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Different voices echo through the halls at Community High School. Not only do Wildcats speak several different languages, including English, Spanish, German, Korean, French, Ukrainian, and Russian, but their voices and languages help shape their identities. The “i” in voices reminds us that we are individuals with our own ideas. But when we raise our voices together, we offer one cheer for West Chicago.

The voices of Community High School start with the **moans** of the sophomores and juniors who walk the long route from Kerr McGee each morning. Seniors mosey into the school from the senior lot and **chatter** and **gossip** about weekend plans, who broke up with whom, and how well the football team did on Friday night. The freshmen wander aimlessly and **question** how to reach the fourth floor. Some students study by their lockers, where the **groans** come from sophomores cramming for their chemistry test and the seniors **whine** about the government simulation. The rest of the students flock to Commons, where students **laugh** and **joke** before the school day begins.

The first bell blares, and the security guards **demand** for all to go to class. Once the final bell rings, teachers close their doors and start to **lecture** students. Third hour comes around, and the students on the morning announcements **remind** us about Student Council meetings and **inform** us of the soccer game coming up on Thursday.

After a few morning classes, it’s time for lunch. Students **yell** across the table to chat to friends and **giggle** at inside jokes. Some students would rather spend a low key lunch hour in the library studying. Pretty soon, lunch is over, and it’s time to hit the books again. Teachers return to their lessons and **instruct** the anxious students waiting for the clock to hit 3:05.

Even when school ends, the voices continue throughout the school. Wildcats **encourage** their teammates to try hard and keep up the good work. Coaches **shout** out instructions for athletes to follow. The cheerleaders **chant** and **cheer** to pep up the school. Many clubs

## Voices of Wildcats

Wildcats Speak In Many Languages, But They Do More Than Just Talk

meet after school and **discuss** the agenda for the upcoming week. Beautiful music can be heard from the choir room as they **sing** their hearts out.

Each voice is different at Community High School. Each individual can...

### SHOUT, SPEAK, CHATTER, LECTURE, TOAST, and WHISPER.

Each voice may be different, but one fact remains true. No matter what voice is heard here at Community High School, it is the voice of a Wildcat.

Hannah Strayve





Varsity Football Team



-Ashley Jefferson (09)

Math Teacher Mr. Gimre



"Diversity is an essential part of what makes America. If Community High School continues to grow the way it has been, we will be an asset to our community."

Michael Bednar (07)



Taryn Cardin (09) and Abraham Buado (08)



Kaity Olson (10) and Jessica Demas (10)





**I will find my voice...**

**I chat with my friends in Senior Hall.**

**I gossip about the latest news in Commons.**

**I whisper during class.**

**I groan at higher parking fees.**

**I greet familiar faces on my way to class.**

**I ask my classmates about their weekend plans.**

**I laugh to relieve stress.**

**I complain about homework and projects.**

**I shout with excitement at pep rallies.**

**I cheer with the Squad on Friday nights.**

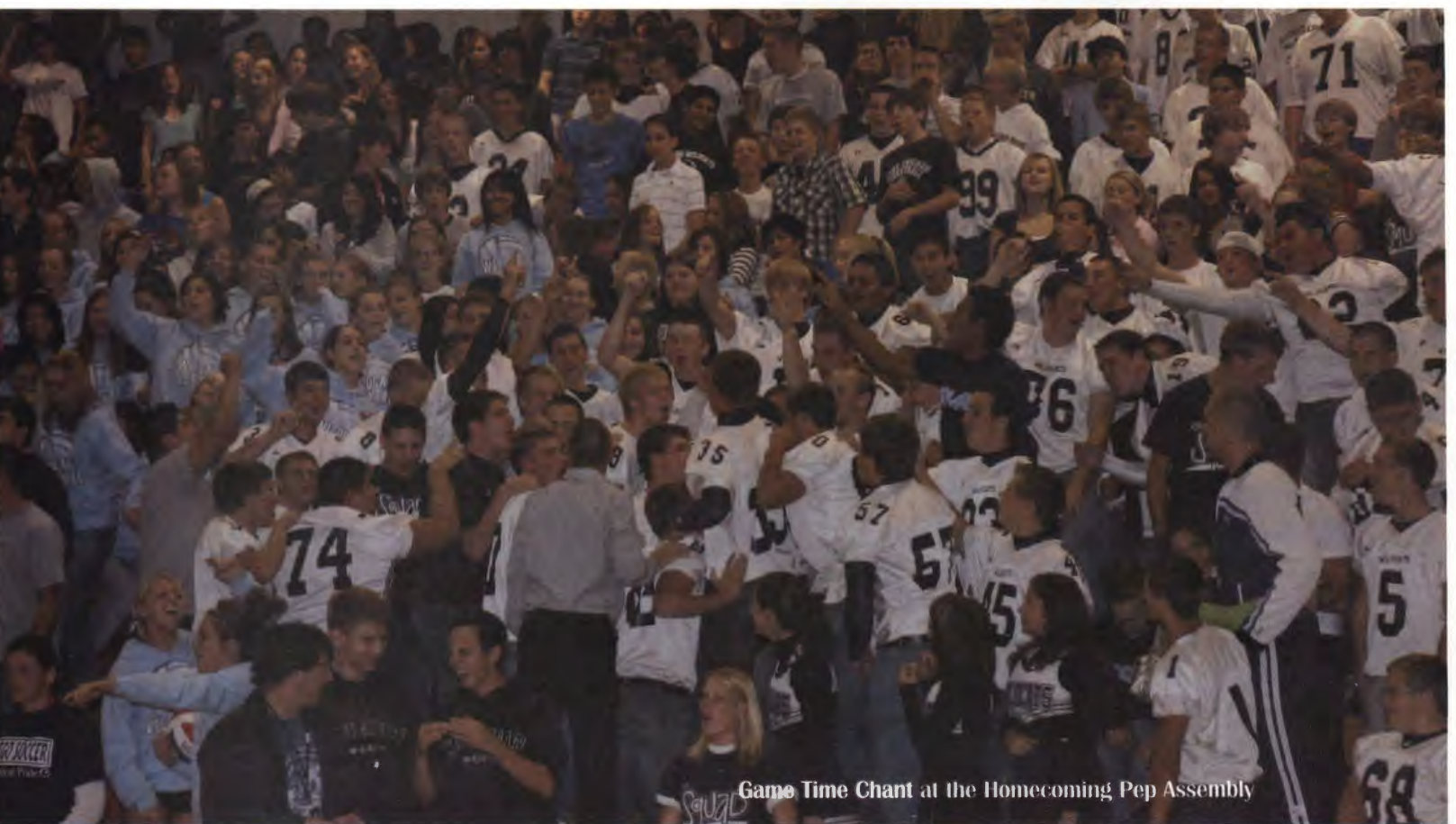
**...I will raise my voice.**

## Student Life



# VOICES





Game Time Chant at the Homecoming Pep Assembly



Jamie Voelz (07) and Julia Shallcross (07)



Justin Depaz (07) and Vikchett Chantha (08)



Amanda Pool (09) and Ashley Jefferson (09)

**“I’m proud to be a Wildcat because no matter what number is on the scoreboard, the Squad’s in the stands cheering at every game.”**  
**-Randi Ritchie (08)**





Poms



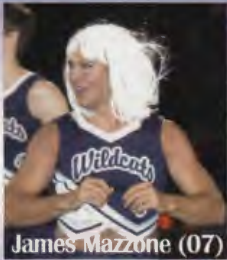
Girls' Varsity Basketball



Rosie Delgado (07) Geoff Wilson & Christine Williams (07)



Kelle Driscoll (08)



James Mazzone (07)



Guillermo Perez (07)



Katie Rohrbaek (07)



Girls' Volleyball



Brad Rathe (07)



Key Club



Ashley Jefferson (07)

# Remarkable Bravery

The Seniors represented Spiderman, Juniors Superman, Sophomores Batman, and Freshmen Hulk, but each class had one hero in common, the Wildcat.

The 2006 Homecoming theme of **Superheroes** crossed the threshold of our school doors. School spirit swarmed our hallways. The celebration included the traditional game time chant in Senior hallway, the football game, and the dance. "It is great that everyone is involved in Homecoming week, and how each class supports their own theme, but it is even greater to see everyone come together as one Wildcat," said Amy Bytof (08)

Friday September 28 marked the beginning of Homecoming when the Pep Club sponsored an assembly in Bishop Gym. After all the excitement, the time arrived to announce the Homecoming royalty. The ten nominees walked out showing off their best moves, trying to win over the audience's attention. Ultimately Rosalinda Delgado (07) was crowned Homecoming Queen.

The week's agenda included a dodgeball tournament with the Banana Ramas taking the win. The Senior Powderpuff football teams defeated the Juniors with a total score of 28 to 0. After school on Friday, a parade showcasing various sports and activities traveled through the streets of West Chicago.

All the Homecoming activities centered around the football game. Fans arrived in blue and white to support their team. The screaming, shouting, and cheering of the Squad motivated the boys to exert themselves to play at their hardest potential. Although the team lost to Wheaton North with a score of 40 to 20, we did not go down without a fight. And Homecoming week turned out to be a profound success.

- Michelle Nittl & Megan Stuhr



Up, Up, and Away. One of the male cheerleaders, Brand Klekamp (07), shows that he is just as good as any female cheerleader on the Squad.



Taking on The Big Cats. At the traditional Powder-puff game, the Junior girls take on their Senior counterparts. "Even though we didn't win either of our games, it was an overwhelming experience to be part of what made our Junior class proud," said Natalie Pacelli (08).





Cheerleaders



Drum Line



Senior Powderpuff



Govertsen



Welcome Center



Ruben Rios (08)



Rebecca Tiani (08)



Kelsey Skogsgberg (10)



Nate Sullivan (07)  
Ryan Kuhlmann (07)



Maggie Stremel (07)



Jordan Hall (07)



**Long Live the Queen.**

With the Wildcat at her side, Queen Rosalinda Delgado (07) waves to the throngs of her admirers. "I didn't expect to get Homecoming Queen, and when I did, I was thrilled. It just absolutely tickled my heart to have support from my fellow classmates. I was completely caught in the moment," said Delgado.



**Blue and White.**

Before the Homecoming Football game, Kelly Tinnes (07) decks out by painting herself to show her support for the team and number 34, Timothy Kirincic (07).



**Footloose.**

On the first weekend in October, Jimmy Aramburu (08) shows his groovy side.



# Taking it to the streets

“Being part of this parade made me feel proud to be a Wildcat,” said Student Council President Katrina Means about the annual Homecoming tradition.

Superheroes took over the streets of West Chicago during the annual Homecoming parade. Each class, sport, and club designed a float that reflected their respective theme. The seniors placed first in the floats and received a \$100 prize for having the most creative float in the parade. Their float displayed three buildings, at the heights of five feet, eight feet, and ten feet tall with a spider web connecting all of them and Spiderman in the middle. The float also memorialized all their floats from freshman year to senior year, with characters from previous years riding along and waving to the crowd.

Senior Class President **Katrina Means (07)** organized this parade. The parade route started at the school and proceeded through downtown West Chicago and then past West Chicago Middle School and Gary Elementary School. Homecoming Court, led by Queen **Rosalinda Delgado (07)**, also rode through the parade in convertibles. The court also included **Stephanie Hish (07)**, **Christine Williams (07)**, **Carrie Staton (07)**, **Tiffany Kirschke (07)**, **Michael Klein (07)**, **Geoffrey Wilson (07)**, **Leo Gulll (07)**, **Nick Puetz (07)**, and **Nicholas Horvath (07)**.

The sports and clubs represented in the parade tossed candy to the children who came out from the middle school to watch. “All the little kids loved the candy we threw at them,” said Student Council Advisor **Mr. Lasky**. The parade was one of the final activities of Homecoming week. Freshman Class President **Kaitly Olson (10)** said, “Float building was hard, but it all came together in the end because we all knew we worked on it together.”

-Margaret Polacek



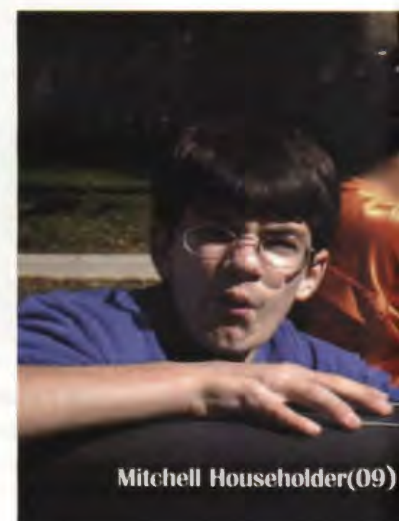
Welcome Center



Christine Arndt (08), Christy Liszka (08), Linnea Detrick (08)



Marching Band



Mitchell Householder(09)



**Adm1(red).**

(1) **Nick Puetz (07)** and **Tiffany Kirschke (07)** are blinded by the parade’s excitement. “I felt cool riding along the streets being one of ten students that are highly looked upon by my peers and teachers,” said **Puetz (07)**.

**Empowe(red).**

(2) **Nicholas Horvath (07)** and **Carrie Staton (07)** enjoy the October afternoon, “Sitting on the back of a convertible was something I have always dreamed about and being in the moment was an incredible feeling,” said **Staton (07)**.

**Inspk(red).**

(3) Enjoying the moment, **Geoffrey Wilson (07)** and **Christine Williams (07)** wave to the elementary students. “Knowing that all the children look up to us gave me a sense of pride for my school and community,” said **Williams (07)**.

**Cente(red).**

(4) **Leo Gulll (07)** and **Stephanie Hish (07)** experience a once in a lifetime opportunity. “From all the Homecoming activities, I was happy that my experience was shared with a best friend,” said **Hish**.



# Making it to the dance

**It's a Bird. It's a Plane. It's a night of Superheroes at Homecoming. Who will the Wildcats save next?**



Alana Koontz (07), Luis Pena (07), and Whitney Pugh (07)



Leah Kuzmicz (07) and Michael Sorgatz (07)



Ashley Richards (07) and Julia Shallcross (07)



Ryan Kuhlman (07)

The Homecoming festivities were nearly over, and there was just one major event left: the dance. With more than 900 attendees, and Bishop Gym transformed into a Superhero-themed environment, there weren't enough words to describe the events of the evening.

As soon as the dance began, each girl scanned the gym to be sure her dress was the only one of its kind. Meanwhile, their dates straightened their ties for pictures. While the large crowd danced the night away, they realized that this moment was one that should be cherished forever.

With an assortment of music from "Far Away" by Nickelback to "Shoulder Lean" by Young Dro., energy burst through the crowd. However, dancing came to a halt for a brief moment, and all the eyes were on the Court led by Queen Rosie Delgado. "The kids worked really hard on the Superhero theme, the big gym was well decorated, and we had a great D.J. to top off the night," said Student Council Sponsor **Mr. Lasky**.

Unfortunately, every special night must come to an end, and as the last slow song played, couples shared one last memory of a beautiful night. It was a perfect end to an exciting week - certainly a week to remember.

**-Kelly Weier**

#### In Good Company.

(1) Ecstatic to be at the dance, **Rachel Jefferson**, (08) **Amber Triner**, (07) and **Kara Triner** (08) dance to a song by Young Dro. "I'll never forget Homecoming. It was the bomb," said Triner.

#### Superwoman.

(2) Homecoming Queen **Rosalinda Delgado** shows off her crown to her subjects. "I felt honored to know that my peers chose me to be their queen. I really did feel like royalty," said **Delgado**.

#### Dancing the Night Away.

(3) **Matthew Andracki** (08) and **Adlenna Huerta** (08) dance to "Amazed," one of the last songs of the night. "The best part of Homecoming was going with my best friend. We had a super-duper time," said **Huerta**.

#### Smell the Flowers.

(4) In the midst of dancing, **Alexandra Mills** (08) helps her date **Michael Deimling** (07) put on his boutonniere. After an unforgettable night, many couples saved these flowers as a remembrance of their Homecoming experience.





# GO

## PASSING PERIOD

"During passing periods, I stop at my locker, talk to some friends, and walk to my next class."

-Ethan Krauspe (08)

## THE BUS

"Every morning I get on the bus and I see everyone snoring. Sometimes drool drips out of their mouths. After a long time of listening to the snoring, it turns to music."

-Griselda Sanchez (09)

## ENGLISH

"The funniest thing that happened in my English class was when a bathing suit was getting mildewy in a locker outside the classroom. It made the whole room smell really bad. It was disgusting."

-Jessica Hing (08)

## SATURDAY

"I went to Saturday School for Tee-Peeing on the first day of school. While we were there, all we did was color. It was all worth it."

-Kristin Schaefer (07)

## SCHOOL

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE



## SCIENCE

"We had a lizard in our Biology class. One day, our teacher was feeding it crickets, and one escaped and got in Maggie Polacek's (09) purse. She saw them, and she went screaming across the room."

-Taylor Jaconis (09)

# We-Go-Opoly Wanna Play?

Wildcats move across the board throughout the four years at West Chicago and strive to pass "G" and collect their diplomas.

-Hannah Strayve and Ashley Waugh

Morgan Marshall (10)



Teresa Rubio (08)



Mr. Rau

## STUDY HALL



## COMMONS

"The most hilarious thing I saw happen in Commons was when Mr. Highland jumped over our table to stop a potential fight."

-Kymberly McDaniel (08).



## THE TRACK

"In 2004, Coach Maloney tripped over a garbage can on the track after telling everybody to be careful."

-Re-keena Lewis (07)

## SOCIAL STUDIES

"On one of the last days of school, a mouse was running around our World Geography classroom. One girl cried, and people were running all around the room chasing it. A lot of people jumped on desks."

-Linda Feltes (09).

## GO TO



## SATURDAY SCHOOL

## BISHOP GYM

"I participate in Basketball and Softball because I love meeting new people and hanging out with the people who are in my sport."

-Christine Rovtar (09)



Kyle Simmons (07), Donald Smith (07), Katrina Means (07), Jorden Hall (07) and Laurin McCaffrey (07)

## LARRY'S GOLFCART

"I don't chase students. I pursue students who are off campus without permission. Some students run like deer. It's for their own protection and safety that I do this."

- Larry the Security Guard

## DEANS' OFFICE



April VanGorkom (07) and Stacy Bienasz (08)



Arlica Hannus (09), Amanda Zanolli (08), and Christopher Plane (08)

## MATH

"In Math class, the funniest thing that happened was when we were doing a rubber band lab and the balloon came back up and hit a kid."

-David Adamson (07)

## GUIDANCE

"My counselor helps me by assisting me in making school decisions and helping me prepare for college."

-Ruben Rios (08)

## NOT FREE

## PARKING

"Parking at Kerr McGee makes me angry because I feel like I pay \$25 a semester to walk to school in two feet of snow."

-Krista Kraus (08)

## KERR MCGEE



# Wildcat vs. Falcon

Is it a friendly competition, or a fight to the end? Only time will tell who emerges the ultimate victor. But don't Cats always eat Birds?

-Megan Stuhr

## Bring It On.

It's not just the Football team who takes on the competition. Opposing squads came together to show their DVC Pride, but overall our lady Wildcats dominated the sidelines. Robyn Nickelson (08) proved she could outcheer any Falcon cheerleader.



## Super Moms.

Through the rain, snow, and 30 degree weather it's the mothers who are truly the number one fans. Even the mothers took to the field. Mrs. Macko and Ms. Labinski showed off their muscles, ready to take on any Wheaton North parent.



## Eating Turf.

With memories of West Chicago's 2005 defeat of Wheaton North still on their minds, the two teams face off in battle. "Although we did not come out with the win, we are the better team. The difference between good teams and great teams is often in the leadership of the captains and the character of the players. Captains are integral to the overall potential of a team's success. Although the record is not as good as we had hoped, through each individual player on this year's football team, success has been present. It is the Wildcat pride that will pave our way to a Victory over the Falcons," said Mr. Highland.

## What Time Is It?

Both Wildcats and Falcons yell their pregame chant to pump themselves up for the Homecoming game. "Game time pumps me up more than anything else can before a game, and on Homecoming night it especially did it," said Brad Hock (07).







**Friend or Foe?**  
With helmets in their hands, the six captains, Ken Klein (07), Leo Gulll (07), Geoff Wilson (07), Brad Hock (07), Nick Puetz (07), and Mike Bednar (07), greet their opponents. "Taking off our helmets, we were able to look them square in the eye, but they were afraid to confront us," said Gulll (07).



**Formidable.**  
Ready to defend the pride of their schools, the football captains of West Chicago and Wheaton North make their way out toward the middle of the 50 yard line. "When I walked onto the field that night, I immediately felt a sense of pride being able to represent my entire team," said Captain Nick Puetz (07). The Wildcats lost the game 40-20, but they proved to be winners in the hearts of every fan.



**Behind Enemy Lines.**  
Head Football Coach Robert Stone meets with Wheaton North's Head Coach Matthew Foster before the game begins. "If we have to face Wheaton North next year on their Homecoming, I believe we would ultimately come out with the win. It would be a tough and close game, but the Wildcats always go for payback," said Stone.



**Intimidation.**  
Loyal Senior Squad members Lindsay Krage and Kelly Tinnes take on the Superfans of Wheaton North. The final score may have fallen in Wheaton North's favor, but West Chicago fans won in spirit.



*With Strong Voices and Strength of Mind, the Class of 2007 Leads the Way.*

# SENIORS



Kathleen Norton and Deborah Sosnowski



Amber Triner



Jori Rawski



Rachelle Henning and Brad Rathe





Keri Mederich, Mary Nichols, Christine Williams, Stephanie Hish, Tiffany Kirschke, Elizabeth Ruiz, Courtney Antczak, and Brittany Herdman



Brad Hock and Ken Klein



Scott Grotto

Carl Kerschner

It was not too long ago that the Class of 2007 walked into high school with heads full of hope and wonder. Some time later, with diplomas proudly displayed and plans for college in mind, we look back and appreciate our time spent at Community High School. Many of us became leaders, some remained straight A students, while others found their inner athletes and competed wholeheartedly at every game, race, meet and match. Each one of us made everlasting memories with the people who made high school all that we dreamed it would be. "At graduation, I realized, even more, how much I love the people I went to school with and how they became a second family to me over the years," said Student Council President **Katrina Means**.

We have all come a long way from sitting in Study Hall as freshmen. After passing Drivers Ed as sophomores, completing our Junior Research Papers, and surviving the stress of the ACT as juniors, we earned every amount of respect we received from underclassmen and every moment we cherished as seniors. We made it through our four years of high school taking each day as it came, and at times wishing it would all just end. Yet now, with Commencement behind us, we truly understand the familiar saying, "high school is over before you know it," and maybe some of us wish we had taken it more seriously, but after all the Pep Assemblies, Homecomings, and Proms, we realize that although high school was short, it provided memories to last a lifetime.

Throughout all the academic obstacles we overcame, all the school nights we chose to go out with friends instead of studying, and the bittersweet feelings that come with growing up, we said good-byes to teachers who inspired us while remembering old friends and looking forward to the new. "One of the things I'm going to miss the most is the teachers who pushed me to do my best and prepared me for college. Without them my high school experience would not have been the same," said **David Flores**. But most of all, we thank our parents for guiding us every step of the way. Although we went our separate ways in the fall, we were able to leave the place we called home with confidence, knowing that thanks to each other, we held much wiser and experienced heads on our shoulders when we stepped out into the world.



# Voices

“Mr. Poulterer was my first teacher. I didn’t speak English when I got here, and he helped me so much, so I would thank him.”

– Antonio Tapia



Cristina Acosta



Brian Adams



David Adams



Gina Adduci



Ricardo Alfaro



Courtney Antoc



Adrianna Antis



James Arndt



Rachel Auchincloss



Christina Baaske



Kathryn Baloy



William Baro



Jenny Barrios



Michael Bednar



Mallory Benavides



Raymond Benner



Lee Bennett



Jeffrey Bice



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**Raquel Brummel**



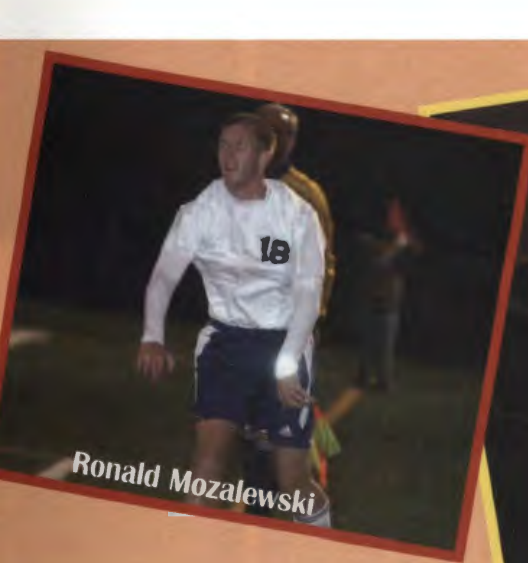
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**Stephanie Fester**



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**Keith Christiansen**



**Melissa Chromek**



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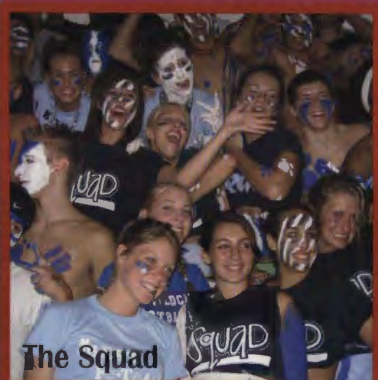




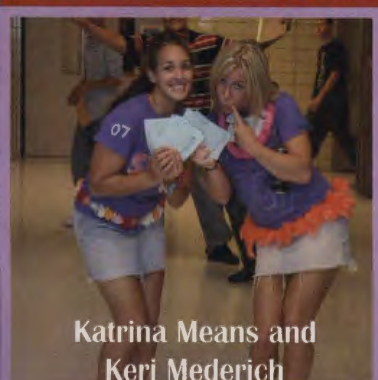
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Scott Fennema



Jessica Fernan





Stephanie Fester



Douglas Fick



Janelle Fischer



MaryPat Flanagan



Caitlin Flood



Angela Flores



Edward Ford



Joseph Fortman

**Voices**  
 “If I could say thank you to anyone at the high school, it would be Mrs. Cisek because she has taught me how to have fun learning, giving it my all so I can be someone in the future.  
 – Ana Caballero



James Foreman



Ellyn Fortino



Katerina French



Leah Freund



Michael Frommert



Kurt Fuchs



Matthew Fugate



Ryan Gagnier



Ricardo Galindo



Efren Garcia



Ivonne Garcia



Carissa Gerber



Frank Giliberto



Charles Glass



Jonathan Glenn



Raquel Gonzalez





**Stephanie Gore**



**Jennifer Green**



**Kristin Grimm**



**Scott Grotto**



**Ricardo Guerrero**



**Leo Guill**



**Brittany Guillen**



**Lindsey Haines**



**Jordan Hall**



**Sarah Harkey**



**Rachael Hasse**



**Samantha He**



**Rachel Hellman**



**Matthew Henke**



**Rachelle Henning**



**Brittany Herdman**



**Jocelyn Heredia**



**Lourdes Herr**



**Valerie McCluskey**



**Daniel Rizzo**



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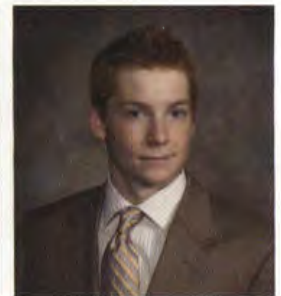
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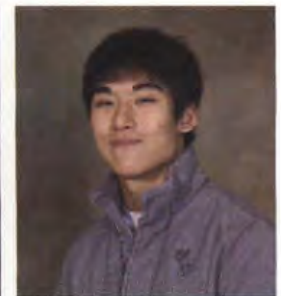
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“Senior Year has already been very memorable, especially the home football games when we all tailgated and then painted ourselves. That game was very exciting with the whole Squad cheering on the football team. Even though we didn’t win, the Squad was always there!”

- Shannon Brown





Kristin Klouda



Shane Koehring



Travis Koehring



Anjelica Koelsch



Peter Konchar



Jennifer Konew

# Voices

I would say **thank**  
 you to all my teachers,  
 especially **Mrs. Stefancic,**  
**Mrs. Kilgallen,** and **Mrs. Stieglitz.**  
 They have been a **support**  
 throughout my  
 high school years.  
 - **Jessica Fernandez**



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Caitlin Kregel



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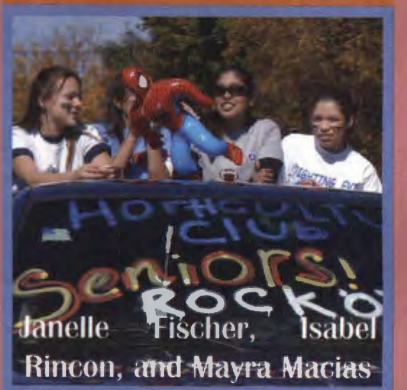
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Rosemary Ortega



Jorge Padilla



Miriam Padilla



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William Pusateri



Rachael Quillen



Bradley Rathe



Jori Rawski



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Alexander Rico

**Voices**  
 “The experience of high school involvement is what I will encourage and choose to share with my children. In general the involvement gives a sense of belonging, and in return you learn responsibility, commitment, and what it really means to have pride.”  
 – Melissa Olsen





Kylie Riermaier



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Candice Rodriguez



Katharine Rohrbach



Steven Rolseth



James Roman



Allison Romanelli



Griselda Romero



Daniel Rooney



Maria Rosales



Kevin Rosenquist



Sean Rubin



Brianna Rueschaw



Jerry Ruffino



Asusena Ruiz



Eric Rylowicz

**Voices**  
 Being at West Chicago  
 has taught me **acceptance,**  
 as well as **tolerance.**  
 I have been able to expand  
 myself and connect  
 with my **peers.**  
 -Kenneth Klein



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Kristen Saflarski



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Cristina Sarnel





**Torrey Sauter**



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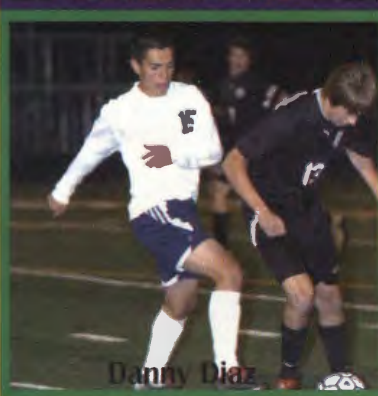
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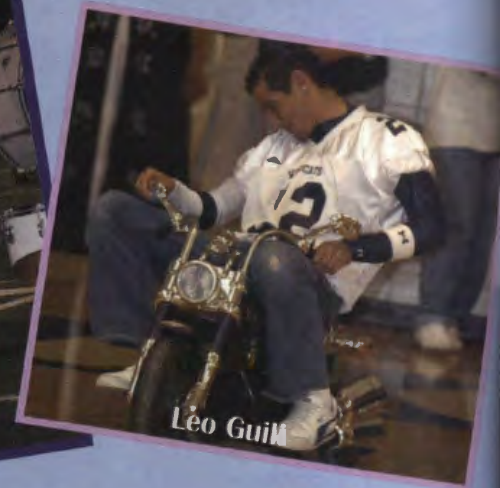
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## Voices

My Mom has influenced me the most during my high school career.

She has helped me through a lot of good and bad times and has always been there for me. I don't know what I would do without her.

- Leigh Taddeucci





Jacob Vanderlei



Azucena Vigil



Jamie Voelz



Andrew Voss



John Wagner



Robyn Waldschmidt



Kimberly Wanous



Brian Ward



Benjamin Warren



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Peter Wierenga



Christine Williams



Geoffrey Wilson



Lindsay Wilson



Matthew Wold



Joshua Wonsow



Katie Wood



Sara Worel



Allyson Wucka



Eric Wyman



Gerek Wysocki



Alex Zago



Katherine Zajac





Senior Squad Members



Katrina Means (07)



Senior girls show Wildcat pride.

People say you don't always remember your friends from high school but I find that hard to believe. High school's pretty awful sometimes, but it is the time when you grow into yourself and the people who helped you through that time will always have a special place in your heart.  
-Carissa Gerber

When the teachers allow us to be creative it makes me excited to do my work.

My most creative piece of writing came when

Ms. Santella allowed us to make up our own Super Heroes.

My group created the Superhero Toilet Bowl and his sidekick Toily to defend the villain Fudgums.

- Eric Wyman



4th hour Senior Lunch Table



Allison Romanelli (07) & Joseph Majchrowski (07)



Dianna Perez (07) & Armando Salinas (07)



When we leave, we won't be sad. We'll be glad  
for all the life we've had.

# And We'll Always Remember...

Rachel Auchincloss

...Prom 2006, because the place was so pretty and nicely decorated. It was a night to remember.

...Hanging out with friends throughout my four years because, without them, high school would not be worth it.

Ronald Mozalewski

John Wagner

...Being in Chamber Choir. It gave me the opportunity to make good friends.

...When our mascot rode into the gym on a motorcycle. I don't know how often there is a motorcycle in the school!

Ashley Conway

Kelsey Monroe

...Beating Naperville Central to snap their 51-game conference winning streak. We were the underdogs, but we won.

...The Varsity basketball team won the Christmas Tournament and Regionals, and beat West Aurora twice in a week.

Daniel Rizzo

James Foote

...Joining lacrosse, because sticks rock.

...Getting all decked out with my girls before every single football game senior year.

Courtney Antczak

Sarah Scardamaglia

...When I ran Cross Country and a bunch of the girls and I went horseback riding instead of running our six mile run.

...When I made it to sectionals for track my freshman year for the 4 x 800 meter relay.

Lee Bennett

Alex Lesus

...Meeting all the new people and making a bunch of friends.

...My senior year, because I worked so hard the past three years and it paid off... Finally!

Elaine Ferrer

Josie Ballines

...Winning best actress for French 2 my sophomore year! I played the role of Napoleon Dynamite! It was pretty funny!

...When Jim Foreman and I went all day barefoot without wearing any shoes, socks, or sandals.

Derek Soutar

Timothy Varjan

...We-Go Through the Tube because the two other schools I went to didn't have it or even a broadcasting class.

...When I got a major role in the 2004 Winter Play. It was my first play, and it ignited my love for acting.

Whitney Pugh

Anne Caputo

...Handing over the \$10,000 check for We-Go to Africa.

...Going around the halls throughout the years with my friends and causing shenanigans.

Paul Murphy



Courtney Antczak



Daniel Rizzo



Ashley Conway



John Wagner



Kelsey Monroe



Anne Caputo



Ron Mozalewski



**"The positive of having Senioritis is that anything seems interesting compared to schoolwork," said Ian Mckoy.**

**"Instead of doing my schoolwork and studying, I would go out with my friends and go shopping or go to the movies."**



**Susana Mendoza**



**WORDS OF THE WISE**

**"My advice to upcoming Seniors is to not fight [Senioritis]. It is going to happen, so enjoy it while it lasts," said Lauren Dylla.**

# Catching the Disease

**It's the illness that Seniors use to excuse their missing homework, falling grades, and tardiness. It's contagious. It's serious. It's Senioritis.**



**ABSENT STATE OF MIND**  
**"There is no cure for Senioritis. Once you have it, you have it," said Efren Garcia.**

**"Senioritis: (n.) a chemical imbalance in the brain of teenagers ages 17-18 that causes laziness, stress, and trouble," said Geoffrey Wilson.**



**Jocelyn Heredia**

**"Towards the end of the year, I started getting very lazy and not wanting to get up in the mornings to get ready for school."**



**CHILD'S PLAY**

**"Instead of doing school work I would lay on the couch and watch 'Arthur,'" said Angelica Soria.**



**Jessica Luna**

**"Senioritis for me is when a Senior doesn't really do anything in their classes or just feels too lazy to do it."**



**CHECKING OUT EARLY** **"My favorite aspect of Senioritis is the fact that it feels like I'm done with school sooner," said Donnie Smith.**

**"I started feeling Senioritis as a sophomore when I didn't feel like doing my homework and started sleeping in class (when I actually showed up for class)," said Bretta Nelson.**



*With Freshman and Sophomore year behind them, Juniors anxiously await the future.*

# JUNIORS



Angela Shurba, Melissa Molskow,  
Heather Busch, Robyn Nickelson



Jake Venchus



Chris Wille



Kayla Hempte, Amy Bytof, Linnea Detrick, Kristen Frank, Christine Arndt, Christa Liszka, Michelle Nittl,  
Kelsey Stewart, Randi Ritchie, Coach Marone, Coach Hasy, Sara Fouts





Eric Cabral



Yesenia Sanchez and Liliana Perez



Kristina Kuhn

Nick Bulleri

As we look back on Junior year, we realize that it was the most challenging year of our high school experience. From stressing over the ACT, to finishing our junior research papers, to drowning our noses in books during cram sessions, we all felt pressure on our shoulders. Faced with classes that required unprecedented effort, we began to feel the reality of the future. We were pushed to look into colleges and careers. Fortunately, with the hard work came many benefits. We earned respect from Seniors, and underclassmen turned to us for guidance. We also made a name for ourselves at Community High School, and teachers gave us more responsibility and trust than ever before. Despite the heavy workload, the year proved to be bittersweet. The end of high school neared, but thankfully we still had another year to live it up.

