

RANGER RECORD

Sponsored By: Ms. McMahan and Ms. Lopez



RANGER CHOIR

By: Haidyn Glover, Audry Covarrubias, and, Jon Garcia

Our school is home to a very talented choir group taught by Mrs. Dunckel. During this grading period, we will be highlighting their achievements and events! Our Rudder Choir students describe themselves as a family, creative, and open-minded class who strive to be the best. They provide a welcoming environment for each other to feel comfortable in. We enjoyed speaking to Mrs. Dunckel and learned how much she loves to teach choir. She described it as she was made to be a music teacher since it had been her dream since she was in 7th grade! She said she loves and enjoys being around music, let alone teaching it.

Next, we spoke to one of our choir students, Loren Gonzalez. She told us about their upcoming event. Our 7th and 8th graders will be competing in the annual UIL competition! We wish our Rudder choir students the best of luck. Their next event is the 6th graders performing at the diversity day at John Marshall High School on March 2nd! Their final event will be their recital, the rock of the ages! They will be performing old rock songs. We are very proud to have such a talented choir class in our school!

RANGER SPORTS

By: Sidra Tareq, Koi Rand, Emily Toscano, and Maya Davis

Happy New Year!

We'll start off our new year strong with our Rudder Sports Teams, one of our greatest pride at our school. With our variety in sports, varying from Football, to Soccer, and even more lesser played sports such as Golf. Despite the variety of sports we have and their many differences, they all share a common quality:

perseverance.

We are incredibly proud of our student-athletes! While more well-known sports such as football season came to an end awhile ago, we still have sports such as track, soccer, and golf starting soon! ...

Soccer: one of the most, if not the, well-known sport worldwide. It isn't necessarily surprising that we have such a famous sport at our school but what is surprising is how absolutely talented our athletes are! They continue to surprise us with their stunning persistence.

While we have incredibly famous sports such as soccer, we also have the other side of the spectrum: Golf. While most people forget about golf we'll make sure you won't!

Ranger Dance and Theatre

By. Emaan Minhas, Sabla Salih, Lilly Ramirez, and Micaylah Trevino

Have you ever been to a live performance? It is such a magical experience that you can see here at Rudder Middle School! Our dance teacher, Ms. Patkowski, has made multiple dances that have touched every PowerPoint in the dance industry. Our dances have everything, from hip-hop and tap dance to even contemporary and ballet. We want to give a big shout-out to our dance teacher, Ms. Patkowski. She has gone above and beyond to teach the art of dance, and we are super grateful for that. We interviewed Ms. P and asked her four questions. What got you into dancing? She stated, "My mom enrolled me in a dance school when I was about 3". We also asked her if she had any advice for anyone who just started dancing. She said, "to have confidence because it helps you overcome fears of doing movements you are not comfortable with." Lastly, we asked her, "What quote do you try to include in your everyday life?" Ms. Patkowski stated, "Dance is the hidden language of the soul." We received extraordinary responses from Ms. Patkowski and are thrilled to have her here at Rudder, teaching future dance generations.

Now let's switch our point of view to Theatre. Our Theatre teacher, Ms. O'Connell, has given Theatre kids much love, fun, and delight. She is always looking for a way to spice up any play. On the other hand, theatre is where people show their talent and passion for acting. There's so much in Theatre, from drama to comedies and even musicals. We also asked our beloved theater teacher, Ms.O, some questions. We asked her if she ever had to learn a new skill or technique for a specific role?, and she responded, "I had to learn how to tap dance for a play." We asked Ms.O if she had ever forgotten her stage lines, and if so, what did she do? She said, "Yes, I have forgotten my lines plenty of times. I always preach to my students that if you forget a stage line, improve your way to that line. Just never stop on stage". Ms.O'connell is a fantastic theater teacher with great morals and personality. We appreciate the art she teaches and hope she continues to teach at Rudder Middle School.

No other school is as talented as Rudder Middle School. Can you imagine how much more these talented souls can achieve? Each individual in Rudder's dance and theatre is qualified and hasn't even begun reaching their full potential. Each performance gets better and better. We cannot wait to see how much these beautiful souls have grown from the beginning of the school year to the end. Let's hear from some talented individuals, starting with dance.

