



Determine if the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$ converges or diverges. If the series converges, find the sum.
Integral: $\int_{-1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1}$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-b)^n = 0$ since $|b| < 1$
diverges so does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$

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GO WILDCATS!

Deans' Office Tardy/Truancy Admittance
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ID #: [Blank]
Saturday School: [Checked]
Please allow this student back into class and create the previous tardy/truancy.
Please verify the previous class truancy was the student present in class on the date in question.
YES [Checked] NO [Blank]

For what values of x does the power series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$ converge? Your work must show the interval of convergence.
convergent test(s). (Note: the 'n' in the numerator is an exponent.)
Ratio Test
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(x-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{(x-1)^n} \right| = |x-1| \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} = |x-1|$
converges if $|x-1| < 1$
diverges if $|x-1| > 1$
converges if $|x-1| = 1$



Hollywood Prom 2008

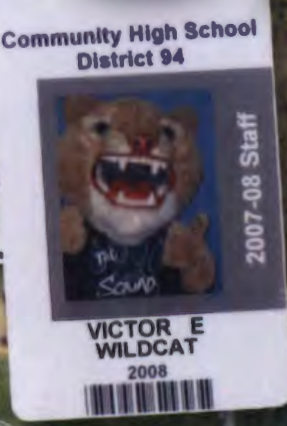
COMMUNITY High School DISTRICT 94



FIRST PLACE



- To do list:
- Clean room
 - apply to colleges
 - find prom date
 - WASH CAR!
 - finish English paper
 - call JOE



West Chicago Community High School
Valentine Dance 2008
Friday, Feb 1st 9-11pm

By

DEF-I-NITION

Challenge [n.]: 1. Difficulty engaging in a task. 2. Four years of heroic undertakings 3. A memory book representing every aspect of Community High School, produced by 19 staff members and three editors.



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Teresa Mangialomini



Panfilo Lavariega



Jacqueline Salgado



Mr. Fox



Maribel Ramirez



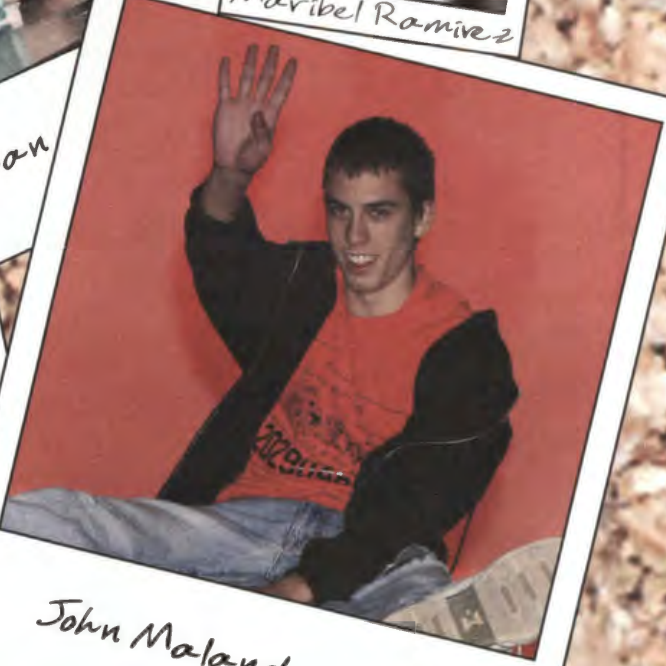
Rebecca Uy



Mao Beideman



Trevor Bodie



John Malandrucolo



Kelsey Gossen



Monika Parker

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Wild Ride 18-33
Wild Card 34-59
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Wild Ways 197-207



David Clark

Ashley Jefferson

Andrew Jacobsen

To Do List
 **Get rid of Freshman backpack.
 **Finish last two hours for drivers ed.
 **Sign up for ACT.
 **Graduate.

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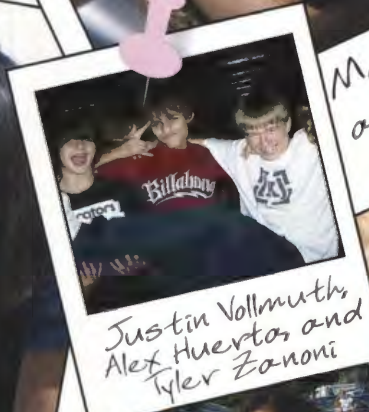
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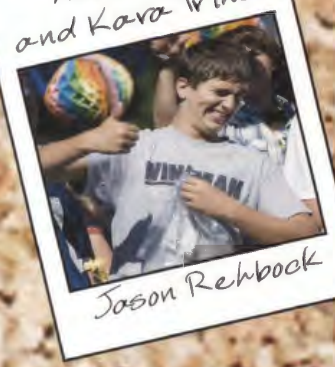
Elijah Asani



Justin Vollmuth, Alex Huertas and Tyler Zanoni



Adi Huerta and Kara Triner



Jason Rehbock

Represent [v.] =

As students enter the high school as Freshmen and leave as dignified graduates, one lesson always remains true.

We are all, and always will be, Wildcats.

Community High School is made up of 2,151 students of many cultures, backgrounds, shapes, and sizes. Together we mesh into one community, one **family**.

We are the **Freshmen** trying to reach the fourth floor with their elevator passes.

We are the **Sophomores** who are no longer at the bottom of the totem pole and can finally cruise the streets.

We are the stressed-out **Juniors** who are learning the benefits of time management.

We are the reigning **Seniors**, who forget about time management once we catch Senioritis.

We are the dedicated **faculty**, who mentor and inspire our students.

We are the band, choir, and orchestra, whose **music** fills the hallways.

We are the **procrastinators** who try to finish last night's geometry homework at 7:38 in the morning.

We are the foreign language **students** who can't stop having conversations in English.

We are the **creative** souls of the art room who sketch, paint, and sculpt masterpieces.

We are the **socially aware** students of NHS who spend our free time giving back to the community.

We are the **entertainers** of the school plays, Dance Production, and Variety Show.

We are the committed **athletes** that represent our fellow classmates on the field, court, track, and turf.

We are the **brothers** and **sisters** who stick by each other through thick and thin.

We are West Chicago... By Definition

By: Hannah Strayve and Victor Velazquez



Ball. Presenting her joy for soccer, **Paige Boudreau** cheers on the team during halftime.



Peace of Mind. Early in the morning, **Amy Ratliff** enjoys a group discussion on *Oedipus the King* in her sophomore English class.

This is Delicious. Craving a snack, **Greg Pelke** shows multi-tasking skills of eating and learning.

Fierce. Showing his battle cry, **Justin Bjornson** demonstrates his immense Wildcat Pride.



Delight. Expressing his willingness to learn, **Craig Epps** is the first to arrive to class to get a jump-start on his education.

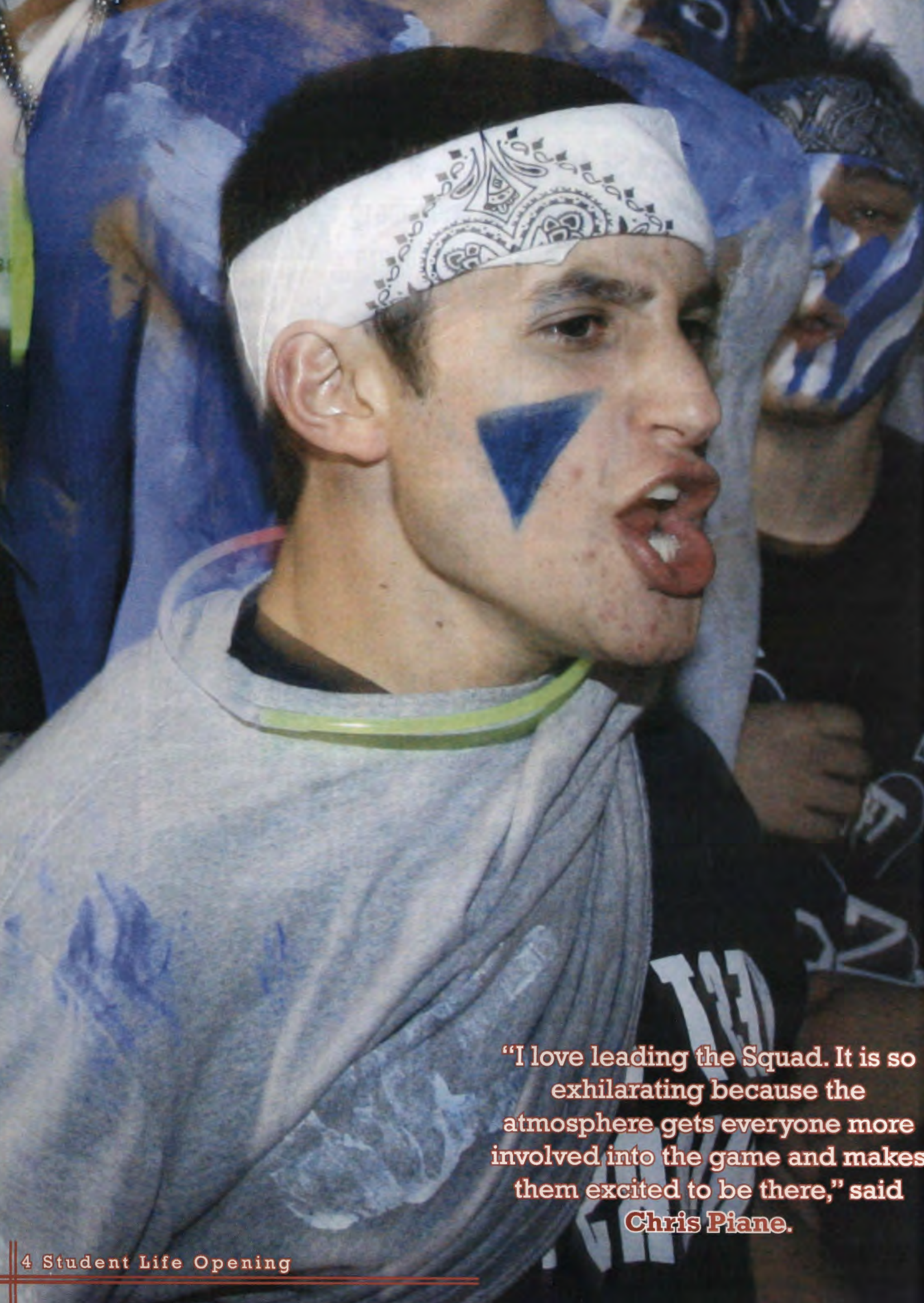
Perfection. Gliding through the air with pure energy and poise, **Alyssa Santelli** captures the essence of her dance.

You Just Got Served. Playing in her tennis singles match, **Megan Green** serves to her Wheaton North opponent.



Voice of Democracy. Fullfilling his duties as Assistant Whip, **Ruben Rios** reports the votes in his committee.





