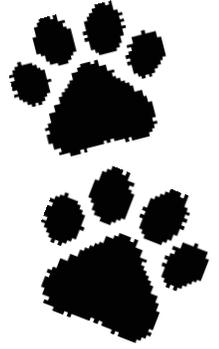




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Senior Night!

By: Cara Grant

On February 5, 2019, the Sweetwater Bulldog Basketball Team put the senior athletes, managers, and their families in the spotlight for the annual Senior Night! Each student chose important people in their life to honor on the court after the games. The seniors gave their loved ones roses as a symbol of their gratitude.

Autumn Dyess honored her grandparents, Jan and Dale Crook, and her brother and his wife, Dustin and Bree Adams. She also honored her grandmother, Ola Crook; her beloved teacher, Charleen Carey; and her classmate and friend Payton Hill. Of course she also honored Coach Casey Reed.

Veronica Watson honored her mother and father, Terra and Gary Gregory; and her sisters, Lori, Abby, and Ava. She honored her teacher and family friend Ms. Gracey and her friends Destaney Edwards and Payton Hill. She also honored Coach Casey Reed.

Though unable to attend due to sickness, Cara Grant honored her mother Sarah Grant and her sister, Haley. She honored her grandmother Cheryl Layfield, her friends Kinsey Wallace and Payton Hill, her close family friend Tiffany Goldtrap, and her teacher and sponsor Terra Gregory.

Havana DeLuna honored her grandmother and her cousin and her teammates Elizabeth Rangel and Destaney Edwards. She also honored her father Robert and her teachers Ms. Gracey and Mrs. Brinkley.

Prior to our senior night activities, both of our teams played hard and took home the victory against Taloga, OK. I asked Mr. Reed if he had anything to say to his seniors as the season quickly wraps itself up, and he said, "I'm proud of my seniors. They've represented our school well in their time here at Sweetwater, and I hope they'll always be proud to come back and call this home." Congratulations Sweetwater Seniors!

Speeches with Students!

By: Cara Grant

Mrs. Richardson has always been fond of having her students write and present speeches, and this year she has continued this tradition with once a week speeches. On Monday she assigns a type of speech for the students to begin writing, and on Friday they are required to present the speech with a PowerPoint alongside it. I asked Payton Hill how she felt these weekly assignments prepared students, and she replied, "I think it's a really good public speaking exercise. It's hard to be a ble to stand up in front of a classroom of people and talk, and I think the more you do it the better you get at it, and so it'll really prepare you for any career aspirations or leadership positions."

Every week when assigned, Mrs. Richardson gives the students a new type of speech to write. Coinciding with the essays written in her English class, the students have written about an experience in their life and are currently working on a cause and effect presentation. For their presentations they are required to make a PowerPoint with no words, maximizing the amount of information the students have to explain through their speech.

When they first started this activity, they were only required to speak for one minute, but as their skills progressed, Mrs. Richardson raised the time to three minutes. If they continue to progress, she will later increase the time. If you would like to see the product of these practice activities, make sure to attend the Sweetwater drama department's Dinner Theater on March 14, 2019!



