OCTOBER 2024 Wilson Hall

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Sara Helen Simmons '25

Simmons National Merit Semifinalist

Sara Helen Simmons '25 has been selected as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, and now represents the top one percent of high school seniors in the United States. She is the only student who attends school in Sumter County to receive this recognition, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation publication. Semifinalists show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies, and Sara Helen, who has attended Wilson Hall since preschool, was selected because of her performance on the 2023 PSAT and her academic record.

Jackson Named Merit Commended Student

Josie Jackson '25 was recognized in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student. Commended Students placed among the top three percent of more than 1.3 million students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The program recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in academics and have the potential to succeed in rigorous college studies, and about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise.



Josie Jackson '25

Matthews & McAdams Elected Mr. & Miss Wilson Hall

Shawn Michael Matthews '25 and Jane McAdams '25 received the honor of Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall. Each fall, the upper school faculty nominates students for Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall and the Mr. and Miss for grades 9-11. When nominating a student, the faculty consid-



Shawn Michael Matthews '25 & Jane McAdams '25

ers the following factors: above average academics, participation in athletics and/ or extracurricular activities, outstanding citizenship, and excellent character.

From the list of faculty nominated candidates, students in grades 9-12 voted for their own class. While voting, students consider the same criteria the faculty considers when choosing the most well-rounded representatives of their class and of Wilson Hall.

The following underclassmen received this honor:

Mr. & Miss Junior Andrew Howle and Charli Bonser

Mr. & Miss Sophomore Abel Ayres and Livie Pedersen

Mr. & Miss Freshman Wilkes Burnette and Harper Burke.



Shawn Michael Matthews '25 & Sara Helen Simmons '25

Senior Superlatives

The following members of the Class of '25 were selected by their classmates for the Senior Superlatives:

Most Likely to Succeed

Shawn Michael Matthews & Sara Helen Simmons

<u>Most Athletic</u> Owen Meyers & Molly Jones

Most Dependable Thomas Creech & Annabelle Branham

> <u>Friendliest</u> Parker McLeod & Emma Howle

Most Intelligent Andrew Segars & Josie Jackson

<u>Most School Spirit</u> Michael Lauzon & Camryn Wilmes

<u>Most Talented</u> Logan Schumacher & Sophie Sweatman

> <u>Wittiest</u> Knox Buxton & Lucy Buxton



With 30 flags unfurled around Spencer Field, the Stars and Stripes were in place to welcome guests to the football game for Military Appreciation Night.

Military Appreciation Night

To honor the many military families at Wilson Hall, Military Appreciation Night was August 30 at the varsity football game; military families received free admission. To commemorate the night, 30 American flags, on loan from Sumter Museum, were placed around Spencer Field. Red, white & blue balloon arches decorated the entryway, and fans dressed to the spirit theme of U.S.A. The Shaw Air Force Base Honor Guard presented the colors, Chaplain Jacqueline Peppin offered the invocation, Senior Airman Savannah Emile sang the National Anthem, and Col. (Ret.) Brian Jackson did the coin toss. Approximately 19% of Wilson Hall's student body and faculty are associated with the military.

Special Athletic Recognition

Farm Bureau Heart of a Champion football player of the week: Adam Baker '25, Jackson Bonser '25, Knox Buxton '25, Shawn Michael Matthews '25 & Carson Wilsey '25.

Farm Bureau S.C. Independent School Assoc. Chain Crew of the Week Mr. Roy Creech '83, Mr. Russ Elmore, Mr. Jay Jones '90, Mr. Byron Kinney & Ms. Angela Tristan.

S.C. Independent School Association Athlete of the Week: *Molly Jones '25* (cross-country & volleyball).

The Sumter Item's The Grind Featured Athlete of the Month: Owen Meyers '25 (football).

> Sumter Touchdown Club Player of the Week: Jackson Bonser '25 & Owen Meyers '25.

WACH Fox Scholar Athlete of the Week: Josie Jackson '25 (equestrian & cheerleading).



Mrs. Marissa Deakin is the new Director of Finance and Human Resources. A graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts in business communications, she has 20 years of experience in accounting, business and contract management.