Academically, Junior year stretched our young minds. Some students took an advanced route with classes such as Human Anatomy, AP English, or AP Biology. Thanks to **Dr. Murphy**, students obtained a taste of the medical world with dissections of cow hearts and sheep brains. "The good thing about having Juniors in Human Anatomy is it cuts down on the rate of Senioritis," said **Dr. Murphy**. Those who chose AP English received the chance to better their writing techniques with the help of **Mr. Kling**, **Ms. Hafertepe**, and **Mr. Covino**. In AP Biology, students lived the life of an undergraduate for fifty minutes each day. With a standard schedule, minds were equally broadened in electives, English 3, and American History. In English 3, like AP English, students strengthened their reading and writing skills. Electives, most often the favorite class of the day, were chosen freely by the students. "Electives are fun, and they're something I will actually use in life," said **Doug Sills**.

In high school there is no such thing as all work and no play, and Junior year was a great example. Girls competed against the Seniors in the Homecoming Powder Puff football. "It was an amazing first experience, and we were all positive we would dominate the next year," said **Sam Nolte**, despite the girls' loss. Athletes received more game time at a varsity level and more recognition from coaches. Sitting with the Squad on Friday nights was more exciting because our friends were the athletes on the field and court. When Spring rolled around, Prom was well worth the wait. Juniors danced the night away with their Senior companions, hoping the night would never end. The year was full of surprises, plans for the future, and a time we will never forget.



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 Jonathan Alvarado



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 Gianfranco Aniello  
 Jenni Aramburu  
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 Johnny Barrera  
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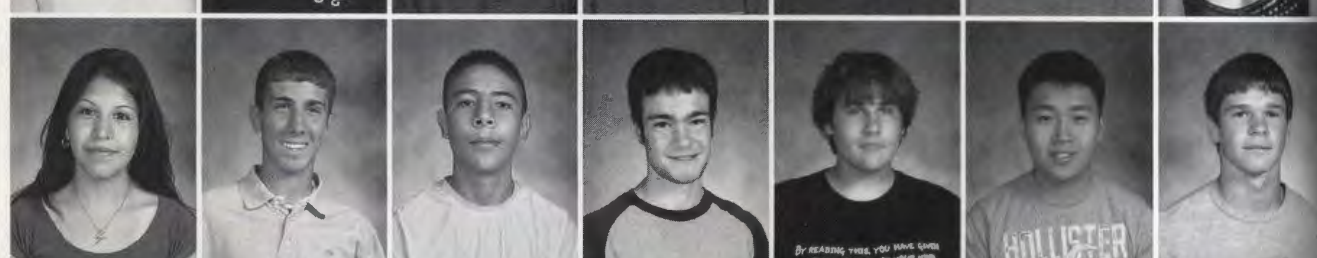
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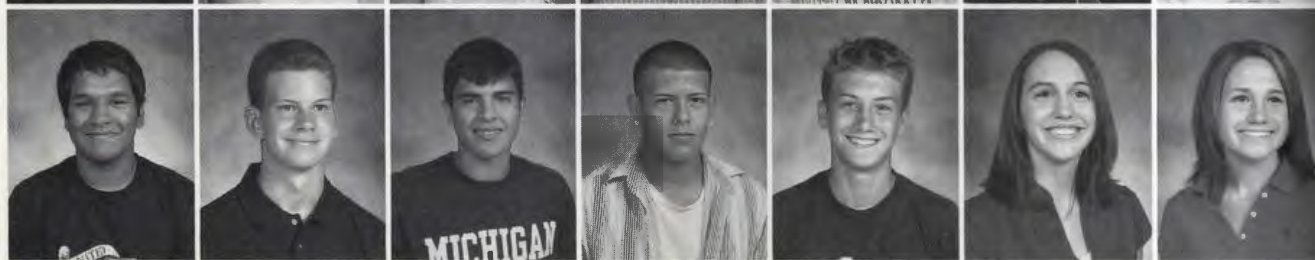
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*With Licenses Replacing Freshman Backpacks, Sophomores Cruise Through The Year.*

# SOPHOMORES



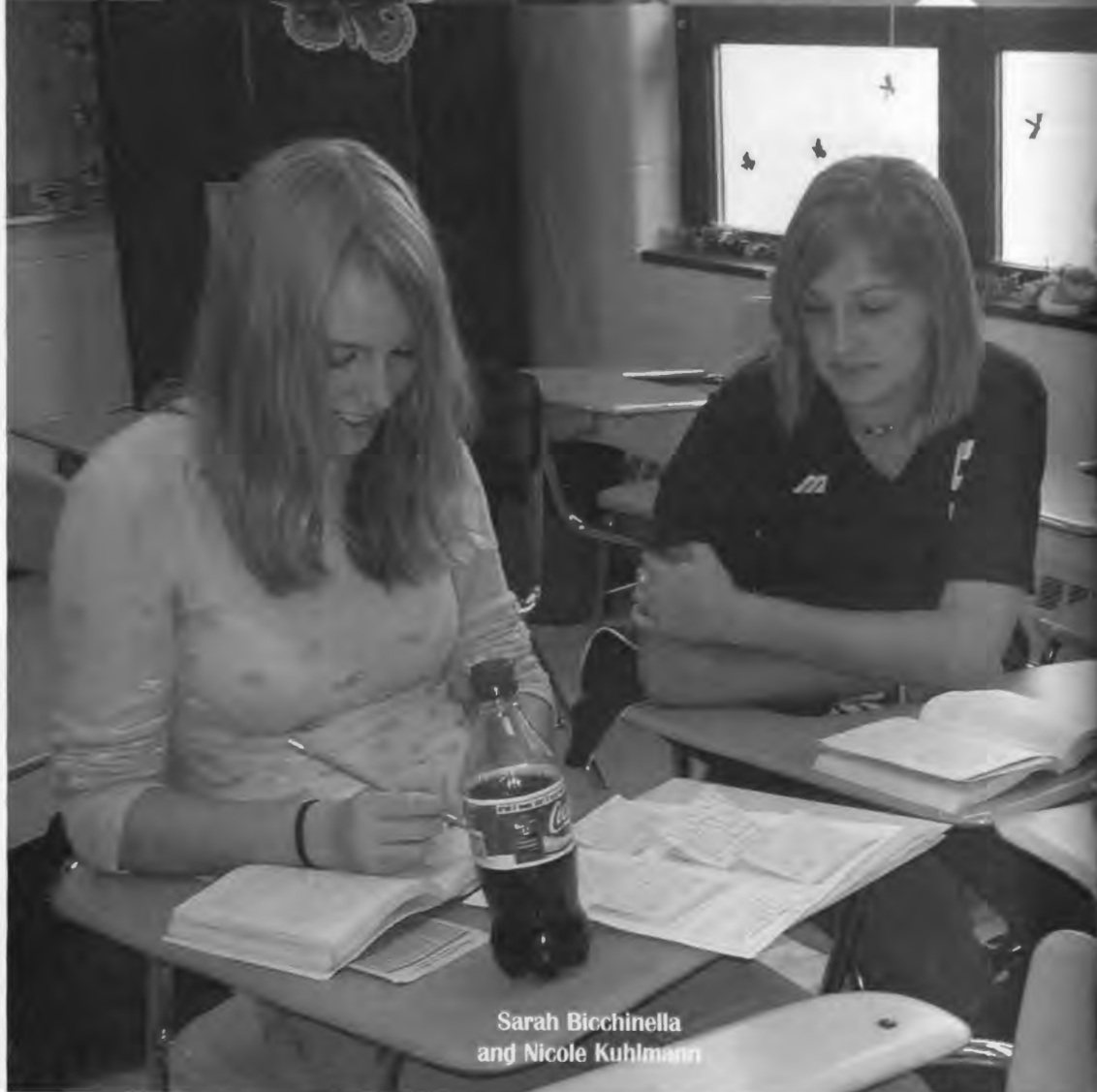
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Jamie Roman

As Sophomores, we started the school year curious as to what might happen. Within days, we realized the difference between the first and second years of high school. We looked at the brand new Freshmen and questioned whether we looked that confused only a year ago. We were proud to be a little bit wiser than them and soon welcomed the opportunity to be role models.

Tenth grade came with many new advantages. Gone were the days of silent study halls, and we spent countless hours chatting in Commons, admittedly working more on our social skills than schoolwork. We navigated through the hallways without feeling lost and recognized our favorite teachers from last year.

Not only were we thankful to not be Freshmen, we were also relieved we were not yet introduced to the stressful life of Juniors. We happily accepted our Sophomore reality, discovering that finals really weren't the end of the world.

A wider variety of classes made the long days easier to bear. War simulations in Topics and Western Civilization, along with better labs in our science classes, helped make each hour more enjoyable. "The war simulations are more hands on, and I love that the students play it out just like World War I. They are able to make some really good connections," said Topics Teacher Mrs. Wilson.

In Sophomore Academy, a required gym class, we swam, ran, and played countless games to balance out the monotony of the rest of our school day. Like Freshman Academy, the effort we put forth in this physical education class was considered and applied to our grade point averages.

At Friday night games, we found ourselves sitting in seats much closer to the excitement happening on the court and field. We wore our Squad shirts with pride as we sat alongside the upperclassmen. The weekends following Friday nights' exciting games proved to be some of the best times of our lives. "I had more fun because there was more to do and more people to hang out with," said Rory Stewart.



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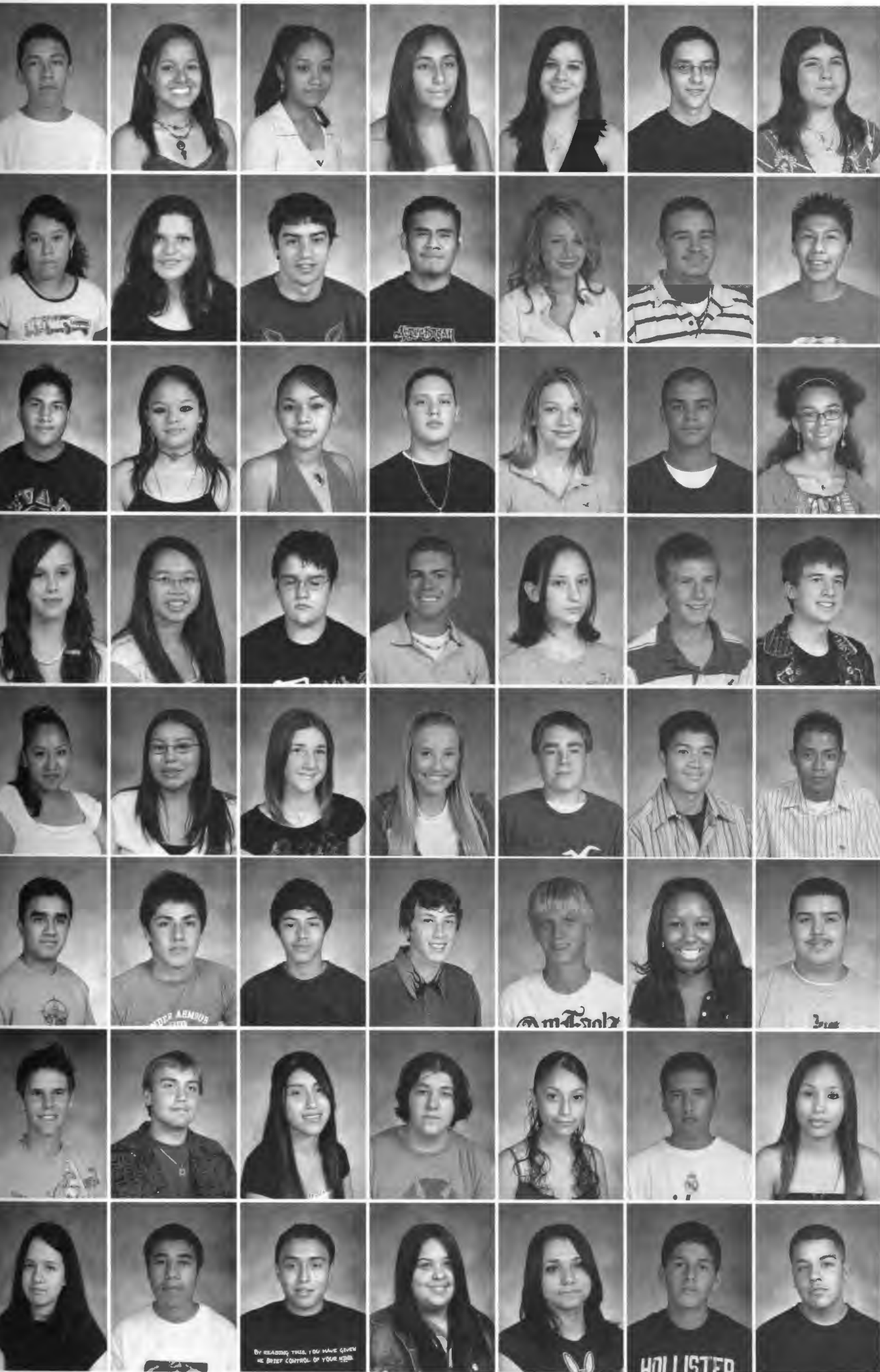
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Wesley Zinser



**“Sophomore year was the best. We joined the Squad, we learned to drive, and we began to call West Chicago home.”**

**- Margaret Polacek (09)**



Jessica Jones (08)



Hector Serrato (10)



Seth Kelly (08)



Taylor Overman (08)





Kyle Schar (10)



Megan Carnes (08)



Ryan Roman (08)



Alejandra Martinez (09)



Liliana Perez (08), Jamie Antzak (10)



Anna Treudt (09)



*Opening a new chapter in their lives, the Class of 2010 welcome the opportunity for change.*

# FRESHMEN



CONNECTION FIGHTERS Connie Tan and Danielle McAvoy



Sarah Jacobs



Kally Olson and Chad Driscoll



Patrick Quealy, Brandon Cleek, Danielle McAvoy, Nicole [redacted], Erica Lange, Kally Olson, Taylor Kutilek, and Lindsey Gehrke





Madeline Urban, Patrick Quealy, and Devan Patel



Annette Eichenberger, Tanya Starkey, Caitlyn Sekema, Jessica Baidis, Stephanie Kelly, Alexis Brunelli, and Sally Stob



Michael Bryant

Kelsey Skogsberg

A whole new environment greeted us when we walked through Entrance A for the first time as high school students. Feeling both exhilarated and frightened, none of us knew what to expect. We all had an image of what high school life was going to be, for some this challenge included harder classes and others worried that bonds made in junior high would be broken. We walked around lost for the first two weeks of school and dreaded the idea of asking for directions from the upperclassmen who towered over us.

Fortunately, making friends with people our own age eased our troubles. "My favorite part of high school so far is meeting new people and having more freedom," said **Stefanie Pauling**. No one could have guessed that all the faces we would meet were going to change us forever. The first few weeks proved to be an adventure to start off a year that would become one of the biggest learning experiences of our lives. Throughout the year we faced new challenges and came to know ourselves in ways we never anticipated.

The rules had changed since middle school, and the new way of life kept us on our toes. "In middle school we just walked out of class, but now there are bells. We also had to order our lunches before school started. In the mornings we had to line up outside before school and we had a recess," said **Erica Lange**. With new friends and teachers behind us, we felt empowered to explore all of the opportunities. We chewed gum all day and ate our lunches in class, while joining clubs, trying out for sports teams, and attending our first Homecoming Dance.

Everyday was something new and we looked forward to what was to come. We performed a *Romeo and Juliet* dance in English and chose electives such as photography. As the year moved forward we settled into our daily routines and even looked forward to playing the well known fourth floor joke on the next year's incomers. By fourth quarter, we had all come to know Community High School as home and felt proud to be a Wildcat.



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 Olivia Acevedo  
 Matthew Ackerman  
 Brett Adams  
 Jetzabel Aguilar  
 Alexis Aguilera



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 Isaac Alejo  
 Luis Alfaro  
 Mauricio Alvarez  
 Erik Anderson  
 Elizabeth Anicua  
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Jaclyn Antis  
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Ivon Ayala  
 Rebekah Babis  
 Alyssa Baermann  
 Jessica Baidis  
 Anabel Ballines  
 Teresa Ballines  
 Tegan Ballotti



Steven Balmer  
 Cesar Barajas  
 Brianda Barrera  
 Michelle Barrera  
 Courtney Barrie  
 Mackenzie Beideman  
 Kelly Bertling



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 Samantha Bolen  
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**“Going to school here is about more than math and World Geography. It’s about making friends. It’s about finding our place in the world.”**

**-Jazmin Huerta (10)**



**Ashley Czerwinski (08)**



**Tucker Hauptman (08)**





**Kelsey Skogsberg (09)**



**Ty Murphy (10)**



**Mason Brandstedter (08)**



**Rachel Jefferson (08)**



**Stefanie Pauling (09)**



**Eric Cabral (08)**



*With wisdom and a true passion for their profession, teachers prepare students for the future.*

# FACULTY



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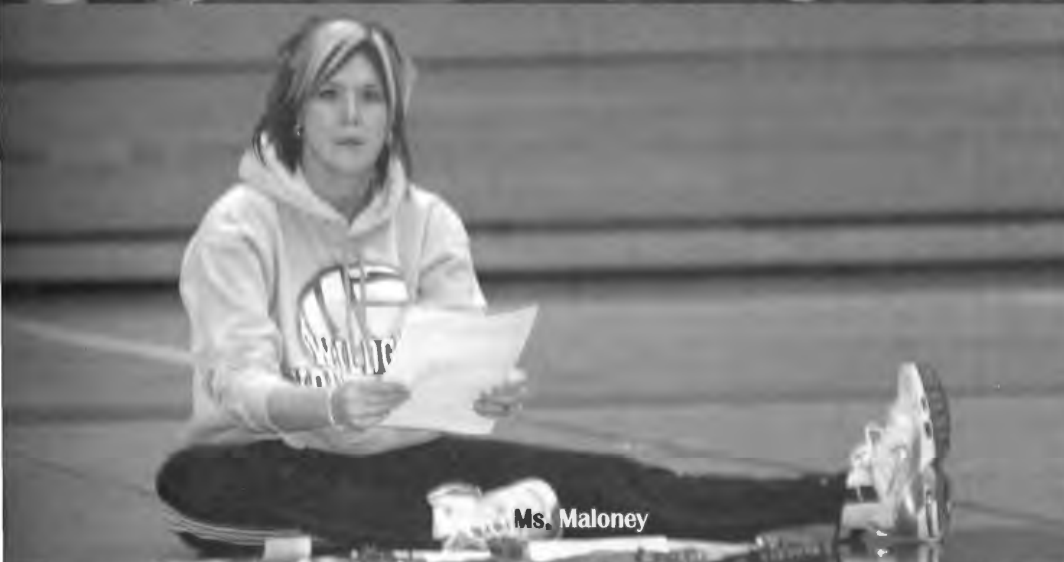


Mr. Taylor and Mr. Chisolm





Mr. Larson, Mr. Petmezas, Mr. Chambers,  
Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Vega, and Mrs. Jones



Ms. Maloney



Mrs. Cobbett



Mr. Govertsen

To be a teacher requires intelligence, patience, and a good sense of humor. Community High School's faculty shows these traits on a daily basis as they instruct over 2,000 students in twelve different subjects. When teacher **Mary Ellen Daneels** was recognized as one of three teachers nationwide for her excellence as a social studies teacher, she highlighted the strengths of the people who come to work here everyday. "Ms. Daneels is so fun and really makes students interested in history. She definitely deserves the recognition," said **Lindsay Johnson (08)**.

Whether they educate through humor or strict structure, every member of the faculty continually exceeds expectations. High school teachers guide students through four impressionable years. "I'll never forget when Mr. Lasky got hit in the eye with a paper airplane after saying 'You're going to poke someone's eye out,'" said **Michelle Nitti (08)**. Focusing on academics and character, teachers connect with students on both professional and personal levels. After taking the Prairie State Achievement Exam and achieving Adequate Yearly Progress for the second year in a row, the students' test scores proved the teachers' capability as educators and emphasized the school's capacity for success.

Teachers fully dedicate themselves from 7:55 A.M. to 3:05 P.M. and are also available before and after school for assistance. "Kids always come first with all the teachers in the building. I am really proud to be a member of the faculty," said Teachers Association President **Ms. Laimins**. Some teachers even coach sports teams, manage clubs, or become the heads of their departments. Additionally, counselors, deans, and administrators work together to ensure the proper functioning of our district. "We have a faculty that is very student centered; they are unusually creative in their approaches to instruction. When a decision is made, the faculty volunteers to help make it happen," said **Superintendent Dr. Rieck**.



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# Parting PRINCIPLES

After thirty-two years in West Chicago, **Highland** retires from education and begins a new chapter of his life. "We're really going to miss him," said Junior **Ryan Roman**. "I can't imagine this high school without him at the helm."



### Positive Pride

Many staff members speak highly of **Highland's** contributions to West Chicago. According to **Mr. Highland's** long time friend, **Mr. Chambers**, "The most important thing about **Mr. Highland** is that he is really devoted to Community High School. **Highland** has such a sense of pride in the community, staff, and students which is truly an accomplishment."



### Police Encounter

According to **Highland**, all students should "have fun and take advantage of the opportunities they receive." **Highland** listened to his own advice four years ago when a police officer caught four hundred students beginning to tee-pee the school. After trying to talk them out of it, he agreed to let each class tee-pee one of the four trees in the front of the school. Reportedly, **Highland** even helped the seniors.



### Funny Business

It's **Highland's** strong rapport with students that many in the District 94 community say they will remember. "Any time I see **Highland** in the halls he is always friendly and goofs around with you. He has put a smile on my face many days during my high school career," said **Norina Infusino (07)**.

Principal **John Highland** graduated with the Class of 2007 by retiring after 32 years as an educator. In his tenure at Community High School, he worked as teacher, a dean, an associate principal, director of guidance, football coach, and principal. After being involved with kids throughout his entire career, he said that he will miss the relationships he made with the students the most. However, he also said that he will not miss the responsibility of being in charge of 2,200 students and a high school.

**Highland** attended the University of Iowa on a scholarship and then transferred to Western Illinois University. He earned his master's degree at Northern Illinois University. His background in football gave him the opportunity to coach football for thirteen years. Throughout those years, West Chicago became the conference champions in 1978 and also beat Naperville Central in the playoffs, one of his fondest memories. Ironically, when the 2006 football team played their last game with **Highland** as principal, they faced Wheaton Warrenville South and **Highland's** son, who started as quarterback. Even though **Highland** maintained that he was on West Chicago's side, he said he also proudly watched his son finish an undefeated season.

During Principal **Highland's** many years at Community High School, there was bound to be a most embarrassing moment, which occurred when **Mr. Arroyo** shaved off **Highland's** mustache in front of 2,000 people during the 2005 Homecoming pep assembly. According to **Highland**, students need to remember to "have fun, get involved, take advantage of the opportunities that they receive, and don't let anything pass them by." As he leaves, he passes down his wisdom to the next principal to continue to stay student centered. **Dr. Moses Cheng** will become the new Principal next year.

-Kelly Weier



**I will find my voice...**

**I read dialogues from *Paso A Paso* in Spanish.**

**I sing in a Holiday Choir performance.**

**I explain lab directions to my Chemistry partner.**

**I question historical facts in Western Civilization.**

**I present a speech in English class.**

**I oppose others' positions in Government simulations.**

**I complain about an upcoming Algebra final.**

**I respond to essay prompts on standardized tests.**

**I yell while playing football in Gym class.**

**I recite lines from *Oedipus Rex* in Drama class.**

**...I will raise my voice.**

## Academics



# VOICES





Government Simulations



Jessica Hing (08)



Mariela Marin (10), Atzimba Martinez (10),  
and Mariela Garcia (10)



DeJuan Muzzy (10)

**“My time here has been both fun and rewarding.  
If it weren’t for the great teachers here at  
We-Go, I’d probably be in big trouble...academically.”  
-Brad Hock (07)**



*With strong opinions on the death penalty and affirmative action, Democrats declare their independence during the Government simulation.*

# Voices From the Left



**A Kinder, Gentler Nation.** Bilingual Education is a necessity to help students who immigrate to this nation, says Democrat Elisabeth Daniels (07). "Our country was founded on diversity and immigration. If we eliminate Bilingual Education, we would then eliminate the aspect of diversity," said Daniels.



**A Woman's Right.** When it comes to the issue of abortion, Leah Kuzmicz (07) describes herself as "pro-choice all the way." Abortion is a civil liberty and women should be able to definitely have a choice on what they do to their baby."

**Invasion of Privacy?** The Majority Floor Leader, Brad Rathe (07), argues that mandatory drug testing is a violation of an individual's right to privacy. "Schools should have the right to only test if a student is exhibiting behavior that leads them to believe the student is using drugs," said Rathe.



**Give Me the Gavel.** The opening session welcomes David Thomas (07) as the speaker of the house. "Being the speaker gave me a feeling of power. If someone was being rowdy, I had the authority to remove them or cut their microphone. Thankfully I removed only one person during the entire process," said Thomas.



**An Eye for an Eye.** According to Majority Party Head Whip Kaitlin Taylor (07), the death penalty is basically government-sanctioned murder. "I oppose increasing the death penalty because, as Ghandi once said, an eye for an eye leaves us all blind," said Taylor.





*On issues ranging from bilingual education to mandatory drug testing, Republicans take to the podium and let their ideas be heard.*

-Megan Stuhr



#### Seeing Double?

In an attempt to sway votes in her direction, Minority Party Head Whip **Mary Nichols (07)** argues against human cloning. "It should be banned because it creates biological, ethical, and psychological issues," said Nichols.

#### Nothing to Hide?

Parents need to be involved with their children's lives, argues Parliamentarian **Kevin Pavnica (07)**, adding that mandatory parental consent is necessary to help adolescents make good choices. "Parents have a right and responsibility to know the actions of their children. Parents are not the enemy. The bad decisions of minors are," said Pavnica.



#### Born in the USA.

Reflecting upon his own experiences in learning to speak English, **Charles Kim (07)** sets the tone for those against bilingual education. "I was born in America, however I did not learn how to speak English until I assimilated to the American norm. If I had been part of a bilingual class, I probably would still have problems speaking English," said Kim.



#### A Land of Opportunities.

Arguing that affirmative action limits admissions to certain colleges and universities, Minority Floor Leader **Zachary Hund (07)** with Minority Party Whip **Daniel Rizzo (07)** at his side fights to ban the controversial system. "It is ridiculous that race or gender has an effect on college admission or the work world," said Rizzo.

#### We the People.

With millions of people dying from lung cancer and other smoking-related illnesses annually, **Lindsay Krage (07)** proposes a bill to ban smoking in public places. "I believe it is not fair for smokers to harm the health of innocent people," said Krage.



# Voices From the Right



# Easy as Pi

It takes more than just the Pythagorean Theorem and the Quadratic Formula to solve a math problem. Students and teachers recount the necessary steps...

**Step 1:** When teachers first hand out the worksheets, many students do not even bother looking at the problems seriously. "I simply stare hopelessly at the page as my mind goes blank," said **Erika Carrasco (10)**.

**Step 2:** After five minutes of staring at the problems, some students discover the answers. Others feel confident enough to turn to neighbors and begin brainstorming new and improved complaints and excuses to dish out to the teacher. "The best complaint I've heard from a student was I haven't done anything for the past three months. Can you teach me it in the next five minutes?" said **Mr. Fox**.

**Step 3:** After the teacher inevitably reminds the class to "use your time wisely," someone asks the teacher for help, hoping that he/she will just accidentally solve the problem. "This method is not a guarantee for success, but it works," said **Daisy Ramon (10)**.

**Step 4:** While the teacher explains the proper steps, many students smile and nod their heads after every word says. "I usually don't feel like asking questions so I pretend to understand what's going on," said **Mark Greathouse(08)**. "However sometimes, I feel clueless."

**Step 5:** After the teacher is done with her explanation and asks if everyone understands, students often nod their heads and proclaim that it all makes sense now. "The best advice I can give a student taking a math class is simply pay attention. Even if what you're learning is confusing, it will help you in the long run," said **Mrs. Torres**.

**Step 6:** At some point, everyone returns to a desk defeated, desperately trying to recall how that teacher just solved that problem. "I look at it again for a few minutes, put my pencil away, and push the paper off my desk," said **Kelsey Stewart (08)**. But inspiration can make a difference. Naturally, reaching for an iPod may help. Perhaps a favorite song will offer the answer.

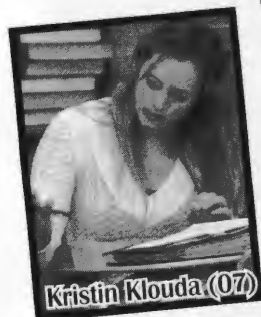
**Step 7:** Listening to an iPod puts everyone in a better mood. "I always listen to my iPod while doing my homework. It helps me get through a grueling work in a better mood," said **Klara Wolfe (09)**.

**Step 8:** For many students, taking a break from the stresses of school helps significantly. It's a common practice to leave the problem for later and begin packing up. "Upon arriving home, I like to take out my homework and listen to my music while at the same time playing with my cat," said **Nadia Leon (07)**.

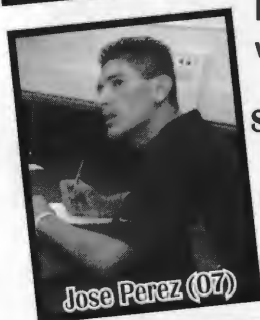
**Step 9:** After a few hours of goofing off, the time comes to get serious. "The best thing to do is not to hesitate when you need help," said **Ms. Slobodecki**. "Come in immediately to see your teacher or look over your organized notes for help."

**Step 10:** Finally a student can proudly turn in homework that may be wrinkled and smudged. "The homework I turn in looks like a dog ate it and spit it out, and after he spit it out, it got hit by a car. Not the dog, the homework," said **Aaron Bobik (07)**.

-Jazmin Huerta



Kristin Klouda (07)



Jose Perez (07)



Jamie Antczak (10)



Nick Bulleri (08)



Ken Klein (07)



# Essay come essay go

From bookbags to computers, students share their secrets in the art of late night essay writing from start to finish.



Shawna Serrato (09)

**Step 1:** The teacher assigns the essay and gives a brief explanation on the assignment. "I hope the students use the opportunity to make themselves better writers. Essays train students to organize their thoughts, think broadly about significant issues and gain a sense of how important self-expression can and should be," said Mr. Covino.

**Step 2:** Unfortunately many students begin to doze off in their seats as they hear of the assignment, but they decide to pay attention when they hear the deadline is in a week. The deadline makes it easier to decide what to do next: PROCRASTINATE! "I usually don't feel like starting my essay right away. I like to chill first," said Cynthia Arellano (10).

**Step 3:** Most students have yet to start their essays. As the week passes by, students sometimes choose to go to their English teacher for help. "I would say plan out your ideas first. Lay out your thesis and main ideas. Then find your support and always make sure to connect your support back to your thesis. Most importantly ask someone to read your essay and give you feedback," said Mrs. Tylk.

**Step 4:** Now comes the time to panic. There are only a few more days until the essay is due, and most students have lost their notes on the topic. "When I lose all my information for my essay, I call my friends for help. If they can't help me, then I'm out of luck," said Griselda Sanchez (09).

**Step 5:** Fortunately, as students put the finishing touches on an excuse involving a rain storm and their dog, they spot their essay notes staring at them from underneath a stack of papers. "When I won't be able to finish my work, I start planning excuses. For example, I would say I had problems at home and couldn't finish," said Ana Caballero (07).

**Step 6:** Beginning to start their essays, students turn to T.V. or video games for some inspiration and background noise. "I usually play video games for a while before working to clear my mind as much as possible," said Abraham Buado (08).

**Step 7:** Later that night, students sit down at their computers and begin to write. But blinking at the screen does not help. "I usually stare at the screen for two hours trying to think of something to write, and all I get is two sentences," said Kelsey Monroe (07).

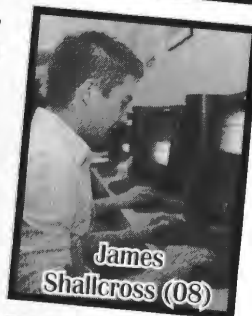
**Step 8:** Feeling overwhelmed, students ask their parents for help. The nagging reply of "I told you to start sooner" does nothing to help the essays. "When I ask my parents for help, sometimes they'll help me with my research, but usually I'm expected to do it by myself," said Ankeeta Sharma (10).

**Step 9:** The students finish late at night and go over their drafts. "I kind of just wing my entire paper because I usually forget about it and do it the period before it's due," said Kathryn Bell (09).

**Step 10:** In the students' English class, numerous worries come to mind. Hopefully the deadline will be extended, and the students will have an extra day to review their essays. "It's what our teachers expect. It's not like the work isn't passable. It's just that if I went home and did all of my essays and turned them in early, I think it would give my teacher a cardiac arrest," said China Wehr (10). When there are no signs that the deadline is delayed, the students slowly hand in their papers and begin enjoying the weight off their shoulders.



Erica Lange (10)



James Shallcross (08)



Jessica Leeseberg (07)



Elaine Ferrer (07)

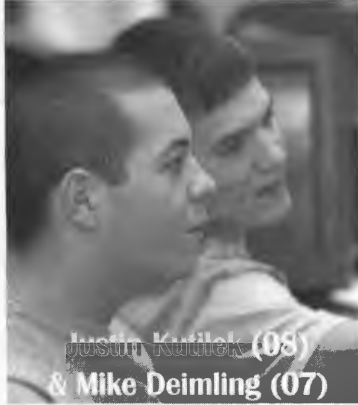




Ms. Santella

# Talk About It

## Not Only Does the Yearbook Staff Raise Their Own Voices They Make Sure Everyone Else Has a Voice Too.



Justin Kudlak (08) & Mike Deimling (07)



Yearbook Class



Stephanie Hish (07) and Kara Wolfe (08)



Yearbook Staff

It could be said that the Yearbook class works much like a beehive does. Similar to a beehive, the Yearbook has staff members who are the worker bees. They do all the dirty work, like running around collecting quotes, or finishing stories before and after school. Next there is the Assistant Editor **Kara Wolfe (08)**, who is the friend and overseer that checks up on everybody making sure everything runs as smoothly as possible. Next come the Editors-in-Chief, **Stephanie Hish (07)** and **Megan Stuhr (07)**, who are the boss bees and have to make sure everything is done right and on time. And then there is **Ms. Santella**, the Yearbook advisor and Queen Bee. She is the one who approves and checks everything in the Yearbook before it can be finalized. There is not a mistake that gets past her.

Every year the Yearbook editors come together and try to figure out how they can make a book that will connect to all the students and capture the great memories at the same time. The 2007 theme of *Voices* does exactly that. It shows how much diversity Community High School really has. A lot of people don't even notice that the Yearbook has a theme, but to **Santella**, it is the most important part. "Every student has a voice, and it needs to be heard," she said.

The staff gives there all in making these pages, sacrificing maybe a lunch or that extra ten minutes of sleep in order to find a quote or finish a story. They'll do almost anything to make sure these pages are done on time. And **Santella** appreciates all the hard work they do. "I could not do what I do without the staff I have, and I respect every member for all the hard work they do," she added.