Special shout out to Tiernee Sabine. She is a very responsible and hardworking student. We asked her two questions and got great responses from her. We asked her what interested her in theater, and she said she enjoyed working behind the scenes, making set pieces and costumes for others. Since we were told she was a hard-working student, we asked her what motivated her to work hard. She said, "What motivated me was having my friends help me through and having family there to help if I ever need it." She is a star student, and we hope to see her succeed.

Student Highlight

By: Haley Reyes, Lilianna Brammer, and Joaquin Villarreal

Adrianna Brammer is a 6th grade student that's described as kind, helpful, and responsible. She's a hard working student who devotes her time to her sport softball. Her sister Lilianna Brammer described her as "a ball of joy who never fails to make people smile." We had the wonderful opportunity to interview her, and here are her responses:

- What motivates you?
 - "Music, friends, family, and books."
- What is one thing that helps you get your work done?
 - "Have extra examples and the teacher help also when I am in groups."
- What are some interesting facts about yourself?
 - I like metal music. My favorite hobbies are softball, and I really want to play drums. I am good at helping people out when they get lost. My favorite band is SlipKnot."

- What is one thing that you would say to motivate other students?
 - "Think good things, make sure always to focus and do your work when the teacher says to always believing yourself."
- What do you think any student can improve on?
 - "Focusing on school work, and make better choices. Getting to class on time is important so you can be ahead. Pay attention in class so you know what's going on so you don't fall behind."

Current Events

By: Ayamba Ayuk, Christopher Tobias, Layla Barela

The vibrant world of San Antonio events and festivities is calling! Looking for things to do in San Antonio? How about culinary events to treat your tastebuds to the exquisite flavors of San Antonio? What about free events for the whole family? You're in for a treat. They're all in San Antonio, and our event calendar is bursting with fun, whether you're into music festivals, art exhibitions, or delicious food fairs. San Antonio is a city steeped in more than 300 years of traditions and heritage. As you explore the one-of-a-kind events, restaurants, rich history and art, you will see that the San Antonio River Walk is special and the perfect place to be to relax, renew and recharge in early 2024.



From festive river parades, world-class entertainment and diverse cuisines to art and artisan markets, cultural experiences, outdoor recreation and plenty of activities for kids, the San Antonio "Riverwalk is the place where traditions begin and continue through generations. Experience the magical powers of the River Walk as you relax, play, and reconnect. Stroll the lush riverside paths lined with towering Cypress trees, restaurants, hotels, shops, museums, and recreation spots. Soak in the history and ambiance of this authentic San Antonio destination. Here in San Antonio, you can enjoy the beautiful culture, enjoy their delicious foods and enjoy their amazing people.

Clubs and Organizations

By: Arianna Benavidas, Carmen Barragan, Layla Antu, and Logan Armstrong



Hey! Did you know that Rudder has opportunities for you to get involved with your school? They offer a ton of different clubs to satisfy your interest! With things like guitar, anime, and even gardening clubs, I bet you'll find something to enjoy.

Don't know what club to join? Well, here's some insight!!

The gardening club is a fun and interactive club that (obviously) involves plants. The gardening clubs' goal is to clean up our school garden and make it look nice and pretty. They meet every month before school at 8 am. If you want to contribute to our school, go make a difference. Make the plants look pretty!!

Esports is all about competition in the gaming environment. Every couple of months, the esports club members go out and compete in gaming tournaments. In esports tournaments, you can play games like Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and many other games to win special prizes!

Ranger Events

By: Sophie Marsh, Sam Lopez, Isaiah Johnson, and Sahara Greer



The Festival of Cultures is a celebration where people come together from different backgrounds to showcase their traditions, music, art, and food. Hosted by Rudder Middle School and Marshall High School, our students come together to appreciate different cultures. During the festival, people participate in various activities to showcase their traditions and celebrate diversity. They engage in performances such as music and dance shows. Workshops and demonstrations are organized to teach traditional arts, crafts, and cooking techniques. This year, we even had a former NFL player stop by! It's a wonderful way to learn, connect, and celebrate our shared humanity.