TOP LEFT: Ava Hulme, Beau Ripley & London Boyd, Class of '37, cheer at the conclusion of their routine. BOTTOM LEFT: Ellie Morris '36 is ready to do a chant for the crowd. TOP RIGHT:Mary Pearl Aronson '35 precisely executes her cheer. BOTTOM RIGHT: Millie Davis '31 & Harper Rivers '31 perform a dance routine.



Mini-Cheerleading

The annual mini-cheerleading clinic, sponsored by the varsity cheerleading squad, culminated with a performance on Spencer Field during halftime of the varsity football game on September 20. Sponsored by the varsity cheerleaders, who were assisted by the JV squad, the week-long clinic was held after school for girls in Preschool 4 through 5th grade. The 150 participants were taught a dance, chants and cheers. The B-team squad, advised by *Mrs. Courtney Moore*, performed to conclude the halftime program. *Mrs. Frances James* is the advisor of the varsity squad, which is led by Captain Annabelle Branham '25 and Co-Captain Sophie Sweatman '25, and *Mrs. Lauri Peyton* advises the JV squad.



THE BARON GAMES

The 23rd Baron Games, a pep rally for students in grades 6-12, was held in the Nash Student Center on September 20. The pep rally featured four different competitions (Football Hike, Football Toss, Baron Caterpillar and The Baron Drag) in which teams representing the classes competed; the Classes of '25 and '29 won their respective competitions. Each class had its own T-shirt for the event. Following the events Knox Buxton '25, a varsity football player, and Mr. Chuck McCord, an assistant football coach, spoke to the crowd, as well as Michael Lauzon '25 as a fan, to generate spirit for the upcoming game. Sophie Sweatman '25, cheer co-captain, and the rest of the varsity cheerleaders led the singing the Alma Mater and the school fight song to conclude the program. Student, Body President Jane McAdams '25 and Vice President Milling Galloway '26 organized the event on behalf of the Student Council, which is advised by Mrs. Rachel Jones Brown '00, Ms. Heather Eldridge '93 and Mr. Sean Hoskins.













- 1. Micheal Lauzon '25, who was chosen as the 12th Player for the football game because of his school spirit, speaks to the crowd as a Baron Fan.
- 2. Lauren Kohl '30 laughs as her classmates complete the Baron Drag.
- 3. Wilson Wells, Anna Kate Coker, Michael Lauzon & Thomas Creech, Class of '25, compete in the Baron Caterpillar.
- 4. Addison Hines, Teegan Rieger, Addie Geddings & Ryann Jones, Class of '31, do the Baron Football Hike.
- 5. Addie Griffin '26 & Madison Grace Hansen '26 pull a classmate in the Baron Drag.
- 6. Clay Jones '29 & Brogdon Hill '29 enjoy competing with their classmates.



Tilan Byrd '25 & Lottie Bynum '25 enjoy the activities at Camp Bob Cooper during the class mini-retreat.

SENIOR CLASS MINI-RETREAT

As a follow-up to their Junior Class Retreat, the seniors went on a mini-retreat to Camp Bob Cooper on the shore of Lake Marion in Summerton during the school day on September 4. Students participated in group activities such as an autograph hunt, reviewed the iMovies they made in the spring about the traits and characteristics they would like to emulate as seniors, and participated in waterfront activities before having lunch. *Mrs. Laura Barr* and *Mr. Glen Rector* coordinated the event.



Eloise Stewart '37 poses with her stuffed animal that won "Most Unique Dog" ribbon. To help transition into the new school year, students read "Boomer Goes to School" by Constance W. McGeorge. For a fun activity they had a dog show, presenting special stuffed dogs (or other pets) of their own, each winning a unique blue ribbon for specific characteristics (Happiest Dog, Fluffiest Dog, etc.).

BARON MEDIA DAY

Always an exciting day in our lower school, Baron Media Day promotes school spirit and provides positive interaction between the older and younger students on campus. Senior fall athletes visited students in 1st-5th grades during lunch, posing for photos with them and distributing autographed photographs. *Mr. Rip Ripley*, Assistant Athletic Director, coordinated the event.



LEFT: Annabelle Branham '25, a varsity cheerleader, autographs a photograph for Gracie Shook '35. CENTER: Anna Kate Coker '25, a member of the volleyball team, visits with Claire Tindal '32 & Ashler Rosado Posso '32. RIGHT: Banks Waynick '35 receives an autograph from Cooper Scott '25, a member of the football team.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE PRAYER EVENT



Students, faculty & parents gather in prayer around the flagpole before.