And if they don't get done on time, the staff will hear about it from **Santella**, who bribes us with bagels every Friday. Even with only nineteen people on staff, we still managed to finish an entire Yearbook that is going to be read by thousands of students. This task may make some people nervous, but not staff member **Kara Wolfe (07)** who said, "I'm not worried about that because I know I worked hard and **Santella** is a great Yearbook adviser." The Yearbook staff works hard all year to create a book full of memories, and in the end, it is all worth it.

-Ryan Roman



Jazmin Huerta (10)



Megan Stuhr (07) & Stephanie Hish (07)



Melissa Gonzalez (10)



**Meg  
Pie**



**Hishy  
Fishy**



**Megan & Nick**



**GLAMOROUS**



**Stephanie & Erik**

**As we go on, We'll remember...**

**-Ms. Santella for all the bagels,  
laughter and frustration.**

**-The Yearbook Staff**

**-Our parents for being so wonderful.**

**-Ryan Roman for the comments  
that brought laughter to our day.**

**-Everyone who has contributed  
to this book!**

**We Love You!**



**New York City**

**Our quote to live by...**

**“You gain strength,  
courage, and confidence  
by every experience  
in which you really  
stop to look fear in the face...  
you must do the thing  
you think you cannot do.”**

**-Eleanor Roosevelt**



**Megan with brother Ryan and sister Alex**

**Best  
Friends  
Forever**



**Stephanie with brother Andrew**



# Conviviendo con los vecinos

Students of all ethnicities join together to form a unique and diverse community.



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## Tratando de ajustarnos.

Se preguntó qué es lo más difícil aquí en los Estados Unidos y Atzimba Martínez (10), Mariela Marín (10), Silma García (10), Magali Martínez (10), y María López (10) contestaron la misma cosa. “Lo más difícil que se nos hace estar acostumbrados aquí en los Estados Unidos es adaptarnos al idioma. Se nos hace muy difícil pero seguimos intentándolo,” dijo Marín.



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## Comiendo Juntos.

Hay muchos aspectos que son traídos a los E.E.U.U. por Edgar Xique (10), Gustavo Guljoza (10), y Mario Hernández (10). “Comer con mi familia en la mesa en las tres comidas del día y otros días o celebraciones especiales como por ejemplo El Día De Los Muertos,” dijo Hernandez.



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## More than Bilingual.

Kids from Oxaca like Eric Hernández (10), Anarika Ramírez (10) and Matilde Esteban (10) know more than two languages. “Where I come from there is an interesting language called Zapoteco,” said Hernandez.



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## Making a Difference.

Trying to make a difference in each one of his students' lives, Mr. Poulterer finds it an honor to teach ESL students. “Not everyone has the privilege of affecting other people's lives like this,” said Poulterer.



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## Let's Do Lunch.

During lunch Cristina Acosta (07), Tiffany Kirschke (07), and Rosalinda Delgado (07) sit together on a regular basis. “I feel as if I have an advantage over other schools by having a diverse school. I am able to have a wider variety of friends,” said Kirschke.





## 6 Adding to the Melting Pot.

As America is assimilating, students bring many aspects from their culture. "Some things I brought with me to the U.S. from Michoacán are my Catholic religion, our family recipes, our language, our dances, and our family get together," said **Yesenis Marban (09)**.



## 7 Trayendo Las Tradiciones.

Los muchachos de Oaxaca no tenían preocupaciones cuando vivían allá, pero ahora que están en los E.E.U.U. se les duplicó el trabajo. "Ahora me tengo que preocupar por ir a la escuela, hacer mi tarea y también el deber de ir a trabajar para tener dinero," dijo **Rafael Vásquez (09)**.



## 8 Doble Trabajo.

Muchos de los muchachos de este estado traen una variedad de tradiciones a los E.E.U.U. "Algo que yo traje de mi tierra natal, Oaxaca, es la comida, el vestuario que es único y nuestras bellas tradiciones. Oaxaca es uno de los pocos estados que todavía usa su floral vestimenta," dijo **Dionisio Melchor (09)**.



## 9 Strange Similarities.

Many students from West Chicago do not realize that **Geovanni Muñoz (09)** and other students from Oaxaca share something very similar. "In Oaxaca we celebrate "Cuarto Viernes de Cuaremsa" which is very similar to West Chicago's "Heritage Days" where we celebrate our town with a parade, rides, and fireworks," said **Jesús Sánchez (09)**.



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### Interesante Idioma.

Sabiendo dos idiomas es algo que muchos no pueden hacer, pero a veces hay gente que sí puede como **Edgar Hernández (10)**. "No todos pueden hablar este idioma, como por ejemplo, la mayoría de los jóvenes que vienen de Oaxaca, pero yo no soy uno de ellos. Yo en la otra mano sí puedo hablar este idioma tan interesante que es el zapoteco," dijo **Hernández**.



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### Annual Celebrations.

People from Michoacán celebrate the holidays with more than a Christmas tree. "We have parades each year for Christmas which are called "Las Posadas" and "Luminarias," said **Ana Méndez (09)**.



# Through Thick and Thin

We-Go Buddies continue to touch the hearts of our student body while making friendships and memories for a lifetime.

## A Kodak Moment.

Waiting for another shot at the bowling pins, **Lahoma Reitinger (10)** and **Richardini Lopez (08)** joke about a gutterball that bounced back out to knock over a few more pins.



## A Strike Of Gold.

During a class trip to Bowling Green, **Jessica Mitsch (09)** looks on with hands at her hips, as her perfect roll prepares to demolish the pins and give her a STRIKE!



## Bear Down West Chicago.

During the Chicago Bears' postseason run to the Superbowl, **Jimmy Rood (08)** and **Mitchell Householder (09)** show off their Chi-Town pride.



## Wear A Smile.

Senior **William Riban**, who plays for the hockey team, pulls out one of his biggest grins for advisor **Mr. Sanzerl** at Field Day. "Hockey is [William's] life," said **Mrs. Cook**.



## Window Van Gogh.

By painting We-Go Buddies onto a local business window, **Mitchell Householder (09)** hopes to intimidate the visting Wheaton North football team during Homecoming week.



## Dance The Night Away.

Prepared to boogey, **Richardini Lopez (08)**, **Paige Boudreau (07)**, and the class advisors **Ms. Vasquez** and **Mr. Sanzerl** show their enthusiasm for the prom night to remember.



## Hail to the Chief.

As the president of the organization, **Margaret Scott (08)** helps to plan out and organize another class event with the help of advisor **Mrs. Cook**.



## Work Hard For It Honey.

**Kerry Doremus (10)** looks at her teacher to receive help on a difficult task. "Kerry's a dilligent student who especially LOVES to read Harry Potter," said **Mrs. Lynch**.



## Wheel of Fortune.

The self-proclaimed "rapper" **Jesse Maldonado (08)** shows off the many tickets that he won from hitting the jackpot on the Spin-N-Win game at Enchanted Castle in Lombard.



## Farewell Affections.

Peer Helper **Kristin Klouda (07)** gives a final hug to fellow Senior **Lee Nolan** as they part their ways and look toward a bigger and a brighter future.





# Anytime You Need A Friend

Freshmen know they can call on the Peer Helpers. From help with classes to advice about life in high school, these students are always ready to lend a hand.

For the final time in Community High School's history, Peer Helpers worked with freshmen to ease the transition into the academic and social life of adolescence. Due to continuing budget cuts, the Administration decided to end this program after the 2006-2007 school year. "I am sad because the program has really progressed over the years, giving the freshmen a role model," said Mrs. MacDonald.

These 27 sophomores, juniors, and seniors reached out to the freshmen giving them a sense of belonging. Mrs. MacDonald, the supervisor, selected the Peer Helpers for the program. "I chose them because I know they have the ability to reach out. It is not easy to work with the kids that may not respond well and I admire them for that," said MacDonald.

The most influential part of the Peer Helping program involved the presentations given throughout the semester. The three mandatory presentations focused on smoking, teen pregnancy, and drugs and alcohol. Each presentation was designed to prepare freshmen for the stresses and pressures of high school. Discussions ranging from a variety of topics such as stress, family differences, and trust issues with friends also took place through individual contacts and groups. "As Peer Helpers, we are able to contribute our own personal experiences, allowing the freshmen to relate to us," said Alex Mills (08). The Peer Helpers came up with fun ways to encourage the freshmen to participate, such as playing games or putting on skits.

The Peer Helpers have made a difference because they want to. "This program has been a great character builder for me. Not only have I've been able to teach the freshmen, but I have learned from them as well," said Ethan Dean (09). According to Patrick Stremel (09), the Peer Helpers never reach every student, but they make a phenomenal difference to those they do reach.

- Megan Stuhr



Rosie Delgado (07)  
and Daisy Ramon (10)



Ethan Dean (09) and  
Michael Zawistowski (10)



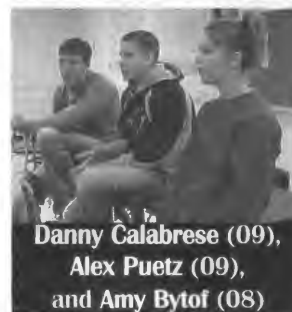
Mrs. MacDonald



Maggie Stremel (07)  
and Kelly Bertling (10)



Elizabeth Gola (09)  
and Blake Zumpano (10)



Danny Calabrese (09),  
Alex Puetz (09),  
and Amy Bytof (08)

## Lending A Thumb.

Peer Helpers Patrick Stremel (09) and Alex Puetz (09) cheer up Freshman Nicholas Carnot's (10) day. According to Puetz, "high school can be challenging, but knowing how to work your smile can get you through anything."



"I felt a sense of relief walking through Senior Hallway, knowing that...my senior Peer Helpers were looking out for me."

-Daryl De Leon (10)



## Life Lessons 101.

Forming a circle, Ninth Hour Peer Helpers Elizabeth Gola (09), Maggie Stremel (07), and Megan Stuhr (07) break the ice by playing a game of telephone. Their efforts introduced a discussion on listening and respect.



# Today's Top Story

A talented staff tackles the major news with accuracy and hard-hitting headlines.

They are at the scene of every school event. They inform students about the new discipline policy and upcoming advisories. They give shopping tips around holiday seasons and even manage to offer movie reviews. They are the newspaper staff. Led by Ms. Kuehn, this staff covers every inch of the school.

The newspaper, the "Wildcat Chronicle," has been informing students with valuable information for 38 years. With genuine journalism experience, Ms. Kuehn's leadership has led to many awards, such as the Gold Eagle Award from the Northern Illinois School Press Association.

Under the guidance of their editor, Cristina Sarnelli (07), production came easy. "Once we started assigning stories in September and adjusted to our program it became easier as the months came on, we knew we could do it because we were all dedicated and we also had the help of the Journalism One students," said Sarnelli.

Second semester brought four new journalists to the staff. Helping to generate new ideas and stories, these four students made an immediate impact on the newspaper. "Even though I'm new on the staff, we all have the same responsibilities and deadlines to meet, so I have to step it up to their level," said Greg Vodicka (09).

-Justin Kutilek



**First Row:** Cristina Sarnelli, Jessica Bergmann. **Second Row:** Kait Taylor, Leah Kuzmicz, Greg Vodicka. **Third Row:** Dave Thomas, Elyn Fortino, Aaron Pennington, Jacob Wucka.

## One Week, Many Deadlines.

The experienced Kait Taylor (07) helps new staff member Greg Vodicka (09) meet his deadlines. "Having someone else's input, especially a veteran staff member, always helps a story," said Vodicka.



## Back to the Drawing Board.

Hard at work, Editor Cristina Sarnelli (07) assigns stories and deadlines. "Every month we brainstorm ideas for stories concerning information that is relevant to the school," said Sarnelli.



## Hot Off the Presses.

Concentrating on gathering information, Dave Thomas (07) compiles his stories. "Being a part of the newspaper staff for the past two years was one of my highlights throughout my high school career," said Thomas.



## A Finished Product.

After choosing topics for columns, interviewing teachers and students, and editing multiple drafts of the other journalists' stories, editors Elyn Fortino and Cristina Sarnelli sit back to admire the final product.





# Poetry in Motion

Members of the “Mind’s Eye” Literary Magazine showcase their unique work and motivate other students to express their talents.



**“Mind’s Eye” Literary Magazine Members**

**Front Row:** Sarah Kimball, Jamie Schroeder, Alex Molina, Holly Hofer, Mrs. Cobbett. **Second Row:** Sarah Jackman, Trevor Schoeller, Colin Bachelor. **Third Row:** Joe Fortman, Shayne Bloom, Brendan Dyrda, Thomas Sanders.

“Mind’s Eye” is a literary magazine that allows students to demonstrate their creative side through artwork, poems, and photography. Published in May, “Mind’s Eye” won the National Council of Teachers of English award for a second consecutive time.

With a total of fifteen staff members, the majority of the staff consisted of underclassmen. Students who participate in the Literary Magazine have deadlines to meet, similar to other publishing groups such as Yearbook and the Wildcat Chronicle. However, “Mind’s Eye” members do not have an actual class period to do this work. “The hardest part of the magazine is to get the students motivated to dedicate time after school to work on their material without having a class where you get a credit for it,” said Mrs. Cobbett, the advisor.

“Mind’s Eye” members had the magazine ready for publication in April and sold it in May. “The best part of the magazine is that it gives students a place where they can submit their artwork or writing and let the whole school read or see it,” said Alex Molina (07). The students then finally see all their hard work pay off and enjoy the numerous different types of originality that they contributed to the magazine. The Literary Magazine, 44 pages in length, truly inspires more students to express their talents. Mrs. Cobbett has served as the advisor for the literary magazine for ten years, and she enjoys offering her encouragement to the members and watching the students use their creativity to make a publication.

-Kelly Weier



**Standing Proud.**

During the Homecoming Parade, Holly Hofer (07), Alex Molina (07), and Brendan Dyrda (08) stroll down Ann Street.



**Practice Makes Perfect.**

Frantically working until the end of her lunch, Sarah Jackman (07) tries to finish a piece of poetry for the magazine.



# Sample Questions

# More Than Common Sense

These students have more than just what it takes to make it through the school day. They have Lifesmarts.

At the beginning of the year, Lifesmarts Advisor **Mr. Zabelin** selected five students for each Lifesmarts team based on their abilities in topics like money management, consumer rights, responsibility, the environment, technology, health and safety. These students helped lead the Lifesmarts team to a close score at the state competition. "For the past five years we have won state, but this year we ran into some very tough competition, talented students and lots of returning students from Schaumburg," said **Zabelin**. Before going to state, the students participated in many mock Lifesmarts games and put countless hours into preparing for the event.

Other than putting forward their best efforts to win state, the students actually enjoyed being a part of Lifesmarts. "The best part of being on Lifesmarts is representing our school and demonstrating how well **Mr. Zabelin** teaches consumer education," said **Kara Wolfe (08)**, a member of the team. Even though the teams could not make it past state they still made the best of their time participating in Lifesmarts.

-Molly Pfeifer

• The most commonly used drug in the United States is:

- A. Heroin
- B. Alcohol
- C. Marijuana

• Ingredients extracted directly from plants or animal products are referred to as:

- A. Natural
- B. Synthetic
- C. Man-made

• Food poisoning occurs from:

- A. Only contaminated meats
- B. Any perishable food products that have been mishandled
- C. All genetically enhanced vegetables

• Scientists agree that increased UV-B radiation can cause more occurrences of:

- A. Skin cancer and cataracts
- B. Lung cancer and sterility
- C. Heart disease and diabetes

Answers: B, A, B, A



**The Ultimate Consumer Challenger.** Becoming a member of the Lifesmarts team as a sophomore, **Kara Wolfe (08)** continues to represent CHS in a positive way.



**Study, Study, Study.** While preparing for state, **Doug Sills (08)**, **Kenneth Cole (07)**, **Paul Warkins (08)** and **Kara Wolfe (08)** quiz each other and review practice tests for the competition.



**Waiting Patiently.** Waiting anxiously for the first question, B-team members **Doug Sills (08)**, **Rebecca Mueller (07)**, **William Pusateri (07)** and **Sarah Holt (07)**, look to **Mr. Zabelin** for encouragement. "I get a little nervous because people are watching, but it's just a game for fun," said **Mueller**.



**Final Answer.** Taking charge of the team, Captains **Kevin Michaelson (07)** and **Paul Warkins (08)** discuss the answer to a final question.





**Remembering the Past.**

With the Lifesmarts banner beside him and past plaques close by, Mr. Zabelin shows pride for the team he has worked so hard to make successful. "I love how excited the students get about subjects like consumer education including how to better the environment and manage their money," said Zabelin.



**Words of Encouragement.**

Always knowing what to say, managers Megan Stuhr (07) and Brittany Herdman (07) keep the team motivated and ready to work their hardest.



**They're All Talk.**

While conferencing at their table before the competition, the A-team of Andrew Voss (07), Kevin Michaelson (07), Paul Warkins (08) and Ian Letts (08) discuss their strategies to win to take home a victory.

*Sample*  
**Questions**

• High blood pressure, stroke, increased cholesterol, and heart disease are all associated with:

- A. Being overweight
- B. Cancer
- C. Eating too much sugar

• You've hurt your back. What is the best way to treat it?

- A. Applying cold, then heat
- B. Applying heat, then cold
- C. Applying either heat or cold, depending on what feels better to you

• Botulism is most commonly caused when which one of these home activities is done improperly:

- A. Baking
- B. Canning
- C. Grilling

• What vitamin does your body need to make sure your bones get enough calcium:

- A. Vitamin A
- B. Vitamin C
- C. Vitamin D

Answers: A, A, B, C



# All Work No Play

Wildcats raise their voices on distractions that affect their everyday life.



Alex Zago (07) and Jamie Lesniak (08)

## 1 PDA Patrol: How far is too far?

Some students say that Public Displays of Affection are inappropriate acts while others think differently. "I think that making out and playing tonsil hockey in school is not necessary," said Randi Ritchie (08). Meanwhile Alex Schar (07) disagrees, "It's a free country. People should be able to do what they want, where they want."



Randi Ritchie (08)

## 2 YouTube.com

YouTube, a popular home video broadcasting site, is where teens discover laughter and silliness to brighten their day. Popular videos often kept teenagers busy, providing the inspiration to not do homework.



David Flores (07)

## 3

### The iPod Generation.

It's the object that brings students joy and teachers agony. It's the iPod, that became the most important school supply next to the backpack. "My iPod gets me through the day," said David Flores (07). "It makes school go by so much faster."

## 4

### ...wats goin on 2nite?

No. This headline is not a mistake. With cell phones in every pocket and purse, text messaging became the new craze of the century. And a whole new form of spelling began to drive English teachers insane. cya latr.



Coach Walters

## 5

### Grey's Anatomy or Yang's Anatomy?

The subject of "Grey's Anatomy" does not seem like a topic of discussion for Mr. Walters. But with Meredith on her death bed and her best friend Christina about to take the spotlight, Walters and students from his 7/8 class argued vehemently about the future of the show. Walters took Yang's side and said, "There's no doubt about it. It will be Yang's Anatomy sooner or later."



6 Crystal Ice.

"Christmas is almost here!" said Senior Katrina Means, looking out the window of her third floor English class. These students may live in Northern Illinois, but the first snowflakes of the season always take their minds far from Shakespeare.



Matt Denniger (07) and Allison Romanelli (07)

Mr. DelReal



7 Fight! Fight! Fight!

Throughout the year, one of the hottest topics of conversation focuses on fighting. Whenever the word "fight" sounds through the hallways, students gather around and find entertainment in the violence. According to Mr. Chambers, 89 students were suspended for their involvement in fights during the academic year.

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Melissa Olsen (07) and Keri Mederich (07)

8 Blue Pass, is it for me?

It happens everyday, but the reaction is always the same. A student comes to the classroom door with a blue Dean's pass in hand, and all the heads turn, wondering who the lucky recipient is. "My brother told me to be scared when I received a blue one," said Freshman Taylor Kutilek.



10 Da Bears!

With the Bears going to the Super Bowl on February 4th, the football spirit fills the hallways during the week of January 29th. Wearing blue and orange tee-shirts, everyone from teachers to students supported the hometown team. "When the Bears won the NFC championship, I was so happy. It was cool that I got to live the experience because they probably won't be back for a while," said Greg Vodicka (09).

9 Will you go to Prom with me?

It's time...time for boys to become gentlemen and girls to become ladies. And when prom season rolls around, the process of asking someone to prom goes from simple to extraordinary. Whether the question comes during announcements or during a pep assembly, the moment remains special. And, as the news spreads, the same words apply: wasn't that so cute?

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Cory Gierke (08) and Henry Polz (08)



Kenneth Cole (07)

11 From Hippy to Hip.

Throughout fashion history, different styles have come and gone. In 2007, it wasn't flare jeans that students sported, but slim jeans. Everyone had his or her own unique style, whether it was that urban vibe or the continuing preppy look.



**I will find my voice...**

**I congratulate** my teammates after a victory in baseball.

**I share a heart-to-heart** with my soccer coach.

**I discuss** new strategies at half time for basketball.

**I critique** another golfer's form during practice.

**I encourage** other runners as they race to the finish line.

**I call** the volleyball.

**I revise** goals with other members of tennis before a match.

**I chant** words of inspiration on the sideline.

**I cheer up** the team following a loss.

**I thank** my parents at Senior Parent Night.

**...I will raise my voice.**

## Sports



Timothy Kirincic (07)



Jennifer Green (07)



Eric Wyman (07)

# VOICES





Girls' Varsity Basketball Lineup



Donald Smith (07) and Kenneth Klein (07)



Tony Alcalá (09)



Sara Fouts (08) and Christy Liszka (08)

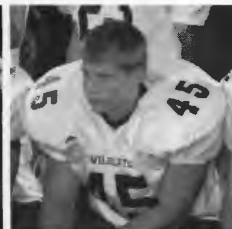
**“The way a team performs as a whole determines their success. You can have some of the best athletes in the world wearing blue and white on the field with you, but if they don’t perform well together, they will never achieve the victories they anticipate.”**

**-Mike Deimling (07)**





Paul Murphy (07)



Henry Polz (08)



Ryan Gagnier (07)



Chris O'Connor (07)



Tim Kirincic (07)



Brett Simon (08)



Nick Horvath (07)

### What Time Is It?

**Christopher Wille (08)** pumps up his offense before a play. "This year, we didn't want our defense to have to carry us like last year," said **Matthew Denniger (07)**. "We knew that if we wanted to be successful, our offense had to strengthen."



### What's He Going to Do?

On the left, Cornerback **Barrett Serrato (08)** anticipates the actions of the quarterback to assure the other team doesn't score, solidifying the strength of our defense. "One of our main goals this year was to prove to everyone that you can't just run over West Chicago anymore," said **Nick Puetz (07)**.



### Game Time!

On the right, **Ken Klein (07)** outruns the Batavia Bulldog offense and makes it to the endzone. "Scoring a touchdown gets the fans excited for the defense to come out and watch them stop the other team from scoring," said Klein.





# Any Given Friday

Football players strive for excellence with each punt, pass, tackle and touchdown.

On Friday nights at Memorial Stadium, the Football team fought their way through the DVC under the direction of Head Football Coach **Robert Stone** and Assistant Coaches **Peter Martino**, **Bill Bicker**, **Geoff Hughs**, and **Randall Zeitler**. These one-hundred and seventy young men battled for our spot in the DVC as rival schools such as Wheaton North and Glenbard North attempted to suppress them.

When those awaited Friday nights rolled around, these Wildcats challenged their competition and gave their fans a reason to scream. The boys made their fans, families, and friends proud all season. "They represented not just themselves, but the entire community," said **Stone** on the morning of the Naperville North game on September 22.

With the leadership of the six captains, **Nick Puetz (07)**, **Mike Bednar (07)**, **Brad Hock (07)**, **Ken Klein (07)**, **Geoff Wilson (07)**, and **Leo Guilli (07)**, the team's offense and defense held strong against a fierce West Aurora on September 8, as we added another victory to our belt. "It's the most exciting thing when your team is playing better than their team as a whole," said **Puetz (07)** about the 19-17 victory over the Blackhawks.

With each exhibition, these young men stepped it up and fought with everything they had. They played rain or shine, in warm or cold weather, and proved their dedication was strong. **Stone** said he tells his players to "play the game because you love it. That should be enough inspiration." The love for the game was apparent in many of the players as they both won and lost, but still maintained a strong spirit. They showed us the Wildcat way.

-Ashley Waugh



#### Touchdown!

Diving into the end zone, **Brian Collier (07)** adds an additional six points to the scoreboard. "There is nothing better than that crowd behind you," said **Stone**.





Jon Alvarado (08)



Kurt Fuchs (07)



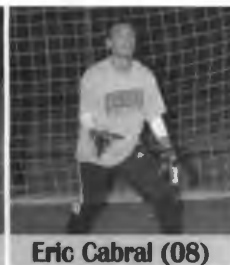
Antonio Alcala (09)



Daniel Rizzo (07)



Aldo Mendoza (08)



Eric Cabral (08)



Coach Brugmann

### Line 'em Up.

Even with strong winds, the team keeps going. Captain **Antonia Alcala (09)** leads the running line with **Jonathan Alvarado (08)**, **Isair Castro (08)**, and **Daniel Rizzo (07)** following behind. "During these warm-ups, I feel professional, disciplined and well prepared to do my best out on the field," said **Jonathan Alvarado (08)**. These warm-ups paid off with a record of 11-10.



### Goalie Saves the Day.

**Miguel Fernandez (07)** keeps his eye on the ball as it approaches him. His effort throughout the season proved valuable for his teammates.

### Forward Out to Score.

Leading his team to an impressive 1-0 victory over Wheaton Academy, **Antonio Alcala (09)** appears ready for any pass. Throughout the season, he was often assisted by forwards and mid-fielders, **Timothy Schuda (08)**, **Oscar Tapia (09)**, **Aldo Mendoza (08)**, **Mitchell Boyd (08)**, **Christopher Terrel (07)**, **Octavio Alcantar (07)**, **Kurt Fuchs (07)**, **Ismael Sanchez (09)**, and **Jose Perez (07)**.



# Playing With Heart

**Soccer players prove that love for a game equals success as they leave their mark on their opponents in the DVC.**

As the clock signaled that game time had ended, the score was tied on September 21<sup>st</sup> when the boys' varsity soccer team faced Naperville Central. With only two minutes of overtime left, the crowd sat in suspense. Suddenly, forward **Antonio Alcalá (09)** charged across the field and scored the winning goal, ending the game with a score of 2-1. Their victory led to even more success, leaving their whole season with an overall record of 11-10.

With team captains **Antonio Alcalá (09)**, **Miguel Fernandez (07)**, **Kurt Fuchs (07)** and **Timothy Schuda (08)** at the helm, the team's hard work and determination on the field connected the players on another level. "When we are on the field, we are a family connected by Wildcat pride. We win together and we lose together," said **Fuchs**. "We play for each other through the extreme heat and the freezing cold. No matter the outcome we stand side by side."

Varsity Coach **Steve Brugmann**, along with Assistant Coach **Miguel Herrera**, worked with the captains to help the team increase their ability level and strive to succeed. "This is a totally new young group that has grown into a cohesive unit," said **Brugmann**. "Considering they started from scratch, they have matured into a developed and working team."

The team included ten seniors, six juniors, and three sophomores. They led with confidence and strove for excellence. Their intelligence, motivation, and passion kept them going as a team. With team huddles every half time and motivational speeches, they tried their best. Working with each other not only gave them success but valuable memories too.

"Playing this year was the first time I actually worked as part of a team, instead of as an individual," said Forward **Jose G. Perez (07)**, adding to that, with remarkable teammates and impressive leadership, the accomplishments they made proved valuable for all the players. This proved to be a season to remember.

**-Griselda Sanchez and Ana Caballero**



**Wildcats.**

Support from **Timothy Schuda's (08)** teammates prepares him for the game against Wheaton Academy. "When I step out on the field, I want to know that I put 110 percent effort into my game," said **Schuda (08)**, shown shaking Captain **Kurt Fuchs' (07)** hand.



# Let's Get Fired Up

**Bump, set, and spike might sounds like a simple task, but as any player on the girls' volleyball team will tell you, it is the exact opposite of simple.**

The ten seniors on the varsity volleyball team pushed through the pain for every win and practiced with intensity six days a week. The team worked together each day to represent West Chicago. Head Coach Hasty, IHSA Coach of the Year for boys' volleyball, said her team was "fun loving and got along well on the court." Each practice and game proved to be a new challenge that the girls worked together to overcome.

Setter **Courtney Antczak (07)** and Outside Hitter **Melissa Olsen (07)** worked together as captains to lead the team through the ups and downs of the season. Finishing with a 1 and 13 record, Olsen led the team with kills throughout the season. "Our team had segments of good plays throughout the season, and sometimes the score just did not show our talent," said **Stephanie Hish (07)**.

Competing in the DVC pushed the girls to come focused and ready to play at every match. Playing against schools ranked in the Girls' Volleyball Top 10 of Illinois would intimidate most teams, but West Chicago gave all they had to compete with these teams. "We play better against teams who are ranked. We come out with more fire because they're the ones who have something to lose, not us," said Setter **Megan Stuhr (07)**.

In the second match of the season, the girls played intensely at Wheaton Warrenville South. Keeping the score close and spectators on the edge of their seats, this match-up proved to be the team's best passing game. "They didn't expect anything from us," said Middle Hitter **Deborah Sosnowski (07)**, "this made us step up our game and play as a team." These girls showed what it meant to give everything and leave nothing on the table. They played because they loved the game.

-Christy Liszka

#### **There's No "I" In Team.**

The Wildcats come together to pump each other up before the West Aurora game. "We always chant 'Let's get fired up! We are fired up!'" said **Melissa Olsen (07)**.





**Coach Hasty**



**Lindsay Krage (07)**



**Courtney Antczak(07)**



**Katrina Means (07)**



**Deb Sosnowski (07)**



**Megan Stuhr (07)**



**Leigh Taddeucci(07)**



**Spike of Passion.**

Playing a close second game with a score of 23 - 24, **Christine Williams (07)** spikes the ball to tie the game. "Putting the ball down on Glendbard North's side of the net," said **Williams**, "was crucial at this point in the game."



**Determination.**

Ending the Wheaton North game, **Laurin McCaffrey (07)** aggressively kills the ball. "All I could think was to reach high and slam that ball down on their side of the court," said **McCaffrey**.

**Towers of Strength.**

Towering over the net to earn a block, **Stephanie Hish (07)** and **Deborah Sosnowski (07)** stop Naperville North from scoring. "I was focused on getting at least a touch on the ball," said **Hish**. "We could not afford to give up any points."



# Race by Race

Running one mile seems impossible to many people. But these Lady Wildcats show they can go the distance.

Motivation and determination are two qualities we value in our athletes, and the girls' cross country team proved that they possessed both of these attributes throughout their season. At each one of their invitationals, they pushed themselves for victory. Captain **Kelly Tinnes** and co-captains, **Leah Kuzmicz** and **Carrie Staton**, led their team to 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 45 teams at the Lisle Invitational on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Even though they competed at a much tougher level, the 2006 team was faster than previous years and showed great potential for upcoming years.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> their vigorous practices began to prepare the girls for the upcoming season. Their goal was to make it to sectionals, and there was no doubt about them making it there. **Rachel Jefferson (08)** and **Kara Triner (08)** ran at the varsity level as well as **Mary Murphy (10)**, who qualified for sectionals at the October 21<sup>st</sup> DVC regionals meet and earned 19<sup>th</sup> place. Out of the 13 teams that competed, the Wildcats placed 10<sup>th</sup>. "One of my proudest moments was at the DVC meet when all the healthy team members ran their best times," said **Coach Maxson**.

Whether they were running on the sidewalks throughout West Chicago or in the woods at an invitational, the girls worked their hardest to do their best and improve their times. At each practice they ran anywhere from three to eight miles a day, and invitationals were anywhere from two to three miles per race. "It takes a certain kind of craziness to run as fast as you can for three miles," said **Coach Maxson**. The team proved they had the dedication and commitment to go the distance and make it all the way to regionals. All of the girls surpassed their personal goals and made CHS proud to know they have dedicated athletes.

-Molly Pfeifer



#### Putting Her Best Foot Forward.

At the Wauconda Invitational, Freshman **Mary Murphy** races toward the finish line. "Finishing first was an incredible feeling. I gained a lot of respect from my teammates and coach," said **Murphy**.



Leah Kuzmicz (07)



Adi Huerta (08)



Leah Kuzmicz (07)  
& Kelly Tinnes (07)



J. Kaczmarczyk (08)



Kelly Tinnes (07)



Amber Triner (07)



Coach Maxson



# Mile by Mile



Runners show what endurance really means during a long and grueling season. “Even though it was a tough season, we worked hard and became our best,” said Kevin Pavnica. (07)

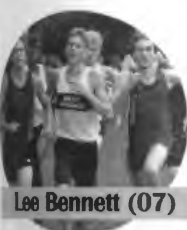
Even though the 2006 season may have been one of the most challenging seasons the Boys’ Cross Country runners have faced, they still took on their competition with determination. Despite ending the season with a losing record, the runners continued to demonstrate a commitment to themselves to be the best runners that they could be. “One of the highlights of the season was having twenty-five runners, which is the most that we have ever had,” said Coach McLeland. Led by their captains Kevin Pavnica (07) and Lee Bennett (07), the team set out to make the season one that they would never forget. Daily practices were not the highlight of the season, but these practices made sure that the team could endure the pressures of the races. These dedicated runners ran in rain or shine and pushed themselves to their limits.

During the off season, in order to maintain their abilities, some runners ran six to ten miles daily, followed by 100 push-ups and 200 sit-ups. During the season, runners ran six or more miles everyday to keep conditioned. Physical and mental preparation was necessary for successful racing. “I tried to think of something positive that would help get me mentally ready for a race. I was amazed when I found out these athletes could run three miles in seventeen minutes,” said newcomer Jonathan Glenn (07).

Even though they did not finish first in the DVC, McLeland called their efforts astonishing, and through hard work and dedication came the glory of finishing the grueling three mile run.

-Kelly Weier and Ryan Roman

**Solid Start.** Starting off strong, Brenden Sullivan sets the pace for the race at Crystal Lake High School. “I was focused on running the three miles and then I dominated,” said Sullivan.



Lee Bennett (07)



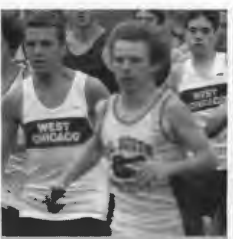
Brian Mateas (09)



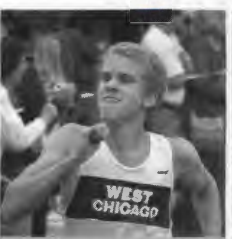
Brenden Sullivan(07)



David Musick (08)



Miles Nelson (09)



Douglas Mateas (09)



Kevin Pavnica (07)



# Making Waves

Swimmers push through the water with grace and agility to earn a winning record in the DVC.

With motivation from Coach Curt Herrin and Diving Coach Byron Delcid, the athletes of the girls' swimming team proved that they could go the distance while competing against other teams in the DVC. With a record of 7-4, the Wildcat swimmers demonstrated that they could swim at their top of their races.

Starting off the season with twenty-four girls and three divers, the Varsity swimmers practiced three times a week both before and after school. With their nine hours of weekly practice, the Varsity team swam an accumulation of 1200 lengths weekly. The JV swimmers practiced daily during the week, a total of ten and a half hours, and swam about 140 lengths in each practice. The girls strived for the competition and made every effort to come together and help each other improve. The swimmers kept the inspiring words of Coach Herrin in their heads as they prepared for the race. "Focusing on getting faster doesn't make you faster; you need to focus on certain aspects of your race and strategy," said Herrin.

During swimming competition, each team had to compete in three relay and nine individual races. For the relay races, the Coach chose the team's three leading ladies: Julia Shallcross (07), Kathryn McLeland (07), and Caitlin Krengel (07). In the individual races, nine of the team's girls faced off their competitors in a race of agility within the water. "When I'm racing all I care about is finishing as fast as I can," said Erica Nystrom (09). With every splash, dive, and leap into the pool the girls gave it their all.

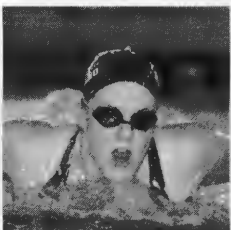
The girls' winning streak gave them confidence during their season as they splashed through the water with grace.

