

CELEBRATING

# SENIOR YEAR



## Paly senior traditions: both past and present

Senior year is filled with both old and new traditions and is the last time to make high school memories before students begin new paths in life. The amount of traditions for seniors specifically has increased and changed drastically over the years.

Wearing camouflage pants has become a staple of senior year, from the first day of school to various spirit week days, events and football games. Senior elimination has developed pages of rules throughout its time, along with different challeng-

es. Senior sunrise and graduation activities occur during the last few weeks of school for a last senior class bonding opportunity.

Senior year is positively anticipated by many students at Paly throughout their time in high school, and though the added stress of college applications and the preparation for the next chapter in life is persistent, Paly students have always tried to make it fun through their various traditions. Each student and staff has their own opinion of these Paly traditions including which ones are the best and which ones aren't needed anymore.

## What are your thoughts on Paly senior traditions?

**"I think Paly traditions are a lot of fun, it gets everyone together and it's sort of like a bonding activity. There's lots of photos taken and a lot of memories created through these traditions."**

**-Yasmin Friedrichowitz, 12**

**"I am strongly against traditions that are used to demean other students or the community. I love having a sense of wholesome community where we can have some fun and enjoy our last year."**

**-Johannah Seah, 12**

**"I am grateful to go to a school with so many traditions that a lot of people participate in. It builds a stronger community and is a lot of fun. The school and grade spirit of Paly is why I am going to be so sad to leave next year."**

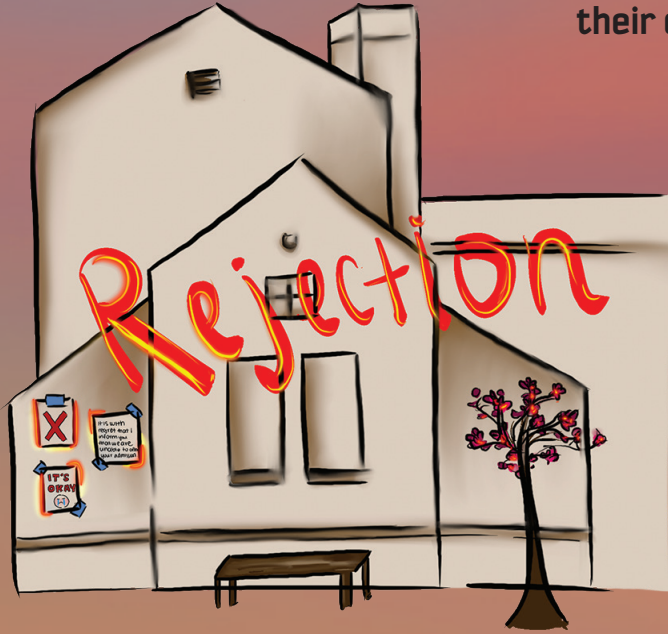
**-Sami Lee, 12**



# What is your favorite senior year Paly tradition?

“spirit week [is my favorite paly tradition] because everyone is able to get creative with their clothing.”

– caroline mostofzadeh, 12



“quad day [extended lunch with games and music][is my favorite tradition] because it was truly fun and a great way to celebrate spring. I also loved the rejection wall for college admissions because it was good to be vulnerable and also joke around some (e.g. letters from hogwarts and neverland).”

– DJ shelton, history teacher

“My favorite paly tradition is when seniors wear camo pants and hang out on the senior deck during the first day of school. It’s so much fun to see our grade come together and continue this tradition.”

– olivia hau, 12

# What is your least favorite senior year Paly tradition?

“I have loved my four years at paly and I love most of our senior traditions but I feel like senior sweatshirt day can really reinforce the idea that only some paths and colleges are acceptable to be proud of. It can be isolating to those whose future isn’t a well known four year college.”

–sami Lee, 12

“Egg wars [is my least favorite tradition] – so bougie, so wasteful, such a horrible abuse of public and private property.”

–eric bloom, Economics teacher