“I love leading the Squad. It is so exhilarating because the atmosphere gets everyone more involved into the game and makes them excited to be there,” said **Chris Piane.**

Wild Life [phr.]:

It's not just academics that serve as the focus of our high school careers. It's what takes place after that last bell rings. It's the activities where we devote our time and effort. In the end, our lives are about much more than just homework.

All that hard work shown throughout the school week deserves a break. Whether that break takes place in school or out of school, every Wildcat leads a wild life. It's about *carpe diem*. The craziness of CHS students really shines on weekends. From going to the movies to playing video games, or just going to hang out at friends' houses, all of us know how to enjoy life.

After the bell rings, students race to their cars eager to go home. "I park in Kerr McGee so I have to walk two blocks to my car, slipping and falling in the snow, but it's all worth it when I get home, and just relax," said **Kristin Day**. Seniors, who are lucky enough to have eighth hour off, have

already begun their weekends.

Students enjoy playing the popular game Guitar Hero, which allows anyone to become a rock star. "Without Guitar Hero my weekends would be rather boring. Guitar Hero completes me," said **Ryan Krage**.

"Everything that goes on during Homecoming Week really brings out the school spirit in all the students and staff."

Not only do students become rock stars on the weekend, but they can also become royalty at events

like Homecoming and Prom. "Everything that goes on during Homecoming Week really brings out the school pride in all of the students and staff," said **Rosa Duran**.

By: Margaret Polacek



Stephanie Salinas



Trisha Sahrammer and Sarah Massey

Vibrant [adj.] =

Inspired by a year of new change, our 2008 Yearbook

pulsates rapidly, beyond black and white.

Screaming with vivacious hues, it opens the eyes of our readers.

The 2008 Challenge is the beginning of a celebration of **color**.

A school of **colors** cannot have a yearbook that is black and white.

That's just not how we express ourselves.

We are not just the **blue** and **white**, but so much more.

Each class has its own **color**.

Seniors are the **orange** shirts, who can't wait to get out of jail.

Juniors are the fluorescent **green** of the powder puff game.

Sophomores are the **navy** of the paw that they can finally wear.

Freshmen are the sunburst **yellow**

surrounding their pictures on their i.d.'s.

The **colors** we dress in identify ourselves.

When we want to intimidate our opponents,

we show up in our **blue** and **white**.

When we're ready to dress up for a dance,

the **color** can be as unique as each one of us is.

When we want to support WeGo to Africa,

we sport the tickle me **pink**, outrageous **red**, and sapphire **blue** shirts

We are the luscious **green** grass

our golf team walks across to make their holes in one.

We are the bronzed **orange**

the basketball players swish through the nets with such grace.

We are the lime **green** tennis balls that the tennis team loves.

We are the **colorful** signs

painted by the cheerleaders in Senior Hall
each Friday to show support for the football team.

West Chicago is not just one or two colors,

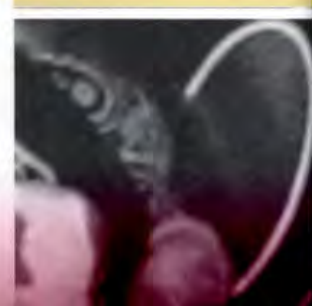
but swatches of millions of colors.

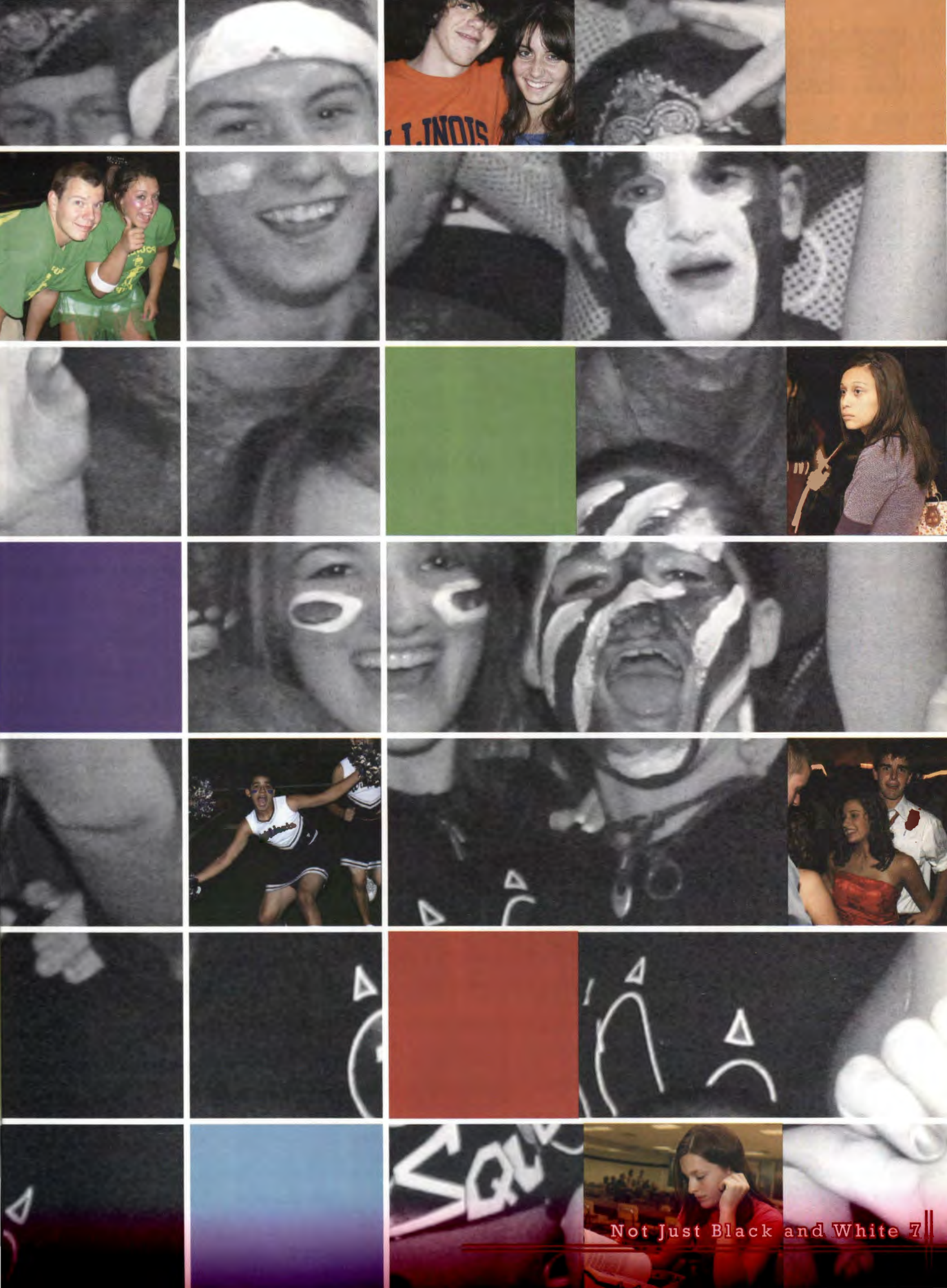
What **color** are you?

By: Caitlin Friedrichs

Pictured on this Spread:

James Shallcross, Amy Bytof, Allison Fletcher, Kristen Frank, Molly Cody, Tyler Wrzesinski, Oscar Grajeda, Virginia Mason, Clark Hudmon, Kelly Demitropoulos, Adrian Saflarski, Danielle Pacelli, Valerie Theiner, and Anayeli Garcia.





Fine-Tuning [n.]:

With a host of new rules, policies, and consequences facing students, opinions vary about their effectiveness. Are these rules unfair? Or do they contribute to a better education for everyone?

Under the revised tardy policy, teachers are estatic and pleased that students are finally taking the clock seriously. "Yay, kids are on time and class starts on time for once," said **Ms. Kukovec**.



After she is late to lunch, **Haley Demitropoulos** tells a friend about her first tardy pass. "I'm never late for class, and the one time I was I had to go get a pass," said **Demitropoulos**.



With shorter passing periods and new tardy rules, many students find a variety of reasons to complain. "How are we supposed to get to class in five minutes? What if we need to go to our locker?" said **Jamie Dash**.



According to the deans, the shorter passing periods make sense. "You can get anywhere in the building in five minutes or less," said **Mr. Martino** about the new rule.



When informed about the new electronics policy **Chad Demas** can't even eat lunch the same way. "Not bringing my iPod to school is like eating my French fries without ketchup," said **Demas**.



While waiting for his next class to start, **Mr. Jennings** mourns over the new electronic rule. "If I couldn't bring my iPod to school I wouldn't get up in the morning," said **Jennings**.



After a few long classes **Ismael Sanchez** feels relieved to sit back and relax during his advisory class. "I like advisory. I get to do my homework and I have a really cool teacher," said **Sanchez**.



Not only is Advisory one of the students' favorite classes, but the teachers as well. "Advisory is my favorite class, I teach it twice a day," said **Ms. Sanchez**.



"The new passing period rules don't really bother me. It makes it a lot easier to get to class," said **Juan Perez**.



"I don't have a problem with the teacher dress code. We all look more professional," said **Ms. Sammons**.



"I love We-Go Air. It's a way for students to learn about what is going on in our school," said **Courtney Macko**.



"The tardy policy is making students lose even more time in class," said **Lynsie Ceszyk**.



"The electronics policy is the most ridiculous rule put in place this year," said **Chris Piane**.

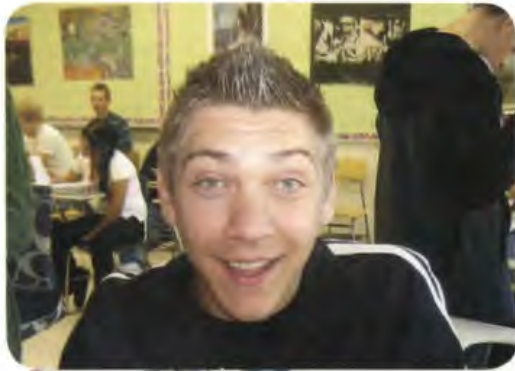
Dr. Cheng



Q What do you like about working at West Chicago?

A "There are great kids and great teachers, and it's a great school. Why would I want to be anywhere else?"

Even though he is not affected by the rule, **Zachary Fischer** doesn't understand the new teacher dress code. "I don't get it. Teachers already dress fine. Why do they need a dress code?" said **Fischer**.



New people at school usually have a hard time adapting to their new surroundings, but **Dr. Cheng** fits right in. "I've never met him, but he seems funny and like he can relate to the students," said **Alex Pirela**.

Although there is a new dress code, most of the faculty members don't mind it. "I don't have a problem with the faculty dress codes. I dress appropriately already," said **Mr. Gimre**.



Dr. Cheng's optimistic outlook on serious topics keeps the school feeling secure. "**Dr. Cheng** is motivated to do what is best for the kids. It is apparent that he loves his work," said **Ms. Roley**.