-Jazmin Huerta



## All the Way to State.

Julia Shallcross (07) finds that her strength in backstroke and freestyle can take her to the top. In the state competition at Evanston Township High School, Shallcross competed in the 50-yard freestyle and placed 33rd. Teammate Caitlin Krengel (07) also competed at state and placed 14th in the 100-yard butterfly. "I love being in the water, and I hope to continue swimming in college," said Shallcross.



Katie McLeland(07)



Kelly Loftus (10)



Julia Shallcross (07)



Caitlin Krengel (07)



Jamie Lesniak (08)



Julia Shallcross(07)



Caitlyn Madsen(10)





# Taking Time Off

The only time these swimmers lose is off their record times.

As swimmers from Naperville North High School and Benet Academy approached the pool, the Wildcats prepared themselves for a fight. **Jacob Murphy (07)** jumped into the water, ready for the 500 freestyle. Pushing harder than he ever had before, he strove for a better time. With an impressive performance, **Murphy** dropped ten seconds off his time. This event proved to be one of his best and symbolizes the dedication **Murphy** and his teammates displayed throughout the season.

A large team composed of twenty nine members, the boys' swimming team had high hopes for the season. With six meets and three invites, the boys worked nonstop. Practicing before and after school everyday for two and a half hours at a time, the boys swam more than 10,000 yards a day. As the only seniors on the team, Captains **Brenden Sullivan (07)** and **Jacob Murphy (07)** led the team with persistence, giving it all they could every time they set foot in the pool.

All the boys had the same mindset going into each meet: to win. **Matthew Ziffra (08)** said his goals were working hard and achieving a better time. When **Ziffra** swims the 100 freestyle, he says he feels "an adrenaline rush and a need to go fast. Nothing else matters. Start, turn, finish."

In conference, the Varsity team came in fifth place, the JV in fourth, and the Freshmen in third place. Out of the entire team, **Jacob Murphy (07)**, **Brenden Sullivan (07)**, **Greg Pelke (08)**, **Michael Dalton (08)**, **Matthew Ziffra (08)**, **Brian Hummer (08)**, **David Peace (09)**, **Rodney Nasir (09)**, and **Evan Krotz (10)** all qualified for sectionals.

- Katrina Means

**Heads Up.** Pushing his way to beat Leyden High School, **Andrew Jacobsen (08)** knocks off seconds to achieve his time of 1:21.96. **Jacobsen** said he loves the feeling of exercise and of swimming. "The ache in my muscles proves that I worked hard the previous day," he said.



**Brian Hummer (08)**



**Brenden Sullivan (07)**



**Cody Weigand (09)**



**Matthew Ziffra (08)**



**Adam Timko (08)**



**Brian Hummer (08)**



**David Peace (09)**



# All about the L-O-V-E

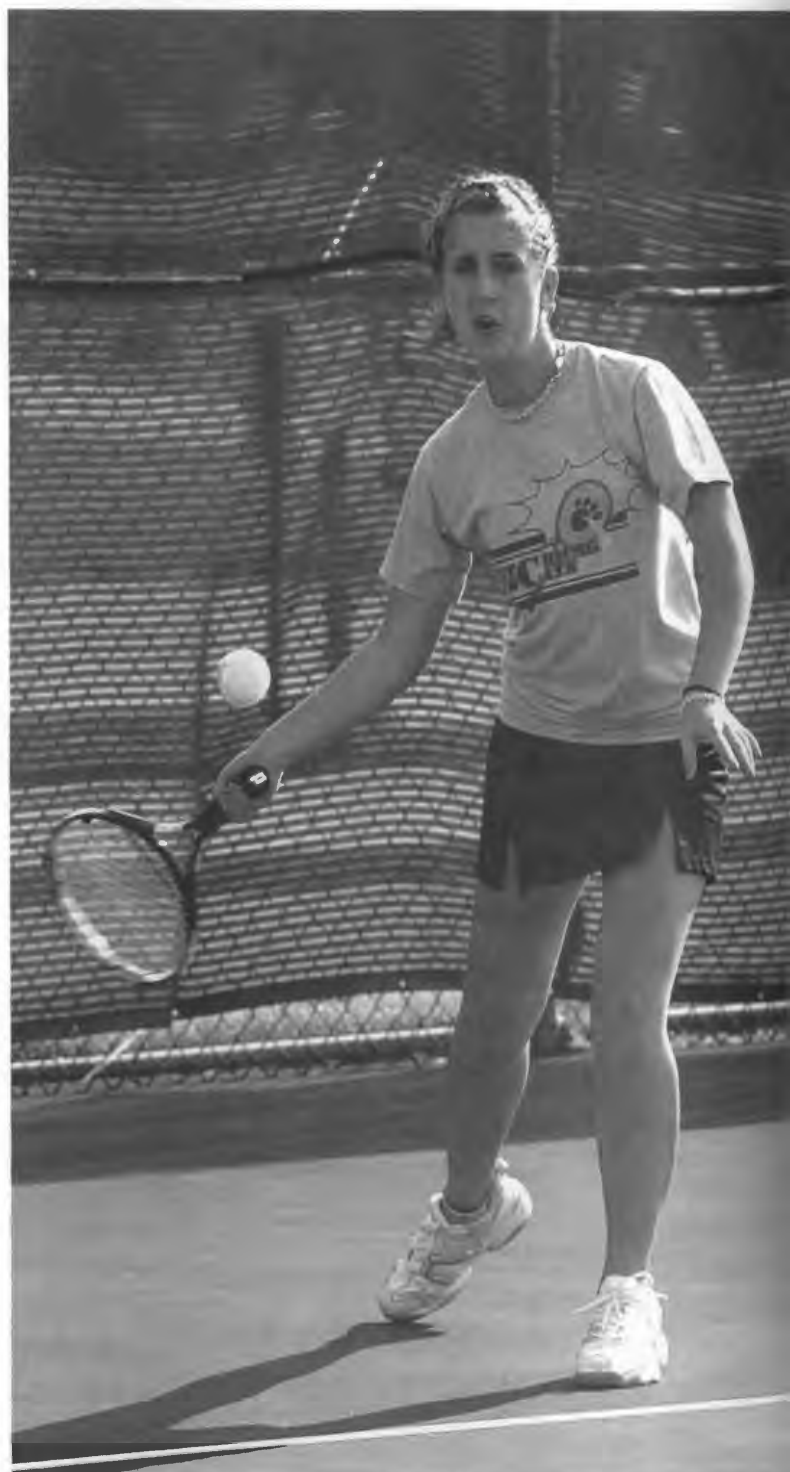
With strong veteran leadership and promising talent, the girls' tennis team proves to be tough competition.

The girls' tennis team's goal remains the same each year: give everything and compete better than the previous year. Coach Moeaki and the team captains, Jennifer Green (07) and Heather Knoll (08), pushed their teammates to play their best each match in 2006. "Our captains are good role models," said two-year varsity player Melanie Linsenmeyer (08). "They push themselves and encourage us to do the same." Although the girls did not end their season with a win, the team finished with high hopes for next year.

No matter how fierce the competition, the tennis players battled to the end. "We don't always have many team wins, but we work really hard, and we deserve each win that we do have," said Kelly Weber (08). While playing St. Charles East, Green and Knoll were two points away from upsetting the second seeded team. The girls did not win, but they played their best match of the season. "Although it was our first year playing together, Heather and I had a very successful season," said Green.

To prepare for each match, the team talked about strategy and their opponents' strengths. "Strategizing gave us an advantage over the other team," said Moeaki. "It helped to prepare us for the challenge that was ahead of us." The hard work put forth by the girls provided motivation, as well as the ability to stay focused and calm under the pressure of a tough match. Rain or shine, the girls could be found six days a week improving their skills on the court.

-Christy Liszka



#### Fighting to the End.

In the match against Glenbard North, Leigh Martino (09) focuses on returning the ball to her opponent's side of the court. "I worked hard in practice," said Martino. "So it felt really good when my hard work paid off in a match."



Jennifer Green (07)



Melissa Molskow (08)



Heather Knoll (08)



Kelly Weber (08)



Nanao Sakabe (07)



Megan Carnes (08)



Coach Moeaki



# Eye on the Ball

Redeeming themselves of an early loss, our contenders reach IHSA sectionals.

In the midst of a peaceful afternoon, the evening breeze gives satisfaction to the four warriors on the court. After running the game to deuce on the tie break, the boys' doubles teams stare hard into the eyes of their adversaries while remembering that all would be in vain if they do not hold on. The server takes a deep breath, throws the ball up, and lobs it. As the opponent answers the serve, the server rushes up to the net to smash the ball and claim victory.

Consisting of eight returning varsity members, the tennis team came back with high spirits after devoting three hours everyday to rigorous agility and skills training during the late off-season. Instead, the team was humbled in its inaugural game to York High School. "Opening the season how we did is a player's worst nightmare," said Captain **Christopher Savaglio (07)**. By falling short on the last set of the final match, the team could not capitalize on an early 2-0 lead. "We failed to commit to every serve, lost our focus, and in the end that was our undoing," said **Savaglio**, adding that the team worked hard to overcome the loss.

In his 22 year tenure, Head Coach **Stone Moeaki** has made his players aware that "tennis is a game of discipline and perseverance." After the mental breakdown the team faced against York, **Moeaki** grilled the team to remember his creed, "never give up," and thereby set the standard by which the team performed the remainder of their season.

The varsity team pushed their way into a first place finish at their own quad-team tournament. "We really exceeded all expectations that we had this year," said **Jozef Pavnica (09)** about the team's seven regular season wins. As the final mark of their legacy, the team went to sectionals and came as close as one game away from going state.

-Charles Kim

## Service On And Off The Court.

At the last practice of the regular season, **Jamon Malan (07)** displays his commitment to not only his own goals, but to his entire team as he works with the freshmen and sophomores on enhancing their serves. "There is a certain satisfaction in helping the underclassmen improve their game," said **Malan**.



Coach Moeaki



Joe Fortman (07)



Jozef Pavnica (09)



Casey Powrozek (08)



Chris Savaglio (07)



Joel Rehbock (07)



Jose Padilla (09)



# Swinging for SUCCESS

Faced with difficult courses and stiff competition, these golfers improve their game and make the season one worth remembering.

Golf dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, where it was played by Scottish royalty. Although the game has changed since that point in history, the dedication and passion golfers have for their sport has not wavered. Everyday, the girls' golf team practiced at St. Andrews Country Club after school from 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. perfecting their putting and swinging technique while also working on their stance. The girls put forth a great deal of hard work, but never forgot to have fun at the same time. To lift one another's spirits and to relieve stress, the golfers told jokes during practice, always finding a way to make each other laugh.

The girls may not have emerged on top in the DVC, but they could not have done better in their coach's eyes. **Jessica Bedard (09)**, **Kimberly Kleczewski (09)** and **Maggie Stremel (07)** all succeeded in lowering their stroke average before the season's end. **Kristin Grimm (07)** shot the lowest number Coach **Michael Cain** has ever seen a player score in a nine-hole match, with a 93. At the York Invitational in Ginger Creek, **Grimm** placed tenth and **Natalie Pacelli (08)** tied for fourth place, making their coach and teammates proud to be a part of the event.

The girls played from August 9<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>, but for many of the girls, practice did not end with the season, as their coach, **Michael Cain**, told them, "Golf is a sport that takes time. You can't just stop once the season is done. It's a year round commitment." Despite all their hard efforts, the girls did not make it to sectionals. However, this turning of events could not break the girls' spirits. "We weren't very good, but if there was a trophy for having the most fun, our team would definitely win it," said **Pacelli**.

-Kara Wolfe and Kiara Wolfe



## Swinging With Style.

Teeing off at the St. Andrews Golf Course, **Kristin Grimm (07)** beats her personal best in a nine-hole match. "Even though we didn't win much, we had one of our best seasons," said **Grimm**. She finished her high school golf career as an all-conference athlete.



Coach Cain



Natalie Pacelli (08)



Jessica Bedard (09)



Natalie Pacelli (08)



Jessica Bedard (09)



Maggie Stremel (07)



Kim Kleczewski (09)



# Going for Green

With precision, practice, and patience, golfers leave their mark on the DVC.

It's 5:30 in the morning, the grass is covered in dew, it's August, and it's time to start tryouts for the boys' golf team. Their desire to make the team and their willingness to practice everyday reflects how much these golfers worked toward success. With determination, the boys set out to make this season one they would never forget. Team Captains **Scott Staiton (07)** and **Brendon Jones (08)** led each practice and encouraged each golfer to improve his game. After every match the team would fix what they did wrong at practice and try not to make the same mistake twice. "After losing a few matches, it gave us a chance to look back at what we did wrong, fix it, and become better and stronger players," said **Christopher Sekema (07)**.

The team took a few hours everyday to tee up at St. Andrews Golf Course. Team coaches, **Mr. Lasky** and **Mr. Stark**, helped guide the boys throughout practice. It all came together when they beat Glenbard North, who took second in conference, in a very close match. After the match it was all tied up. The judges determined that West Chicago was the winner, after going to the fifth individual scorecard. "With seven seniors, three juniors, and a number of sophomores moving up to the varsity level, we knew we had a shot against the top teams in our conference. We stepped up to the challenge, practiced hard, and it paid off in the end- beating the number two team. It was truly an exciting season," said **Staiton (07)**.

The ten boys came together as a team this season and finished strong ending their season 3-7. Captain **Jones (08)** took second in conference and the team dropped their average by ten strokes. This hard work showed that the team put dedication into their season.

- Ryan Roman

**Green Giant.**  
Proving that practice pays off, **Frank Gilliberto (07)** tees up against Glenbard North. "Playing in the best conference in the area made it harder for us to show how much talent our team really had," said **Gilliberto**.



**Scott Staiton (07)**



**Brendon Jones (08)**



**Steve Romanelli (09)**



**Matt Claude (07)**



**Frank Gilliberto (07)**



**Scott Staiton (07)**



**Ryan Crawford (09)**



# More Than Pretty Faces

Forty-two talented Cheerleaders prove that they have the right to be called serious athletes.

Both the Varsity and Sophomore Cheerleading squads started their season in late June as they prepared for their trip to Illinois Cheer Extreme Athletics in Naperville in early July. At camp, the girls learned an entirely new routine equipped with new stunts and dance moves, and each Varsity member took on a member of the Sophomore squad as her little sister. "My big sister helped me at the beginning of the season to adjust to cheerleading life. She's always there for me when I need her," said **Michelle Blackman (09)**. Both squads also participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" which CHS held overnight on July 15 and 16. At the relay, the girls learned to know each other a little bit better while supporting the fight for cancer.

When games began, the squads prepared a new routine for each home game as well as raised school spirit levels. These athletes performed at every home and away football game and almost every home and away basketball game. Under the leadership of captains **Nicole Parisi (07)**, **Kimberly Redden (07)**, and **Kristin Schaefer (07)**, along with Varsity Coach **Terri Rohrdanz**, and Sophomore Coach **Cathie Sanzeri**, each performance exceeded the last, and the squad grew to be more of a family. "We have a sister like bond; I can count on them for anything. They have my back, and I have theirs," said **Erica Lange (10)**.

As the season came to a close and the games started to end, the squads had one final performance they had to arrange, their fundraiser, Mr. Wildcat. For the seniors, the event was their last moment to shine as Wildcat Cheerleaders. For the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, it was a prelude to what the public should expect for future squads. "It's a great opportunity to perform at Mr. Wildcat because it's great to know that parents and students not only come to see the participants, but also to see the cheerleaders that support the boys in their extracurricular activities," said **Stacey Santillan (08)**.

When the season came to a close, it was hard to say goodbye, knowing the squad would never be the same without the departing seniors. "It's exciting to move forward, and be able to look back at my four years cheerleading at CHS," said **Kimberly Redden (07)**. One thing is for certain. When the season ended, these girls' spirit didn't. Go Wildcats!

-Ashley Waugh and Hannah Strayve

## Standing Tall.

During a timeout, **Nicole Parisi (07)**, **Taylor Mollitor (07)**, and **Katie Wood (07)** lift **Kim Redden (07)** into a mount. "Mounting shows how athletic we are. It's always fun to learn new mounts and show what we can do," said **Mollitor**.





Kaye Hickman (07)



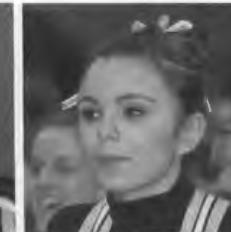
Kristin Schaefer (07)



Ashley Conway (07)



Alexandria Mills (08)



Jori Rawski (07)



Kym McDaniel (08)



Ashley Jefferson (09)



### The One and Only.

The Varsity girls perform their routine at the January 19th game against Glenbard North. The Panther cheerleaders came to sit on the home side to watch the halftime performance. "Seeing everyone go crazy while we're performing is so exhilarating. There's no better feeling," said Julie Leveille (08).



### Jump for Joy.

Senior Courtney Antczak jumps up on sidelines as a sophomore basketball player adds two points to the board. "The amazing amount of energy at our games gives a rush of adrenaline that's undescrivable," said Antczak.

### Control Yourself.

Dancing with the rest of her squad, Cory Glerke (08) shines during a hip hop routine done at a halftime in mid January to the song "Lose Control" by LL Cool J and Jennifer Lopez. "This dance was the first dance we actually got in costume for. It made it a lot more fun," said Glerke.





Jonathan Reyes (08)



Matt Claude (07)



Chris Sekema (07)



Clark Hudmon (09)



Nathan Sullivan (07)



Donald Smith (07)



Coach Gimre

### Taking It to the Basket.

As he drives toward the basket, Point Guard **Peter Konchar (07)** shows the crowd why he is the team captain. "During games I try to keep the team positive. I love the game of basketball and being the leader on the court, I hope to continue playing in future years," said **Konchar**. While being a mentor to his teammates, **Konchar** led the team in points.



### Swoosh.

Posting up at the foul line, **Christopher Sekema (07)** shoots a pair of free throws against Naperville Central in his final year playing high school basketball. "I'll never forget the time we made it all the way to regionals my sophomore year," said **Sekema**, who played basketball at West Chicago for four years.



### Fade Away.

Taking the open jump shot, **Michael Sorgatz (07)** tries to build some of the team's momentum back. Even though they lost the game, they never stopped giving 100% until the horn sounded at the end of the game.



# For the Love of the Game

Despite several tough losses, the Basketball team continued to charge across the court in hope of turning their season around for the better.

West Chicago was down by 16 points, and only three minutes remained in the game against state-ranked West Aurora. Although defeat loomed in the air, Forward **Josh Wonsowski (07)**, along with his teammates, refused to submit to the idea of a loss. With heart and a strong look of determination, **Wonsowski** charged across the court and led the Wildcats to a score within three points of victory. With a minute and 32 seconds left, West Aurora's crowd sat on the edge of their seats and in disbelief. Even though the battle eventually resulted in a loss for West Chicago, this game allowed the Wildcats to demonstrate the true characteristics of athleticism Coach **Gimre** and Coach **Teagle** preach to their hard working players: determination, heart, and good sportsmanship.

Sharing an immense passion for the game and a determination to play, the team practiced like champions. With the exception of Sunday, they spent two hours every day on the court, fine-tuning their skills and fundamentals. Even though their final record was 5 wins and 22 losses, **Gimre** kept the team fighting hard, and they continued to show their determination on and off the court. "Playing for the school you need to have pride and be able to work hard," said **Gimre**. "A good work ethic along with determination is what the team strives for."

The team showed their character throughout the season, never giving up and improving with every game. "Despite our record, we really have improved a lot as a team this season," said Senior **Dan Rizzo (07)**, who added that the team learned the hard way to never give up and to keep going no matter what.

Led by Captains **Peter Konchar (07)** and **Matthew Claude (07)**, the team always held on to a positive mindset, having fun while playing hard. "We always have fun no matter what, because when you stop having fun, you start playing for all the wrong reasons," said **Claude**.

On the other end of all of that fun, however, comes a lot of hard work. "I wanted to end my senior year trying my hardest and giving it my all every time," said Center **Christopher Sekema (07)**.

- Justin Kutilek and Ryan Roman



## Crossing It Over.

Driving to the hoop against Naperville Central, Captain **Matthew Claude (07)** scans the court as he looks for an open shot or an open man down low. "An open teammate could be your best friend in a time of need during a game," said **Claude**.



# Queens of the Court

The Lady Wildcats claw their way to the title of the Regional Champs and a second place finish in the DVC.

During a remarkable season, the Lady Wildcats did not settle for being just average. They stepped up their game and placed second in the DVC, following a difficult loss to Wheaton Warrenville South. Coach Wallner, returning for her 21<sup>st</sup> Varsity season, said, "I was excited for another opportunity to work with a group of young adults and strive together for the common goal of playing strong throughout the entire season."

With three returning starters, Wallner expected only the best from her players. Team captains Melissa Olsen (07), Kelsey Monroe (07), and Kate Norton (07) exerted strong leadership skills while encouraging their teammates to do the same. All eight Varsity players contributed to the team's success. "Some players have a bigger role than others because of experience, but not one player is more important than another," said Wallner.

All eight of the varsity players agreed that the Wheaton North game was the best of the season. "We not only played hard, but we showed why we really deserve a spot in this conference," said Point Guard Kayla Radloff (08). "We were unstoppable." The girls won this game with a score of 56-48.

Along with this winning record, Olsen and Monroe, who have been playing together since second grade, accomplished a goal that has not been reached by a Wildcat basketball player in over 30 years. The two athletes both scored 1000 points in their career. While the two led the team with points, the team's scoring percentage was higher than ever before

The Lady Wildcats had seven returning seniors. There had not been this many seniors on a girls' basketball teams since 1994. "The main reason for the team's success is because the team gets along great and works together well," said Wallner. With exceptional passing skills and strong teamwork, the team rose to the top of the DVC with a final record of 22-8. The girls were victorious at their Regional games and defeated West Aurora 59-28 and Wheaton North 48-32.

-Christy Liszka and Kelly Weier

## Takin' it to the Basket.

Point Guard Kelsey Monroe (07) drives past a defender to score two points for the Lady Wildcats. They won this game with a score of 63-40 against Nazareth. "I'm normally a shy and quiet person so it feels good to step outside my shell and be a little more vocal on the court," said Monroe.





Lindsey Monroe (07)



Kristin Grimm (07)



Jenna Bodie (07)



Kayla Radloff (08)



Laurin McCaffrey (07)



Jorden Hall (07)



Melissa Olsen (07)  
& Kayla Radloff (08)



**Standing Proud.**

While the National Anthem plays, Melissa Olsen (07), Kristin Grimm (07), Lindsey Johnston (09), and Christine Rovtar (09) focus on what they need to do in the game ahead of them: to beat Naperville Central. The girls won this game with a score of 55-43.



**Triple Threat.**

For Melissa Olsen (07), triple threat does not only mean she can pass, dribble, and shoot. As her success on the court proved, she could also rebound, block, and defend just as well as any other basketball player.

**Opening Tip-Off.**

The first tip off of the season by Kate Norton (07) is a success against Nazareth. Norton, a three year varsity basketball player, continued to strengthen her skills throughout the season.



# Rumble on the Mats

Even without a full roster, Wrestlers refuse to let their opponents get the best of them.

The wrestling team once again hit the mats with high expectations for their season. Wrestlers entered the Field House conditioned due to the many hours devoted to lifting weights and enhancing takedown techniques. The team's captains, **Jesus Ibarra (07)**, **Tim Kirincic (07)**, and **Brandon Klekamp (07)**, participated in soccer, football, and cross-country, respectively, to keep in shape. **Garrett Welch (07)** returned to the sport after a junior year hiatus.

With early season-ending injuries to players such as **Ralph Calleros (07)** and **James Shallcross (08)**, the varsity team's dreams of a winning season were deferred. With fourteen required weight brackets and nine varsity wrestlers, the team won only a third of their matches. "It's extremely frustrating when you have a team with this much individual talent and you cannot produce a winning record purely because of the size of the team," said **Klekamp**, who added that instead of being pessimistic, the team's resolve to win grew stronger.

"Knowing that the team is small, we just go out and look for everyone to win their matches to give us another team victory," said **Kirincic**. By pulling off upset victories against Driscoll, Elgin, Mooseheart, and Oswego, the wrestlers showed their true potential as a team. But winning meets came in short supply this season. Instead, the team decided to focus on the individual aspect of the sport.

According to Head Coach **James Phillips**, "There have been a lot of individuals excelling in their matches." Perhaps the most improved wrestler was **Austin Hall (08)**, who reached the finals in two tournaments. **Phillips** commended **Austin** with progress "every year due to hard work and dedication." The final display of his improvement occurred at regionals, when **Austin** triumphed over an Elgin wrestler who bested him earlier in the season.

-Charles Kim



### With Hands Held High.

After he defeats a Wheaton North opponent, **Tim Kirincic (07)** raises his hands in victory. Boasting a high school record of 93-27, **Kirincic's** dream throughout high school was to be able to go to state. That dream was realized in February when **Kirincic** received third place at regionals, held at the team's DVC rival Glenbard North. **Kirincic** was the first wrestler to represent We-Go at state finals in 11 years.



Garrett Welch (07)



Austin Hall (08)



Stuart Sankovitch (09)



Jaime Campos (09)



Tim Kirincic (07)



Jonny Padilla (09)



Brandon Klekamp (07)

# Taking the Ice

West Chicago, Wheaton North, Wheaton Academy form a triple threat known as the Wheaton West hockey team.

Try bringing a bunch of young men, from three different schools, to come together and play on the same team. Well that's exactly what the Wheaton West Hockey team has to do every year. They combine with students from Wheaton North and Wheaton Academy every year in order to play the sport they love and represent their school on the ice. Coaches **Kerry Stair** and **Dave Dyson** brought the team together and led them all the way to playoffs. "Bringing the three schools together was a challenge, but I think it made us a stronger team in the end," said Goaltender **James Roman (07)**. You would think that combining with rivalry schools would usually end up a catastrophe, but that would have to be the exact opposite of what really happened. They ended up their regular season with a record of 3-14-3. Despite their record, they turned it up big time in the playoffs. They made it to the 3rd round of playoffs until being knocked out by Lyons Township, who placed fourth in their division.

It was an upsetting one to nothing loss to Lyons Township to end their season. The game was back and forth for three straight periods. When the game ended with about seven minutes left in the third period, because Wheaton West had too many penalties, the score was 5-4 in favor of Lyons Township. It was a devastating ending for a team that gave their all in the playoffs.

Even though the Varsity Team's season ended on a low note, the same cannot be said for the JV team. Like Varsity, they also turned it up in the playoffs and made it all the way to the championship game. They won the game against Lemont 7-3 and ended their season the best way possible. Both teams showed how much heart and determination they had throughout the season.

-Ryan Roman

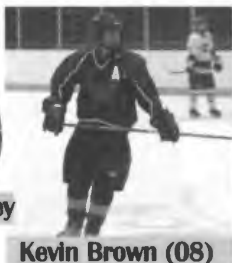


## Standing Strong.

Playing in his second season for Wheaton West, Defenseman **Ethan Burau (09)** does what he can to help out his team on the ice. "We struggled during the season, but everything clicked at playoff time leading to a great run at the championship," said **Burau**.



Wheaton West Hockey



Kevin Brown (08)



Ethan Burau (09)



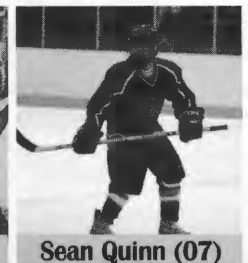
Alex Crivolio (08)



Ben Barclay (08)



Ryan Crivolio (09)



Sean Quinn (07)



# Saving the Last Dance

Twelve talented girls work towards making every kick, leap, jump, move and motion sheer perfection for their Friday night audiences.

Kicking and twirling their way into the hearts of their peers, the Pom Pon squad showed complete determination to be their best. Hours of dedicated preparation went into each and every Friday night routine. Rain or shine, the twelve girls presented a new dance for the crowd at every home football and basketball game. The season started in early summer with two to three hour practices almost everyday. Practices offered an opportunity for the squad to work together as a team. Unlike other sports, the poms had no off season, working diligently for the three full seasons. During the summer season, the girls worked on new routines and learned new dance moves. In addition to summer practices, the girls attended a summer camp, working hard to improve their dance routines. Much like their regular practices, summer camp served as a bonding experience for the girls. The girls broke away from their usual kick lines and incorporated a new hip-hop style into their routines.

Throughout the school year, the Poms rehearsed every Tuesday and Thursday after school for two hours, along with further practices when needed. Poms captains **Tiffany Kirschke (07)** and **Katharine Rohrback (07)** worked together and with the other members of the squad to perfect their performances. All the girls' practices paid off. When it came to game times, the girls were ready with new dances for every upcoming game. Poms coaches, **Jan Bedard** and **Devin Vassar**, continually motivated the girls throughout the year. The girls greatly appreciated their coaches' efforts. "They told us they love us and that we should just get out there and dance our hearts out," said **Sarah Pierpoint (08)**.

Margaret Polacek & Molly Pfeifer

## Proud to be Americans.

As the traditional pre-game playing of the National Anthem begins, **Kimberly Busch (10)**, **Katharine Rohrback (07)**, **Sarah Pierpoint** and **MaryPat Flanagan (07)** sing with their fellow fans. "Being on the Pom Squad was one of the best experiences in high school. All of the girls were so talented, dedicated and hard working, and they meant so much to me. We worked hard every week, whether it was for a performance, a game, or a competition. However, the incredible exhilaration of dancing made it all worthwhile," said **Flanagan**.





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Kelsey Skogsberg (10)



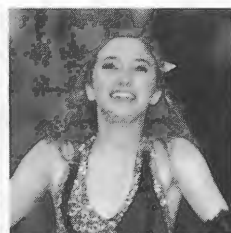
Monica Gilbert (07)



Sarah Pierpoint (08)



Tiffany Kirschke (07)



MaryPat Flanagan (07)



Katy Rohrback (07)



### All We Want to Do is Dance.

Fans, friends and Squad members cheer as **Rebecca Mueller (07)**, **MaryPat Flanagan (07)** and **Amanda Terry (08)** perform a routine to "Canned Heat" by Jamiroquai at the home game against Naperville Central. The cheering of the crowd grew with every dance routine.



### Strike a Pose.

During halftime of a home game against Glenbard North, Senior **Katharine Rohrback** shows off her dance moves. "We have always been known for our unique style of dance and kick line routines. That's why it was so fun to break out of the ordinary and show off our hip hop skills. To say the least, we had fun and the crowd liked it," said **Rohrback**.

### Sparkle and Shine.

As **Ashley Richards (07)** performs a routine to a remix of "Everlasting Love," the crowd goes crazy. "Every week we learn and choreograph a new routine for each game. When it is time to perform, it really helps to see the crowd and to realize that all the practice was worth it in the end," said **Richards**.



# Third Time's the Charm

With every game, lacrosse players near their goal of making it to the conference finals.

It's about 30 degrees outside with no glimpse of sunshine and with a chance of snow, and the lacrosse team takes the field. With numb fingers and shivering legs, they start their season with practices and five mile runs. These conditions plagued the team for the first few games, as the forecast included freezing temperatures and flurries. Their season started with a game against conference rival Geneva. The game was back and forth for four straight quarters when Offensive Midfielder **Mike Klein (07)** drove to the net with the ball and scored the game winner with about four minutes left. West Chicago won with a score of 5-4.

Going into only their third season as a lacrosse team, the team set high goals for themselves and settled for nothing less. Led by their coach, **Dave Libby**, the team practiced everyday after school and played every game like they had nothing to lose. They came together in each game not only to play for themselves, but for the teammates next to them. "It's important to know that your teammate is willing to do anything for you, and he knows that I'm willing to do the same for him and the rest of the team," said Midfielder **Erik Fischer (08)**. It all started with a weekend retreat at Finish Strong, where the team bonded and started to trust each other. They worked on doing drills and playing tournaments until midnight each night. But the retreat wasn't all hard work 24 hours a day. They also had fun playing dodgeball and other games and enjoying a team dinner at Pal Joey's. It was the perfect combination of hard work and fun.

Ending their season with a record of 7-10, the team gave their all and left nothing on the field at the end of the season. "We had a great season with the best start in West Chicago history, and this is just the start for what's to come in the future," said Goalie **Paul Murphy (07)**.

- Ryan Roman



**Last Man Standing.**

When other means of defense fail, all-conference Goaltender **Paul Murphy (07)** is there to save the day. **Murphy** played goalie since his freshman year and become a clutch player for the team. "I'm always a lot more confident on defense knowing Paul is in net," said teammate **Justin Kutilek (08)**.



Thomas Wilson (08)



Chris Plane (08)



Thad Bieniek (07)



Ryan Roman (08)



Nick Beideman (08)



Mike Klein (07)



Pat Hanrahan (07)



# Smashing for Success

With great effort and plenty of hard work, the Badminton team represents the teamwork and sportmanship it takes to be a Wildcat.

There is one main rule to follow when playing against the Badminton team; you better bring your best game, because you're going to need it. It isn't just a backyard badminton game when you step on the court with one of these girls. They practiced every Monday through Friday for an hour and a half and every Saturday for two to four hours to become the best they can at their sport. And even though they might not have had the best season, they were still a force with which to be reckoned. Their season was full of surprises, and the team did their best to deal with them and move forward.

Led by Varsity Coach **Jessica Inch** and Assistant Coach **Bang Nguyen**, the team went into the season with high hopes. And with Coach **Inch** leaving for the Marines toward the end of the season, their coaching staff was down by one, but their work ethic stayed the same. "It was unexpected, and it made us sad that she wasn't there to support us the rest of the season," said **Miranel Obdin (07)**.

Even though their season ended with a record of 1-15, the team is still young and showed great willpower throughout the season, never letting up. Captains **Obdin (07)**, **Melanie Linsenmeyer (08)**, and **Kyra Benson (08)** kept the team motivated throughout the season. And like true captains, they led by example in practice and in games. **Benson**, along with teammate **Ania Skorupski (09)**, missed state by only a few points but made sure they gave everything trying to get there. Even though they did not have the season they were hoping for, the season was still packed with good times and challenges and will not soon be forgotten.

- Ryan Roman

### The Power of One.

Playing singles for her third year, **Marybeth Fernandez (08)** leads the way for the rest of the team by playing hard every time she steps onto the court. "After seeing your teammate win a match, it really pumps up the rest of the team. We all want to give our best," said **Jamie Roman (09)**.



Miranel Obdin (07)



Samantha Sanmiguel (09)



Jamie Roman (09)



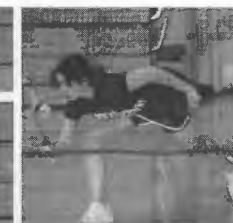
Michaelene Winn (09)



Virginia Mason (09)



Tatiana Walz (09)



Diana Martinez (09)



# Run Wildcat Run

With more than 40 girls involved, the track team defeats their fiercest competition.

Starting off their season strong, the 2007 Girls' Track team worked hard to take out all of their competition. Throughout their long season, the girls proved that they were always willing to push themselves until the end. The team set the bar very high for future teams and made CHS proud. Team captains Leah Kuzmicz (07), Maggie Stremel (07), Amber Triner (07) and Kelly Tinnes (07) helped lead their team to eighth place out of 21 schools at sectionals with their hard work and encouragement.

Mid-January marked the beginning of the season, and the team immediately began to prepare and train for the upcoming indoor and outdoor seasons. Their main goal for the season was to break both school and personal records. MVP Amber Triner proved to be a hard worker when she made it to the state meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> in both hurdles and long jump. "At the beginning of the season I could already tell the team was going to be successful, we had some great throwers along with great runners and I could tell Amber was going to do well," said Assistant Coach Vega.

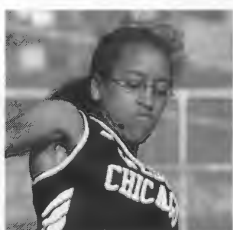
The team of over 40 girls in total worked their hardest to do well in every event. For long distance runners practice meant anywhere from two to four miles but only two to three laps for short distance sprinters. "I think part of the key to their success is the coaches pushing them for their best and their own willingness to come to practice and to reach their goal," said Vega. One of the girls' biggest accomplishment was to beat their biggest rivals Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South, and they did just so at sectionals.