Approximately 80 students, faculty and parents gathered around the flagpole for the annual See You at the Pole, a global day of student prayer on September 24. The event began in 1990 as a grassroots movement with ten students praying at their school, and over three decades later, millions pray on their campuses in the fourth week in September. See You at the Pole is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. Wilson Hall's event is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, advised by *Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93*, and First Priority Christian Club, sponsored by *Ms. Heather Eldridge '93*.



Wilson Hall welcomed Mr. Robby Brown to campus as the guest speaker for a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting held during lunch. He is a former assistant coach in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins and the New York Jets, and he was a member of Georgia Tech's football team. Over 60 students & faculty members gathered to hear his message, supported by scripture and personal anecdotes of his time as a coach and player, that God has a plan for all the events in our life, and we need to "pay attention" to the game of life. The FCA, advised by Mrs. Molly Simpson Matthews '93 and led by President Shawn Michael Matthews '25, is open to all high school students and meets on alternate Wednesdays.



TOP: Michael Warrick, Levi Jiang, Patrick Norton & Kadence Newman, Class of '25, join in singing the Alma Mater. CENTER: Cecilia Ayres '31 & Charlie Coulter '31 play in the championship game during the tournament. BOTTOM: Students cheer for their classmates.



Walker Wilson '26, a member of the varsity football team, speaks to the crowd about the upcoming game.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT PEP RALLY

The first Pickleball Tournament pep rally was a resounding success as the team of Cecilia Ayres '30 & Charlie Coulter '30 narrowly defeated the team of Logan Mims '25 & Michael Warrick '25 in the finals. Each grade (6-12) had a co-ed team that played 3-minute games, with the teams with the most points advancing through the tournament. Following the activity, Jane McAdams '25 spoke to the crowd as a fan, Walker Wilson '26 as a member of the football team, and Mr. Chuck McCord as one of the coaches. As with all pep rallies, it concluded with the cheerleaders leading the crowd in the singing of the Alma Mater and the school fight song. Annabelle Branham '25 is the Captain and Sophie Sweatman '25 Co-Captain of the varsity cheerleaders.





TOP LEFT: Baron Ambassadors Austin McLaurin '26 & Anna Kate Coker '25 volunteer at the Baron Swag Bag table. TOP RIGHT: Nikeria DuBose '31 has her face painted by varsity cheerleader Annabelle Branham '25.

Baron Family Tailgate



CENTER: Sophie Sweatman '25 poses by the life-sized photo stand-in she created.

BOTTOM: Guests gather in front of the Nash Student Center for the Baron Family Tailgate Party.



Gathering in front of the Nash Student Center before the football game on September 20, over 500 guests enjoyed the Baron Family Tailgate Party that was catered by Southern Pride BBQ. Baron Ambassadors, led by Chair Sara Hayes Ridgeway '25, distributed pom-poms & souvenir footballs and conducted a name-drawing for a WH Swag Bag. Cheerleaders offered face painting, and guests could pose for photos in a life-size photo stand-in of WH characters created by Sophie Sweatman '25. The first silent auction for the Future Fund was held; guests bid on things such as preferred seating at graduation, a year-long reserved parking space, and being a cheerleader for a night. Mrs. Martha Jo Smith Johnson '99 & Mrs. Caroline Zitzke of the Development Office organized the event.

PYRAMID COMPETITION PEP RALLY



As a fan, Abby Bradley '25 speaks to the crowd to generate excitement for the football game.



Cooper Scott '25, a member of the football team, riles up the fans at the conclusion of the pep rally.

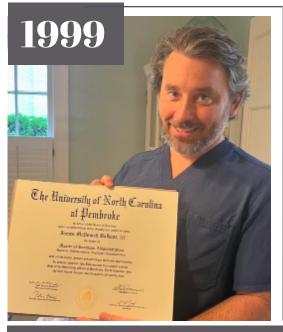


The boys in the Class of '26 win the competition.