Study period used to be a class to do anything, but now the reins have been tightened. "I don't like that we have assigned seats for study period. I want to sit by my friends," said **Morgan Abrams**.



Along with the many new rules students welcome a great new treat. This treat was Air We-Go, a student run radio show. "Air We-Go is cool. It's something new and exciting," said **Abraham Guzman**.

Faculty members completely agree with the assigned seats for study periods this year. "Study period is a great way to have more time for the students to do their homework," said **Ms. Burchacki**.



Advisory teachers and their students enjoy a new Air We-Go broadcast every third Wednesday. "It's a great time to sit back and listen to music and students' views of We-Go," said **Ms. Rozanski**.



"The electronic rule is dumb. I miss listening to LFO on my iPod everyday," said **Patrick Stremel**.



"The policy is effective, but allowing students to listen to music can be beneficial," said **Ms. Rusin**.



"Advisory creates a positive atmosphere for teachers and students," said **Mr. Kemp-ski**.



"Having a new principal this year doesn't really bother me. He's a pretty cool guy," said **Kaity Olson**.



"Having a teacher dress code is dumb. They're teachers. How bad could they possibly dress?" said **Sara Lim**.

Anticipation [n.]:

This feeling ran through students' veins as Homecoming week approached. With a pep assembly, dodgeball tournaments and a dance on everyone's schedule, excitement ruled the week.

On the Monday of Homecoming week, dodgeball teams battled each other in Bishop Gym to win the 2007 Dodgeball Championship. The senior team, the Black Outs, took the win. Returning to the swing of summer by Tuesday, students paraded around the school in their summer wear, while on Wednesday Powder Puff girls wore their uniforms for the game that took place that evening. Senior girls won the game by one touchdown.

On Thursday, students let their roar be heard when they showed pride by wearing our Wildcat colors, Blue and White. Friday students wore their Squad shirts to pep themselves up for the

game and show their support for the home team.

"Homecoming week is one of the most fun weeks in school because of all the activities going on. Everyone gets involved and shows school spirit, and that is what makes it so exciting," **Stacey Santillan**

"The week of Homecoming is like cream cheese. It is delicious until it is gone."

said, exiting Bishop Gym after a pep assembly that included the crowning of **Samantha Nolte** and **Thomas Wilson** as Queen and King.

Even **Mrs. Laim-**

ins was pulled into the hype of Homecoming week and commented on her annual hope. "Homecoming is my favorite time of the whole year. Every year I hope I'll be elected queen but no such luck so far! I do love the energy in the school though," **Laimins** said.

All the anticipation led up to the Friday night Homecoming game against Glenbard North and Homecoming dance on Saturday night. As the week came to an end, **Ethan Krauspe** summarized his feelings about the weeks festivities. "Homecoming week is like cream cheese. It is delicious until it is gone," said **Krauspe**.

By: Emily Rawls and Jessica Wendt



Smashing Pumpkins

In the hopes of finding a penny that would win him a new video iPod Nano, **Darryl Thomas** tears through a pumpkin at the pep assembly. Although **Jenni Aramburu** found her penny first, "seeing **Darryl** smash his head against a pumpkin in front of the entire student body was the highlight of my year," said **Teresa Mangialomini**.



Get Ready, Get Set, Charge! The lights shine brightly as the varsity cheerleaders hold the Homecoming banner awaiting the stampeding of the football team. "I love seeing the Homecoming banner. It gives the adrenaline rush I need to play a great game," **Jay Lenahan** said.



It's a New Kind of Cheer. In uniform, **Joseph Peletis**, **Seth Kelley**, **Michael Dalton**, **Oscar Grajeda**, and **Francis Beifuss**, electrify the crowd and leave them wanting more. "The time and commitment we put into our routine paid off in the end when we had the crowd going," said **Grajeda**.



Lights Out. The warriors of Team Black Out fight to victory. **Barrett Serrato** defeated yet another team to win the Championship. "Winning is everything, and we won," said **Serrato**.



The Rush of Victory. With excitement pulsing through her, **Madeline Albright** pushes past junior defense. It was a close game, but seniors took home the win. Winning by one touchdown, the Class of '08 excited the crowd and left the juniors dreaming of next year and potential victory.



Tearta' #1 Up. Working his way through goo and seeds of a pumpkin, **Ivan DesFassiaux** gets the crowd's support even though he was beaten. "Ivan ripping through the pumpkin was great, It made my day," said **Rachel Chronowski**.

Royalty Rules. During an all-school Pep Assembly, **Samantha Nolte** and **Thomas Wilson** are crowned Homecoming Queen and King. "Getting crowned Homecoming king was pretty unexpected, but it was awesome," said **Wilson**.



Sea of Squad. It's Friday night in late September, and everyone proudly wears blue and white. Students joined together to cheer on the team regardless of their loss. "It was insanity," added fellow squad member **Elizabeth Buenrostro**.



Head Case. In Powder Puff, there are no pads and gear, and many girls become injured. But that didn't stop **Christen Mungo** even though she previously received a concussion, she still ran out on the field and put her game face on.

Energy [n.]:

On the night of the Homecoming Dance, this vibe raced through the sea of students in Bishop Gym. From "Soulja Boy" to "Cylcone" the music pulsed as dance-goers took to the floor.

As more than 1000 students streamed into Bishop Gym on the Saturday of the Homecoming Dance, Homecoming Queen **Samantha Nolte** could feel the excitement in the air. Entering onto the dance floor, **Nolte** rushed to the side of the gym, kicked off her shoes, and began to giggle as she heard the first refrains of "Soulja Boy." The gym was swarming with students ready to let loose.

The Freshmen claimed a corner for

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dancing, unsure of where to stand. Each and every girl sprung to her date as the first slow song, "Bubbly" by Colbie Caillat, started. **Danielle**

Pacelli swayed in tune with the sea of friends surrounding her. "My first Homecoming was definitely a success. Dinner was delicious, the dance was perfect, and spending the night with my best friends was an ideal ending to my evening," said **Pacelli**.

Sophomores and Juniors broke free of their shells, sharing the middle of the floor with one another and crowding the disc jockey.

"Alex Puetz, Greg Vodicka and I dropped it like it's hot. The dance was pretty sweet," said **Patrick Stremel**.

Backing up a week of rowdy and exciting events, the dance was the perfect conclusion to Homecoming week. "Homecoming was a blast! From dodgeball to the dance, I enjoyed each and every second, being queen topped it off," said **Nolte**.

By: Alex Miller



Within Arms Reach.

Caught in the moment and clinging to one another, **Renee Cirone** and **Trevor Bodiel** laugh in each others' company to the song "All my life." Couples stayed close all night to share each special moment and make many memories.



Keep Holding On.

The 2007 Homecoming court walks into the gym led by **Henry Polz** carrying **Cory Gierke**. "Being on court was a memory that I will always hold onto, and being carried out by my best friend was a blast," said **Gierke**.

Party Like a Rockstar.

With music blasting in their ears and friends calling them to the floor, **Jonathan Krystinak**, **Taryn Cardin** and **Matthew Boltz** are ready to have a good time and make memories that will last forever. "I've always gone to Homecoming with a date, so this year going with my friends was different, but very entertaining," said **Cardin**.



Express Yourself. Surrounded by friends, **Kara Triner** dances to the beat. "Homecoming was memorable because it was a time to go dancing and have fun with my friends," said **Triner**.



You Know You Make Me Want To SHOUT. Surrounded by friends, students throw their hands up and shout with joy and excitement. "Homecoming gets better and better each year. All the anticipation of my senior year has lived up to my expectations completely," said **Joann Kaczmarczyk**.



Stunnashades. With style and great moves, **Chris Wille** attracts the paparazzi. "It's hard to be this cool," said **Wille** "Not everyone can pull it off." With moves that ranged from the lawnmower to the shopping cart, **Wille** and his friends ruled the dance floor.

Forever Friends. As the dance-goers take a break, **Connie Tan** and **Taylor Dash** meet with friends and grab some punch to cool them off after hours of dancing and some cookies to revive them and restore energy.

Red Carpet [n.]=

It's the representation of all things glamorous. It emphasizes the captivating gowns of the women who walk arm in arm with their dates. It is the night the students have dreamed of since they were Freshmen, the one night of the year when they feel as if they are on the top of the world.

Around 7 P.M. on April 25, guests started to stroll in wearing their best attire. "Getting all snazzy is what I do, but I can't compete with my girlfriend," said **Jay Lenahan**. Held at the Carlisle, the banquet room was decorated in red carpet glamour. The night started with dinner served at the tables and everyone admiring the glitz and glitter of their surroundings. "Prom is a big deal for Seniors. It's our last dance and one of our last times all together, and everyone looks so beautiful. It's a night to enjoy!" said **Lauren Desik**. Indeed, it was a magical night.

After dinner, dancing began. Ties were placed around dates' necks, and garters appeared on boys' arms. Such songs as "With You" by Chris Brown and "Sexy Can I" by Ray J excited the crowd. "It's a great night and something these kids will never forget," said Assistant Principal **Josh Chambers**. Finally the time came to announce the Prom royalty. **Renee Cirone** and **Trevor Bodie** walked away wearing the crowns. "I was so excited we both won!" said **Cirone**.

By: Emily Rauls, Maggie Polacsek and Sam Deaton



Crown and Glory After being crowned Queen and King **Renee Cirone** and **Trevor Bodie** enjoy the first dance of the night as well as their royal titles. "I didn't expect to win," said **Cirone**. "I felt like I was dreaming! I only wish that I could have seen the look on my face when I felt **Nes Luka** put the crown on my head. It was the perfect way to start the night."



By The Pair Dinner at the prom proved to be a highlight. "Before prom I ate because I didn't think the food was going to be very good, but when I tried it, it was amazing, especially the dessert," said **Adriana Ferreyra**. After enjoying a five star meal **Ferreyra Rubi Robles**, and their dates for the night made their way to the dance floor.

Glam. After a busy day of school, **Courtney Rosalez** and **Natalie Ckuj** enjoy their dinner. "I was glad I wasn't stuck sitting with people I didn't know," **Rosalez** said.



Anxious. As he waits for the dance floor to open, **Rory Stewart** sits impatiently with the others at his table. "I was very anxious for the dance floor to open because I wanted to enjoy the night with my date," said **Stewart**.



All Smiles. As "You and Me" by Lifehouse begins to play, **Gina Stolzman** and **Danny Calabrese** share a special dance together. "Danny was a blast. We danced all night," said **Stolzman**.





Rhythm. Dancing to their favorite song "Elevator," **Rachel Jefferson** and **Joshua Foster** dance to the beat of the song. "This year's music was a lot better than last year's. The DJ really knew the right songs to play," said **Jefferson**.

Time Out. Catching their breath, **Timothy Schuda** and **Kayla Radloff** enjoy their second prom together. "Going to Prom with Tim for the second time was great because I didn't have to worry about impressing him," said **Radloff**.