-Molly Pfeifer



#### Race Against Time.

Determined to make it to the finish line first, Annette Eichenberger (10) leaps over each and every hurdle with grace. "When I'm going over the hurdles, I have such an adrenaline rush, and I can barely even think," said Eichenberger.



Brittany Smith (09)



Tara Breinlg (09)



Adilenia Huerta (08)



Emily Tennant (10)



Rachel  
Jefferson (08)



Sara Fouts (08)



Kara Triner (08)



# Right on Track

The track team finishes their season well by sending several athletes to state.

On a hot spring day when you can feel the humidity in the air and sweat from only standing, Memorial Stadium is filled with track athletes and fans. The starter calls four relay teams to the starting line. "On your mark," says the starter, as everyone enters his blocks. The starter raises his hand and starts the competition by a gunshot. The runners explode out of the blocks, focused on form and speed. Three handoffs are exchanged until the anchor receives the baton. When the last handoff happens, the four runners realize it is their team's last chance to pull ahead or to hold a lead. When the anchor finally crosses the finish line in the lead, he knows that teamwork led the team to victory.

With the indoor season to train and prepare for outdoor season, boys' track and field is one of the longest athletic seasons. **Jim Foreman (07)**, who placed fourth in pole vault at the state meet as a junior, once again qualified for the state meet as a senior, along with **Ken Klein (07)** who competed in hurdles. **Foreman, Klein, and David Musick (08)** were all indoor DuPage Valley Conference champions, **Foreman** in pole vault, **Klein** in hurdles, and **Musick** in the long jump. The sophomore 4x4 and 4x1 teams also broke the indoor field house records and had several top three finishes throughout the year. According to Coach **McLeland**, he loves to watch his track team improve, "whether physical, emotional, or social, I enjoy seeing the rewards."

Many athletes on the team have been involved with track for all four years. "Running track for four years I have built strong relationships with my teammates and coaches that will never end," said **Foreman**, who also broke over five pole vault records through the course of the season.

-Mike Deimling

### Finishing Strong.

Completing the 400 meter dash, **Ken Klein** gives his all in one of the most anticipated and exciting events at the sectional track meet. "Running one of the most exhausting races and coming in first place really lifts the team, and builds our confidence," said **Klein**.



Coach McLeland



Aaron Hollins (09)



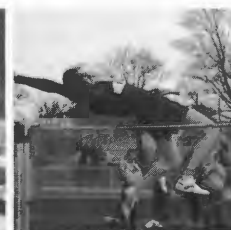
Tucker Hauptman(08)



David Musick (08)



Jim Foreman (07)



Josh Tikka (08)



Guillermo Blanco(08)





Chuck Krone (07)



Brian Simpson (08)



David Sampiller (08)



Ryan Taylor (07)



James Eckler (08)



Barrett Serrato (08)



Coach Walters

**Pick Off.**

During the top of the third inning, First Baseman **Christopher Sekema (07)** catches a ball from **Eric Wyman (07)**, who senses that the runner is leading too far off of first base, and **Sekema** tags out the runner.



**And He's Out!**

Putting force into his throw to second base, Captain **Matthew Claude (07)** attempts to stop an opponent from advancing. The runner was tagged out by Second Baseman **Ryan Taylor (07)**.

**Three Strikes, You're Out!**

In the first game of the season against Geneva, **Eric Wyman (07)** begins his wind-up. "For the first game, I was taken over by adrenaline, and I was pumped up to strike out whoever was up to bat," said **Wyman**.



# Take Me Out to the Ball Game

From diving catches and errorless innings to grand slams and happy fans, the Wildcats challenge the toughest schools in the DVC.

With eleven returning seniors and the success from last year under their belt, the Varsity Baseball players' hopes were high to repeat as Regional Champions and try to reach their ultimate goal of a Sectional Championship. Captains **Matt Claude (07)**, **Ryan Taylor (07)**, and **Eric Wyman (07)** led the team with a great deal of experience and dedication to the program. "These three players were chosen as captains because they provide their teammates with positive examples to follow," said Assistant Coach **Reagan**.

Every year the team starts their season bright and early in the morning with 5:30 am practices. These practices never seem to improve, until the weather permits. However, due to the unpredictable weather in Illinois the boys never knew when their morning practices would end. New to the season, the DVC's game schedule changed to a Major League format, where they played the same team three days in a row, instead of one game at the beginning of the season and another game against the same team at the end of the season. The coaches and players both agreed that this new schedule was a good idea because it forced teams to have a well rounded pitching staff as opposed to one great pitcher. "The game schedule change was a great idea because too many teams were only seeing other team's #1 pitcher. Now there has to be multiple good pitchers," said Coach **Walters**.

"Everyone contributes something different to the team, and the team gets along well this year. They have chemistry that shows when they play, which turns into success during the games," said **Walters**. This season's opening conference game against Naperville North didn't go as expected, but it put fire in the players to step up their game for the DVC. "We didn't like the outcome of the first DVC game, so we worked harder for the end of the season and Regionals," said First Baseman **Chris Sekema (07)**. These improvements pulled the players together as a team with a final record of 13-18.

-**Kelly Weier (08)**



#### Field of Dreams.

Speaking to his players in between innings, Coach **Walters** strategizes about a new pitcher and their hitting abilities against him. "Our hitting and speed are the strongest aspects of the team, our focus has been putting the ball in play and forcing the defense to beat our speed on the bases," said Assistant Coach **Reagan**.



# A League

# of their Own

With a final record of 15-15, these Lady Wildcats step up to the plate with a positive attitude and slide into a feeling of accomplishment.

It was the bottom of the first inning in the first home conference game against Wheaton North when **Linnea Detrick (08)** came up to bat. The count was one ball and two strikes, and **Detrick** ripped a double up the right field line. **Christine Williams (07)**, who was on base previously with a walk, scored off of **Detrick's** double. However, the Falcons battled back and scored two runs in the top of the third inning. West Chicago regained the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the third, with the help of three walks, an error and a single to left field by **Margaret Scott (08)**. The Wildcats then added a reassuring run in the bottom of the sixth, when **Keri Mederich (07)** hit a single and scored when teammate **Jamie Dash (09)** singled to center. That run proved to be essential when **Wheaton North** came back and scored one run in the top of the seventh. In the end, the Wildcats proved that with perseverance and hard work they would gain their first conference win, 4-3. "Winning the first conference game of the season felt great because we played as a team and beat one of our main rivals, **Wheaton North**," said **Detrick**. The team ended their season with a record of 15-15.

The past two rebuilding seasons finally paid off with some experience at the Varsity level. The Lady Wildcats lost only four seniors to graduation in 2006, and two sophomores and two freshmen joined to make the Varsity team both tougher and more experienced than ever. The Varsity team consisted of seven seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen. With the numerous amount of seniors and captains **Jenna Bodie (07)** and **Christine Williams (07)**, the team exerted great leadership skills and was fundamentally sound. "We did well this year, we had a lot of good team chemistry and strong senior leadership, but our young kids were right there pushing for playing time," said Head Coach **Jim Schaudt**.

-Kelly Weiler

## Viewing the Action.

Anxiously watching the game, **Margaret Scott (08)**, **Kristin Grimm (07)**, **Amy Bytof (08)**, and **Sam Healy (07)** cheer for teammate **Linnea Detrick (08)** as she brings in another run by hitting a single up the middle of the field against **St. Charles East**.





Coach Davidson



Jenna Bodie (07)



Megan Stuhr (07)



Keri Mederich (07)



Leigh Taddeucci (07)



Margaret Scott (08)



Elizabeth Bruce (10)



**Glove to the Ground.**

Playing third base, **Christine Rovtar (09)** uses her glove to scoop up the ground ball. **Rovtar** tagged out the runner headed for third base. "Wildcat softball always has so much pride for their program, no matter win or lose. That is why I love playing for the varsity team," said **Rovtar**.



**Wind Up.**

With a win against St. Charles East 6-3, starting pitcher **Christine Williams (07)** begins the season strong. "Four years as our varsity pitcher has made Christine a lot smarter. Even when she's in trouble, she still has the confidence and determination to work her way out of it," said **Coach Schaudt**.

**Catch This.**

In the bottom of the second inning, Catcher **Linnea Detrick (08)** fields a bunt cleanly and looks to tag out the runner.



# Bittersweet Season

With challenging opponents at hand, members of the soccer team hold their heads high as they struggle for success.

Freezing temperatures didn't stand in the way of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The game ended in a tie, 1-1 against Schaumburg. Even with the cold weather, the team played to their best ability against a highly-ranked team. This game set the tone for the season, and the team fought a constant battle for success. Even though the girls faced many struggles throughout the season, the spirits remained high. "The first game of the season was played to the girls' best ability and was a good start," said Coach DelReal.

Senior Night was an intense, blood-rushing game that ended with a score of 4-3 in overtime against Glenbard North. All eleven seniors started the game that night and made it a game to remember. "This game meant a lot to the seniors, all eleven of us are very close and have tons of memories from this season. I'm going to miss seeing these girls everyday," said Monica Gilbert (07).

Captains Jamie Voelz (07) and Jessica Jones (08) stepped up and took a lead on the team, helping the team bond and come together as one. "I organized pasta dinners once a week to help the girls bond and have a good meal the night before a big game," said Jones.

Pasta parties were one way the girls bonded off the field, but on the field it was serious. Each practice began with a routine warm-up to help the girls sink into focus for practice. "Practice is just as important as a game, Everyone's focus needs to be alert as well as your hustle," said Voelz.

As the end on the season approached, practice was just shy of perfection. After a weekend full of games, the team took second in the Bartlett Tournament. Following the competition, the team ended its season with two winning conference games. The team ended the season with a record of 6-2-11, along with a lifetime of memories.

-Stephanie Hish

## Double Vision.

On a soccer field, a player uses more than just her feet. In fact, the head is the second most used body part in a game. "In soccer your head is a key component to being a good player. Heading the ball shows your aggression and heart for the game," said Jessica Jones (08).





**Kelsey Monroe (07)**



**Stephanie Salinas (10)**



**Nicole Parisi (07)**



**Stephanie Fester (07)**



**Sarah Scardamaglia (07)**



**Gina Adduci (07)**



**Bend It Like Martinez.**

Stopping the ball from going into the wrong goal, Nancy Martinez (07) slide-tackles her opponent. "I use my height as an advantage. Because I am so short, I like to take on taller people. They get so confused because I just go right through them," said Martinez.



**Eye of Determination.**

Small but mighty, Gina Adduci (07) never calls it quits. With her determination she strove past the opposing team with nothing on her mind but the back of the net.

**Mighty Feet.**

College-bound Jamie Voelz (07) uses her foot skill to bypass her opponent. "I have been playing soccer since I was little. I have trained so hard to get where I am today. For me it is worth all the effort because I feel such a large amount of accomplishment," said Voelz.





Andrew Oppermann (08)



Ryan Kuhlmann (07)



Erik Sorgatz (07)



Ryan Kuhlmann (07) & Teammate



Zach Dopfer (07)



Pete Wierenga (07)



Coach Hasty

**Teamwork.**

During a nerve-wracking game, Captain **Ryan Kuhlmann (07)** receives a perfect set from **Pete Wierenga (07)** and ends the rally with a kill. He then receives cheers from the fans and praise from **Wierenga, Kevin Carrington (07), and Dave Rundell (07).**



**Perfect Timing.**

After Naperville Central calls a time out, **Dave Rundell (07)** jump serves an ace proving he remains focused on crushing his opponent. The Redhawks were defeated 25-20, 11-25, and 25-17.

**Slam It Down.**

While playing against Naperville Central for the second time, Senior **Erik Sorgatz** kills the ball to gain one of the seven kills he scores in the home game. The Wildcats beat the Redhawks three times throughout the season.



# Fighting for Victory

Volleyball players prove to be a challenge in the DVC as they push past each team to earn a winning record.

Wearing practice shirts with the saying "We Live For This," it was clear this season the Boys' Volleyball Team would be determined to start out much stronger than the previous year. After a tough loss at home against Downers Grove South, the boys picked up the intensity as they defeated Glenbard East, ranked third in state in 2006. They continued on to the St. Charles East Invite and dominated Fenton and Oswego, and beat Zion-Bennett twice, to gain a first place finish in the tournament. These early victories in the season could not have been reached without the coaching skills of Coach **Hasty**, who was named IHSA Coach of the Year for boys' volleyball. "Coach really whipped us into shape," said Captain **Nate Sullivan (07)**. "I guarantee we have more endurance than any other team on the court."

The team remained focused on their ultimate goal of advancing to the State Tournament, while remembering that their skills can always use improvement. "Our defense needed work before we could become a major threat," said **Zach Dopper (07)**. "But our blocking kept consistently improving." As the season continued on, the defense, especially blocking, improved immensely.

The team agreed that, among their many strengths, their hitting set them apart from other teams and made them competitive in the DVC. "We used our hitting skills that continued to improve each day, along with using the opposing team's broken plays to our advantage," said Senior **Kevin Carrington**.

With seven returning Varsity players, the season was filled with a great deal of talent. Not only was the offense outstanding, but "the guys started to think as a team and not as individuals," said **Hasty**. This teamwork helped to bring the team together and to reach their full potential. The boys won first place finishes at three different tournaments, which has never before been done by West Chicago. The season came to a close with a final record of 28-10.

-Christy Liszka (08)



## Pass It Up.

After a hard hit by Naperville Central's outside hitter, Libero **Nate Sullivan (07)** demonstrates textbook passing. The rally ended in a kill by **Jon Palka (07)** and a point for the Wildcats.



# Blowing in the Wind

Marching to the beat of the band, the Spies of Color Guard perfect every twirl of the flag.

Those weren't spies that snuck around Memorial Stadium during football games; it was the Color Guard. With over thirty different routines for the entire season, Captains **Kyra Benson (08)** and **Caitlin Murphy (07)**, with the help of their coach **Mrs. Steer**, pushed the girls harder than ever. During halftime, the Color Guard supported the team by performing with the band. "The fact that we get to show everyone how hard we worked made performing so much better," said **Benson**, adding that she feels proud to be a member of a team that gives so much to the school.

Tryouts began in April. In order to be chosen for the team, individuals needed to be able to count to thirty-two and know their right from their left. "It was desire and commitment that made the team," said **Murphy**, adding, "The moves are actually pretty easy. It's just becoming familiar with them, and keeping them on tempo. That's the hard part."

The learning process began in June with one week for routines. During a week of band camp, Color Guard worked hard throughout their season. In the summer, the newcomers and returning members of the team had to learn to work with everyone. Every Thursday, the twelve girls worked with the band to perfect their routine with everyone in their place, along with the regular practice on Tuesdays. It wasn't all work for the girls, they also took part in car washes, hosted pizza parties and had a chance to see a Color Guard performance at North Central College. When the football season came to an end, the girls, along with the band, went on a tour of the middle schools.

According to Student Council President **Katrina Means**, Color Guard "is more than an activity. It's a way to show to the community the strengths and talents of West Chicago."

- **Maggie Polacek**



**Ribbon Dance.**

Performing with the band during the varsity football game halftime show, Senior **Caitlin Murphy** dazzles the crowd at the Wheaton North game. The fans watched as the members of Color Guard switched to pink ribbons while performing to "Pink Panther."



**Color Guard.**

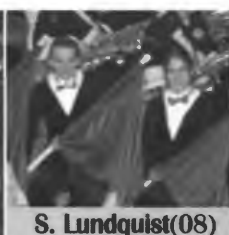
**First Row:** Stephanie Rogers, Rosie Delgado, Caitlin Murphy, Carrie Liszka. **Second Row:** Lanie Sikorski, Kristina Kuhn, Amanda Mideros, Suzanna Lundquist. **Third Row:** Kyra Benson, Stephanie Kuecker, Rebecca Howe, Kristin Klouda.



**Amanda Mideros(08)**



**Caitlin Murphy (07)**



**S. Lundquist(08)**

**Rebecca Howe (10)**



**Carrie Liszka (10)**



**Rosie Delgado (07)**



**Amanda Mideros (08)**



**Stephanie Rogers (08)**

# Pushing it to the Limit

These athletes strive to be the best and excel in the multiple sports they play.

## Melissa Olsen (07)

With her commitment to excellence and to her endeavors, **Melissa Olsen** shows she's more than an ordinary athlete. On January 6th, 2007, **Olsen**, the captain of the basketball team, scored her final points to reach her benchmark of 1,000 career points. **Olsen** has been involved in sports almost her whole life. "I started playing volleyball in 5th grade and basketball in 3rd grade," said **Olsen**. "Being a multi-sport athlete has taught me to multi-task and to be disciplined."



## Ken Klein (07)

Qualifying for the IHSA State Meet for track in 2006 is something **Ken Klein** says he will never forget. Specializing in hurdles for track, **Klein** placed 25th at the state meet as a junior. **Klein** said he felt proud to win at sectionals last year. "I represented West Chicago in the most prestigious meet in high school," said **Klein**, who served as captain of the football and track teams. "I believe I have learned leadership by participating in several sports."



## Christine Williams (07)

Playing softball over half of her life and volleyball since 7th grade, **Christine Williams** cannot remember one day when she did not want to practice. **Williams** believes that one sport contributes to the other. "It's all about cross-training and being able to take certain aspects from one sport and apply them to the next," she said. According to **Williams**, being a multi-sport athlete "takes responsibility to maintain such a busy schedule and be a successful student athlete."



## Barrett Serrato (08)

While leading his baseball team to sectionals, **Barrett Serrato** also proved to be one of the top rated shortstops in the state. "My most memorable moment was beating Benet Academy last year 1-0 in 10 innings. Benet was ranked first in state," said **Serrato**, who also played defense for the football team. According to **Serrato**, being an athlete has taught him valuable life lessons and "has taught [him] to be accountable for what [he does]."



## Kayla Radloff (08)

Being involved in soccer since kindergarten and basketball since 5th grade, **Kayla Radloff** has been enjoying sports almost her whole life. **Radloff** played goalie in soccer and point guard in basketball. According to **Radloff**, it is tough to be involved in several sports and keep up her grades. "Practice take up a lot of time, but any free time during school I'm doing my homework," said **Radloff**, who dedicates time year round to training and academics.



## Tim Kirincic (07)

Qualifying for state first year in wrestling is something few athletes achieve, but **Tim Kirincic** is the exception of the rule. But, according to **Kirincic**, his junior year is a disappointment that will always stick out in his mind. **Kirincic**, who played defense on the football team, fell three points short of the state tournament in wrestling. Being in several sports consumes a lot of time said **Kirincic**, "But it's something you have to sacrifice to accomplish your goals."



## Jenna Bodie (07)

For **Jenna Bodie**, who played both basketball and softball during her high school career, teamwork is the key to victory. "You don't want to let the team down, so you take responsibility to win," said **Bodie**, who helped lead the girls' basketball team to a regional championship in February. But this victory is not the only one **Bodie** said she will remember, recalling the girls' softball team defeating St. Charles North two years ago as a defining moment for both her and her teammates.



## Taylor Overman (08)

With consistent high expectations for himself, **Taylor Overman** has been playing basketball and football since third grade. "Being in more than one sport keeps you in shape year round," said **Overman**, a defensive end. **Overman** believes being a multi-sport athlete has taught him responsibility. "It teaches you how to manage your time," he said. Working hard year round, **Overman** says practice does not bother him because he loves improving as much as he can.





# Together as One

Standing proud, this assortment of Wildcat athletes shows their white and blue pride.



**Varsity Football**

**FIRST ROW:** Panfilo Lavariega, Aaron Cracraft, Ricardo Galindo, James Eckler. **SECOND ROW:** Ruben Rios, James Kipp, Bjorn Vercillo, Dustin Hon, Kyle Kirincic, Neil Luka, Matthew Smothers, Michael Deimling, Paul Murphy, Nick Puetz, Jay Lenahan. **THIRD ROW:** Kevin Vasilauskas, Coach Josh Chambers, Coach Bill Bicker, Coach Bob Stone, Coach John Walters, Coach Pete Martino, Justin Kutilek, Victor Velazquez. **FOURTH ROW:** John Malandrucolo, Michael Bednar, Timothy Kirincic, Henry Polz, Paul Warkins, Guillermo Blanco, Larry Cuevas, Daniel Guerrero, Ben Warren. **FIFTH ROW:** Matthew Denniger, Tucker Hauptman, Brandon Nail, Thomas Wilson, Jacob Venchus, Brian Collier, Michael Klein, Bradley Hock. **SIXTH ROW:** Anthony Fontana, Austin Hall, Erik Fischer, Brett Simon, Kyle Suhr, Daniel Moody, Ryan Gagnier, Michael Sedjo. **SEVENTH ROW:** Barrett Serrato, Leo Guill, Mason Brandstedter, Christopher Wille, Justin Bjornson, Christopher O'Connor, Geoffrey Wilson, Nicholas Horvath, Alex Schar. **EIGHTH ROW:** Bill Stoyhoff, Matthew Miner, James Foote, Taylor Overman, Sean Rubin, Jim Miner, Matthew Gaede, Mauricio Perez, Ralph Calleros.



**Sophomore Football**

**FIRST ROW:** Jimmy Aramburu, Ethan Woodbury, Alejandro Garcia, Coach Clay Reagan, Coach Andy Reinke, Michael Schramer, Zakary Bayless, Ivan Desfasslaan, Christopher Pierce. **SECOND ROW:** Drew Bowker, Zachary Mowen, Ryan Sinclair, Alexander Puetz, Alex Pirela, Drew Peterson, Patrick Taylor, Jonny Padilla, Ruben Benavides. **THIRD ROW:** Thor Groseth, Jamie Campos, George Fortman, Trevor Bodie, Gregory Vodicka, Jason Foreman, James Jensen, Michael Dylla. **FOURTH ROW:** Kevin Marano, Corey Freebern, Patrick Stremel, Frank Stoeberl, Elijah Asani, Nicholas Henke, Edward Miranda, Jake Bradley, Omar Martell. **FIFTH ROW:** Kevin Curda, Preston Hauptman, Brian Skrzypczak, David Peace, Ethan Burau, Danny Calabrese, Eder Gonzalez, Billy Hagaman. **SIXTH ROW:** Keryll Grinash, Steve Schneider, A.J. Romanelli, Clark Hudmon, Nate Laka, Tyler Wrzesinski, Daniel Martin, Patrick McCaffrey, Bill Hagaman.



**Freshman Football**

**FIRST ROW:** Kyle Schar, Uriel Fulmer, Corey Hing, Nicholas Carnot, Dario Velazquez, Brandon Rhodes. **SECOND ROW:** William Devore, Coach Bang Nguyen, Coach Jared Winquist, Coach Ward Rau, Coach Jeff Howe, Coach Nick Dalo, Michael Boegelein. **THIRD ROW:** Dakota Enders, Corey Sanders, Jonathon Smagacz, Cole Simpson, Scott Wheeland, Dom Tovar, Emmanuel Guerrero. **FOURTH ROW:** Shaun Worthy, Benjamin Orr, Gerald Gaughan, Collin Wiersema, Blake Zumpano, Matthew Matson, Pete San Miguel. **FIFTH ROW:** Jonathan White, Gary Kurowski, Antonio Tristino, Edgar Sanchez, Nicholas Mazzeffi, Matthew Jent, Christopher Oglanian, Michael Trevino. **SIXTH ROW:** Deven Lopez, Daniel Singer, Scott Hootman, Nicholas Hawco, Matthew Kuly, Tyler Austgen, Nathan Olson, Kenneth Levey, Thomas Harms.



**Girls' Track**

**FIRST ROW:** Leah Kuzmicz, Kelly Tinnes. **SECOND ROW:** Amber Triner, Maggie Stremel, Shannon Brown, Kristin Klouda, Robyn Waldschmidt. **THIRD ROW:** Rachel Jefferson, Kelly Farrell, Emily Hahn, Milena Camargo, Adlencia Huerta, Brittany Smith, Ashley Pineda, Sarahi Mendoza. **FOURTH ROW:** Coach Valda Bratcher, Coach Jana Jensen, Emily Tennant, Sara Fouts, Kristen Johansen, Katrina Beedle, Rebecca Howe, Jessica Freeman, Coach George Petmezias. **FIFTH ROW:** Coach Willie Vega, Brittany Riddle, Tanya Starkey, Rachel Howe, Morgan Marshall, Annette Eichenberger, Tara Wojciechowski, Kara Triner, Coach Robert Maxson. **SIXTH ROW:** Rachel Bass, Krista Kraus, Stephanie Kuecker, Carrie Liszka, Nina Bojovic, Natalie Pacelli, Mary Murphy, Joann Kaczmarczyk.





**Varsity Boys' Soccer**

FIRST ROW: Antonio Tapia, Joseph Caballero, Kurt Fuchs, Daniel Rizzo, Aldo Mendoza. SECOND ROW: Jonathan Alvarado, Timothy Schuda, Ismael Sanchez, Danny Diaz, Mgr. Rosalinda Delgado. THIRD ROW: Coach Stephen Brugmann, Joseph Chrowski, Isair Castro, Mitchell Boyd, Ronald Mozaleski, Octavio Alcantar. FOURTH ROW: Antonio Alcala, Jose Perez, James Arndt, Miguel Fernandez, Christopher Terrell.



**Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer**

FIRST ROW: Joel Rojas, David Lusto, Ivan Alfaro. SECOND ROW: Coach Robert Owens, Jorge Marin, Arturo Hernandez, Alonso Martell. THIRD ROW: Joe Serio, Jozef Pavnica, Jason Kovanda, Ryan Russell, Rigo Proa. FOURTH ROW: Pedro Perez, Douglas Selby, Eric Cabral.



**Sophomore Boys' Soccer**

FIRST ROW: Andy Guerrero, Carlos Vazquez, Alejandro Alcantar, Luis Ortega, Eugene Stolp. SECOND ROW: Jose Padilla, D.J. Clark, Coach Ken Schuda, Alberto Aguado, Ryan Krage. THIRD ROW: Sergio Hernandez, Alejandro Almaraz, Curtis Salazar, Kyle Nichol, Matt Rizzo. FOURTH ROW: Allende Luna, Eric Selcke, Dorian Carrasco, Geovanni Munoz, Servando Perez.



**Freshman Boys' Soccer**

FIRST ROW: Luis Perez, Richard Garcia, Matt Kubik, Miguel Ortiz. SECOND ROW: Mauricio Montalvo, Gabe Chairez, Coach Neal Fuchs, Eugenio Tirado. THIRD ROW: Roman Montalvo, Anthony Hasbun, Mike Thiede, Kyle Wolf, David Padilla. FOURTH ROW: Andrew Davis, Ivan Valdivia, Rene Hernandez, Joe Ramos.



**Girls' Cross Country**

FIRST ROW: Leah Kuzmicz, Brittany Herdman, Kelly Tinnis. SECOND ROW: Zoe Wisley, Adi Huerta, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Carrie Staton, Coach Bob Maxson. THIRD ROW: Emily Hahn, Mary Murphy, Annette Eichenberger, Rachel Jefferson, Kara Triner. FOURTH ROW: Tara Wojciechowski, Brittany Riddle, Tara Breinig, Amber Triner, Robyn Waldschmidt.



**Boys' Cross Country**

FIRST ROW: Mike Russo, D.J. Muzzy, Erik Anderson. SECOND ROW: Evan Morgan, Fidel Huerta, Sam Caputo, Brian Mateas, Doug Mateas, Cody Reif. THIRD ROW: Zachary McNeil, Alex Maguire, Gerik Wysocki, Lee Bennett, Anderson West, Coach Paul McLeland. FOURTH ROW: Miles Nelson, David Musick, Nick Miller, Brenden Sullivan, Kevin Pavnica.





### Varsity Girls' Volleyball

**FIRST ROW:** Megan Stuhr, Courtney Antczak, Coach Kris Hasty, Katrina Means, Laurin McCaffrey. **SECOND ROW:** Stephanie Hish, Melissa Olsen, Christine Williams. **THIRD ROW:** Deborah Sosnowski, Leigh Taddeucci, Lindsay Krage.



### Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball

**FIRST ROW:** Randi Ritchie, Coach Regina Monroe, Coach Kris Hasty, Sara Fouts. **SECOND ROW:** Christine Arndt, Christy Liszka, Michelle Nitti, Kelsey Stewart. **THIRD ROW:** Kay Hempe, Amy Bytof, Linnea Detrick, Kristen Frank.



### Sophomore Girls' Volleyball

**FIRST ROW:** Maggie Polacek, Coach Kris Hasty, Mgr. Amanda Tennis, Coach Steve Gilbert, Jamie Dash. **SECOND ROW:** Shawna Serrato, Rachel Benney, Joslyn Meissner, Nicole Kuhlmann, Melanie Fischer. **THIRD ROW:** Sara Smolucha, Katrina Beedle, Elizabeth Gola, Kelli Grimm, Olga Pena.



### Freshman Girls' Volleyball

**FIRST ROW:** Haley Demitropoulos, Jessica Demas, Alexis Burnelli, Daryl DeLeon, Katie Stanton, Taylor Dash, Connie Tan. **SECOND ROW:** Kelly Demitropoulos, Mgr. Kathryn Pusateri, Coach Whitney Snyder, Coach Kris Hasty, Coach Jeff Kargol, Taylor Kutilek. **THIRD ROW:** Kelsey King, Madeline Warkins, Jessica Baidis, Ashley Dunn, Nicole Wiesner, Quin Gable. **FOURTH ROW:** Tanya Starkey, Maria Garcia. **FOURTH ROW:** Sally Stob, Emily Tullipano, Danielle McAvoy, Katie Sekema, Patricia McAssey, Elise Oppermann.



### Girls' Swimming and Diving

**FIRST ROW:** Caitlyn Madsen, Hanna Colliander, Amanda Winters, Alicia Weyerstrahs, Jaclyn Coughlan. **SECOND ROW:** Jennifer Rivera, Melissa Sheldon, Coach Curt Herrin, Coach Byron Delcid, Caitlin Krengel, Jackie Debolt, Alina Nunez. **THIRD ROW:** Kelli Lyne, Ania Skorupski, Rachel Howe, Julia Shallcross, Caitlin MacDonald, Michaeline Winn, Kelly Loftus. **FOURTH ROW:** Maria Sedjo, Katie McLeland, Erica Nystrom, Jamie Lesniak, Amy Smolucha, Kristen Johansen.



### Varsity Boys' Golf

**FIRST ROW:** Ryan Scheck, Chris Savaglio, Matthew Melone, Frank Giliberto. **SECOND ROW:** Chris Sekema, Matt Youngwith, Brendon Jones, Scott Stalton. **THIRD ROW:** Chad Demas, Coach Eric Lasky, Coach Brett Stark, Matt Claude.





### Freshman/Sophomore Boys' Golf

**FIRST ROW:** Anthony Serrato, Coach Eric Lasky, Coach Brett Stark, Zachary Pazar. **SECOND ROW:** Chad Driscoll, Ryan Crawford, Steve Romanelli, Rhett Gunderson. **THIRD ROW:** Sam Wais, Cole Paler, Blair Skarin, Jordan Long, Ed Gaggioli.



### Boys' Swimming and Diving

**FIRST ROW:** Anthony Romano, Federico Garcia, David Garcia, Ashton Swinney, Fidel Huerta, Rodney Nasir, Kyle Hunter. **SECOND ROW:** Evan Krotz, Seth Kelley, Andrew Jacobsen, Coach Delcid, Coach Herrin, Matt Leahy, Mike Dalton, Adam Timko. **THIRD ROW:** T.J. Hahs, Bill Burke, Josh Martin, Greg Pelke, Matt Kuly, Brian Skrzypczak, Brian Hummer. **FOURTH ROW:** James Egert, Jake Murphy, Matt Ziffra, David Peace, Christian Bustos, Ty Murphy, Cody Weigand.



### Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling

**FIRST ROW:** Jimmy Aramburu, Scott Wetherald, Jose Gonzalez, Sam Caputo, Jonny Padilla, Mario Vigil. **SECOND ROW:** Mgr. Rosemary Ortega, Oli Guevara, Arturo Hernandez, Jamie Campos, Andrew Cruz, James Padilla, Kevin Glenn, Luis Pena, Mgr. Cassy Rodriguez. **THIRD ROW:** Garret Welch, Travis Koehring, Tim Kirinicic, Jesus Ibarra, Brandon Klekamp, James Shullcross, George Fortman, Coach Mike Pineda. **FOURTH ROW:** Coach Ray Serbick, Coach Jamie Phillips, Tim Varjan, Ralph Calleros, Stuart Sankovitch, Austin Hall, Coach Mike Moore, Coach Don Elfstrom. **FIFTH ROW:** Carlos Cantu, Tucker Hauptman, Greg Burg, Preston Hauptman, Dan Swick, Doug Sills.



### Freshman Wrestling

**FIRST ROW:** Mgr. Nicole Reed, Coach Ray Serbick, Coach Mike Pineda, Coach James Phillips, Coach Don Elfstrom, Coach Mike Moore, Mgr. Jen Smothers. **SECOND ROW:** Alex Tirabasso, Jose Pasindo, Mike Thiede, Jon White, Nick Carnot, Dakota Enders. **THIRD ROW:** Anthony Brinkman, MacKenzie Beideman, Brandon Rhodes, Alan Herrera, Gerald Gaughan.



### Girls' Golf

**FIRST ROW:** Natalie Pacelli, Coach Mike Cain, Kristin Grimm. **SECOND ROW:** Maggie Stremel, Jessica Bedard, Kim Kleczewski.



### Girls' Tennis

**FIRST ROW:** Megan Green, Jennifer Green, Melanie Linsenmeyer, Jamie Antczak. **SECOND ROW:** Eileen Damsch, Claudia Santana, Anais Arias, Nanao Sakabe, Kelsey Gossen, Girelle Alcocer. **THIRD ROW:** Dianne Trush, Megan Carnes, Coach Siome Moeaki, Coach Fred Toms, Heather Knoll. **FOURTH ROW:** Allison Fletcher, Sadie Roberts, Hannah Taylor, Kelly Weber, Jessica Franklin, Kelly Murphy, Rebecca Cisowski. **FIFTH ROW:** Jamie Roman, Dana Burgess, Rebecca Tiani, Melissa Molskow, Leigh Martino, Madeline Urban.





### Varsity Boys' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** C.J. Opel, Dan Rizzo, Donald Smith, Dane Gunderson, Malcolm McDonald, Brian Collier. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Kevin Gimre, Chris Sekema, Mike Sorgatz, Alex Pelej, Taylor Overman, Nate Sullivan. **THIRD ROW:** Matt Claude, Pete Konchar, Josh Wonsowski, Jon Reyes, Clark Hudmon.



### Sophomore Boys' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** Tony Quarto, Ryan Crawford, Casey Camp, Mark Dean, Alex Pirela, Mike Dylla. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Eric Lasky, Dan Martin, Tyler Wrzesinski, Steven Romanelli, Chad Driscoll. **THIRD ROW:** Eli Asani, Nick Henke, Nick Miller, Rhet Gunderson, Jason Foreman.



### Freshman Boys' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** Al Robbins, D.J. Muzzy. **SECOND ROW:** Blair Skarin, Ben Orr, Nathan Gorski, Sergio Cale, Michael Boegelein, Johnny Wehr. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Wheeler, Nick Hawco, Kevin Peterson, Tyler Griffith, Steven Balmer, Ryan Karg, Dan Gilbert, Coach Sayner. **FOURTH ROW:** Tom Kaczmarczyk, Nathan Olson, Charles Jacques, Matt Ackerman, Kyle Wolf, Jeff Robinson.



### Varsity Girls' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** Rachel Jefferson, Coach Young, Coach Kimberly Wallner, Coach Sadie Stark, Kayla Hempe. **SECOND ROW:** Christen Mungo, Christine Rovtar, Kate Norton, Jordan Hall, Melissa Olsen, Jenna Bodie. **THIRD ROW:** Laurin McCaffrey, Lindsey Johnston, Megan Peterson, Melanie Fischer, Kayla Radloff, Kristin Grimm, Kelsey Monroe.



### Sophomore Girls' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** Lyndsey Tan, Coach Wayne Kosek, Molly Monroe. **SECOND ROW:** Courtney Nesemeier, Jessica Baidis, Shawna Serrato, Maggie Polacek. **THIRD ROW:** Sam Mengel, Kathryn Bell.