To promote spirit for the football game at Laurence Manning Academy (the Barons won 45-12), the varsity cheerleaders sponsored the Pyramid Pep Rally which featured a competition among teams representing the 9th-12th grades. Boys competed against boys and girls against girls to see which team could build a human pyramid the fastest. The Class of '26 won the competition for the boys and the Class of '25 for the girls, and the Class of '26 boys won the overall competition. *Abby Bradley '25* spoke as a fan, *Cooper Scott '25* as a member of the team, and *Mr. Adam Jarecki* as the coach. The pep rally concluded with the cheerleaders leading the singing of the Alma Mater and school fight song. *Annabelle Branham '25* is the Captain and *Sophie Sweatman '25* Co-Captain of the varsity cheerleaders.

Mr. Jeremy Tidwell, an engineer with the Lugoff Fire Department, visited the class of his daughter, Sloane Tidwell '37, as the week's Mystery Reader. He gave the students fire helmets to wear, read the book Big Frank's Fire Truck by Leslie McGuire, and discussed fire safety.





James DuRant '99

James DuRant earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. A developmental and behavioral pediatrician, he is the lead physician for developmental-behavioral pediatrics at Novant Health Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics - Eastover. James graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in biology and from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine. He completed a pediatrics residency at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and a developmental and behavioral pediatrics fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina. He and his wife, Courtney, live in Charlotte with their son, Jack, and daughter, Jordan.

2001

Margaret Harritt Patterson is the Director of Construction for the Eastern United States for Wingstop Restaurants, Inc. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Margaret and her husband, Tyler, live in Athens, Tennessee.



Margaret Harritt Patterson '01

2003

ALUMNI

Josh Nethercutt works as a reliability engineer at Alpek Polyester USA in Lexington. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

2004

Derek Liuzzo received the Emerging Educator Award from the American Council of

Academic Physical Therapy, recognizing the outstanding achievements of academic physical therapy faculty who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and excellence in their field. He is an assistant professor of physical therapy at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he earned a Master of Business Administration. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in exercise science, a Doctor of Physical Therapy, and a Ph.D. in exercise science and rehabilitation. *Derek* and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Brooklyn.



Derek Liuzzo '04

Colin Spann and his wife, Ellie, announce the birth of their son, William Jeffrey Spann, on September 30. They have another son, Oliver. *Colin* is the son of *Melanie Hurst Green '76*.

2005 Kim Shorter is an associate professor of biology at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg. She was awarded a National Institutes of Health Support for Research Excellence Program grant that will support undergraduate research in molecular biology and epigenetics. Her students will get the opportunity to work with two cell lines, perform transfection via lentivirus to generate a stable knock-in of a gene, isolate biological macromolecules like proteins and nucleic acids, and take part in generating and analyzing data including RNA sequencing, DNA methylation sequencing, and histone modification analyses. Kim graduated from Converse University with a Bachelor of Kim Shorter '05



Science in biology and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry, and from the University of South Carolina with a Ph.D. in biological sciences. She completed postdoctoral research at the McKnight Brain Institute at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

2006

George Carruth served as the emcee and was a featured performer in the Arts Center of Kershaw County 50th Anniversary Encore, a showcase of the Arts Center's most memorable performances. He serves on the center's board of directors. George works at Wilson Hall where he teaches World Geography, 6th and 7th grade theater, and Theater I-IV. He is also directing the fall play, Just as I Suspected, and the spring musical, Mary Poppins Jr. George is a second lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard and serves with the Air Defense Artillery Brigade at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts in theater studies.

2009

Stephanie James Gould and her husband, Phillip, announce the birth of their daughters, Alice Virginia Gould and Annabelle Evans Gould, on October 2. They have two other children, James and Olivia. Stephanie is the daughter of Jack James '72.

Jenna Still and her husband, Tyler Smith, announce the birth of their daughter, Violet Witt Smith, on September 14.



Jordan Cannon is the Director of Europe, Middle East and Africa Presales

for InEight, Inc., a company that provides computer software solutions for construction and capital projects. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Jordan and his wife, Oliwia, live in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Christopher Sharp and his wife, Rachael, announce the birth of their son, James Dabney Sharp, on September 8.

Taylor Munn White and her husband, Thomas White '09, announce the birth of their son, James McConnell White, on September 6. Taylor is the daughter of Rhett Munn '81.



Taylor Munn White '10 & Thomas White '09 with their son, Mac.