In Good Company. As an Aerosmith song plays in the background, **Miguel Quinones** and **Brittany Soto** take a moment to celebrate both their one year anniversary and his birthday.



Brighten Up The Night. Streamers falling from the ceiling in the last thirty minutes of the dance surprise **Maricela Olague**, but they do not stop her from having a good time.



FE Stand By Me. Standing side by side, **Nathaniel Strayve** and **Randi Ritchie** share the first dance with one another. "Out of all four years attending prom this was by far the best year spent," said **Ritchie**. "I had the best date there."

Please Don't Stop The Music. Making the most of their night, **Sara Lim**, **Jamie Dash**, **Molly Cody**, and **Greg Vodicka** spend their time with people who matter most. "Prom was everything I expected it to be and more. My date and I looked great, I've always been a great dancer, and I spent the night bustin' moves with my friends. Prom next year will be even better," said **Vodicka**.

News Alert [n.]:

On a quiet Tuesday in early March, a few words on a bathroom wall started a new era for students and staff. Although no violence happened on those anxiety-filled days, we realized a great deal about ourselves. No threat could silence the roar of the Wildcats.

On a Tuesday afternoon in early March, the rumors started in the hallways. Following the tragic incident at Northern Illinois University two weeks earlier, students heard that a threat of a similar incident had surfaced in the high school. The impact of this event hit home as the District 94 Administration released a statement acknowledging that "a possible threat of violence" had appeared in bathrooms. Although no violence occurred, the way of life for students changed dramatically, and these days reminded us of the joys of a normal day of school. "I couldn't wait for school to go back to normal. Whoever did this is getting enough recognition as it is. Enough is enough," said **Barrett Serrato**.

Initially, for three days that week, no backpacks or purses were allowed in the building, students were wanded, lockers were searched, students were held in Commons until 7:30 a.m., and officers in bulletproof vests patrolled the hallways. Class-

rooms were mostly empty as students stayed home in fear of what could happen. Doors remained locked, and students who parked at Entrance F had to enter through a different entrance. "The response of students and staff to the threat was outstanding. It was a situation we obviously wish did not occur, but everyone handled it responsibly and cooperatively," said **Dr. Cheng**, the principal.

According to Assistant Principal **Chambers**, every locker in the building was searched. But, despite rumors about weapons, **Chambers** said that administrators only found "one pack of cigarettes, five lighters, and a pack of passes stolen from a teacher." When the anxiety-laden days ended, some security measures were maintained through the end of the year, such as students remaining in Commons until 7:30 a.m.

It was a time of change, but in the face of fear it was then that the school truly became united as one.

*By: Jessica Wendt
and Alex Mills*



Check Point. On a hectic Friday morning following the threat, **Jason Foreman** and others go through security checkpoints before first hour begins. With officers from the West Chicago Police Department on hand, students found that security trumped privacy as their lunches, backpacks and purses were searched. "It was like being at the airport," said **Jake Venchus**. "I never imagined that I'd wait in line and need to be searched to go to Consumer Ed, which was even late to class."

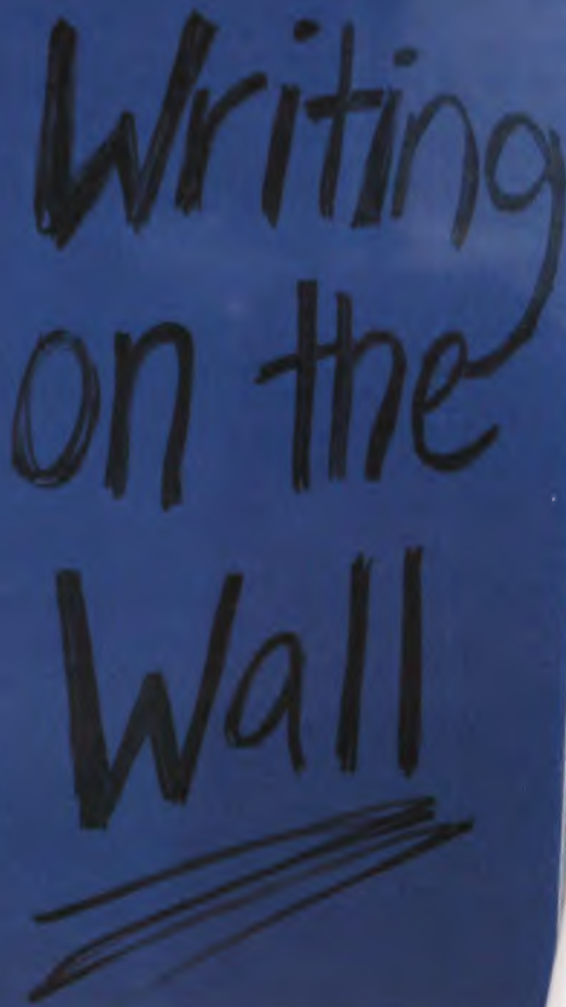


No Show. Looking at the bright side of the situation, **Brett Simon**, **Ashley Michnick**, **Girelle Alcocer**, and **Brian Mateas** enjoy personal attention in their AP Chemistry class. "Being one of five students that showed up was a little awkward, but having a small class was nice," said **Michnick**.

Inspector Gadget.

During a precautionary locker search, **Mr. Martino** searches lockers for writing samples and possible leads regarding the threats that were discovered on one of the boys' bathroom walls. "Keeping students safe is our number one priority. We will do anything and everything in our power to catch the guilty party," said **Martino**.





Writing
on the
Wall

Rumor Has It. The chaos begins with a few words on a bathroom wall, and as many students note, leads to a defining moment in West Chicago history. While it's hard to believe that a few words could turn our lives upside down, they did. "I am really happy that our school life is finally going back to normal. Those days were days that I do not want to remember, and I wish that they never happened, however they did happen, and now everyone has to move on and get past it," said **Ethan Burau**.

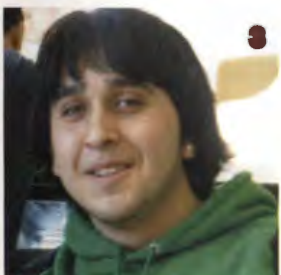
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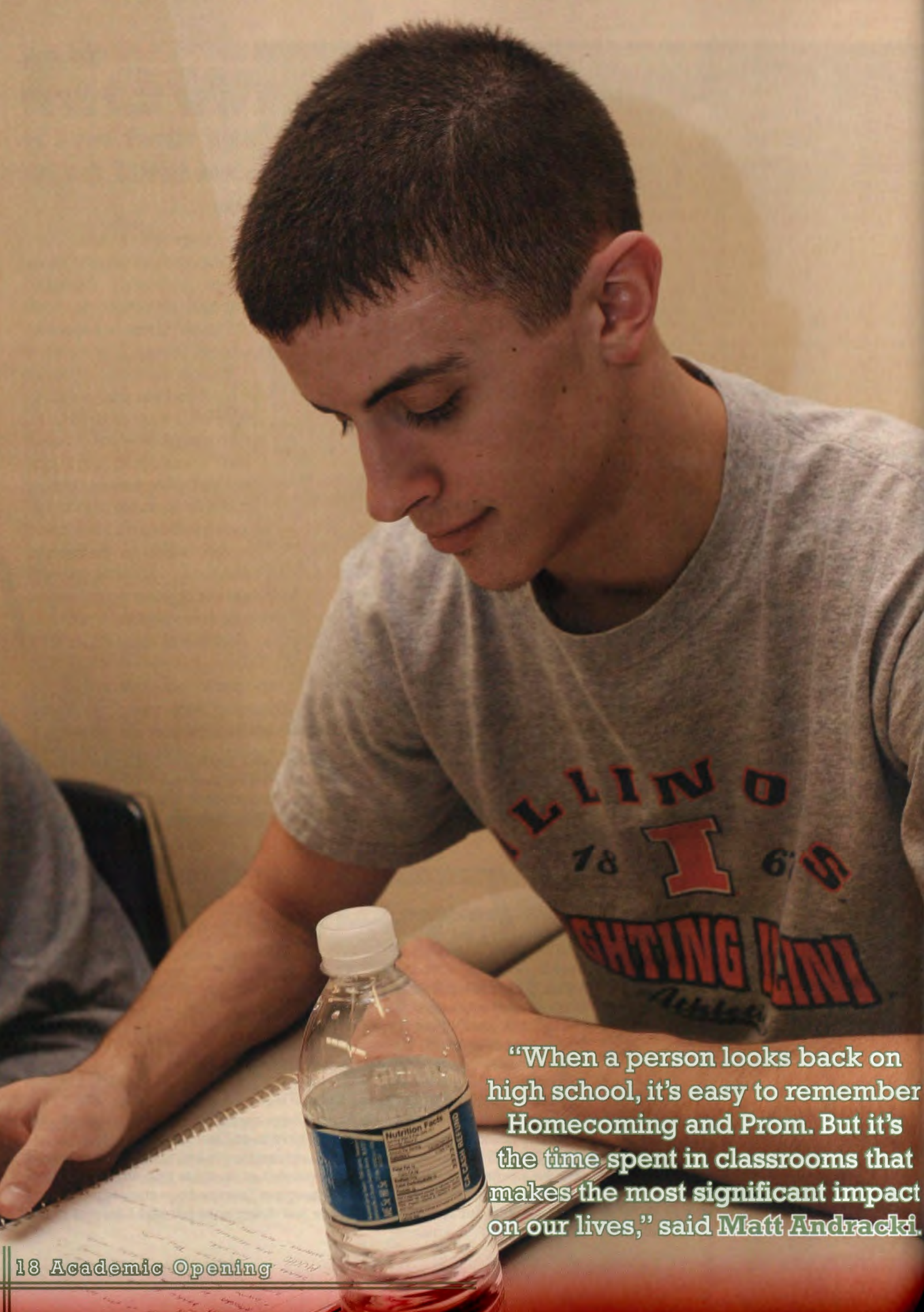
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1 Better Safe Than Sorry. "I was really proud of how the school handled the threat. I felt really safe with all the precautions that they took, and how they followed through with them," said **Kristen Frank**.

2 Search and Seizure. During a search before coming into the school, **Ellen Gebhardt** surrenders her belongings to a guard to be thoroughly searched.

3 Home Bound. With uncertainty looming in the air, parents respond by keeping their children home. "My mom wouldn't let me come to school, or anywhere else. She actually told me I had to stay home. I have never had my mom tell me to stay home from school. She usually tells me I have to go," said **Jose Munoz**.

4 Toughing It Out. Despite the threats, administrators and teachers are pleased with the positive attitudes of the forty percent of students who attended school those three days. "Students' attitudes were great. I thanked one student for coming to school, and her reaction was 'You're just doing your job and I am just doing mine,'" said **Mr. Chambers**.



“When a person looks back on high school, it’s easy to remember Homecoming and Prom. But it’s the time spent in classrooms that makes the most significant impact on our lives,” said Matt Andracki.