### Freshman Girls' Basketball

**FIRST ROW:** Coach Whitney Snyder, Maíra García, Connie Tan, Katelyn Staiton, Coach Jeanette Melone. **SECOND ROW:** Annette Eichenberger, Quin Gable, Stevie Fondel, Madeline Warkins, Alex Guillen. **THIRD ROW:** Taylor Kutilek, Izzy Bruce, Molly Atherton, Margaret Bruce.



**Varsity Girls' Soccer**

**FIRST ROW:** Kayla Radloff. **SECOND ROW:** Gina Adduci, Monica Montoya, Dulce Galvan. **THIRD ROW:** Nancy Martinez, Marisol Vivaldo, Nicole Parisi, Stephanie Sallinas. **FOURTH ROW:** Jamie Voelz, Stephanie Fester, Stephanie Hish, Kelsey Monroe, Coach Julio DelReal. **FIFTH ROW:** Sydney Stroud, Jessica Jones, Melanie Fischer, Monica Gilbert, Drew Heiden, Sarah Scardamaglia.



**Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer**

**FIRST ROW:** Teresa Rubio, Cristal Galvan, Gaby Lopez, Girelle Alcocer, Olga Pena. **SECOND ROW:** Maria Romero, Mariana Barajas, Teresa Granados, Megan Peterson, Monika Parker. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Cesar Gomez, Elizabeth Correa, Amaryllis Arellano, Jessica Bergmann, Griselda Sanchez, Kelly Farrell.



**Freshman Girls' Soccer**

**FIRST ROW:** Alejandra Ferreyra, Veronica Salazar, Maira Garcia, Rae Struckmeyer, Stephanie Huerta. **SECOND ROW:** Rosa Duran, Ana Flores, Lisbeth Garcia, Roxana Martinez, Miriam Granados, Jackie Salgado. **THIRD ROW:** Eridanny Orozco, Jennifer Sanchez, Quin Gable, Edith Robles, Gabriela Villa, Coach David Hernandez. **FOURTH ROW:** Martha Jimenez, Melinda Schweitzer, Diana Perez, Anna Mercado.



**Varsity Boys' Volleyball**

**FIRST ROW:** Kevin Carrington, Jon Palka, Zachary Dopfer, Andrew Oppermann. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Kris Hasty, Erik Sorgatz, Brendon Jones, Merrick Doll. **THIRD ROW:** Ryan Kuhlmann, David Rundell, Nate Sullivan, Peter Wierenga.



**Junior Varsity Boys' Volleyball**

**FIRST ROW:** Ryan Krage, Blaine Flanagan, Justin LeDuc, Alejandro Almaraz. **SECOND ROW:** D.J. Clark, John Malandrucolo, Coach Regina Moorone, Steven Romanelli, Danny Calabrese, Clark Hudmon. **THIRD ROW:** Eder Gonzalez, Mark Dean, Drew Bowker, Oscar Grajeda, Jeff Hlinka, Mike Wall.



**Freshman Boys' Volleyball**

**FIRST ROW:** Ivan Valdivia, Brendan McCormack. **SECOND ROW:** Peter Ciolino, Coach Jeff Kargol, Erich Letzter. **THIRD ROW:** Andrew Kovalev, David Padilla, Ivan Ishkov.





### Varsity Boys' Baseball

**FIRST ROW:** Dave Sampiller, Kevin Deutsch, James Eckler, Brian Simpson, Trevor Bodie. **SECOND ROW:** Aaron Kennedy, Ryan Taylor, Jake Vanderlei, Jim Mazzone, Matt Claude. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Clay Reagan, Chris Sekema, Eric Wyman, Matt Youngwith, Barrett Serrato, Shane Koehring, Coach Geoff Hughs. **FOURTH ROW:** Coach John Walters, Dane Gunderson, Chuck Krone, Matt Andracki, Coach Hugh Stott, Coach Dave Pater.



### Sophomore Boys' Baseball

**FIRST ROW:** James Jensen, Casey Camp, Jordan Long, Alex Pirela, Brian Mateas, Cole Pater. **SECOND ROW:** Coach Eric Lasky, Matthew Infanger, A.J. Romanelli, Corey Freebern, Coach Nick Kempksi. **THIRD ROW:** Ethan Burau, Doug Mateas, Dan Michiels, Tyler Christ, Rhet Gunderson.



### Freshman Boys' Baseball

**FIRST ROW:** Jon Lundgren, Ben Orr, A.J. Saffarski, Al Robbins, Louls Diaz, Cody Vance, Uriel Fulmer, John Wehr. **SECOND ROW:** Louis Richards, Nick Carnot, Collin Wlersema, Joey Melby, Matt Matson, Corey Sanders. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Chris Lukas, Ryan Karg, Kevin Peterson, Josh Hyslop, Josh Martin, Steve Balmer, Charles Jacques, Coach Nick Dalo. **FOURTH ROW:** Nathan Gorski, Jeff Robinson, Blair Skarin, Michael Bryant, Tom Kaczmarczyk, Deven Lopez, Matt Ackerman.



### Varsity Girls' Softball

**FIRST ROW:** Jamie Dash, Jenna Bodie. **SECOND ROW:** Kristin Grimm, Izzy Bruce, Samantha Healy, Kaity Olsen. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Jim Schaudt, Christine Rovtar, Christine Williams, Leigh Taddeucci, Amy Bytof, Coach Tom Cheehy. **FOURTH ROW:** Linnea Detrick, Keri Mederich, Margaret Scott, Megan Stuhr, Laurie Davidson.



### Junior Varsity Girls' Softball

**FIRST ROW:** Adriana Noceda, Taylor Dash. **SECOND ROW:** Maggie Polacek, Anna Treudt, Anna Lane. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Fred Ruiz, Kathryn Selga, Sarah Bicchinella, Nicole Kuhlmann, Coach Ana Cortez. **FOURTH ROW:** Katrina Turzinski, Courtney Macko, Elizabeth Gola, Kelli Grimm, Alyson Taddeucci.



### Freshman Girls' Softball

**FIRST ROW:** Molly Monroe, Christina Pool. **SECOND ROW:** Daryl DeLeon, Kelli Koehring, Amber Weinmann. **THIRD ROW:** Caitlyn Sekema, Madeline Warkins, Kelsey King, Coach Jeff Bolton. **FOURTH ROW:** Patricia McAssey, Taylor Kutilek, Molly Atherton, Becky Hooper, Danielle McAvoy.



**Varsity Boys' Track**

**FIRST ROW:** Doug Selby, Brian Smith, Andrew Hur, Jim Foreman. **SECOND ROW:** Ryan Beck, Coach Joe Cristina, Coach Paul McLeland, Coach Mike Mittman, Guillermo Blanco. **THIRD ROW:** Ken Klein, Lee Bennett, Jason Kovanda, William Stoyhoff, Joe Peletis, Neil La. **FOURTH ROW:** Mike Deimling, Tucker Hauptman, Kevin Pavnica, Donald Smith, David Beck, Paul Warkins.



**Freshman/Sophomore Boys' Track**

**FIRST ROW:** Kevin Hund, Evan Morgan, Mike Schramer, D.J. Muzzy, Zak Bayless, Matt Kubik. **SECOND ROW:** Tim Loftus, Coach Joe Cristina, Coach Paul McLeland, Coach Mike Mittman, Kevin Klouda. **THIRD ROW:** Kyle Wolf, Jeremy Werele, Nick Miller, Zach McNeil, Aaron Hollins, Joe Serio, Zach Mowen. **FOURTH ROW:** Eric Hernandez, Kyle Nichol, Ron Neira, Miles Nelson, Brent Smith, Tom Ulin.



**Varsity Lacrosse**

**FIRST ROW:** Aaron Cracraft, Paul Murphy, James Shallcross, Mike Klein, David Adamson, James Roman. **SECOND ROW:** Kenneth Cole, Pat Hanrahan, Doug Sills, Nick Bulleri, Tom Mason, Ryan Roman, Coach Dave Libby. **THIRD ROW:** Steve Rolseth, James Foote, Erik Scher, Nick Beideman, Thadlus Bieniek.



**Gymnastics**

**FIRST ROW:** Lanie Sikorski. **SECOND ROW:** Janelle Fischer, Allison Rysell.



**Football Pom Pons**

**FIRST ROW:** Ashley Richards, Tiffany Kirschke, Rebecca Mueller. **SECOND ROW:** Sarah Pierpoint, MaryPat Flanagan, Lauren Desik, Heather Busch, Amanda Terry. **THIRD ROW:** Kelsey Skogsberg, Monica Gilbert, Kimberly Busch.



**Basketball Pom Pons**

**FIRST ROW:** Rebecca Mueller, Katharine Rohrback, Tiffany Kirschke, Ashley Richards. **SECOND ROW:** Sarah Pierpoint, Heather Busch, MaryPat Flanagan, Amanda Terry. **THIRD ROW:** Kelsey Skogsberg, Ashley Wilson, Monica Gilbert, Kimberly Busch.





### Varsity Football Cheerleading

**FIRST ROW:** Nicole Parisi, Kristin Schaefer, Kimberly Redden. **SECOND ROW:** Stacey Santillan, Kymberly McDaniel, Cory Gierke, Taylor Molitor, Rachel Chronowski, Angela Shurba. **THIRD ROW:** Ashley Jefferson, Ashley Hickman, Ashley Conway, Ashley Waugh, Ileana Tapanes, Katie Wood, Robyn Nickelson, Jullie Leveille. **FOURTH ROW:** Alexandria Mills, Samantha Nolte, Jori Rawski, Kamrey Rohrdanz, Kelle Driscoll, Hannah Strayve.



### Varsity Basketball Cheerleading

**FIRST ROW:** Kristin Schaefer, Kimberly Redden, Nicole Parisi. **SECOND ROW:** Stacey Santillan, Courtney Antczak, Angela Shurba, Katie Wood. **THIRD ROW:** Jori Rawski, Rachel Chronowski, Ashley Jefferson, Ileana Tapanes, Julie Leveille, Alexandria Mills, Cory Gierke. **FOURTH ROW:** Ashley Conway, Hannah Strayve, Kelle Driscoll, Kamrey Rohrdanz, Ashley Hickman, Ashley Waugh.



### Sophomore Football Cheerleading

**FIRST ROW:** Taylor Jaconis, Renee Clrone, Sara Lim. **SECOND ROW:** Molly Pfeifer, Kaity Olson, Courtney Vargas, Jamie Dash. **THIRD ROW:** Alyssa Pierce, Michelle Blackman, Erica Lange, Stefanie Pauling, Lindsey Gehrke. **FOURTH ROW:** Madeline Urban, Melissa Guillen, Gina Stolzman, Courtney Macko, Megan Zajac, Katrina Turzynski.



### Sophomore Basketball Cheerleading

**FIRST ROW:** Renee Clrone, Sara Lim, Taylor Jaconis. **SECOND ROW:** Stefanie Pauling, Alyssa Pierce, Erica Lange, Molly Pfeifer, Lindsey Gierke. **THIRD ROW:** Michelle Blackman, Megan Zajac, Jamie Dash, Molly Cody, Kaity Olson, Madeline Urban. **FOURTH ROW:** Katrina Turzynski, Courtney Macko, Gina Stolzman, Courtney Vargas, Melissa Guillen.



### Badminton

**FIRST ROW:** Miriam Fernandez, Marybeth Fernandez, Kelsey Chillemi, Melanie Linsenmeyer, Diana Martinez, Linda Feltes, Tu-Nhi Le, Rubi Robles. **SECOND ROW:** Jessica Leeseberg, Cassie Rodriguez, Hanna Colliander, Kyra Benson, Lanie Sikorski, Kelly Nottingham, Jamie Roman. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Bang Nguyen, Jen Smothers, Sarah Houck, Ania Skorupski, Caitlin MacDonald, Yesenia Geromini, Mikki Winn, Coach Ted Paulson, Coach Jessica Inch. **FOURTH ROW:** Raquel Brummel, Lja Smith, Miranel Obdin, Tanya Walz, Kimberly Kleczewski, Samantha San Miguel, Adriana Ferreyra.



### Boys' Tennis

**FIRST ROW:** Casey Powrozek, Mike Russo, Patrick Quealy, David Garcia, Matthew Hellman, Edward Villa, Jose Padilla. **SECOND ROW:** Joe Grotto, Ryan Sobbe, Sean Keefe, Tom Luttler, Joe Fortman, Greg Berg, Ethan Woodbury. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Fred Toms, Jose Delgado, Jozef Pavnica, Tyler Austgen, Brett Adams, Bill Burke, Kyle Hunter, Anderson West, Alex Camacho, Joel Rehbock, Coach Stone Moeaki. **FOURTH ROW:** Chris Savaglio, Jason Foreman, Preston Hauptman, Jamon Malan, Joh McCormack, Abraham Guzman, Evan Kroz, Ron Obdin.



Nicole Parisi (07)



Aldo Mendoza (08)



Clark Hudmon (09)



Melissa Olsen (07)



Janelle Fischer (07)



Brandon Klekamp (07)



**I will find my volce...**

**I brainstorm ideas for new fundraisers at meetings.**

**I inform the student body of upcoming dances.**

**I debate important and controversial issues.**

**I talk to my friends in We-Go Buddies.**

**I pitch new ideas to my fellow Student Council members.**

**I pep up teachers and classmates during Homecoming Week.**

**I recite a speech for Forensics.**

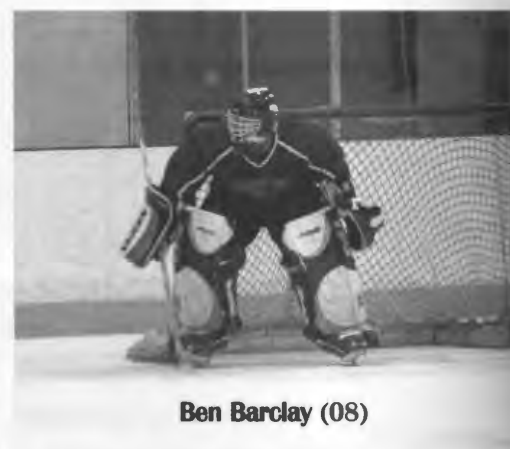
**I answer questions for Scholastic Bowl.**

**I inquire for my teacher's opinion on my art.**

**I observe nature in Horticulture Club.**

**...I will raise my volce.**

## Clubs



# VOICES



Marching Band Showcase



William Baron (07)



Mike Klein (07)



Margaret Scott (08) and Lisa Trygar (08)

**“Joining Forensics has been a rewarding decision. Meeting new people and teachers while making friends helped me through my first year of high school.”**

**-Carrie Liszka (10)**



# Say Goodbye to an Ugly Habit

SADD and Snowball work hard to help students say no to drugs and alcohol.

On average, every thirty minutes someone is killed in an alcohol-related crash, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2007 and throughout its history, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) strived to lower this number. When five students from Oswego High School were killed in February in an alcohol-related crash, SADD's message became even more important. "We try to help students make smarter decisions," said Mr. Jennings.

With **Brittany Herdman (07)** as President, and **Robyn Nickelson (08)** as Vice President, SADD worked hard to raise awareness about its mission. Their main event involved Red Ribbon Week in November where they put red ribbon on cars to remind everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving. "If one person doesn't drink and drive because of [our efforts], I feel I have made a difference," said Nickelson.

- Katrina Means



Cory Gierke (08)



Ralph Calleros (07)



Brittany Herdman (07) and Samantha Nolte (08)



Katie Wood (07) and Melissa Bruington (08)



SADD Members



Snowball Members

As a snowball rolls down a hill, it travels along, gathering as much snow as possible and creating the snowball effect. At West Chicago, Snowball, a group of 45 students and staff members committed to ending drug and alcohol abuse, similarly tried to help students in making positive decisions. Led by **Ms. Thielberg** and **Mrs. Chambers**, their mission is to provide information about drugs and alcohol and teach good decision-making skills.

Snowball is an international club that started in the 1970's with a mission to bring awareness to students about drugs and the troubles that come along with them, and West Chicago decided to add this club six years ago. "Snowball helps out quite a bit, and I truly believe it saves a life every year," said Mrs. Chambers. One extra that comes with Snowball is that it affects people who are not even part of the club.

- Ryan Roman



Smile When You're SADD.

During Red Ribbon Week, Mr. Jennings, Stephanie Hish (07), Robyn Nickelson (08), Samantha Nolte (08), and Cory Gierke (08) join together to place red ribbons on 40 cars in the front parking lot.



Snowball Effect.

Teen directors and leaders Natalie Ckuj (08), Lisa Trygar (08), Benjamin Warren (07), Katie Wood (07), and Lanie Sikorski (08) organize the weekend filled with activities and games. "Snowball was a great success. As leaders, we were able to promote awareness which is important for our day and age," said Wood.



# Leading the Way

From acting as role models to organizing service projects to setting records, these students show what it means to demonstrate leadership.

More than 30 students were chosen to be Ambassadors during the academic year. With their spirit, and commitment to excellence, this group helped at a various school events, especially Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Martino served as the group's advisor and said he was proud of the students' accomplishments. According to Martino, students are chosen to become ambassadors based on teacher recommendations. "The Ambassadors are a key to any major community event at Community High School," said Martino.

Many students described the ambassadors as people who always look at life in a positive way and are willing to help out their school. Several of the ambassadors said they felt honored to have the opportunity to help community members. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors can serve as ambassadors. "I was very honored because I was being recognized for my outgoing personality and leadership qualities," said Lindsay Krage (07).

- Erika Carrasco



Katrina Means (07)  
& Stephanie Hish (07)



Morgan Marshall (10),  
& Rachel Molinaro (10)



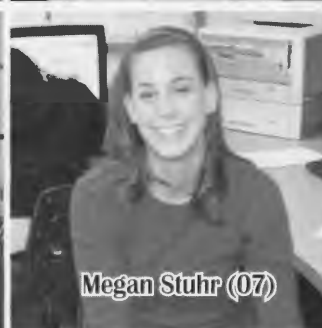
Mr. Martino



Mr. Rau



Stephanie Perez (08)



Megan Stuhr (07)

Participating in community service is key when it comes to being a member of Key Club. The organization, a group that spearheads efforts to help the community, again demonstrated its strengths in the past year. "We don't do anything just for fun, but we do a lot of fun things that benefit somebody else," said Mr. Rau, the adviser.

Key Club attempts to motivate students to join in projects designed to benefit others. "Key Club is a beneficial club because they are helping others, and they think of others not just themselves," said Margarita Hernandez (10). Recent projects include the Prairie Path Clean-Up and the annual Blood Drive, which set a new record in 2006 by collecting 156 units of blood. Students also sponsored the Humanitarian Service Project, that assists poor people in DuPage County. "Key Club is an important objective of this school. It gives the opportunity to many students to learn and value many things in life," said Jazmin Huerta (10).

- Erika Carrasco



Front Row: Stephanie Perez, Timothy Weibler, Kristin Klouda, Julia Shallcross, Ashley Conway, Rachel Nash. Back Row: Lindsay Krage, Teresa Rubio, Jessica Fernandez, Yesenia Sanchez, Julio Cortez, Maria Romero, Lilliana Perez.



Front Row: Kelly Tinnes, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Janelle Fischer, Mayra Macias, Robyn Waldschmidt. Second Row: Sarah Kimball, Rachel Molinaro, Kimberly Busch, Carissa Gouskos, Kristin Kode, Leah Kuzmicz. Third Row: Mr. Rau, Dane Gunderson, Ryan Crawford, Ismael Munoz, Colin Bachelor, Morgan Marshall, Rachel Howe.



**Dave Thomas (07)**



"I joined J.S.A. because of the chicks. I also stayed for the politics."

"Being in FBLA was a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. It also got me involved with different people from around the state through conferences. They helped raise money for the less fortunate, which was an opportunity I'm glad to say I was a part of."

**Steve Skrzypczynski (07)**

**Natalie Ckuj (08)**



"Choir and Thespians gave me an opportunity to do what I love best: act and sing. I have made many friends staying involved in these activities. I have also learned many techniques through being involved."



"One day Mr. Martino approached me and said, 'Hey Hish, you're an ambassador,' and that's why I am a part of that club."  
-Stephanie Hish (07)



"PEER HELPING ALLOWED ME TO HELP FRESHMEN AND GET TO KNOW THE UPPERCLASSMEN."  
PATRICK STREMEL (09)

**Top 5 reasons to join a club....**

- \* Because your mom said so.
- \* To put on my college resume.
- \* For the field trips
- \* To meet people that you never even new existed at this school.
- \* A great opportunity to find something you love to do.



**Band**



**FBLA**



"I joined S.A.D.D. because I really hate seeing people die from drunk drivers."  
Robyn Nickelson (08)

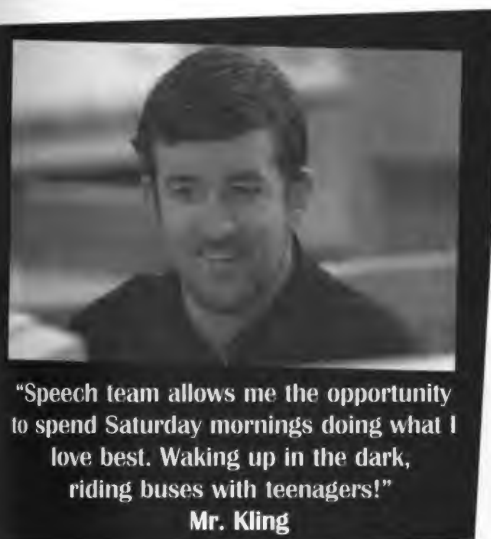


**Cast of the Winter Play**

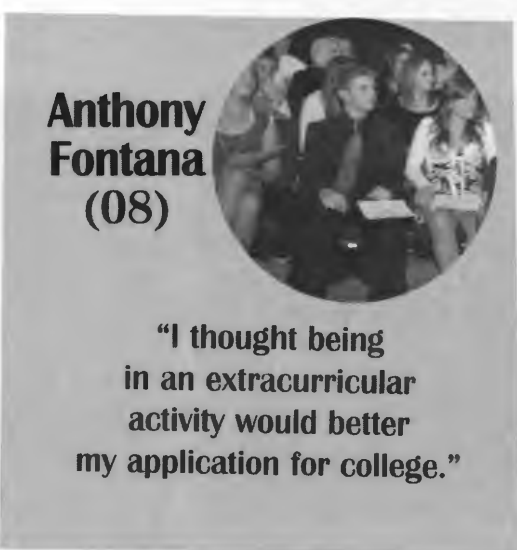
"I wanted the scholarship. That's why I joined Student Council."  
Kevin Michaelson (07)



**National Honor Society**



"Speech team allows me the opportunity to spend Saturday mornings doing what I love best. Waking up in the dark, riding buses with teenagers!"  
**Mr. Kling**



**Anthony Fontana**  
 (08)

"I thought being in an extracurricular activity would better my application for college."



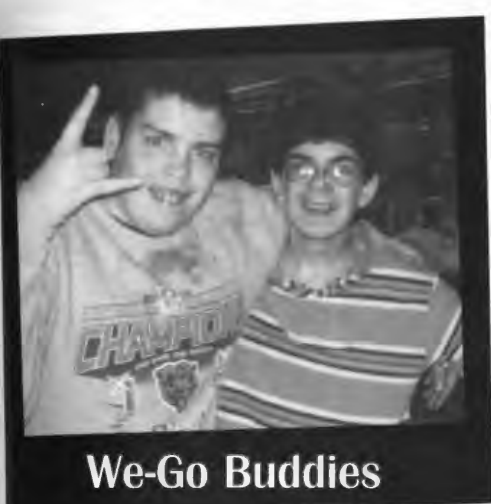
**Snowball**



"I JOINED YEARBOOK BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT ALLOWS TO GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL, AND I GET BAGELS."  
**HANNAH STRAYVE (08)**

# Reaping Rewards

Joining a club means more than just going to meetings for these Wildcats!



**We-Go Buddies**

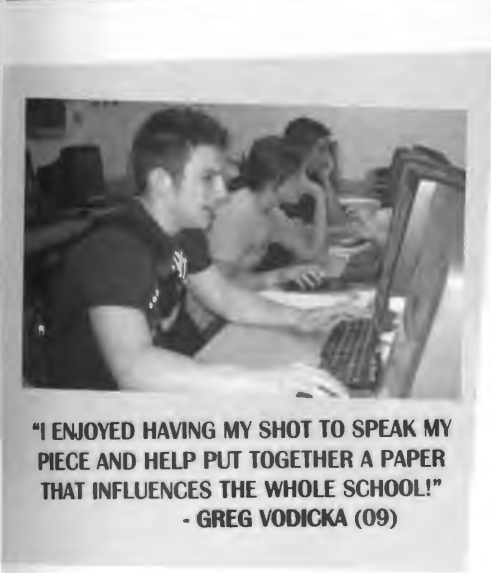


"Pep Club gave me an opportunity as president to be in charge of things that actually mattered to the school."

**Maggie Stremel**  
 (07)



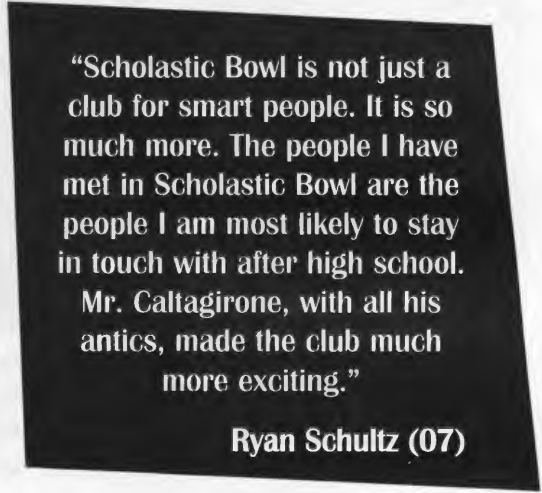
**NHS Members**



"I ENJOYED HAVING MY SHOT TO SPEAK MY PIECE AND HELP PUT TOGETHER A PAPER THAT INFLUENCES THE WHOLE SCHOOL!"  
 - **GREG VODICKA (09)**



**Choir**



"Scholastic Bowl is not just a club for smart people. It is so much more. The people I have met in Scholastic Bowl are the people I am most likely to stay in touch with after high school. Mr. Caltagirone, with all his antics, made the club much more exciting."

**Ryan Schultz (07)**



# Center Stage

With pep, pizzazz, and a great deal of talent, performers in the FBLA's Variety Show take to the stage. They proved that it's fun to sing at the Variety Show.



Jayne Zenker (08)



Paul Murphy (07)



Amber Triner (07)



Aleksey Grinash (07)



Kirsten Davis (10)



Steven Skrzypczynski (07)

As the lights dimmed and the curtain rose, Ms. Elleithee appeared on the stage to sing "A Part of Your World," from Walt Disney's "The Little Mermaid," opening the annual Variety Show. The audience watched as Jayne Zenker (08) showed off her Irish Dancing skills, Natalie Ckuj (08) and Chelsea Steck (08) sang to "Jesus Take the Wheel" and Kenneth Klein (07), Nathan Sullivan (07), Geoffrey Wilson (07), Eric Wyman (07), Paul Murphy (07) and Leo Guili (07) performed "Y.M.C.A." FBLA's staff knew the show was a success when audience members rose to their feet and applauded after every performance.

"Seeing Nate Sullivan and Leo Guili in those outfits was the highlight of my sophomore year!" said Nicole Kuhlmann (09). The band The Dads, including James Foreman (07), Derek Soutar (07), Aleksey Grinash (07) and Peter Wierenga (07) also performed that night. "This year's show was incredible! Everything went smoothly and exactly how it was expected to be. I am very happy with how it turned out," said Ms. Wirth, FBLA's advisor.

-Maggie Polacek and Molly Pfeifer



## Over My Head.

With a piano performance of the song "Over my Head" by The Fray Emily Nash (10) ends the Variety Show. "Performing last was exciting but nerve-racking," said Nash. "I practiced this song several times and it paid off."



Allison Romanelli (07)



Geoffrey Wilson (07)



Chelsea Steck (08)



Nathan Sullivan (07)



Sarah Crivello (09)



Leo Guili (07)



**Strumming the Guitar.**

**Derek Soutar (07)** shows the audience how hard The Dads can really rock out. "I really feel at home on stage in front of all those people playing the songs they like, it's fun doing what I like to do with my buddies," said **Soutar**.



**The Village People.**

With the crowd cheering them on, Seniors **Kenneth Klein, Eric Wyman, Paul Murphy, Geoffrey Wilson, Nathan Sullivan** and **Leo Guili** bust out "Y.M.C.A." Throughout the entire performance, the boys kept the audience members satisfied through laughs and cheers. "After the adventure of the "Y.M.C.A" on stage, scouts from Broadway have been speaking to me about my acting school, but I turned them down to play baseball," said **Wyman**.



**Under the Sea.**

As **Ms. Elleithee** sings "A Part of Your World" from Disney's "The Little Mermaid," audience members reminisce about watching Disney movies as young children. "This is my favorite Disney song of all time, and I wanted to pay tribute to "The Little Mermaid" since Disney finally decided to release it on DVD this year," said **Elleithee** after her performance.



**Beating to the Drum.**

**Peter Wierenga (07)** leads his band in the song "I Wish You Were Here" by Incubus. "I felt like we weren't playing in front of anyone but it was just a band practice in the garage because of all the excitement in the music," said **Wierenga**.



**Opening Night.**

Hosts dress in formal wear as they would at a real red carpet event. "Being an emcee at this year's Variety Show was really fun. It was awesome introducing all the fantastic acts. Our school has so much hidden talent," said Announcer **Hanna Colliander (09)** on the night of the show.



# Hitting all the Right Notes

These talented musicians join their skills together to make beautiful music for all the school to hear.

Under Band Director **Steven Govertsen**, and with the assistance of Drum Captain **Amy Smolucha (07)**, and Drum Majors **Bradley Rathe (07)**, **Michelle Dimas (07)**, and **David Hiltner (09)**, the Wildcat Marching Band performed the theme "Spies" at football game halftimes. These musicians also shared their wide range of talents at basketball games, pep assemblies and a halftime showcase that entertained the audience while bringing the crowd together. The Symphonic Band played at many band concerts and inspired their audience. "The community supports us, and it feels good that people care about something that we work so hard at. Performing 'Hey Baby' at football games encourages the Squad and the crowd to join in and sing, and makes it seem like we have more of a united fan base," said **Krista Kraus (08)**.

For most of the seniors, they have been with the same people for the past four years, so it's inevitable that this program created strong bonds of friendship. "Band has been a huge part of my life for four years. I enjoy it because it is a time in my day where I can completely relax and enjoy playing beautiful pieces. I also meet wonderful people in band," said **Cristina Sarnelli (07)**.

More than friendship coexisted between this group of individuals. Many of the students who played in the band said that that this experience helped them in unexpected ways. "We all need each other because all the instruments are just as important," said **Dimas**, who added that she feels being a member of the band enriched her high school experience.

The program is not only a class, but an extracurricular activity as well. And it is the extracurricular time that many seniors said they would remember. "As a freshman, it was my security blanket. As a senior, it helped me stay sane," said **Smolucha**.

With immense heart and soul, the sounds of the band ring from every inch of our football stadium, basketball court, and auditorium to fill the ears of the awaiting listeners. "It is such a rush to be in front of the crowd and they are all really supportive," said **Rachel Hellman (07)**.

-Ashley Waugh



**1. Concentration.**

While playing the French Horn at the annual Holiday Concert, **Krista Kraus (08)** plays the piece "Flourish for Glorious John."

**2. Beauty.**

Hitting high notes of "Festive Overture" on their flutes, **Jamie Schroeder (07)** and **Mallory Russ (08)** await the instruction of Band Director **Steven Govertsen**.



**3. Smooth.**

The sounds of saxophones, played by **Caitlin Murphy (07)**, **Kate Krecek (07)**, and **Ian Letts (08)**, stand out and give the audience a jazzy melody during "Grant Them Rest."

**4. Booming Sound.**

While reading his sheet music for "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," **Bryan Dahl (07)** gives the music being played a strong backbone with the beat of his drum.



**5. Drumroll, Please.**

With confidence and a steady beat, **Dario Velazquez (10)** hits each note for "Chorale and Shaker Dance" on his drums to create a rhythm for his comrades to follow.

**6. The Sound of Pride.**

Sharing the "Chimes of Liberty," **Steven Balmer (10)**, **Joe Russell (09)**, **David Lustro (09)**, and **David Hiltner (09)** bring a patriotic flair to the band concert.



# Ancient Story Modern Play

Weyrauch Auditorium came alive with the play "Lute Song" in October, when a total of 60 cast and crew members joined together to perform this play based on an old Chinese legend.

"Lute Song" focuses on a wife's faithfulness to her husband. The spouse remains home with her husband's parents while he seeks greater ambition in the capital city of Peking. He succeeds in his journey, but the prince forces him to marry his daughter. In the end, Tsai-Yong, played by **Brad Rathe (07)** returns to his wife.

After auditions were held in the first week of September, cast and crew members practiced everyday after school until 5:30 p.m. As opening night grew closer, the pressure among the cast became stronger, and the rehearsals became much longer and more intense. When time came to show off their acting skills, cast members faced more than 500 play-goers over the three nights. "I'm never nervous until right before I go on stage, and then I get the jitters, but I use that extra energy for the performance," said **Rachelle Henning (07)**, who played lead role Princess Nieou-Chi.

According to Play Director **Mary Hafertepe**, the play was entirely successful, and the cast did a tremendous job entertaining the audience. "The students did an excellent job. It was an unusual play in which each student had to perform in a way they never had before," said **Hafertepe**.

-Michelle Nitti and Griselda Sanchez



Cast and Crew.

The Fall Play cast of Kao-Tong-Kia's "Lute Song" includes: **Rebekah Babis (10)**, **William Baron (07)**, **Stacie Cain (08)**, **Justin Camarena (10)**, **Kelsey Chillemi (08)**, **Natalie Ckuj (08)**, **Mary Ann Clabots (09)**, **Brandon Cleek (10)**, **Michael Dalton (08)**, **Lisa Fayfar (09)**, **Kelsey Fiegle (10)**, **Carissa Gerber (07)**, **Katarzyna Grabiec (09)**, **Maria Grabiec (08)**, **Rachelle Henning (07)**, **Carl Kerschner (07)**, **Owen Kerschner (07)**, **Sarah Kimball (09)**, **Alana Koontz (07)**, **Paige Kulie (07)**, **Jacqueline Leeseberg (10)**, **Susan Nowicki (08)**, **Brad Rathe (07)**, **Melinda Schweitzer (10)**, **Mary Showalter (08)**, **Brent Smith (10)**, **Karen Taylor (07)**, **Heather Tricoli (08)**, **Lucas Valdez (09)**, **Kristin Weltzin (08)**.



**Caught in the Moment.**

Madame Tsai, played by **Carissa Gerber (07)**, dies of starvation, while **Mary Showalter (08)**, portraying Tchao-Ou-Niang, attempts to comfort her. "Mary and I are a good team. I really enjoy working with her, she is energetic and always brings optimism to the show," said Gerber.



**Power of One Voice.**

Narrator **Michael Dalton (08)** explains the scene at the marketplace to help the audience to understand the play's plot. "It was definitely a new type of play. I like comedies better, but it was cool to see a different culture," said Dalton.

**Attaining Nirvana.**

Acting out a Buddhist ceremony, **Kristin Weltzin (08)**, **Heather Stark (10)**, and **Heather Tricoli (08)** portray priests who solemnly chant in memory of their deceased ancestors.

**LEAD STARS**



Owen Kerschner (07)



Rachelle Henning (07)



Mary Showalter (08)



Brad Rathe (08)



# Raise Your Voices

These orators show their intelligence, humor, and talent as they perform in the spotlight and place fourth in the DVC.

It was the final DVC meet of the season, and **Jamie Roman's (09)** turn to perform arrived. She was pretending to be Mr. Rogers, and she blanked on her lines. Hundreds of faces stared at the stage and waited for her to speak. "The only thing running through my mind was the theme song to Mr. Rogers' show. After five minutes of me standing in a freeze pose on stage humming the theme song, I started up again with my lines and almost finished with flying colors," said Roman. After that experience Roman, along with the rest of the Forensics members, have done their best to remember their lines. When in doubt, they learned to hum Mr. Rogers and their lines would then come to them. And this custom led the team to placing fourth in the DuPage Valley Conference, their best finish ever.

