (11)
"The energy from my classmates was wild. 'Wannabe' was not the song I wanted to perform. I was thinking more along the lines of Beyonce's 'Formation.'" CAMERON WADE (12)



ALMOST THERE // Tied together, Jordan Jennings (9) and Alana White (9) close in on the finish line during the three-legged race. "Alana had no clue how to [run in the race]. [However,] we came in third [place], beat the sophomores, and never practiced," Jennings said. The freshmen came in last place during Class Games on Oct. 17. Photo by Abby Hunsinger.



DEW CHUG // Laughing during the Dew chug, Brianna Roy (10) attempts to keep the Mountain Dew in her mouth. "I felt like I looked [like] a fool and it was so fizzy. I was just trying not to throw up in front of everyone," Roy said. Photo by Jaycee Hughes.

FIRST PLACE FINISHERS

JUNIORS WIN 3-POINT SHOOTOUT AGAINST SENIORS

Design by Kishan Patel.

She threw the ball. With one final basket, a crowd of yellow-clad juniors stormed the court, picked up player Thaddeus Wheeler (11) and carried him across the gym floor. Cheers from face-painted students echoed throughout the gym as the game ended and Abigail Jenkins (11) walked back to her seat, receiving high-fives on her way there.

Jenkins and Wheeler beat the sophomores in the first round of the 3-point shootout, followed by a deciding win against the seniors in the second round. As the first round of games began, the junior team waited as seniors played their first round against freshmen. Alex Widener (12) and Desmond Barksdale (12) quickly beat the freshmen team and advanced to the next round.

"I figured the freshmen would be kind of nervous, just because it was their first class games and it's a lot of pressure to make shots," Widener said. "If you're nervous, you don't shoot well. I think that this

is what allowed me and Desmond to shoot so well." After a quick win by the seniors against the freshmen, the sophomores and juniors began their first round of the game. Jenkins shot first, finishing her round across the court before Wheeler began his turn. Basket after basket, Wheeler finished before the sophomore team and took the juniors to the championship match against the seniors.

"I did not know how I was going to shoot with all the pressure building up. I was expecting [the sophomores] to be better than us before we started," Wheeler said. "Once [Jenkins] finished, I was like, 'This is my turn to finish it.' I was just thinking beat the sophomores to have a chance at beating the seniors. The sophomores were behind us because Abigail shot really good. I was not worried once we got ahead that the sophomores were going to beat us."

The junior and senior teams readied themselves

for the championship game. Wheeler and Barksdale shot first, leaving Jenkins and Widener to compete for first place. The crowd cheered as Jenkins and Widener moved in opposite directions across the court. With her final throw, Jenkins' ball made it in the basket. Juniors raced to the court, congratulating the players for their first place win.

"I was definitely surprised at how well Thaddeus shot the ball, and he got a pretty good lead on us. Then [Jenkins] started shooting and by the time she made her third shot, I knew it was too late," Widener said.

The win gave the juniors four points toward their total score. Although the juniors did not win class games, their win in the 3-point shootout helped secure second place behind the seniors. Story by Avery Householder.

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FRIENDSHIP NEVER ENDS // Ending the Lip Sync Battle during Class Games, Brandon Brooks (12), Cameron Wade (12), Tapanga Langnehs (12), Josh Martin (12), and Michael Bland (12) dance to "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls. "The group of people that went out had a great time singing made going in front of the high school [and] being together as a grade [made it] so much fun," Langnehs said. The seniors won first place in the Lip Sync Battle and Class Games. Photo by Abby Hunsinger.



PULL // Heading the front of the senior's team for tug-of-war, Alex Dorsey (12) pulls against the junior team to determine the victor for Class Games. "There was a strong kid on the other side, but he had nothing on me. Winning was pretty great," Dorsey said. The seniors beat the juniors and were declared victors of Class Games 2017. Photo by Haley Burke.



SCAVENGE // Quadarris Green (10) sprints towards the judge's table with a ten dollar bill during the Scavenger Hunt. "I enjoyed running for my team [and] I wanted to run because I am a good runner," Green said. The ten dollar bill task was cut from the event because the old ten dollar bill was difficult for everyone to find. Photo by Jaycee Hughes.



SHIPS AND ONE SAILOR // Sitting third in the line headed by Maddie Thomas (12), Davis Gaylord (11) and other juniors are reassured a possible victory during Ships and Sailors. "I felt like we were going to win Ships and Sailors, because we had three juniors. When it came down to just Maddie and I, I still thought I would win. But, then they called the game," Gaylord said. The juniors and seniors shared a tied victory for the unresolved game. Photo by Avery Householder.

"[IN THE PAST AND NOW, I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT MY] FRIENDS, [BECAUSE] THEY MAKE ME LAUGH AND HELP ME WITH MY WORK." LAUREN-OLIVIA EASTERLING (6)

"[WHEN I WAS YOUNG I SPENT MY TIME ON] FOOTBALL, SCHOOL, AND MY PARENTS. [NOW, I SPEND TIME ON] BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SCHOOL, AND MY BROTHER." MASON TURNER (7)

"MY FAVORITE RIDE AT DISNEY IS THUNDER MOUNTAIN. IT HASN'T CHANGED." EMMA BEASLEY (8)