Wild Ride [p.h.r.]:

Students are engulfed by long papers, heavy textbooks, tons of homework and that one 'A' needed to raise their GPA. After surviving these tribulations and more, students emerge prepared to march into the line of fire called life.

There is no denying that We-Go is different. Its academic opportunities exceed those of other schools. We-Go to Africa and other electives offer an opening to academic exploration. But it's not only the programs. It's our award-winning teachers and staff that provide an advanced approach to learning.

Two years ago a team founded We-Go to Africa. Their goal was to build a school in Angola, Africa after a 30-year war left the nation without schools. They fundraised by selling t-shirts, having supply drives and coin collections, and finally raised ten thousand dollars to build the school.

The many electives available to

students give an upper hand in their education. "It's cool because we can take anything we want," said **Chad Demas**.

"Any school can have great programs, but it's our teaching staff that makes it exceptional," said **Rachel Nash**, and **Josh Tikka** agreed,

adding that "the teachers at We-Go give really helpful advice and a lot of homework!" Such an example is **Ms. Daneels** who was 2007 American Civic Education Teacher of the Year. "I believe that a majority of the faculty, staff and students believe in making a difference and having a positive impact," said **Daneels**.

“Any school can have great programs, but it’s our teaching staff that makes it exceptional.”

By: Emily Rawls



Phil Lenertz



*Nik Kmieoik, Isaamar Zaroo,
and Mayra Monroy*

Civil



Discourse [n.] =

STEM CELL RESEARCH Speaker of the House Neil Luka addresses the assembled members during full session and explains the civil discourse should be practiced. Being Speaker didn't stop him from being an active Democrat. "This research is such a necessity. Our cures and advances in human biology can progress leaps and bounds. To me, it means progress in my brother's life," said Luka.

DEMOCRATS

By: Ardi Huarta



AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Showing great determination, Representative **Brit-tany Soto** tries to persuade everyone to vote yes. "Affirmative Action is designed to help qualified minorities and women. A lot of minorities may never know what it is like to graduate from college, and this bill gives them that chance and they take pride in it. It is a great idea that gives opportunities to many women and minorities," said **Soto**.

ABORTION

Chief Executive **Oscar Grajeda** enjoys creating the tension during Full Session. "I liked making the process suspenseful when I passed or vetoed bills. The bill I easily signed was the Abortion Bill, I don't think the Government has any right in telling women what to do with their bodies. Rape, incest, or life or death risks to the mother are no joke. They deserve the choice," said **Grajeda**.



GAY RIGHTS

Furious by the comments said on the Republican side, **Matthew Smeraglia** stands up for all the Democrats and his beliefs. "No human being in the United States should be denied rights. Not giving homosexuals rights will not get rid of homosexuality. This country is supposed to be a country of freedom and equality. Let's start acting like it," said Representative **Smeraglia**.

TITLE IX

Representative **Hannah Strayve** shows a lack of fear as she stands up for all the girls in the auditorium. "Repealing Title IX would affect women's college sports drastically. Women should be able to have the same opportunities on all levels. Gender aside, the bill wouldn't allow schools to cut programs, which schools need to meet their budget," said **Strayve**.



Seniors have the privilege to simulate the Government's Legislative Branch in a professional way. They take on the role of representatives by using courtesy titles, using a civil tone of voice and most important, attacking policies and ideas, not people.



ABORTION Speaking for the Republican Party, **Brittany Fondel** expresses her conservative views. "Abortion is unethical and allowing the government to protect this right is making murder justifiable. Women do have rights that should be protected, but nobody has the right to kill an innocent child," said Fondel.

REPUBLICANS



STEM CELL RESEARCH

Standing tall and proud to be a Republican, **Sam Fatigato** conveys his conservative views. "The Republican party completely disagrees with the passed bill on increased funding for embryonic stem cell research. On the passage of this bill, the Democratic Party contradicts their views by supporting the preservation of life; however they are pro-choice," said **Fatigato**.



TITLE IX

As Representative **Victor Velazquez** takes roll call, he talks to his committee and sways them to vote the Republican way. "Repeal IX was a fair bill. It was misunderstood by the Democrats. The bill allowed women to participate in sports without affecting men's sports. Men shouldn't have to deal with the consequences of losing sports because of women's lack of interest," said **Velazquez**.



GAY RIGHTS

Arguing against rights for homosexuals, Head Whip, **David Musick** asks his representatives to vote no. "Gay Rights devalues the importance of the religious institution of marriage. As marriage becomes less important, more children will be raised in unstable families. I am concerned for their health because the spread of HIV/AIDS is found primarily within the homosexual lifestyle," said **Musick**.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Representing the Republicans, **Ian Letts** convinces many liberals with his knowledge of politics. "Affirmative Action is wrong because it denies equal protection under the law," said **Letts**. "It truly is reverse discrimination that our country does not need. I believe Affirmative Action should be economically-based if there is to be any at all."



Formula [n.]:

Whether a student is solving the Pythagorean Theorem or the double reaction formula, it's the series of letters, numbers, and symbols that leads us to success.

Formulas help give the answers to all the problems one will face.

As students sit in science classes, they listen intently about the different functions of the brain in Human Anatomy, or mix chemicals to make crystals in Earth Science. Some students may act like they can't wait to leave class, but deep down they love the fact that the science teachers are there to help with a problem or tell a funny story. As some of the upperclassmen start to dissect the sheep brains, one sees some girls squirm. "Dr. Murphy is totally awesome and tells the best stories. Science wouldn't be the same without him," said **Thomas Boyd**. Once the bell rings, students rush out of class hoping not to be late for their next class.

While the students head down to the

math hallway for some number crunching, Sophomores are walking into their Geometry classes and Seniors into Trigonometry classes. Each student hopes he or she remembered a calculator

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in case of an unexpected quiz that day. When a group of Seniors walk into their Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry class, all wonder what student teacher **Mr. Nord** plans to do today. "Mr. Nord used to be so timid and

shy, but now when I walk in the classroom, he acts like he owns it. Well at least he likes to think he does," said **Kelsey Stewart**. While Seniors are talking about sine and cosine for Trig functions, some of the underclassmen are doing something a little less complex. If one was to walk in on a Freshman Algebra class, one could hear a teacher explaining how equations are related to the problems they are working on.

Without caring and hard working teachers nobody would learn as well as the students do, but it's the students, and what the students do in class and how they help one another, that make math and science classes so remarkable. *By: Caitlin Friedrichs*



Smarty Pants Technology. As the first lucky student, **Jamie Roman**, is allowed to use the smart board, she is anxious to see what it is like. "They're Smart! I enjoyed using it because there was never a dull moment. Mrs. Peto puts pictures and sounds on it. I remember when Mr. Nord would always bump into the smart board and accidentally erase everything," said **Roman**.

Don't Forget Your Goggles. As students **Karla Cardoza** and **Juan Montenegro** work on their Biology experiment, they are careful to follow the correct instructions from the teacher. "For our experiment today we had to take all the oxygen out of the spinach that we are hole-punching to make little circles. And when one person in class accidentally pushed too hard on the syringe it went all over the ceiling and it is still there," said **Cardoza**.



2+2=4. Working tediously, **Allison Fletcher** tries to figure out the correct answer to a math question. "I took Stats with Trig because I thought it was going to be easy. I was totally wrong, My math class is way harder than I thought it was going to be. But having Mr. Hayes as my teacher is totally worth it because he is just so awesome. He is one of the funniest teachers I have ever had, and if I had a question or was really confused on a problem he would answer it," said **Fletcher**.

Crescendo [n]:

The music builds in every aspect until it reaches the best possible sound and fills the room with more than just noise, truly making music a part of life. The members of band try to achieve this sound every time they come together to make music.



The Sound of Music. Symphonic Band member **Jeffrey Hlinka** has been playing the clarinet for nine years and has been a member of Symphonic Band since his freshman year. "Band is a break in the day where we get the chance to forget about traditional classes, and homework and focus on just the music itself," said **Hlinka**. His passion inspired him to stay in band all four years of high school.

After a long day at school, most kids want to go home and relax, but the members of Jazz Band prefer to jam with Conductor **Mr. Govertsen**. The love of music inspires these students to stay and rehearse the music until they have the best performance possible.

From the trumpet to the bass, Jazz Band comes together to play beautiful pieces of music during their after hours festivals. The jam sessions cover a large spectrum of songs from 1940's swing music to 1960's bee-bop music.

When walking past the music hall, students often hear refrains from "Tuxedo Junction" or "Nostalgia in Times Square." According to **Ian Letts**,

Jazz Band showcases "the complexity of the music as well as the different harmonics, rhythms, and styles."

Although Jazz Band

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is the only band that rehearses after school, they are not the only Band at the school. Symphonic Band rehearses daily during 7th hour showing their years of hard work

and talent.

This band is full of wind instruments and percussion. The band members are part of Pep Band and Marching Band, and all attend Band Camp. Few other people in the world can start a story, "This one time at Band Camp..."

"The feeling of sitting with a bunch of students or friends who love music as much as I do is amazing. The feeling I get when I play music is great because music is my life," said **Amanda Terry**. The whole Symphonic Band wonders who will earn the John Phillip Sousa Award for 2008, an award presented to the most talented musician each year.

-Samantha Deaton

Maturity Rocks. Symphonic Band performs at a more developed level where they practice daily to iron out the kinks to make the music ready for their performances. "I like Symphonic Band because I get to play music on a more mature level which I really like to do. Another good thing about Symphonic Band is that the music is way cooler than all the other bands," said **Seth Kelley**.



Music to my Ears. Extra-curricular activities such as band not only give students the chance to perform what they love to do, but also give them the opportunity to meet new people. Mixing music and friends has meant a great deal to **Girelle Alcocer**. "Band is a good experience because I made a lot of new friendships and kept my old friends at the same time. I also really enjoy all the Band trips and missing school which is also a plus," said **Alcocer**.

C'est La Vie [phr.]

It's the subject in every Advisory classroom. It's stories from the past, current events, and plans for the future. It's what interests students. It's life.

As each student walked into the school on the first day of classes, he or she knew about the changes in the schedule, especially involving the advisory. The Advisory period was a half period full of activities focused on preparing students for a variety of experiences. For underclassmen, it helped to prepare the students for the high school lifestyle. For the upperclassmen, the main purpose of Advisory was to help the students with future plans.

Another purpose for the change was to eliminate the distractions during academic periods. Instead of listening to daily announcements during third hour, they were delivered during Advisory.

Despite conflicting

student opinions, many staff members looked forward to teaching an Advisory. "I love my Advisory," said **Mr. Covino**, the co-

“When I first heard that we were going to have an Advisory period, I thought it was a stupid idea. After I went to the class and found out what it was about, I loved it.”

chairperson of Advisory. "My seniors, though initially skeptical, have come to appreciate the discussions, laughs and lessons we share."