With **Lisa Daniels (07)** at the helm, who placed third at the regional meet in Original Oratory and also placed first at the DVC meet in Original Oratory, the Forensics team reached a fifth place finish at regionals. Head Coach and English Teacher **Mr. Kling** said he is very proud of his team. "This year was one of the Forensics team's best with a record number of all-conference performers, and a fifth place finish at the IHSA regionals," said Kling.

Even though they felt happy about their season, the Forensics team hopes that next year they can be even more successful and show everyone how much effort they give. In late February, the Forensics team competed for the IHSA regional, sectional, and state tournaments. "We had a lot of good team members returning and had a great season. Forensics has been a great experience for me and everyone on the team has become very close," said first year member **Carrie Liszka (10)**.

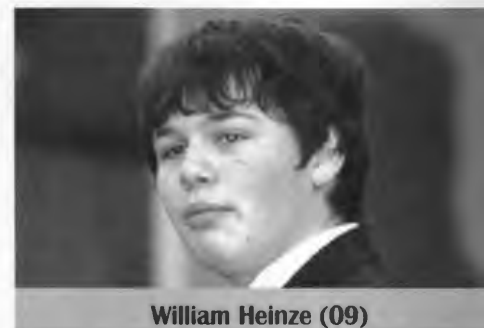
-Kelly Weier



Elisabeth Daniels (07)



Kristin Klouda (07)



William Heinze (09)



Rachel Hellman (07)



Katarzyna Grabiec (09)



**FRONT ROW:** Coach Johnson, Jamie Roman, Coach Haas, Matt Gagnier. **SECOND ROW:** Carrie Liszka, Rachel Hellman, Kristin Klouda, Lisa Daniels, Brendan McCormack. **THIRD ROW:** Coach Jennings, Jack McCormack, Bill Heinze, Katarzyna Grabiec, Maria Grabiec, Coach Kling.

# Coloring Outside the Lines

Art Club not only shares love for art, but makes a difference in the community. These artists show that art can change lives by helping the homeless.

With sharpened pencils and well-used paint brushes in hand, Art Club welcomed all students interested in putting a creative boost in their week. Every Thursday after school, about 25 students joined advisors **Mr. Exner** and **Ms. Dulkyns** in the art room until 5:00 p.m. It wasn't necessary to be an art student to attend any of the Art Club meetings. In fact, the main purpose of art club this year was to give non-art students a chance to dive into art. The club also went on a trip to the Art Institute in Chicago towards the end of the year.

The meetings usually kicked off with a discussion lead by Club President **Bianca Speers (07)** about fundraisers and community service options in which club members could participate. The two hour meeting was open to the participants to work on any individual project. All art medias were open for the students' usage, including ceramics, wood burning and carving, painting, and even the computers for programs such as Photoshop. Students also had the opportunity to work as a group and create banners to promote school spirit for upcoming events, such as Homecoming and the Key Club Toy Drive in December.

Art Club not only focused on art; **Mr. Exner** and **Ms. Dulkyns** thought that it was equally important to give back to the community. "We try to do at least one community service project each year. It's important for everyone to be connected to their community and art club is a great chance to do so," **Exner** said. Art Club fundraised not just for themselves, but they also donated food to give to associations that benefit the homeless.

**Mr. Exner** and **Ms. Dulkyns** said they hope that over the years, Art Club continues to grow with students having a passion for art. "Art Club has given Wildcats a wonderful opportunity to voice their creativity through artwork" said **Exner**.  
-**Hannah Strayve**



**First Row:** Maria Ortiz (08), Marybeth Fernandez (08), Caitlin Shiga (09), Bridget Henley (10), Lisa Fayfar (10), Miriam Fernandez (09). **Second Row:** Seth Kelley (08), Brad Ford (08), Bianca Speer (07), Marissa Choate (08), Kristin Klouda (07), Nicholas Schultz (07). **Third Row:** Carly Abraham (09), Sarah Houck (09), Patricia Medina (08), Carrie Liszka (10), Talia Bangert (09), Amanda Van Garsse (08), Janelle Fischer (07), Ms. Dulkyns. **Fourth Row:** Mr. Exner, Tegan Ballotti (10), Danielle Brown (09), Jessica Kassanits (10), Cristina Rico (09), Rebecca Howe (10), China Wehr (10).



**A Helping Hand.**  
During an Art Club meeting, **Mr. Exner** gives his student, **Casey Carvajal (09)** tips to improve his sculpture.

**Eye on Design.**  
At one of the weekly meetings, **Nicholas Schultz (07)** works on his sketches.





# Champions at Work

Skills USA members know that finding a career that they enjoy is much more important than simply going to a job each day.

Skills USA is a leadership organization that helps students begin a journey towards a future career in which they have interest. The club focuses on a wide range of occupations, such as cosmetology, construction, architectural and mechanical drawing, and child care. The members, along with Mrs. Kozlowski, who has been the Skills USA advisor for twenty years, strive to create a strong work ethic. This work ethic prepared them for the annual Springfield competition in April. "The best part of Skills USA is that I get to work with students that understand that having a great work ethic is important and the students are creative and intelligent in a different way than traditional schooling," said Mrs. Kozlowski.

A total of 45 members participated in Skills USA, and 30 members earned the opportunity to go to Springfield by passing their qualification test. Members fundraised to help raise money to go to state. Fundraising activities included: leaf raking, working the concession stands at sporting events, and the holiday food drive. "Any extra money that we raised went to charities and by doing this it made me feel like I can really make a difference in someone else's life," said Kelly Weber (08).

Every year there are hundreds of students that compete for the title of state officer. However, only six students in the whole state are honored with this title. Matt Ziffra (08) was elected one of the six state officers in 2007. "I chose to be a part of Skills USA to better myself in my field of study (architecture) and prepare myself for the workplace," said Ziffra.

-Kelly Weier



Skills USA Members.

Front Row: Bill Burke, Joe Fortman, Kelly Weber, Kevin Szul. Second Row: Joseph Peletis, Sarah Kimball, Janelle Fischer, Tara Breinig, Colin Bachelor. Third Row: Matt Ziffra, Jenna Bodie, Robyn Waldschmidt, Kate Norton, David Musick, Steve Szul, Heather Knoll, Mrs. Kozlowski.



Competing at the Capital.

Before the Skills USA members begin their long journey down to Springfield, they chat about what might happen. When the team reached their destination, they walked off the bus heads held high and ready to compete. "I was nervous because I wanted to finish in first, but I knew that if I did my best that was all that I could do," said Steve Szul (08).



# Watch Out Wall Street

FBLA members are ready to take the business world by storm, with the skills and knowledge they have learned. In 2007 these business people took their talents all the way to a national competition.

Members of FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America, do not simply want to make money; they know that good business means contributing to the community. With 34 new members and 15 returning, FBLA members showed great potential with their business skills. Teachers **Ms. Blume** and **Mrs. Wirth** worked hard as the advisors to ensure participants would be ready to succeed in the challenging years ahead of them. "It is great to watch students apply what they have learned in classes to a competition and be successful!" said **Ms. Blume**. President **Anne Caputo (07)** and Vice-President **Joseph Majchrowski (07)** helped guide the underclassmen throughout the year.

Not only did members participate in three competitions and take home many first place finishes, they also took an active role in the community. All 49 members participated in the Homecoming activities, provided groceries to a needy family, and helped with the Variety Show. "FBLA is a lot more than just learning about business and going to competitions," said **Paul Warkins (08)**. "We also help out around the community and learn valuable skills for the future."

The many first place finishes in Northern area included **Amanda Conrad (07)** in Desktop Publishing, **Holly Hofer (07)** in Desktop Publishing, **Jamon Malan (07)** in Word Processing II, **Anne Caputo (07)** in Business Communications, and **Diana Martinez (09)** in Introduction to Business Communications. Along with the first place finishes, **Rebecca Cisowski (09)**, **Ken Klein (07)**, **Paul Warkins (08)**, **Anne Caputo (07)**, **Abbey Mastrolanni (09)**, and **Caitlin MacDonald (09)** finished second in the different areas they competed.

-Christy Liszka (08)



Stephanie Fester (07)



**FBLA Members**

**First Row:** Samuel Wais (09), Madeline Warkins (10), Caitlyn Madsen (10), Janelle Fischer (07), Mayra Macias (07), Dana Burgess (09), Caitlin MacDonald (09), and Rebecca Cisowski (09). **Second Row:** Holly Hofer (07), Allison Romanelli (07), Anne Caputo (07), Stacey Sams (07), Hanna Colliander (09), and Kristen Kotche (09). **Third Row:** Mrs. Wirth, Allyssa Brinkman (10), Elise Oppermann (10), Ryan Crawford (09), Joseph Majchrowski (07), Steve Romanelli (09), Andrew Oppermann (08), Jeff Hlinka (08), Kevin Szul (10), Diana Martinez (09), Ms. Blume, and Paul Warkins (08). **Fourth Row:** Danny Rizzo (07), Steven Szul (08), Alex Lima (09), Matthew Thomas (09), and Ismael Munoz (07).



Matthew Thomas (09)



Anne Caputo(07) & Sam Caputo(09)



A. Opperman(08) & A. Romanelli(07)



# Under the Stars

With its emphasis on what happens behind the curtains, “Stardust” becomes a favorite with its witty comedy and heartwarming plot.

On three consecutive nights in February, the cast of “Stardust” entertained more than 350 playgoers. Performing in the Weyrauch Auditorium, “Stardust” became a favorite of the crowd. The actors had great expectations for the play. “It’s about a bunch of actors. It allows us to act, be loud and be funny at the same time,” said **Lucas Valdez (09)**, who played Raimond Brown. With the help of Director **Mr. Berglund** and assistant **Mr. Rush**, the actors and crew came together to put on this play written by Walter Kerr, a New York theater critic.

“Stardust” focuses on an acting school with many teenagers. The school decides to perform a play called “Antony and Cleopatra,” by Shakespeare, and a guest from New York plays Cleopatra. Clashes arise between teachers and actors when the guest turns out to be a real actress. “I enjoyed how majority of the actors in the play are teenagers and the actors play similar ages to themselves,” said **Mr. Berglund**.

The lead actors of the play included **Mary Liz Showalter (08)**, **Rachelle Henning (07)**, **Carissa Gerber (07)** and newcomer **Sean Rubin (07)**. Before the play opened, the actors felt excited to practice with their friends and prepared to do what they love to do the most: act. “The thing I will remember the most about this play is the fact that I have to fall off a ladder,” said **Sean Rubin (07)**, who played Mr. Bach.

In the end, this comedy made new memories for the actors and great laughs for those who came to watch the play. “Mr. Berglund is known for his different and bizarre plays, and this play just happens to be a funny and heartwarming comedy,” said **Henning (07)**.

-Griselda Sanchez



#### The Cast.

The “Stardust” cast: **Mary Showalter (08)**, **Mike Bryant (10)**, **Suzy Nowicki (08)**, **Justin Camarena (10)**, **Paige Kulie (07)**, **Lucas Valdez (09)**, **Alana Koontz (07)**, **Kyle Schar (10)**, **Natalie Ckuj (08)**, **Monika Parker (09)**, **Kristen Frank (08)**, **Megan Green (09)**, **Sean Rubin (07)** and **Stacie Cain (08)**, **Rachelle Henning (07)**, **Carissa Gerber (07)**, **Brandon Cleek (10)**, and **James Laiter (09)**.

# LEAD ACTORS



## Prudence's Best Friend.

Claire, played by **Carissa Gerber (07)**, is a know-it-all best friend to Prudence, played by **Rachelle Henning (07)**. "I had to bring out sarcasm in my character to allow my audience to understand that I was the type of friend who would be brutally honest, but loving," said **Gerber**.



Rachelle Henning (07)



Carissa Gerber (07)



## Method in Madness.

Plotting against Prudence to ruin her performance as Cleopatra, Janet Ross, played by **Mary Showalter (08)**, and Mavis Moriarity, played by **Alana Koontz (07)**, show their bad sides.

## Much ado About Nothing.

After having ruined the performance of "Antony and Cleopatra," Raimond Brown, played by **Lucas Valdez (09)**, and Tad Voorhis, played by **Kyle Schar (10)**, apologize in hope that Prudence continues with the show.



Mary Showalter (08)



Sean Rubin (07)



# Everybody Dance Now

Following in the dancesteps of their predecessors, these performers show all the right moves.

More than 30 dancers took to the stage during the annual Dance Production performance in January. Under the direction of Mrs. Zmrhal, this group performed routines showing their talent in hip-hop, ballet, and many other styles of dance. The theme of the production, "Everybody Dance Now," allowed the dancers to show off a variety of skills. "I've led Dance Production for 28 years and this year's show turned out to be very good. I was pleased and love the creativity of my students and how hard they work to put on a great show for the public," said Mrs. Zmrhal.

With the opening performance minutes away, the girls waited back stage, reviewing their dances to make sure they were perfect. "The outcome of the dances that were performed turned out pretty well," said Robyn Nickelson (08). The audience of 450 people showed great enthusiasm, with applause filling the auditorium after each routine.

Along with two surprise dancers from the Xtreme Dance Team, Lauren Desik (08) performed an unexpected Hip-Hop dance, mixing together several routines. "When I'm dancing I feel like I'm in a totally different world and nothing else around me exists," said Desik.

Although Desik's dance was exciting, the other 25 dance routines also demonstrated the talent and commitment of these performers. "I thought it was a great performance, and you could tell that the girls put a lot of effort to make the show the best it can be," said Samantha Siefert (08).

According to Mrs. Zmrhal, the Dance Production show turned out to be a truly phenomenal night where each girl truly demonstrated her talent.

-Michelle Nitti



Rachel Molinaro (09)



Tiffany Kirshke (07),  
Kylie Riermaier (07)



Lauren Desik (08)



Carissa Gouskos (09), Kelsey Skogsberg (10), Allyssa Brinkman (10)



Heather Busch (08)



Angela Shurba (08),  
Ashley Richards (07)



Katy Rohrback (07)



Sarah Pierpoint (08)



Natalie Pearson (10)



Chelsea Steck (08)



Ashley Conway (07)



Melissa Molskow (08)



Rebecca Mueller (07)



Natalie Stewart (10),  
Anna Duran (10)



Heather Busch (08), Nina Bojovic (08), Angela Shurba (08),  
Robyn Nickelson (08)



# Leaders Of the Pack

“Being a part of Student Council has taught me how to be a better leader,” said Secretary **Courtney Antczak (07)**.

Every Friday morning at 7:25, Student Council members gathered to discuss upcoming events within the school. Whether they were planning dances, fundraisers, or community service events, student-elected representatives kept very busy planning a different event each month. With a whole council composed of 45 members, President **Katrina Means (07)** led the meetings with the help of Vice President **Lindsay Krage (07)**. “I really love being a leader around the school because I truly feel that I help make it a better and more enjoyable place,” said **Krage**. Members worked under the advisement of **Mr. Lasky, Mr. Lukas, and Ms. Elleithee**.

Student Council’s big events they plan every year include Homecoming and Prom. Responsibilities for Homecoming consisted of picking a theme, building floats, painting windows, and decorating the dance to correlate with the theme. The whole council became involved in planning this event and is one of members’ favorites. “I love the competitiveness between classes in the float building and window painting. It makes Homecoming that much more fun,” said Junior Class Vice President **Amy Bytof (08)**. As one of the hardest events to plan, Prom was organized solely by the Junior class. From picking decorations to seating arrangements, fun and frustration reigned. However, with hard work and persistence, Student Council overcame many obstacles and proved their efforts by having a prom with over 500 attendees.

- **Katrina Means**



**First Row:** Courtney Antczak, Katrina Means, Lindsay Krage, Jenna Bodie. **Second Row:** Kevin Michaelson.



**First Row:** Natalie Pacelli Adilenia Huerta, Kelsey Gossen. **Second Row:** Kara Wolfe, Douglas Selby, Amy Bytof.



**First Row:** Renee Cirone, Morgan Abrams, Sara Lim, Melissa Conway. **Second Row:** Ethan Dean, Mark Dean, Michelle Blackman, Taylor Turner.



**First Row:** Jamie Antczak, Stefanie Pauling, Nicole Nielson, Erica Lange. **Second Row:** Deven Lopez, Devan Patel.

# Pep School

## With assemblies and parades, Pep Club shares an important lesson: Wildcat Pride

“Fire it up!” With these words of encouragement, members of Pep Club spread their enthusiasm and school spirit throughout the year. Whether they were organizing a pep assembly, the Homecoming parade or the teacher-student basketball team, these Wildcats “exemplified what it means to be a West Chicago student,” said Adviser **Mr. Jennings**. **Jennings**, along with **Mr. McKenna**, led Pep Club throughout the year and deemed themselves the Pep Boys.

Walking through the hallways, light blue tee-shirts proclaiming “I Love Pep” could be seen among the masses of students and identified the hard work of Pep Club members. According to **Jennings**, these demonstrations of spirit helped students have pride in the school, their classmates and themselves. “High school is the time to have fun, and school spirit is a way to have it,” said **Jennings**. “When I was in high school, I hated the pep assemblies. Since I know how boring they could be, I decided to make ours exciting so people would actually want to go to them.”

Both advisors were assisted by approximately 60 to 80 students, many of them cheerleaders and Pep Club members. The executive board of Pep Club was run by Club President **Maggie Stremel (07)**. According to **Stremel**, this group of students effortlessly came up with new ways to show school spirit and met on Thursdays before school to plan all the events to entertain the student body.

Although Pep Club is primarily responsible for assemblies, they also spread their enthusiasm to the Homecoming Parade, the Dodgeball Tournament, and the Powder Puff Game. During the Homecoming Pep assembly, Pep Club members organized activities such as the Football Toss, Trashcan Wars, and Soda Pop Trivia. One of the highlights of the assembly involved the faculty game in which **Ms. Blevins**, **Mr. Govertsen**, **Mr. Rau** and **Mr. Wheeler** found themselves drenched with soda.

-Griselda Sanchez and Ana Caballero



### Enthusiasm.

Students jump out of their seats at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. “Watching students get involved is what I like seeing, We try to put on activities that will keep students interested and involved throughout the Assembly,” said Pep Club Officer **Maggie Stremel (07)**.



### Cheer On.

To raise the spirits of the crowd, Pep Club officers **Maggie Stremel (07)**, **Leah Kuzmicz (07)** and **MaryPat Flanagan (07)** throw tee-shirts into a mob of students.



### Speak Up.

As he addresses the crowd, Pep Boy **Mr. Jennings** describes a game involving pouring soda on teachers. “We look to have fun by generating ideas for school events, and being with **Mr. Jennings** and his shenanigans also made it more fun,” said **Mr. McKenna**.



### Bring It On.

The male cheerleaders boost up the spirit at the Powder Puff Game. Dressed in cheerleading uniforms, the boys tried their best cheers to motivate their team into victory against the juniors. “Senior players liked the aspect of cheerleading. The uniforms complimented our features and the moves were easy to pick up on. Overall I believe we were better than the real Cheerleaders,” said **Jeff Danes (07)**.





Derek Soutar



Geoff Wilson & Sean Rubin



Kenneth Cole



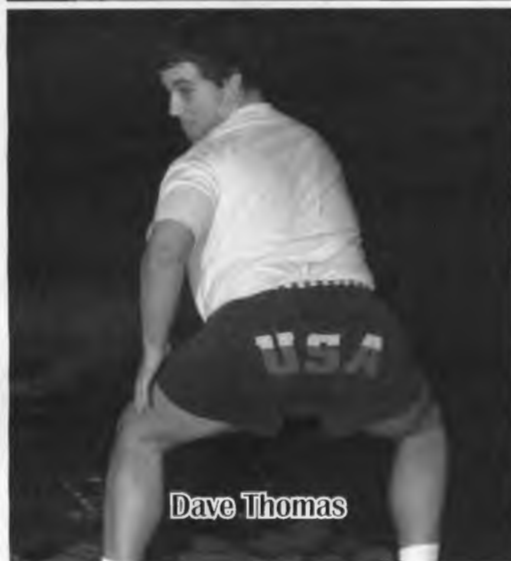
Sean Rubin



Geoff Wilson



Leo Guffi



Dave Thomas



Eric Wyman



Sean Rubin, Geoff Wilson,  
Kenneth Cole & Leo Guffi



Awaiting the Crown

# There He Is Mr. Wildcat

These seven seniors didn't simply entertain the audience. They demonstrated the true talents of the class of 2007.



Eric Wyman

After an unforgettable evening filled with laughter and music, **Derek Soutar** walked away with the crown. But his fellow six competitors also deserved commendation for their efforts.

On Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Weyrauch Auditorium, students and family members waited in their seats to see the Mr. Wildcat Competition. After a show that included a group dance to "Barbie Girl," a display of talents from each contestant, a questionnaire from the judges, and an escort on stage from the senior cheerleaders, judges turned in their votes and the new Mr. Wildcat received his crown. Sharing how his mom taught him to not to put his face in his plate while eating, **Soutar** won the heart of the judges and the crown. "Being the 2007 Mr. Wildcat feels like a big bundle of joy was dropped at my head," said **Soutar**. He beat out the comedy of **Dave Thomas**, graceful ballet dancing by **Leo Guilli**, instrumentalist styling of **Kenneth Cole**, *America's Next Top Model* performance by **Eric Wyman**, the voice of **Sean Rubin**, and the amazing free style dancing by **Geoff Wilson**. "Dancing is what Mr. Wilson does best. Every time he steps on the dance floor the clouds open and the sun shines down on him," said **Nick Horvath (07)**.

When these gentlemen stood up on stage displaying their wide range of talents they showed no fear. "Mr. Wildcat opened my eyes to my goal is life, being a runway model for *Vogue*. The Mr. Wildcat challenge unlocked new doors for me with having some of the best talent scouts in the audience. They interviewed me after the show on my remarkable strut on the runway," said **Wyman**.

- Michelle Nitti



Dave Thomas



Geoff Wilson



Kenneth Cole



The Seven Contestants



Derek Soutar



Leo Guilli



# Once Upon a Time...

In the Spring Musical, a cast of familiar characters, from Cinderella to Rapunzel, offers a new and different perspective on fairy tales.

Once upon a time in May, in Weyrauch Auditorium, a musical titled “Into the Woods” became a crowd pleaser that everyone enjoyed. But the magic could not have happened without the direction of **Ms. Hafertepe** and the management of **Jessica Leeseberg (07)**. “Before this play, we had done a lot of traditional musicals, and we decided to try something more modern with this play,” said **Ms. Hafertepe**.

As a drama and comedy, “Into the Woods” begins when a baker and his wife, played by **Paige Kulle (07)** and **Sean Rubin (07)**, decide to have a baby. The malicious witch of the fairy tale, played by **Rachelle Henning (07)**, places a curse on the baker and his wife making them unable to conceive a child. They attempt to reverse it, but are unable. In order to reverse the curse, the characters need to gather a cape as red as blood, a cow as white as milk, a slipper as pure as gold, and hair as yellow as corn. Each scene contained various Grimm characters, including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Prince Charming and Rapunzel. “The play was a total challenge. It was more complicated than others because it involved more stories,” said **Ms. Hafertepe**.

More than 750 people attended the musical on three consecutive nights and found themselves enchanted by the acting and singing of the cast. “Watching this play brought me back to my childhood,” said **Stephanie Hish (07)**. “I loved **Rachelle** as the witch. Her cackle sounded like a real witch.”

-Griselda Sanchez and Jazmin Huerta



## Happily Ever After.

For most of the musical, **Paige Kulle's** character, the baker's wife, yearns for a baby. Finally, after the other characters helped her break the spell, she was granted the gift of maternity. Her husband, the baker, played by **Sean Rubin (07)**, and Jack, played by **William Baron (07)**, along with his mom, played by **Carissa Gerber (07)**, sang in joy to the song “Ever After.” According to **Kulle**, “It was a lot of work learning 20 songs, but it was all worth it in the end. We were truly able to bring our characters to life.”

# LEAD ACTORS



## Serenade for a Princess.

Singing their hearts out in the song "Agony," both Prince Charmings, played by **Brad Rathe (07)** and **Cameron Jimmo (07)**, declare their love for Cinderella and Rapunzel. "It was an amazing feeling to be on stage, and Brad and I were seen as we never were seen before," said **Jimmo**.



Paige Kulie (07)



Sean Rubin (07)



## Wicked Witch.

At the bakery, the witch of the story, played by **Rachelle Henning (07)**, explains to the baker and his wife about the curse of not being able to bear a child.

## The Three Blind Stepsisters.

Cinderella's three stepsisters, including **Alana Koontz (07)**, **Rebekah Babis (10)** and **Allison Navadomskis (09)**, become accustomed to their blind situation.



Rachelle Henning (07)



Samantha Siefert (08)



# Hitting the High Notes

From classical to modern day music, the sopranos, altos and baritones of the four choir groups sing and bring harmony to West Chicago.



**Singing on Key.**

Concert Choir performs at their annual Winter Concert, singing a variety of holiday music. "Singing holiday songs always gets me in a good mood for Christmas," said Peter Wierenga (07).

With more than 100 vocalists and four different singing groups, choir students raise their voices to be heard as one. The choir programs have expanded their vocal skills and attitudes with the high expectations of Mr. Fantozzi as their instructor. Along with his efforts, the students have driven themselves to grow tremendously by performing at their best. "All four groups have grown incredibly throughout the year. But I believe the Mixed Chorus has grown the most since they were freshmen," said Mr. Fantozzi.

The four different choirs, Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorale, Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, are all different in sound, but are all driven by passion. The Mixed Chorus consists of 40 students beginning to develop their vocal abilities. "It's hard at first to learn certain songs but since we have such a great choir director we get it in the end," said Martha Jimenez (10).

Similar to the Mixed Chorus, the 50 students in Concert Choir all sing and study a variety of music from the middle ages to music from the present. "In my four years in choir, I've had the opportunity to travel to several cool places, meet lots of new people, make good friends and perform some cool music," said John Wagner (07).

The 16 ladies in the Women's Chorale show an attitude that helps them enjoy songs. The 18 students who made it into the Chamber Choir have sung a wide variety of vocal music without any help of any instrumental music. "Choir is an awesome experience. Being able to travel to variety of new places, meet countless amounts of new people, and getting in touch with boundless cultures of music," said Cameron Jimmo (07).

The choirs have performed a total of four concerts throughout the year. "At the beginning of our concerts we are all so nervous but by the end it's all worth it to hear everybody's applause," said Alyssa Roberts (10). The program's impact on students has allowed them to share and express their passion. "The reason why I didn't graduate early was because I didn't want to stop my choir experience. These past four years I've done nothing but share my passion for singing with my fellow peers. Choir has made me a better performer!" said Tiffany Lorenzi (07).

-Jazmin Huerta



Sean Rubin (07)



Martha Jimenez (10)



Jenni Aramburu (08)



Jessica Leeseberg (07)



Cameron Jimmo (07)

# Playing with Strings

The orchestra's 84 musicians perform at four concerts, sharing both classical and modern music and proving they can play more than just Beethoven.

Consisting of 34 musicians playing on strings and 50 on winds and percussion, these students mastered the fundamental skills and techniques of the orchestra by joining their musical talents together. These musicians showed the passion and motivation to play at their best with the aid and encouragement of Mr. Govertsen as their instructor. "Mr. Govertsen is so awesome, funny, cool and entertaining. I'm really glad to be in his class. He has taught me so much about orchestra this year," said Anthony Hasbun (10).

Helping the students further their learning on their musical abilities, the orchestra took their playing skills to new levels. "I believe the orchestra is strong, and passionate about what we are all doing. It took my skills to a whole new level of efficiency," said Raelene Struckmeyer (10).

Orchestra gives the students a chance to enjoy and express themselves as a joined symphony while playing a numerous variety of songs. Playing music from standard classical to movie music, the orchestra played four school concerts, Senior Honors Night and a handful of other performances. "The students are very responsible with practices and concerts, and that can be more said about the winds section," said Mr. Govertsen. To motivate the students before a concert, Mr. Govertsen gives them a little pep talk before the show: "If you don't play well, your parents will disown you and I will never look you in the eyes again."

These students not only united their abilities, but often grew to be good friends with each other. "I personally love orchestra. I enjoy being able to play the violin and be able to travel to different places while meeting and making new friends," said Raelene Struckmeyer (10).

It is an experience many students say they will never forget. "It's one of the coolest classes I've had. There is so much commodity in the group, I don't know where I would be without these friends I have met, ones that will be there for me for the rest of my life," said Kristin Klouda (07).



## Ode to Joy.

Performing at their fall concert, these musicians play together and perform like a family. "Orchestra has become like my second family. It's my favorite class of the day," said Sara Fouts (08).

-Jazmin Huerta



Andrew Hur (08)



Allison Romanelli (07) and  
Rebecca Tschetter (10)



Ashley Michnick (09)



Zachary McNeil (10)



Anthony Hasbun (10)



# Acting and Reacting

After more than 40 consecutive years, Thespians has transformed from more than just a club for actors. It has become a tradition for all who adore theater.

Three, two, one. Action! With these words, Thespians bring three productions a year to Community High School's stage. To become a Thespian, a student needs to have worked on at least two full-length productions at the school and have been involved in more than one aspect of theater. "Thespians are about having a group of people who act, love theater and spend time with each other," said Ms. Hafertepe, the group's advisor.

Meetings involve the planning of activities or events and dividing the work among all Thespians. Carissa Gerber (07) serves as President of the Club, Rachelle Henning (07) as Vice President, Rachael Hasse (07) as Treasurer, and Paige Kulle (07) as Secretary. Every year the club supports each of the school's productions by making sure every job is done. Plays such as "Stardust," "Lute Song," and "Into the Woods" were productions Thespian members helped organize. During Homecoming week, members of Thespians contributed to the art on Main Street by painting the windows in local shops. With the theme "Heroes," Thespians helped encourage each class by painting characters such as Spiderman, Superman, Batman and the Incredible Hulk.

Throughout the past 40 years, Thespians have been involved in many field trips. Every year the club attends the Illinois State High School Theater Festival, which involves many other high schools. Other field trips are taken locally or downtown to perform for others interested in seeing their acting skills. "Our mission is to have fun, continue to have experience in theater, support one another and hopefully maintain long life love in theater," said Ms. Hafertepe.

-Griselda Sanchez



**Trouble on the Set.**

In "Stardust," Mary Liz Showalter (08) portrays a student who wrecks the performance of Prudence Mason, played by Rachelle Henning (07). A talent scout, played by Brandon Cleek (10), then persuades Prudence to stay when she announces that she plans to leave the set of "Antony and Cleopatra."



**United We Stand. Divided We Fall.**

During the winter play, "Stardust," Carissa Gerber (07), who played an actor from another school, brings all the students together, including Mary Liz Showalter (08), Alana Koontz (07), Monika Parker (09), Megan Green (09), Justin Camarena (10) and Paige Kulle (07).



**Stand By Your Man.**

The fall play, "Lute Song," includes characters such as Tchao-Ou-Niang, played by Mary Liz Showalter (08), who despairs over her beloved husband, Tsai-Yong, played by Brad Rathe (07). Kelsey Chillemi (08), who played a servant, watches as the couple discusses their situation.

# Proving Themselves

With heads held high, students join together to show that hard work and school pride can make a difference.



## Pep Club

**FIRST ROW:** Kelsey Skogsberg, Kimberly Busch, Samantha Nolte, Maggie Stremel, Renee Cirone, Morgan Abrams. **SECOND ROW:** Rachel Howe, Sara Lim, Gina Stolzman, Christine Rovtar, Jessica Bedard, Taylor Turner. **THIRD ROW:** Advisor David Jennings, Advisor Mitch McKenna.



## Math Club

**FIRST ROW:** Marisa Choate, Michael Howe, Alex Maguire, Julia Shallcross. **SECOND ROW:** Advisor Kristina Mallon, Girelle Alcocer, Steven Szul, Bonnie Coats, Advisor Amanda Slobodecki.



## Peer Helpers

**FIRST ROW:** Danny Calabrese, Patrick Stremel, Alexander Puetz. **SECOND ROW:** Angela Shurba, Elizabeth Gola, Amy Bytof, Alexandria Mills, Melissa Conway. **THIRD ROW:** Rosalinda Delgado, Ethan Dean, Dayne Putnam, Christine Arndt, Sara Lim. **FOURTH ROW:** Maggie Stremel, Megan Peterson, Miranel Obdin, Stacey Sams, MaryPat Flanagan, Advisor Judy MacDonald.



## Thesians

**FIRST ROW:** Carl Kerschner, Jessica Leeseberg, Carissa Gerber, Amy Smolucha, Rachel Hellman. **SECOND ROW:** Rachelle Henning, Rachael Hasse, Natalie Ckuj, Owen Kerschner, Lucas Valdez, Advisor Mary Hafertepe.



## Photo Club

**FIRST ROW:** Alex Maguire, Jennifer Smothers, Nicole Nevitt, Sarah Kimball, David Garcia. **SECOND ROW:** Ryan Stlrrup, Kevin Sinclair, Advisor Michael Conroy, Sarah Houck, Steven Duda.



## Horticulture Club

**FIRST ROW:** Janelle Fischer, Teresa Rubio, Rosalinda Delgado, Milena Carmargo. **SECOND ROW:** Advisor Annette Rubino, Advisor Corrie Stieglitz, Jessica Fernandez, Maria Romero.





### Flutes

**FIRST ROW:** Mallory Russ, Girelle Alcocer, Bonnie Coats. **SECOND ROW:** Palge Kulie, Jamie Schroeder, Caitlin MacDonald, Kelli Lyne.



### Clarinets

**FIRST ROW:** Kyle Hunter, Nicole Jacobsen, Dianne Trush. **SECOND ROW:** Peter Ciolino, Sarah Brown, Kristen Johansen, Alfredo Guzman. **THIRD ROW:** William Baron, Alexander Rico, Rachel Storey, Jeffrey Hlinka.



### Saxaphones

**FIRST ROW:** David Clark, Mary Showalter, Amanda Conrad, Gianfranco Aniello. **SECOND ROW:** Matthew Kubik, Ian Letts, Kimberly Kleczewski, Melissa Healy, Kate Krecek. **THIRD ROW:** Brendan McCormack, Elise Oppermann, Jessica Kassanits, Matthew Hellman.



### Tubas

**FIRST ROW:** Rachel Hellman, William Heinze, Jesse Lawrence, Jacqueline Leeseberg.



### Trumpets

**FIRST ROW:** Ty Murphy, Cristina Sarnelli, Steven Szul, Rebecca Hooper, Elizabeth Fortner. **SECOND ROW:** Kevin Szul, Seth Kelley, Joseph Russell. **THIRD ROW:** David Musick, Mathew Miller. **FOURTH ROW:** Steven Balmer.



### Drumline

**FIRST ROW:** Liz Reyes, Val McCluskey, Jack McCormack, Tom Ulin, Nicholas Bosch, Curtis Johnson, Dario Velazquez. **SECOND ROW:** Krista Soutar, Nicholas Tedeschi, Kevin Curda, Emma Townsend, Bryan Dahl, Amy Smolucha, Katie Zajac, Michael Dalton, Karan Panchal. **THIRD ROW:** Jake Murphy, William Pusateri, Coralyn Kutzner, Nicholas Secker, Carissa Gerber, Lindsey Haines, Samantha Selbel, Jake Neuman, Jessica Leeseberg, Peter Wierenga, William Burke.



### French Horns

**FIRST ROW:** Natalie Wierenga, Erin Lee, Amanda Rathe. **SECOND ROW:** Michael Thiede, Lla Smith, David Eble. **THIRD ROW:** Krista Kraus, Kelsey Chilleml.



### Trombones

**FIRST ROW:** Kevin Rosenquist, Matthew Cuomo. **SECOND ROW:** Dayne Putnam, Andrew Oppermann, Joseph Peletis.



### International Club

**FIRST ROW:** Raelene Struckmeyer, Rachel Howe, Marco Reyes, Brian Smith, Lia Smith, Emily Nash, Marisa Carter. **SECOND ROW:** Rebecca Howe, Alyson Taddeucci, Heather Tricoli, Stephanie Kuecker, Sara Smolucha, Jessica Fernandez, Rachel Nash, Advisor Sarah Bellis.