High school students & faculty gathered in the Founders Chapel for the first chapel service of the year led by Mr. Lee Gandy, Chapel Program Director. He gave an overview of the life of Christ before offering the closing prayer

2011

Mary Margaret Somheil Richey and her husband, Éric, announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Neale Richey, on September 1. They have a son, Samuel. Mary Margaret is the daughter of Marsha Cubbage Somheil '81 and Chris Somheil '79.



2012 Madison Cox is the Director of Operations for NorthStar Financial and Retirement Planning. He graduated from Clemson Uni-

He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business management. *Madison* and his wife, Sasha, live in Greenville.

Caroline Dowling Smith and her husband, Lander, announce the birth of their son, Dowling Lander Smith, on September 24.

Caroline Dowling Smith '12 with her son, Lander.

2013

Kaitlyn Dowling Craven works as an occupational therapist for Adelphi Medical Services. She

graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in experimental psychology and from the Medical University of South Carolina with a Master of Science in occupational therapy. *Kaitlyn* and her husband, Franky, live in McClellanville.

Ali Hilpisch lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is the Director of Finance for CRH, the world's leading building materials business with locations in 29 countries. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in accounting and finance.



Elizabeth Munn Krouse '13 and husband, Paul Joseph, with their son, James.

Elizabeth Munn Krouse and her husband, Paul Joseph, announce the birth of their son, James Harris Krouse, on September 18. *Elizabeth* is the daughter of *Rhett Munn '81*.



Tanner Carraway '14 with his daughter, Phoebe.

2014 Tanner Carraway and his wife, Emily,

announce the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Marie Carraway, on September 25. They have another daughter, Lyla. *Tanner* is the son of *Leigh Simpson Carraway '87*.

Cameron Joyner works as a senior associate in federal risk services for KPMG, a Big Four accounting firm. He graduated from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. *Cameron* and his wife, Leigh, live in Sumter.



2015

John Eagle Miles is an associate with Mintz, a national law firm that specializes in life sciences, private equity, energy, and technology, and he focuses on technical communications. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies and French and Georgetown University Law Center with a Juris Doctor, and he studied history and linguistics at the University of Artois in France. John Eagle and his wife, Mary Kennon Arscott Miles '13, live in Washington, D.C.

2016

Rhett Howell works as a logistics account executive for JEAR Logistics, a truck transportation company in Charleston. He graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.



Campbell Mims is an associate with the government relations firm

Thompson, Thompson and Brown in Columbia. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communications and a Master of Master Communications.

McLendon Sears works in sales business development for Rent-a-Container, a digital marketplace for the sale, lease and shipment of modular buildings and shipping containers. He graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in public health and a Master of Arts in communications, and he serves on the board of directors of the college's chapter of the Fellow-



Campbell Mims '17

ship of Christian Athletes. *McLendon* and his wife, Parker Anne, live in Charleston.

Maggie Segars lives in Charleston where she works as a clinical account specialist for Biosense Webster, Inc., part of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies. The medical device company is the global leader in the science of diagnosing and treating heart rhythm disorders. She graduated from Clemson University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in bioengineering and biomedical engineering, and she studied biotechnology at the Polytechnic University of Valencia in Spain. *Maggie* also attended the Arrhythmia Technologies Institute in Greenville where she studied cardiac device technology and cardiac electrophysiology in the cardiac specialist program.

2021

Sarah Alexander, a voice major at the University of South Carolina, was a featured performer in September's Show-Tune, a musical revue showcasing the words and music of Jerry Herman. The show was performed at the Broad River Arts Center in Columbia.

William Coulter, an architecture major at Clemson University, is completing an internship with the firm of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Charleston.

Owings Holler, a political science major at the University of South Carolina, works as a runner for the law firm of Richardson, Plowden and Robinson in Columbia.

Breland Jones, a chemistry major at Clemson University Honors College, will pursue a Doctor of Medicine degree at the Medical University of South Carolina next fall.

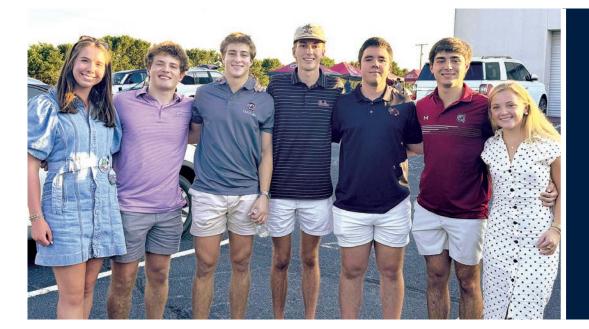
2019

Grey Holler, who graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in political science, is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.