As students walked into their Advisory class,

a feeling of uncertainty overcame them. After learning of the purposes of the Advisory period, most of the students and staff seemed to change their opinions to positive ones. "I think it's really fun, and it's a time when we get to goof off, which is always good," said **Kimberly Kleczewski**.

However, before knowing what Advisory period was all about, some students had hard feelings about the drastic change. "When I first heard that we were going to have an Advisory period, I thought it was a stupid idea. After I went to the class and found out what it was about I loved it. I really like watching We-Go Through the Tube," said **Emily Roberts**.

By: Amanda Huey



Be Prepared. Throughout the year, students prepare for future events. Counselors made special trips to visit each Advisory classroom to provide help when it was needed. Being in a new environment was intimidating for most students, but having an adult to help made it easier to cope with the stress. "Having a period to think about what classes I wanted to take helped me out," said **Alex Lima**.

Hard Work Goes A Long Way

Even though many students feel uncertain about the Advisory, many also say that they find the class useful. Some used this time to catch up on homework. Others caught up with friends. In any case, it was a time to escape from the pressures of academics. "In my Advisory, I tried to get my homework done. When my homework was finished, I contributed to my Advisory class as much as I could," said **Annette Eichenberger**.



One My Happy Family

Advisory isn't necessarily an academic experience. Depending on the Advisory, students have the choice to open up to their class and share personal experiences. "At first it was kind of boring, but once everyone got to know each other, it developed into a really fun group that has become reminiscent of a family," said **Matthew Reinhardt**. With an Advisory like **Reinhardt's**, there was no doubt that students had a good time.

Awareness [n.]

In an effort to increase students' knowledge about child abuse, community members gather to teach, to lead, and to change lives. Being aware of child abuse can be the difference between leaving a problem unresolved or saving a person's life.



Confidence. With a new knowledge of child abuse, **Shane Smith** shows how his confidence grows while participating in role play. "This seminar made me realize that child abuse is out there more than we think it is. It taught me what to do if I was ever in this situation or knew someone who was," said **Smith**, adding that outcomes like this one made the seminar such a success.

Walking into the library, students were eager to learn about how to prevent child abuse. The room was filled with guest speakers and teachers all talking about the signs of child abuse and what they should do to end it. With 150 students from Child Development and English classes in attendance, the panel of teachers, police officers, counselors, nurses and social workers helped the students understand the problem.

The mission was to inform students about the process for help and to whom the students could go to in the school and community if something were ever to happen. Meeting in a small group with a professional gave the students the chance to ask questions and

understand the effects of child abuse better. **Mrs. Kozlowski**, along with **Mrs. Sanchez**, were in charge of the seminar making sure the message

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reached the students. “I was really impressed with the student response to the seminar. The students were involved, excited, and professional. I was proud to be associated with the program,”

said **Mrs. Sanchez**.

After lunch, the students acted out scenarios involving child abuse and what to do to stop it. After learning all they did about child abuse, they decided to share their new information with everyone. The students also made posters to inform the public on what to do about child abuse. At the end of the day, **Mrs. Kozlowski** gave out prizes awarding students who participated in the seminar. “The students responded positively. They didn't realize how many people were involved to repair a whole family after child abuse happens,” said **Mrs. Kozlowski**.

By: Ryan Roman

Regenerate. While listening to the school's social worker, **Mr. Maxson**, **Naila Perez** and **Miguelangel Romero** realize the extent of child abuse. “I learned a lot from the seminar. It was a great opportunity and a huge eye opener,” said **Perez**. Students met teachers available to them in school if this problem ever occurred. “With females as likely as males to be abused in America, assistance needs to be provided in every way possible,” said **Mr. Maxson**.



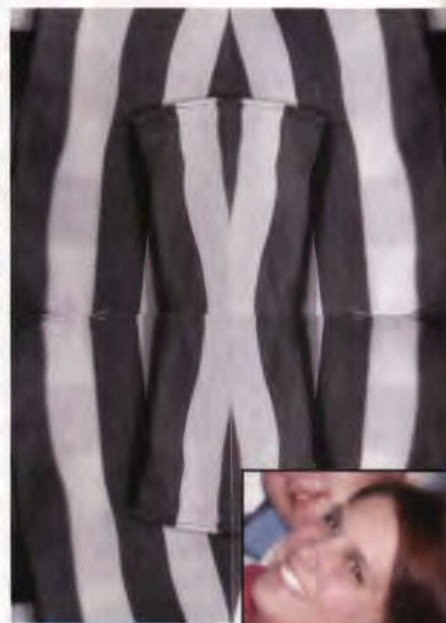
Guidance. With a wide range of professionals at the seminar such as teachers, social workers, doctors, and other counselors, the students were able to gain different points of views from the different professions. **Dr. Most** from Central Dupage Hospital sat with **Geovanni Munoz** and shared his knowledge on child abuse with the students. “**Dr. Most** was a true benefit to our program. He shared his expertise with our students,” said **Ms. Sanchez**.

Intense Doodling [phr.]:

Fine art may not always start off as eye-catching. The artist starts off with only a pencil, a piece of charcoal, or a lump of clay, but with each line, squiggle and impression, these doodles transform blank canvases into masterpieces.



Pattern. Using new colors, shapes, and lines can lead to the creation of magnificent pieces of art. With her eye for design, **Adriana Perez** shows her talent. "I learned how to create this piece by watching a TV show, 'Art Attack'. When I was a little girl, I used to watch my older sister draw, and she inspired me to take an art course here at the high school," said **Perez**.



Out and Pout. "I took a picture of the American Flag and put four of the same shot together to make the object interesting," said **Caitlin Fredricks**.

Mirror Image. "Our teacher took our picture with an expression on our faces and we had to draw it with charcoal," said **Margaret Scott**.





Vibrant. "I just love to draw. I always have. If I see something I like, I'll probably draw it. Most of the stuff I draw comes from movie quotes, song lyrics and just what I'm thinking about at that moment," said **Katelyn Casey.**



Free-hand. "All I needed for this drawing was a pencil and paper. I visualize what I want to draw and once I have any idea of what it's going to be I start drawing," said **Omar Fuentes.**

Keys. "I stood at the end of the piano, focused on the keys nearest the end, and shot the picture. I love piano pictures. I think they are pretty," said **Kathryn Siembieda.**



Dimension. Art is not limited to two dimensions. There are a variety of ways to change a one dimensional piece of artwork. "My inspiration was my love for wood burning. I used the techniques **Mr. Exner** taught me to create this piece," said **Sam Venchus.**

Assimilation [n.]:

CHS has the privilege few schools acquire of experiencing a different culture first hand. These new students are willing to learn and are excited to share a new way of life.

These two different cultures merge together for a common goal under the same roof.

Imagine going to a new school and going through the process of meeting new people and getting used to the new environment. Nerve-wracking, right? Now imagine going to a new country with a new language. This experience is what faces about 65 students at CHS every year.

Seven years ago,

the Welcome Center began to assist native-speaking newcomers to the country. According to Program Director **Mr. Arroyo**, we embrace these new students who don't fit into bilingual

“If you know who you are and where you come from, it will be easier to adapt into another culture.”

helps newcomers into the country learn English and learn about their new surroundings while

reinforcing their old culture. The Welcome Center offers a family atmosphere to a variety of students. The goal is to support them, not only in classes and school but in society as well. “If you know who you are and where you come from, it will be easier to adapt into another culture,” said **Arroyo**.

By: Adi Huerta



Courage. Breaking the barrier between English and Spanish-speaking students is hard, but not for **Rebeca Luna**. Trying out for the Basketball team showed great maturity. Her love for basketball surpassed her fear of rejection.

Understanding. The Welcome Center takes in different age levels and develops all their basic skills. “I love math because I finally understand it,” said **Maria Alvarez**.



Surroundings. Students appreciate the pretty classrooms and the easy going people they meet at CHS. “My favorite class is ESL, it's fun, and I really like **Mr. Poulterer**,” said **Mayra Valdez**.

Support. Attempting to read in English is a challenge for **Moises Martinez**, but he is grateful for the help he receives from the program. “‘What's up’ is my favorite phrase in English,” said **Martinez**.





No Boundaries. "Leaving home is to spread your wings" is painted on the walls of CHS to represent our appreciation of diversity. The inspiring mural is the visual definition of leaving home and assimilating to a new culture. "We have a makeup for a tremendous high school. These kids just have to learn to accept each other," said **Mr. Arroyo**. Located just before Entrance C, the mural serves as inspiration and a reminder for all students and staff to respect each other and step outside their boundaries. This mural is dedicated to **Adan Villa**, who passed away 2004.



New Experiences. The conversation during class is very enjoyable for all students, **Sarai Merino** enjoys her classmates and the program she is in. "It's a great foundation for the newcomers who don't know the language. Everything that comes with it is fun. I love gym with **Mr. McClelland**. It's really cool," said **Merino**.



Thinking Ahead All the students in the program have goals they want to achieve. "My favorite class is ESL because I want to learn English," said **Berenice Martinez**. **Kimberly Diaz**, pictured with **Martinez** above, said she wants to improve her volleyball skills in gym class, and hopes to try out for the volleyball team when she is old enough.



Future. In the classroom the students discuss the importance of goal setting. **Paola Martinez** said, "I have many goals, but my main long term goal is to graduate from high school."

New Horizon. The atmosphere in the classroom is happy and open when learning new topics. "It's favorable for those who don't speak English, and it's a big help," said **Antony Diaz**, a seventh grader.



Quotation [n.]:

It's a vital part of the yearbook, making Challenge more than just facts. They're unique expressions from the Wildcat community. Quotations bring the school year to life, representing the emotions, thoughts, and ideas of the student body and staff.

Once upon a time, a group of students, who later became known by **Ms. Santella** as student journalists, strolled into Room 301. These students, upperclassmen, sophomores, and a freshman, prepared themselves for the tasks on hand. Ready to make something incredible, the first all-color issue of *Challenge*, the staff focused on the year's theme, "By Definition."

Although the students met in a normal classroom, the setting changed very quickly. As **Ms. Santella** greeted new students and chatted with returning ones, including editors, **Ashley Waugh**, **Hannah Strayve**, and **Kara Wolfe**, the room turned into a cozy home. "Yearbook always has a family-like atmo-

sphere. Everyone gets along with each other, and we joke around a lot," added Editor **Kara Wolfe**.

With the class

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Everyone gets along with each other, and we joke around a lot."

being so close as a family, it was no wonder that the students were even closer to their teacher. "**Ms. Santella** is hilarious, and also a really great teacher. She is the perfect balance between a fun teacher and a serious one." said **Molly Pfeifer**.

Although it seemed Yearbook was going to be an easy course, the staff realized that it was not the case. With deadlines approaching, work became hard and irritating. "The most frustrating thing about yearbook is making sure deadlines are done on time," said **Samantha Deaton**.