### Junior Statesmen of America

**FIRST ROW:** Matthew Thomas, Sarah Zaidi, Lauran Hon, Tara Breinig, Julia Shallcross, Austin Pietrobon. **SECOND ROW:** William Burke, Joseph Tedeschi, Kevin Pavnica, Andrew Voss, David Thomas, Advisor Barbara Laimins.



### Scholastic Bowl

**FIRST ROW:** Navy Neang, Krista Kraus, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Paul Warkins, Milton Juarez. **SECOND ROW:** Katarzyna Grabiec, Bonnie Coats, Megan Carnes, Marisa Choate, Girelle Moocer, Sara Fouts. **THIRD ROW:** Casey Carvajal, Torrey Sauter, Ryan Schultz, Merrick Doll, Kevin Carrington, Mallory Russ, Steven Szul. **FOURTH ROW:** Michael Howe, Advisor Nicholas Caltagirone, William Heinze, Lindsey Haines, Elisabeth Daniels, Douglas Selby, Geoff Szafranski.



### Operation Snowball

**FIRST ROW:** Jayne Zenker, Lanie Sikorski, Raelene Struckmeyer, Alexis Brunelli, Natalie Ckuj, Robyn Waldschmidt. **SECOND ROW:** Danny Calabrese, Ralph Calleros, Stephanie Rogers, Megan Ogorzalek, Alyssa Baermann, Estefani Ramirez, Mariana Barajas, Jessica Hing, Jessica Fernandez. **THIRD ROW:** Katie Wood, Lisa Trygar, Melanie Linsenmeyer, Kyra Benson, Tanya Starkey, Melissa Bruington, Ricardo Galindo, Benjamin Warren, Alexandra Molina, Dianne Trush, Heather Stoeberl. **FOURTH ROW:** George Petmezias, Willie Vega, Mary Roley, Bradley Larson, Catherine Thielberg, Josh Chambers, Kimberly Chambers, Jared Winquist, Julie Johnson, Beth Jones.



**Benjamin Warren (07) and Ralph Calleros (07)**



**Maggie Stremel (07)**



**I will find my volce...**

**I scream "WE'RE OUTTA HERE" running through Senior Hall.**

**I say good-bye to the teachers who guided me along the way.**

**I accept my certificate for National Honor Society.**

**I vote for Senior Superlatives.**

**I roar when I throw my cap in the air.**

**I sing and laugh at Prom.**

**I congratulate other students at Senior Honors Night.**

**I thank my parents for their endless support.**

**I cry with my friends looking back on the last four years.**

**I toast to the future.**

**...I will raise my volce.**

## Rewards



David Thomas (07)



Amanda Coix (07) & Merrick Doh (07)



Courtney Antczak (07) & Dan Amos (07)

# VOICES



Katrina Means (07) & Mr. Highland



Asusena Ruiz (07)



Laurie Aburto (07)

**“As I looked out at all my fellow graduates in Bishop Gym,  
I knew that the memories I made here  
during the past four years would stay with me.  
I will forever be a Wildcat.”**

**-Eric Wyman (07)**



# One Enchanted Evening

In gowns and tuxedos, prom-goers make the night unforgettable with every song, every dance, every flower and every memory.

Pulling up to Diplomat West in stretch limos, prom-goers stepped out looking like royalty, anxiously awaiting the Masquerade Bash. Surrounded by colossal masks and a collection of ornately assembled balloons, 600 students filled the dance floor. Marked by a variety of songs, Prom proved to be a night to remember.

Once everyone arrived at the Diplomat, students hunted their friends down to take pictures with one another. After seeing girls in their elegant dresses and boys in their tuxes, the time came to eat dinner. When everybody finished eating their meals, students started to take the dance floor. "The best part of dancing at prom was being able to dance the night away with my closest friends. I just love dancing because I know that every time I step on the dance floor, I'm the best dancer out there," said **Jeff Danes (07)**.

After a period of dancing, students swarmed around the dance floor with anticipation to watch the coronation of the Prom King and Queen. Juniors **Neil Luka** and **Robyn Nickelson** were crowned by previous winners, **Ken Klein (07)** and **Megan Stuhr (07)**. The king and queen led everyone into the first slow dance of the night, "You and Me," by Lifehouse. "Dancing with my friends and being with my boyfriend is what made the night memorable," said **Nickelson**. "Getting crowned just made it that much more special for me." After the slow dance ended, girls kicked off their heels, guys loosened their ties, and the real dancing began. "I have attended the past 27 proms consecutively, and this year was a great farewell. It was surprising being crowned along with the Prom King. I had no idea that it was going to happen, but it was touching and made my night worthwhile," said **Mr. Highland**, the retiring principal.

When the time arrived to leave the Diplomat, the night still had not ended. Students boarded buses and headed to Navy Pier to continue their prom night on the Odyssey that sailed around Lake Michigan until 3 a.m. The Odyssey provided more food and dancing to kick off the end of the night. "The Odyssey was a great wrap up to my entire day. It provided good food and continued my endless night of dancing. Being able to take a break on the top deck to enjoy the Chicago Skyline with my friends was my most memorable moment," said **Alex Mills (08)**.

-Michelle Nitti



#### Friendly Faces.

While taking in the excitement, **Miranel Obdin (07)** and **Amanda Terry (08)** search for friends before sitting down for dinner. "Because so much goes into making Prom a night to remember, it was fun to see the night play out," said **Obdin**.



#### Ruling the School.

In appreciation of **Mr. Highland's** last prom, 2006 Prom King **Ken Klein (07)** shares the honor with the retiring principal...to show the entire school who really wears the crown.



AP English IV  
Class of 2007



Alexis Scott (07) and her date



Neil Luka (08) and Robyn Nickelson (08)



Class of 2008



Rebecca Lemon (07), Michelle Dimas (07), Paige Kulie (07),  
Deb Sosnowski (07) and Kathryn McClelland (07)



**Picture Perfect.**  
Watching as the prom court approaches the front stage, Kaleb Dieter (08) and his date await the anticipation of who will be the next prom king and queen.



**The Final Walk.**  
The royalty of 2006, Prom Queen Megan Stuhr (07) and Prom King Ken Klein (07), prepare to pass on their crowns.



**A Perfect Night.**  
These two best friends, Leah Freund (07) and Samantha Healy (07), share their last high school prom with each other. "Prom was amazing. Everything went perfectly," said Healy.





**Most Organized**

**William Baron  
and Miranel Obdin**



**Most Individualistic**

**Valerie McCluskey  
and Torrey Sauter**



**Most Changed**

**Elyn Fortino  
and Michael Sorgatz**



**Most Helpful**

**Kevin Michaelson  
and MaryPat Flanagan**

# Glory Days

Seniors reflect on the past and predict the future with Senior Superlatives.

**"I predicted Valerie McCluskey to be most individualistic because she was very courageous and bold when she shaved her head.**

**I was glad to see she won because she best portrays the image of being individualistic," said Julia Shallcross.**

**- Katrina Means**



**Best Person from whom to Copy Homework**

**Daniel Rizzo  
and Brittany Michnick**



**Best Hair**

**Tiffany Kirschke  
and Cameron Jimmo**



**Most Likely to Become a Professional Athlete**

**Kelsey Monroe  
and Peter Konchar**



**Most Likely to Become a Millionaire**

**Jim Foreman  
and Kathryn McLeland**



**Most Rebellious**

**Mary Nichols  
and Chris O'Connor**



**Most Easy-Going**

**Lindsay Wilson  
and Geoffrey Wilson**



**Best Singer**

**Paige Kulle  
and Sean Rubin**



**Best Smile**

**Nick Puetz  
and Courtney Antczak**

*Most:*

**Understanding:** Joe Majchrowski/Lindsay Krage  
**Daring:** Garrett Welch/Gina Adduci  
**Confident:** Eric Wyman/Stephanie Hish  
**School Spirited:** Ryan Kuhlmann/Katrina Means  
**Creative:** Bradley Hock/Carissa Gerber

*Most Likely To:*

**Be Late to his/her own Funeral:** Matt Fugate/Carrie Staton  
**Become Famous:** Matthew Tomassoni/Tiffany Lorenzi  
**Become a MTV VJ:** Michael Klein/Leigh Taddeucci  
**Teach at We-GO:** Michael Bednar/Leah Kuzmicz  
**Travel the World:** Jamon Malan/Jessica Leeseberg

*Best:*

**Laugh:** William Riban/Anne Caputo  
**Personality:** Kenneth Klein/Megan Stuhr  
**Looking:** Leo Guili/Christine Williams  
**Musician:** Bradley Rathe/Rachel Hellman  
**Dressed:** Nathan Sullivan/Ashley Richards

*Extras:*

**Loudest:** Alex Schar/Caitlin Flood  
**Class Clown:** Derek Soutar/Sarah Scardamaglia  
**Biggest Flirt:** David Murphy/Ashley Richards  
**Friendliest:** David Flores/Rosalinda Delgado  
**Quietest:** Aaron Pennington/Robyn Waldschmidt



**Most Likely to  
Win a Nobel Prize**

**Owen Kerschner  
and Amy Smolucha**



**Most Likely to  
Win an Oscar**

**Adam Olson  
and Rachelle Henning**



**Most Likely to  
be on SNL**

**Deborah Sosnowski  
and Edward Ford**



**Most Likely to  
Become President**

**Kaitlin Taylor  
and Ryan Schultz**



# Role Models

Students take time out of their lives and give back to their community.

Students in National Honor Society are more than average Wildcats. They excel in academics, lead their peers in the classroom and on the field, and make a difference through community service. In November 2006, seventy-three students were inducted into NHS and honored by their teachers for their achievements.

Advisers **Jeff Kargol** and **Kristina Mallon**, along with Principal **John Highland**, attended the ceremony held in the Weyrauch Auditorium. According to **Kargol**, the actions of these students are exemplary. "It's an honor to watch our students serve those in and out of our West Chicago community," said **Kargol**.

In order to be nominated for NHS, students must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, have outstanding leadership skills, and have completed community service. "I felt honored to be inducted into this group," said **Megan Stuhr (07)**, who became an NHS member in the 2005-2006 school year. "To be recognized by your teachers and your peers means you're doing something right."

Many students earned their service hours participating in "Relay for Life," walking for hours and raising \$51,000 for the American Cancer Society. Other students opted for opportunities outside of school. "I really liked volunteering at my church because the efforts go to help the missions work in Mexico," said **Heather Knoll (08)**.

President **Jim Foreman (07)** led meetings with **Julia Shallcross (07)** as Vice President, and **Maggie Stremel (07)**, **Miranel Obdin (07)**, **Deborah Sosnowski (07)**, and **Miriam Padilla (07)**, to discuss upcoming service opportunities.

-Maggie Polacek



**National Honor Society Officers.**

**First Row:** Maggie Stremel, Julia Shallcross, Miranel Obdin, Deborah Sosnowski.

**Second Row:** Miriam Padilla, Ms. Mallon, Mr. Kargol, Jim Foreman.

## Honored Educators.

Standing up and cheering, **Mr. Highland**, and first year advisors, **Mr. Kargol**, and **Ms. Mallon** are proud to honor those students who are committed and dedicated to their school and community.



## Speech.

Congratulating the new NHS members on their achievements, President **James Foreman (07)** comments upon the many opportunities the organization has brought his way. "Being president of National Honor Society is a very prestigious position, and I was honored to be chosen for this position," said **Foreman**.



## Proud Members.

Watching their fellow NHS members receive their awards, **Amy Bytof (08)** and **Elizabeth Buenrostro (08)** are proud to be members of NHS. "I felt extremely proud to be a member of NHS, and I look forward to continuing my community service opportunities," said **Bytof**.



## Accomplishment.

As all of their hard work comes to an end, NHS members **Kevin Rosenquist (07)** and **Mallory Russ (08)** are glad to have an opportunity to work on service projects with other extraordinary students.



# Anstrengung, Effort, Esfuerzo



**Join the Club.**  
Spanish student **Giovanni Duran (07)** joins other students by signing a book that shows he is a member of the Spanish Honor Society.

After two years of hard work in foreign language, students receive the recognition they deserve.

Eighty students received the honor of being members of the Foreign Language National Honor Society in 2007. To qualify for this honor, students must have an average of a 3.0 GPA and must plan to continue studying the foreign language they are learning. Students must also have commitment to learning the language and culture. A student in the third or fourth year of a foreign language must have one more A than B in their grades overall. "FLNHS members tutor students in lower level foreign language classes," said Mrs. Appel, who retired this year after 31 years of teaching. "It honored and recognized students who had worked hard and excelled in the study of German, Spanish, or French."

This club gives students a chance to receive appreciation from teachers and fellow classmates for their academic skills, while helping others along the way "My freshman year, a FLNHS member tutored me in Spanish," said **Kelsey Gossen (08)**. "Now it's my turn to give back to the students who need it." FLNHS helped to build leadership and communication skills that students will find useful in the future and in their everyday lives.

-Christy Liszka (08)



**Practice Makes Perfect.**  
Spanish students **Ryan Crawford (09)** and **Melissa Conway (09)** join their peers in repeating an oath in Spanish to be inducted into the Spanish Honor Society. "I am planning on completing four years of Spanish and following it into college," said Crawford.



**Listen and Learn.**  
At the initiation ceremony, **Maggie Stremel (07)**, a French student for four years, talks to the new foreign language members.



**Working Hard.**  
During the first meeting of the year, **Brendan Dyrda (08)** receives a certificate for his knowledge in German.



# CONGRADUATIONS

“Your dreams are never out of reach. Leaving here today some of us will never see each other again, while others will remain the best of friends. But we will be leaving here with one thing in common: we are the graduating Class of 2007! Congratulations, We did it!” - said Farewell Speaker **Stephanie Hish**.

With “Pomp and Circumstance” echoing in the background, more than 450 graduates proudly walked across the stage in Bishop Gym during Commencement. As **Mr. Reyes**, school board president, and **Mr. Highland** presented the hard earned diplomas, tears of sadness and feelings of accomplishment overwhelmed every graduate. Nothing on this June afternoon could squelch the excitement in the air as the Class of 2007 earned the right to call themselves alumni of Community High School.

“High School has prepared me for real life. I learned to be responsible and become a leader. Most importantly I now know that no matter how much I think I can’t, I actually can. I’m looking forward to going to college and meeting new people, and especially facing all the challenges life throws at me,” said **Joe Fortman**.

As fellow graduates listened intently, **Stephanie Hish** delivered the Senior Farewell. Not only did she congratulate her classmates for their successes, but also encouraged them to remember those individuals who have helped them along the way. “As we enter the real world and fulfill our future goals and dreams, I only hope that we remember West Chicago will always be our home,” said **Hish**.

After being an educator for over 32 years, **Mr. Highland** attended his last graduation. As Keynote Speaker, he reflected on his We-Go memories. “Of all classes that I have worked with I will remember the Class of 2007 most fondly. I can still remember most of them as freshmen and have watched them slowly evolve over the past four years from awkward, unsure, insecure freshmen, into impressive, assertive, self-assured young men and young ladies,” said **Highland**.

- Megan Stuhr



#### Outstanding Students.

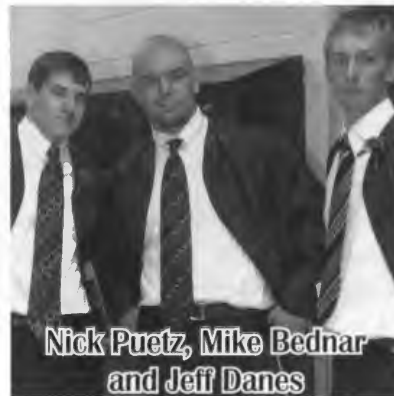
Sixteen valedictorians approach the stage with their heads held high as **Mr. Highland** recognizes their outstanding achievements. “I felt such a sense of accomplishment. After working hard for four years, it finally paid off, and now I have something to be proud of,” said **Julia Shallcross**.



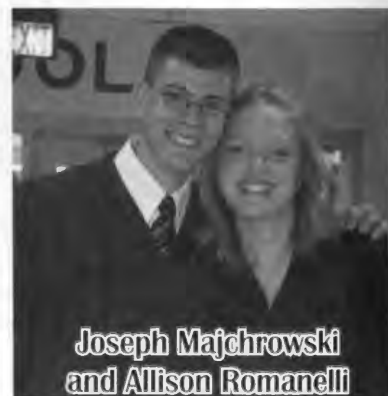
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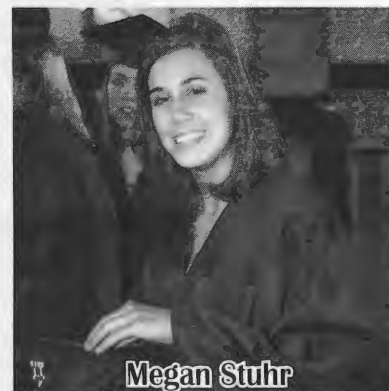
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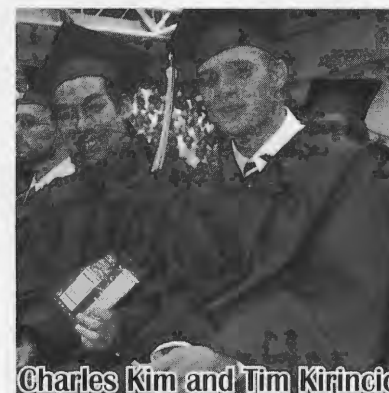
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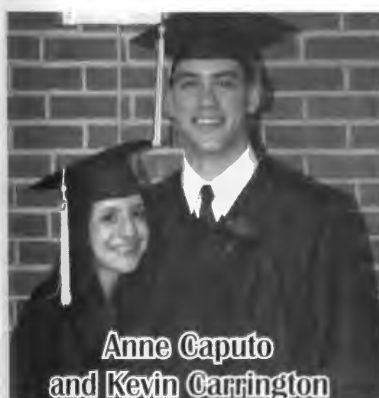
Brad Hock and Mary Nichols



Charles Kim and Tim Kirincic

**Hats Off to a New Beginning.**

With a firm hand shake, students accept their diplomas with excitement. After Katherine Zajac received the last diploma, members of the Class of 2007 threw their caps in unison. "High school has prepared these students with the skills needed to become successful, now they need to go out and get it done," said Highland.



Anne Caputo  
and Kevin Carrington



Katrina Means



Matt Wold  
and Josh Wonsowski



Steve Skrypczynski,  
Tyler Hicks and Dan Amos



# Head of the Class

Seniors who excelled during their four years at CHS receive recognition and applause on Senior Honors Night.



Joey Majchrowski



Jordan Hall



Owen Kerschner



Miranel Obdin



Efren Garcia

On the night of June 2, 2007, the friends and family of the Class of 2007 gathered in the Weyrauch Auditorium to recognize students who excelled in academics and leadership. These outstanding students also received a combined total of more than 1.4 million dollars of scholarship money during the ceremony.

Sixteen valedictorians were acknowledged for their accomplishments. These students included Jenna Bodie, Kevin Carrington, James Foreman, Sarah Holt, Michael Howe, Kathryn McLeland, Kelsey Monroe, Miranel Obdin, Miriam Padilla, Bradley Rathe, Ryan Schultz, Julia Shallcross, Deborah Sosnowski, Maggie Stremel, David Thomas, and Christine Williams. Amy Smolucha was named salutatorian.

Students were also recognized for becoming members of the National Honor Society and for being named Illinois State Scholars. Anne Caputo and Tiffany Lorenzi received the Voice of Democracy scholarship, Kevin Carrington accepted the Randall M. Hultgren General Assembly Scholarship, Kevin Pavnica received the ROTC Army Scholarship, and Jessica Fernandez was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Principal John Highland recognized the effort these students put forth and called them role models for their peers. "Senior Honors Night is a great opportunity to recognize students who are being recognized by universities for all of their hard work and achievement and I congratulate them," said Highland.

-Hannah Strayve and Kelly Weier



### These are the Moments.

Shaking hands with Mr. Highland, Matt Claude receives the Tim Landis Memorial Scholarship. "I felt that I deserved the scholarship because I worked hard through my four years of high school," said Claude.



### A Time to Remember.

Listening to Mrs. Appel, Salutatorian Amy Smolucha receives the award for highest achievement in Spanish. Smolucha also was honored with scholarships from the Wildcat Booster Club, Central Dupage Hospital Auxillary Healthcare, and CSA Fraternal Life.

# Voices of Pride

As they approach the next chapter of their lives, Seniors receive words of encouragement and congratulations from their families.

Attitude equals  
altitude.

Smile...  
You've only just begun to fly.

Love, Mom



**Stephanie  
Hish**

You make us so proud  
with your guts and your style!  
You'll make the boys wild  
with your class and your smile!

College is next...oh, what a treat!  
You survived in our house;  
now that's quite a feat!

We'll miss you a lot,  
this much is true.  
But, tear it up Pie,  
It is what we do!

We love you,  
Dad, Momma, Ryan, and Al  
XOXO



**Megan  
Stuhr**

Dear Katrina,

We are so proud of you and  
all your accomplishments.  
Your energy and leadership  
qualities are an inspiration to  
others. You touch the people  
around you with your caring  
and loving spirit. God has  
given you the "whole  
package." You have all the  
qualities that it takes to  
succeed in life. Your can do  
attitude will take you places!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Katrina  
Means**

Dear Michael,

You made it!  
"Let's go snatch a slurp  
and celebrate!"  
Good luck in college!

Love,  
Danny, Mom,  
and All of Us



**Michael  
Deimling**

Ana Elsa,

Hoy que vas a empezar  
el principio de tu carrera  
deseo que las decisiones que  
tomes sean lo mejor para tu  
vida, y deseo lo mejor de los  
caminos.

"Felicidades"  
Angelica



**Ana Elsa  
Caballero**



**Leah  
Freund**

Leah,

Congratulations!  
Job Well Done!  
Good Luck in College!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Kayla



Dear Leigh,  
 Always follow your passions,  
 and you will continue  
 to be successful and happy!  
 We are very proud of you!

Love,  
 Mom & Dad



Leigh  
 Taddeucci



Eric  
 Rylowicz

Work hard and always take  
 time to enjoy the journey.

We Love You!  
 Mom, Dad,  
 Jim, & Sam

From crib to graduating  
 in a heartbeat. The last  
 of the Dolls is done! We are  
 all so proud. Keep up the  
 awesome work, Merrick.  
 The best is yet to come.

All Our Love,  
 Matt, Mike, and Emily  
 (Mom & Dad too)



Merrick  
 Doll



Ryan  
 Nichol

Dear Ryan,  
 Congratulations on graduating.  
 We are so proud of you.  
 May you do well  
 in any of your future endeavors.  
 Keep smiling!

Love,  
 Mom & Dad

Matt-

You always say "It's all  
 good!" and we think your  
 graduating is VERY GOOD!  
 We are so proud of this,  
 and all that you have  
 accomplished  
 in your classes. Great things  
 are in store for you!  
 Best wishes!

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Brad



Matthew  
 Fugate



Christine  
 Williams

Sweetness and Smiles,  
 you light up our life.  
 Forever proud in whatever  
 path you follow.

Love,  
 Mom, Nathan,  
 & Kelly

Dear Whitney,

Congratulations! Can't  
 believe how fast high school  
 passed! You have grown  
 into such a beautiful young  
 woman. We are so proud  
 of all you've accomplished!

Love Ya,  
 Mom & Dad



Whitney  
 Pugh



Bradley  
 Hock

Dear Bradley;

You have been a constant source  
 of joy and laughter since the day  
 you were born.

When I think of you, I smile. God  
 bless you in everything you do, and  
 everywhere life takes you.

I wish I could be a fly on the wall  
 for all the grins!

Love Always,  
 Mom, Dad, Bob, Garon,  
 & Theresa

Dear Mike,  
 You have always entertained us  
 and made us proud.  
 Good luck  
 with everything you do.

Love,  
 Mom & Dad



**Michael  
 Frommert**



**Maggie  
 Stremel**

**Maggie,**  
 From your first day of school  
 wearing your Cinderella gown  
 to graduation with a cap  
 and gown, you will always be  
 our joy, our blessing,  
 and our H.M.P.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, & Patrick

**Doodlebug & Jaker,**  
 Wake up!  
 It's time to go to college.  
 University of Wisconsin  
 is expecting you both  
 very soon.  
 Way to go Cheeseheads.  
 Go learn stuff.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ty, & Maddy



**Jacob & Caitlin  
 Murphy**



**Matthew  
 Wold**

We are so proud  
 of you and all your  
 accomplishments.  
 Congratulations  
 on your graduation,  
 and we wish you success  
 and happiness  
 in college. You have  
 a brilliant future  
 waiting for you.

We Love You,  
 Mom & Dad

To the little boy who just  
 wanted to be happy  
 when he grew up.  
 May that happiness  
 always be yours.  
 We are proud  
 of the strong, confident man  
 that you are and look forward  
 to seeing your quiet leadership  
 bring happiness to others.

Love,  
 Mom & Dad



**Michael  
 Bednar**



**Kathryn  
 McLeland**

**Katie,**  
 From "It's a girl!" to now,  
 you've been a delight to us!  
 We're proud of you  
 and continually amazed  
 at the incredible young woman  
 you've become. We pray God's  
 blessing on your future  
 and all you set out to do.

We love you,  
 Mom & Dad

**Allie,**  
 Reach for the stars!  
 We are so proud...  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad,  
 and A.J.



**Allison  
 Romanelli**



**Matthew  
 Bryant**

Dear Matt,  
 We are so proud of you  
 and all you have  
 accomplished. Enjoy life, be  
 happy and know that there  
 are no limits in what you can  
 accomplish.  
 Congratulations!

Love,  
 Mom & Dad



Dear Nicole,

It's hard to believe that four years of high school have gone by. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We wish you the best of luck as you start your new journey. May all your dreams come true!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mike,  
and Brittany



**Nicole  
Parisi**



**Eric  
Wyman**

**Eric,**  
Life seems long, Life is short,  
Life is what you make it! You  
can do anything you put your  
mind, your heart, and your  
soul to. Anything!

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, & Tysyn

**Scott,**

You have been such a pleasure in our lives. You are so caring, thoughtful and intelligent. You have been and will always be successful in all you set out to achieve. We love you and wish you a lifetime of happiness.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Scott  
Staiton**



**Kimberly  
Wanous**

**Kimberly,**

You have filled our lives with adventure and love. We are proud of all you have accomplished so far in your life and look forward to watching as you continue on through college and beyond. You are an amazing young woman.

We Love You Very Much,  
Mom & Dad

Dear Ashley,

Look how fast you have grown up! We are both so proud of you. We hope that your dreams come true. Always remember that happiness is everything.

Love,  
Rich, Mom, Jason, & Emily



**Ashley  
Hickman**



**Brent  
Dillingham**

**Brent,**

Watching you grow into the fine young man that you are has given us so much joy! We are very proud of you and all of your hard work.

We love you  
with all of our hearts!  
Best wishes  
and enjoy the journey ahead.

Love,

Dear John,

You did it! All your hard work and determination paid off. We are so proud of you. Congratulations and we love you! Go Beege!

Love,  
Mom, Bruce, Kris,  
and Kari



**John  
Dimas III**



**Lauren  
Dylla**

Dear Lauren,

It seems like just yesterday you were in Kindergarten. Now you're off to NIU. We are so proud of you and the person you have become. We wish you health, happiness, and success.

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, & Michael

Dear Taylor,  
 Your family and friends are  
 constantly amazed  
 at how wonderful you are.  
 We wish you the best  
 of everything forever,  
 and we love you dearly!

Mom, Dad, Matt, James,  
 & Grammy Judy



**Taylor  
 Molitor**



**Bradley  
 Rathe**

Brad,  
 Always believe in yourself. Listen  
 to your heart and trust your  
 instincts. Follow your vision  
 and do what you dream of.  
 Remember,  
 anything is possible if you  
 believe it. We are very proud  
 of you and we love you.

Mom, Dad, & Amanda

We couldn't be any more  
 proud of you  
 than we are now.  
 You're the best!  
 Good luck in college.  
 We love you.

Mom, Dad, Ryan, & Jamie



**James  
 Roman**



**Jamie  
 Voelz**

Dear Jamie,  
 Good luck in all you do.  
 We are so proud  
 of the young woman  
 you have become.  
 Study hard, play hard.  
 Fire up Chips!

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Court,  
 & Payton

Dear Kim,  
 Seems like yesterday  
 you were the baby of our family,  
 running around the house  
 pretending to ride a horse.  
 You made that dream come true.  
 Congratulations on Graduation.  
 Kimmie, you will always have  
 our love and support.  
 Thanks for all the joy  
 you give us.

Love, Love,  
 Mom, Dad, & Kristie



**Kimberly  
 Redden**



**Christopher  
 Terrel**

Dear Chris,  
 We are proud of you  
 and your accomplishments.  
 We wish you the best  
 in college and beyond.  
 And remember "Our wish  
 for you, is that you become  
 all that you want to.  
 Keeping you dreams big  
 and worries small."  
 Congratulations.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Ally

Dear Mathew,  
 Congratulations!  
 We are so proud of everything  
 you have accomplished so far.  
 The future is yours!  
 We know you can  
 and will be "The more."  
 Good luck in college.

WE LOVE YOU!  
 Mom and Dad



**Mathew  
 Miller**



**Kelsey  
 Monroe**

Dear Kelsey,  
 We are very proud of you!  
 Good luck with basketball  
 and your studies in college.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Austin,  
 Molly, & Claire



It seems like just yesterday you started preschool, and now you're off to college. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. **Congratulations** and enjoy the next chapter in your life at the University of Illinois.

We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, Allison,  
& Jennifer



**Karen Taylor**



**Nicholas Horvath**

Dear Nick,  
We are so proud of the way you have developed along with all your accomplishments in high school. You are a great son and brother, and we want the best for you as you head off to college.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Rachel

Dear Danny,  
We have always been so proud of you. Your achievements during the past four years should give you great pride too. May God continue to bless you as you begin your journey to college and beyond. Your family will always be here to encourage and support you. We wish you great success and happiness in your future.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Daniel V. Rizzo**



**Courtney Antczak**

To Our Courtney Lee-  
We are so proud of you for all that you've done and all that you've become! **Congrats-** keep it up- shoot for the stars- you go girl!

Love You Honey,  
Mom, Dad, & Jamie XX00

**Congratulations** on graduating. You should be proud of what you have accomplished both in school and outside of school. Keep striving to be your best. We are so proud of you.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Laura



**Kristin Schaefer**



**Matthew Claude**

Matt,  
We are proud of the young man you have become. We wish you success in college and beyond. **Congratulations.**  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

Marco,  
**Felicidades** estas a punto de dar un paso mas. Que dios te bendiga, por mi parte siempre te apollare.

Te quiere tu mama.



**Marco A. Reyes**



**Natalie Mazzola**

Dear Natalie,  
We are so proud you have grown to be a beautiful young woman, however we have lost "our little girl." Such is the cycle of life. We will continue to support you as you face the challenge of college and beyond.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

You go girl!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Rebecca  
Lemon**



**Peter  
Wierenga**

Dear Peter,  
You are a remarkable young man;  
we are so proud of you.  
Remember  
to "Rejoice in the Lord  
always..." Philippians  
4:4-8. We wish you God's  
blessing in all you do.

Congratulations!  
Your Loving Family

Nicole,  
Here you are a beautiful young lady heading off to college and starting a life of your own. It seems just like yesterday you were waving goodbye on your first day of Kindergarten. Words cannot express how proud we are of you and the choices you have made in your life. May you always keep Jehovah in your life and continue to make wise choices.

Congratulations! Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Nicole  
Reed**



**Brian  
Collier**

It is unbelievable how quickly eighteen years have gone by. There was not one minute during those years that we were not proud that you are our son. Hope your future is full of friendship, laughter, and love.

We Love You,  
Dad & Mom

Dear Lindsey & Geoff,  
It's hard to believe it's time for you to graduate from high school! It seems like you were just born! We are very proud of you and wish you the best in college and the future!

We Love You!  
Mom, Mike, & Mikey



**Lindsay & Geoffrey  
Wilson**



**Misha  
Mahadevia**

Dear Misha,  
You have grown to be a strong and beautiful person. We are so proud of you.

Peace Out,  
Mom & Dad

Dear Alex,  
From a cute Lil' Devil with a beautiful smile to an amazing young woman. We're so proud of you.

Love You Forever,  
Papa, Mama, & Lea



**Alexandra  
Molina**



**Matthew  
Denniger**

Dear Matt,  
You were such a joy as a little boy, and you're even more fun now that you're a young man. We can't wait to see what the college years bring.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Zach,  
**Wow**, the time has gone fast!  
 It's been quite a ride, but  
 we've **enjoyed** seeing you  
 come this far. We'll miss  
 watching you play volleyball...  
 and now we look **forward** to  
 your future. We know you'll  
 be **successful** as you follow  
 this next path. And as always,  
 we'll be **there** for you.

Love (You Big As the World),  
 Dad & Mom



**Zachary  
 Dopper**



**Lindsay  
 Krage**

Dear Lindsay,  
 What a **blessing** it is to have  
 you for a daughter. We are  
 so proud of the **amazing** person  
 you have become and admire  
 your many **accomplishments**.  
 Your gift of compassion coupled  
 with your **competence** and  
**confidence** will enable you to  
 reach your goals and fulfill your  
 dreams. May God bless  
 your future with  
 much success and **happiness**.

Love,  
 Mom and Dad

Dear Paige,  
 These last four years have  
 offered you many **challenges**  
 and **adventures**. Wish you  
 more of the same as you  
 begin college.  
 We are so **proud!**

Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Paige  
 Kulie**



**Peter  
 Konchar**

**Congratulations.**  
 We are so proud of you.  
 You have brought us  
 many **pleasures**  
 throughout the years  
 and we wish you the best  
 in whatever you choose  
 for the future.  
 Go White Sox!

Love Always,  
 Jim, Jan, Jen, & John

**Congratulations, Torrey!**  
 We have enjoyed the ride  
 as you developed  
 into a **wonderful** young man.  
 We are so proud of you and  
 look forward to seeing where  
 you will go and what you will  
 do in this next **chapter** of you  
 life. We love you and are  
 praying for you!

Love,  
 Dad & Mom



**Torrey  
 Sauter**



**Valerie  
 McCluskey**

Dear Val,  
 We're so **proud**  
 of everything you've  
**worked** so hard to  
 achieve!

With Much Love,  
 Mom

Dear Rosemary,  
 I am so **proud** of you. You  
 have made it through bad  
 and good times. **Best** of  
 luck in college.

Love,  
 Mom & Family



**Rosemary  
 Ortega**



**Nathan  
 Sullivan**

Nate,  
 We're so **proud** of you.  
 Good luck in college!

Love,  
 Mom, Bob, Shaina,  
 & Kristen

Dear Tiffany,

We have **always** seen the stars in your eyes. You are very special treasure to us. Keep **pursuing** your dreams and you will become what you have always wanted to be. Keep on **dancing** Tiff. We love you lots.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Tiffany Lorenzi**



**Audrey Thar**

We are so **proud** of you and your **accomplishments** in life. We will miss you so much as you move onto your college years, but what a future you have ahead! We will **always** love and support you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

Samantha,

**Congratulations** to our sweet Samantha. You have come a **long way**. We are so **proud** of you. We knew we had something **special** the day you were born. **Congratulations** Samantha!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Tommy, & Melissa  
XOXOXO



**Samantha Healy**



**Rachelle Henning**

**Rachelle Janine,**

You're **everything** to me. When I look at you, I'm who I want to be, now and forever. Your our little girl. Now **honey**, go get the world.

Dad, Mom, Alex, & Jerry  
XOXO

Rachel,

Not so long ago, you **dreamed** of mermaids and princes. Now you **dream** of trombones and violas. Soon you will **dream** of things unimagined. Remember your **dreams**; they tell who you were, and will be. You are such a **gifted** young woman and a wonderful part of our **dreams**.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Rachel Hellman**



**Kevin Jezior**

The sky's the limit Kev! You can **accomplish** anything you set your mind to - so go for it! **Congratulations!** You make us **proud!**

*We love you!*

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You have come a **long way**. We are proud of you and your great changes. We hope your future is happy and bright. May all your dreams come true.

We Love You,  
Mom & Dad

**Andrew Doncoes**

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# Together We Roar

Our voices may be different because we all participate in different activities,  
but one attribute unites us. We are all Wildcats.

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We listened to our chemistry teacher **lecture** about ions and bonds.

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