



“In My Own Words” Tara Blackburn Houghtaling

As I pondered what to write, it dawned on me what an amazing sport Raiders is. We have a blast at practice and at competitions, we go on campouts and we make life-long friends. We also find ourselves growing as people, becoming an adult. We push ourselves way beyond what we believe to be possible. Raiders have truly been my foundation here at SMA. I do not believe I would have made it through high school without this team’s support. Being a Raider made it all worthwhile.

You have most likely heard the quote, “Pain is temporary, pride is forever”. It is hard to fully understand that quote until you have actually experienced the pain and agony that goes into becoming a Raider, but with a friend at your side and desire in your heart, you learn what this quote is and what being on our team means.

My experiences are my own, and these four years have been the most well spent, fun – filled years I could ever have dreamed of. I thank all of you Raiders and ALL the Sergeants Major for your love and support to me and our team. I will remember these as the best moments in my high school career.

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