Given pages to make and deadlines to meet, the journalists went to work. While there were times when the photos did not arrive on time, copies needed to be revised, and layouts did not meet deadline, the 22 staff members pulled through with outstanding results. "Everyone brings a different aspect to the table and combined we make a unique style of fun," added **Justin Kutilek**.



Deep In Thought. While the students in the class are the ones who are making the pages for Yearbook, no one gives as much dedication to the task other than **Ms. Santella**. "**Ms. Santella** has to be the funniest teacher in this school. She's so down-to-earth," said **Quin Gable**. Whether it was asking to see a press pass or changing a whole page to meet standards, **Ms. Santella** made the class an amazing experience.

Making Deadlines Meet.

Working hard, **Amber Weinmann**, **Alyson Taddeucci**, and **Caitlin Fredricks** try to finish their pages on time. "I love when my page falls together, but I really get frustrated when things go wrong," said **Taddeucci**. The most stressful time for student journalists was drop-dead deadline time because the pages need to be perfect, meeting **Ms. Santella's** expectations. It wasn't easy, but the students always seemed to manage.



Lending a Helpful Hand.

New to Yearbook, **Amanda Huey** helps out **Brandon Castillo**. "Helping others doesn't bother me at all. If I need help, I'd hope my peers would do the same for me," said **Huey**. Needing help throughout the year, the students became each other's second family. They helped with secondary headlines and gathering quotes. Spending more time together than any other class, they sang for bagels and met after school to finish pages.

Manage [v.]=

The editors make decisions on everything from font sizes to page assignments to the book's central theme. They write, create layouts, help staff members and edit each page before submission for publication.



Letter from the Editors:
Because this was our first year as an all color book, we did something creative with the opportunity. The **Student Life** section is red because it is thought to represent energy and friendship, attributes clearly seen in the halls and Squad. The **Academics** are green because the color represents growth, which everyone experiences in class. Orange symbolizes enthusiasm and creativity, both necessary for **Club** membership. **Athletics** is splashed in navy blue not only because it is our school color, but also because blue means the loyalty, precision, and confidence seen on the field. Finally, purple enhances the **Rewards** section because the color is interchangeable with wisdom, power, and independence-- three gifts handed to us with our diploma.

-Kara, Ashley, and Hannah



Metropolitan Museum of Art. New York City is the trip editors anxiously await each year. In contrast to attending yearbook-oriented courses at Columbia University, visiting the Met was an appreciated change of pace.



Il Tinello. After taking New York by storm, dinner at Italian Restaurant, Il Tinello, is a wonderful treat. Discussing the book, classes, and NYC in general made dinner as special as the trip itself.



Turbulense. While nerves spike and excitement grows, time in the airport is spent reading Jane Eyre, Cosmo, and Spin. While some recited superstitions, others calmly took their seats on the Jet Blue flight to JFK International Airport.

Deadline [n.]:

To some, this simple word causes instant anxiety. To others, it gives them the motivation they need to finish their pages. But in the end, everyone's fingers start violently pushing the keys of their keyboards down, so that they can finish everything in time.

Their fingers cramped with every letter they pushed on the keyboard. Editor-in-Chief **Jessica Bergmann** and the rest of the newspaper staff vigorously worked through deadline week. **Bergmann** focused on correcting her fellow staff members' articles, making sure they were perfect and ready to read for the upcoming Thursday. "A lot of work goes into the paper, because we have a lot of late nights where we stay till nine at night. Once it's finished it's a great feeling," said **Kymberly McDaniel**. It's this dedication that separates the newspaper staff members from their peers.

The *Wildcat Chronicle* displayed various articles focusing

on the new school tardy policy, emergent cases of MRSA, and recent sporting event scores. "I want kids to read it more, so I

"While I work, I think of how my story could make an impact on the lives of students."

try to vary my stories to relate to everyone," said **Oscar Grajeda**.

On Thursdays, students line up in Commons to look at the journalism class's monthly finished work. The brown tables are covered with the opened copies of *Wildcat Chronicle*. Not only does the newspaper staff look forward to students

reading their work, the students themselves also look forward to see what is in the monthly issue.

Not only does the staff have **Bergmann** to look to for help, but they also have their advisor, **Ms. Kuehn**. Her experience in writing greatly helps the staff when creating this award winning paper. She has led the *Chronicle* to winning the Golden Eagle Award and The Quill and Scroll International Award.

It's no surprise that it's an award-winning newspaper because of the staff that produces the paper each month. "While I work, I think of how my story could make an impact on the lives of students and staff," said **Jacob Wucka**.

By: **Quin Gable**



Check Your Spelling. A little peer editing is never a bad thing. It was **Jessica Bergmann's** job as Editor-in-Chief to peer critique her fellow staff members. In this case, the Entertainment Editor **Oscar Grajeda** needed a little advice. "I always have a few spelling mistakes here and there, so it's a great when someone edits my work. I don't want people reading my work and saying how I can't spell," said **Grajeda**.

Dedication at Work.

Deadline week is a stressful time for the newspaper staff. **Trevor Bodie** typed away, trying to finish his articles before time ran out. "Normally in the J-lab everyone is talking and asking others what they think about their work. Although during deadline week, the room is completely silent. Everyone is trying to finish their work," said **Bodie**. The staff's dedication really showed when it was time to turn in articles into the printer.



Final Final Every Thursday, the newspaper staff, including **Jacob Wucka**, hand out their monthly accomplishment. A huge amount of effort went into making this paper a great read. First the topics were cleverly picked, next the research found, and then writing the article took many cups of coffee. So when the paper finally came out, the staff couldn't wait to see it. "I enjoy seeing every section and how everything fits together," said **Wucka**.

Poetry [n.]:

It's more than a collection of stanzas and rhymed couplets. It's the way teenagers express their joy, sadness, excitement, anxiety and hopes for the future. And in "Mind's Eye," it combines with artwork and photography to show the true feelings of artists.

Allowing students to express themselves in various forms of art, the "Mind's Eye" literary magazine is a unique and enjoyable piece of work. The individualism that each student brings to this club makes it one of the more intriguing extracurricular activities. While members discuss potential pieces of art to be involved in the magazine, they choose from

elegant poetry, imaginative illustrations, and eye-catching photography.

With the former advisor, **Mrs. Cobbett**, on maternity leave, **Ms. Santella** had some big shoes to fill as she became the new advisor. The eight members

took an immediate liking to **Ms. Santella** and met once a week showing the creative side of Community High School. "I joined the literary magazine because I believe the artistic expression involved can change our school," said Editor

Hannah Strayve.

After reviewing over 100 submissions, the staff chose the pieces to fill the pages of the magazine. As the final decisions were made, the editors laid out the pages with the students' work. Set to release in May "Mind's Eye" is an innovating publication that makes for a pleasurable read.

By: Justin Kutilek

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Food for Thought. Taking a break from the meeting, **Cristina Rico** munches on some pizza and brainstorms more ideas for the magazine. "**Cristina** is a true artist," said **Ms. Santella**, the advisor.

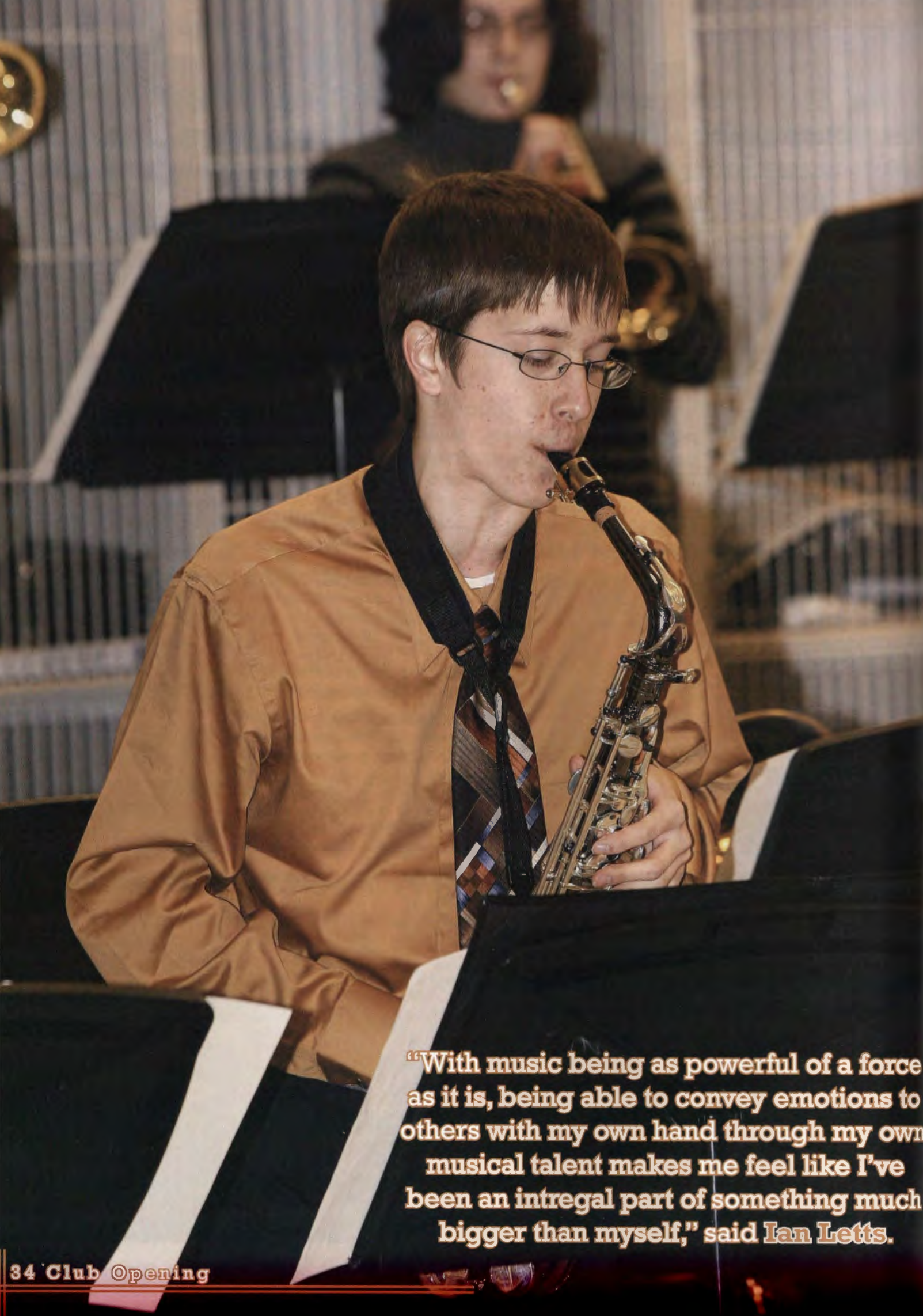
Analyze That. Reviewing more than 60 poetry submissions and 40 art pieces, **Brendan McCormack** recommends several pieces for submission. "It's important that students recognize the talents of their peers," said **McCormack**.