Grey Holler '19 & Sydney Jarecki '19 at their white coat ceremony at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

20 23 Jordan Thornton is a member of Phi Mu sorority and the cross-country and track teams at the University of South Carolina Upstate.



Members of the Class of '24 gather at a University of South Carolina football game: Mary Margaret Griffin, Dylan Jones, Blake VanPatten, Tucker Burnette, Connor Hanson, Landon Gilley & Katie Croft.



Audrey Bell '37 enjoys the Teddy Bear Picnic. A favorite August tradition, students bring their favorite stuffed animals, share them with classmates, and put them outside on the benches where they soon disappeared. They hunted throughout the campus to find them, exploring all of their co-curricular classes (art, computer science, library, music & P.E.), and meeting those teachers. Students finally found their stuffed friends at the picnic tables in front of the Nash Student Center waiting on them with snacks.



Ella Sill '26 & Bowen Zitzke '26 pose for a photo at the Baron Family Tailgate.



Bleifield, Ashley Carter & Stella Cromer, Class of '29, collaborate to identify key events from a short story to correctly complete a plot diagram in the literature class.

Kennedi



After reading about Johnny Applesseed and learning how he spread kindness by planting apple trees, Tucker Hoeltje '38 and his classmates sampled different varieties of apples donated by Bradley's Market as a special treat.

Members of the Class of '38 visit Mrs. Julia Sims-Owens in the music studio. During the first week of school, the class went on an adventure searching the campus for Pete the Cat, the popular cartoon cat from the series of books by Dean & Litwin, who left clues for the students. The annual search gives students the opportunity to tour the campus, meet their co-curricular class teachers in their classrooms (art, library, music & P.E.), and members of the administration. The students, who wore hats they made for the adventure, eventually found Pete waiting for them in a tree on their playground.





Edna Lee Harris '26 & Cameron Kohl '27 work on a project in Ceramics II. Slab method, bi-lateral symmetry, pumpkins, ghosts, and lots of bowls are among the many art projects being made in the 3D Art Studio by students in AP Ceramics, Ceramics I-III, and Sculpture I & II.



Molly Jones '25 & Lucy Buxton '25 are dressed to the neon spirit theme for a varsity football game on Spencer Field.



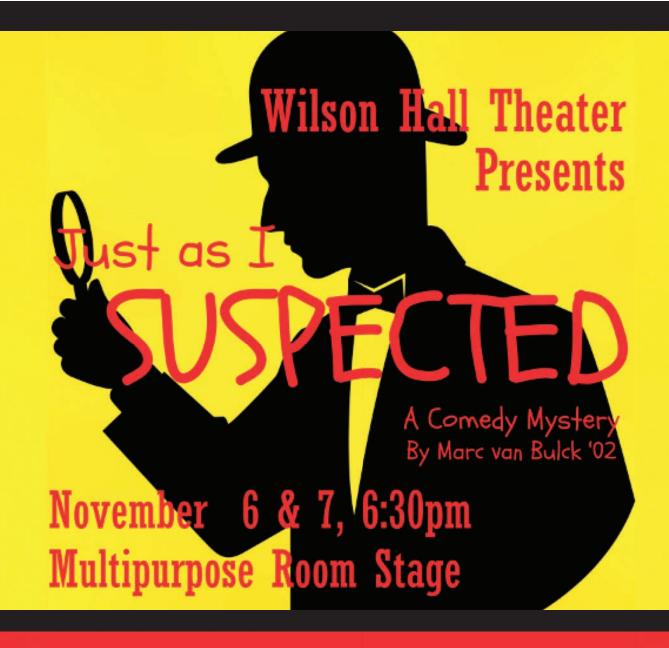
Clara Zimpleman '31 participates in one of the events during The Baron Games pep rally.



Burns Bateman '26, a student in the Set Design & Construction class, begins building the set for the fall play, Just as I Suspected, in the multipurpose room and the set on the Nash Center Stage for the spring musical, Mary Poppins Jr.



As a way to assist in the transition of attending school each day and leaving their parents, students in the Class of '39 participated in an activity based on the book The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn. The book is about Chester Raccoon who does not want to go to school. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary.



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