Final Word. Contemplating the strengths of two very different poems, **Lawrence Campbell** suggests using both works in the magazine. **Campbell**, new to the "Mind's Eye" staff, became an integral part of its production.

Road and React. Observing the illustrations shown in a slide show on the television, **Grace An Solivent** selects the most worthy pieces of art to be shown in "Mind's Eye."





“With music being as powerful of a force as it is, being able to convey emotions to others with my own hand through my own musical talent makes me feel like I’ve been an intregal part of something much bigger than myself,” said Ian Letts.

Wild Card [phr.]=

With more than twenty-nine clubs to choose from, students can take a chance at many opportunities to explore their talents and make high school a little less intimidating.

The dictionary defines the term "wild card" as a joker or other card that can be used as any other card to complete a hand. It's the key to winning, and joining a club is like holding a wild card. With many clubs to join, the term wild card earns a new meaning. Clubs such as Best Buddies, Chess Club, FBLA, Key Club, International Club, and Student Council have different purposes and are all unique.

The assortment of clubs illustrates how students can play their wild cards and join any club they desire making their high school experience one to remember. "Wild cards are like clubs because every student can choose what club they want to be involved in," said **Lanie Sikorski**.

Additionally, these activities can improve students' academic abilities, and allow them to make new friends. "We-Go Buddies club is enjoyable because you can expand your friendships while having fun."

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fun. I decided to join because I wanted to know some of the special education students, and I

had friends involved too," said **Jessica Kassanits**. With the amount of people in each club, students are presented with the opportunities to make new friends.

If you play your cards right, and join one of the many clubs We-Go has to offer, you just might end up a winner.

By: Alyson Taddeucci



Kelsey Skogsberg, Carissa Gouskos, Robyn Niakelson, Morgan Abrams, Kim Busok, Renee Cirone, Lanie Sikorski, Chelsea Steak, and Abbey Mastroianni



Sara Lim

Companions [n.]:

Friendship is something that cannot be learned, only understood. It enriches people's lives and brightens their days. Nobody understands this concept better than the members of We-Go Buddies.

These students share friendships built to last a lifetime.

It's a Saturday afternoon, and Enchanted Castle is filled with members of We-Go Buddies, ready to engage in a laser-tag battle. Laughter marks the occasion as students pair together to share friendship and to try a new experience.

We-Go Buddies is not simply a club or group; it is its own family within the high school.

Students from a variety of backgrounds become buddies and build genuine friendships to last a lifetime. "I have made a bunch of new friends, and learned how to play laser tag," said **Sam Venchus**. The group meets twice a

month and participates in after school activities the classroom, providing a healthier environment.

We-Go Buddies enjoy laser tagging and bowling trips. They have bonfires, cookie baking parties, movie nights, and a Field Day in the spring. "It's been a great opportunity to get to know the students socially," said advisor **Mrs. Lynch**.

By: Alex Mills

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every four weeks.

These trips promote a valuable high school experience, as well as a good time. Teachers learn about these students outside



Happy Feet. Smiling and laughing as she partakes in a game of Dance Dance Revolution, **Kerry Doremus** is accompanied and encouraged by **Cristina Mendez**. The girls were able to bond by spending their evening together.



Passing Right. Speeding around the race course at Enchanted Castle, **Oscar Avila** passes **Ms. Gonzalez** in an effort to win this friendly competition against his spirited teacher.



Game On. Taking a moment from laughter for a serious competition in video games, **Lorenzo Jones** and **Christian Simanonis** race into cyber space.

Spooked. Walking through the Spook Shack at Sonny Acres Farm, **Jessica Mitsch** lets out an astonished shriek when turning the corner. We-Go Buddies' trip made for a good fright and an excellent afternoon.





The Gang's All Here. After laser tagging, go kart racing, playing video games, and eating pizza, We-Go Buddies prepare to head out. The time they spend together is fun-filled and worthwhile, no matter where that time is spent. "We-Go Buddies is such a rewarding program to be a part of," said **Adilenia Huerta**. "We all appreciate each others' company, and learn valuable life lessons from each other."



Lasting Impressions. In the final moments of their evening at Enchanted Castle in Lombard, buddies **Karina Reyes**, **Alejandra Zavala**, **Oscar Avila**, and **Jessica Mitsch** gather together to discuss the eventful evening they've had with one another. Together they enjoyed the bumper cars and arcade games, but being with one another made the night even more pleasant.



Floor It. Speeding around every twist and turn at the indoor racetrack at Enchanted Castle, **Amanda Hempte** pushes go kart number eighteen to the limit, straining to try and defeat her friends in this friendly competition, and smiling along the way. As a first year member of We-Go Buddies, **Hempte** made a handful of new friends.



A Slice of Life. It's pizza time, and everyone gathers for a slice. "The food is the best part," said **Lorenzo Jones**. "When we eat, we get to sit down and learn about everyone. This is why we're here."

Frightfully Fun. Behind the mask, **Dave Luka** smiles happily during his afternoon at Sonny Acres Farm. **Luka** makes some of his best memories with his companions from We-Go Buddies.



Half-Time [n.]:

It's the time when a group of dedicated and talented entertainers comes out together and presents their skills in front of hundreds of people under the lights. The night's performance brings excitement and joy into the air.

The night is warm. The moon is full. The Band and Color Guard are ready. It is half-time. The football team marches out, as the performers march in. Excitement is in the air as the crowd is eager to see what the Band's selection is. The Drumline leads as the rest set their positions. The first song of the night, Michael Jackson's

"Thriller," begins. The crowd looks on in amazement. The routine ends, and the fans clap as the members march proudly.

on performing at half-time.

Through the year, Band and Color Guard practice immensely to

football and other competitions. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band practice for concerts and competitions during the entire year. To be in Color Guard and Band, takes a huge amount of time and dedication. Band and Color Guard are what makes half-time entertaining and gives the school a lot of pride.

"It is amazing to be under the lights and to be doing what I love to do."

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perform in front of hundreds. Color Guard practices twice a week through the year to prepare for performances at



Make the Flag Go Round. As the crowd looks pleased, *Stephanie Rogers* spins her flag in front of the fans at half-time of the football game. With the talents of the Color Guard, the performance proved to be more than a musical display.

The Sound of Music. As the Band marches to the tunes of Michael Jackson, *Girelle Alcocer's* flute playing leads her fellow band mates who don't miss a beat.



Hitting the Right Notes. With music chosen by Band Director *Mr. Govertsen*, *Jeff Hlinka* shows off his instrumental talents on the clarinet. "I didn't just make music on the field. I made memories," said *Hlinka*.

Twirl Show. Twirling her flag, *Lanie Sikorski* marches in tune with the music. The Color Guard's weekly practices led the group to an award-winning performance.





Leading in the Dark. The Drumline begins the entertainment for the half-time show. Members included *Ashton Swinney, Kurt Johnson, Nicholas Secker, Michael Dalton, Nicholas Tedeschi, Janna Wierenga, and William Burke.* They led the band in playing the Michael Jackson hits of "Thriller," "A-B-C," and "Beat It" during the half-time performances.



Thriller Night. Spicing up their performance, *Carrie Liszka* and *Rebecca Howe* share their choreography with hundreds of fans at the half-time show. "At first, I'm really nervous, but as soon as we march out there and the music starts I forget about it," said *Liszka*, who is in Color Guard for a second year with the group that brought pizzazz to the field every performance.



Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough. With talent and Wildcat spirit, *Brodie Ruman* shows off her skills. *Ruman* joined Color Guard as a freshman, inspired by a presentation at her middle school. "It seemed interesting so I decided to join," said *Ruman*, adding that she looks forward to continuing her skills throughout all of high school.



Just Beat It. While exercising his drumming abilities, *Nick Tedeschi* stares into the crowd in amazement. His talents really stood out as he adds to the Michael Jackson song.

Leader of March. Drum Major *David Hiltner* leads the Band's performance at the Homecoming football game. *Hiltner* was chosen by *Mr. Govertsen* after auditioning for the leadership role.



Encore [n.]:

When passion meets practice, the vocalists of Choir come together and create a mixture of melody, lyrics, and inspiration. These sopranos, tenors, and altos hit the high notes and the low notes, leaving the crowd always wanting more.

The anticipation began to build before Chamber Choir even reached the stage. Their zero hour class and hard work was finally about to pay off. The singers stood in the auditorium awaiting their conductor, the choir director, to lead them in their first song. The audience was full of energy as the singers began the night with a favorite Latin song, "Dixit

Maria." "Singing in a foreign language is not that bad, because when you sit down and actually

After the final song was finished, the vocalists were pleased with their performance. "You can't

the crowd going wild," said **Natalie Ckuj**.

According to **Ckuj**, a minimum of 3,375 minutes is put into every piece of music by all Choir members. "All students from Mixed Choir on up to Concert Choir work extremely hard. They have a common bond with their appreciation and love of music," said **Mr. Fantozzi**.

By: Samantha Deaton

"You can't help but feel the pride in your stomach as you realize that the amazing sound you just made had the crowd going wild."

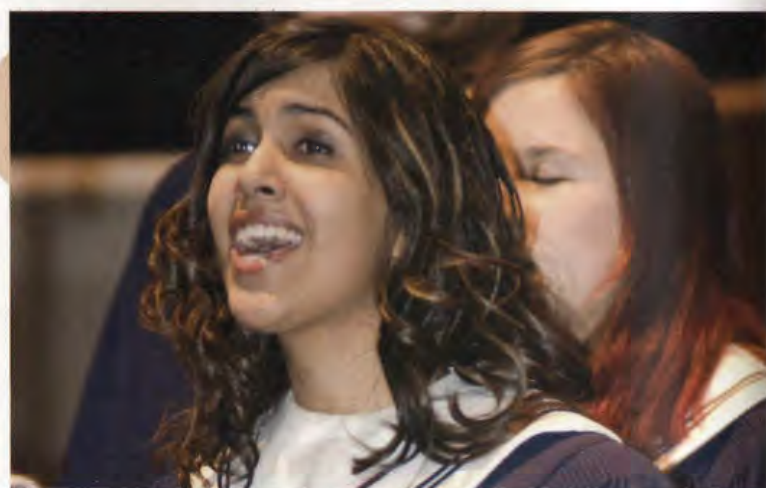
read the translations, it turns out to be a beautiful piece," said Secretary **Courtney Rosalez**.

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Emotional Connection. Choir is a time for **Annette Sanchez** to share her love of music. "When we sing a sad song, I try and connect emotionally to the lyrics and meaning of the song," said **Sanchez**.

Passion. After being a part of Choir himself during high school, **Mr. Fantozzi** now proudly directs the Choir. "It is an honor and a privilege to direct the Choirs at Community High School," said **Fantozzi**.



Because of Love. Singing since first grade, **Teresa Rubio** and **Katie Jealouse** still sing their hearts out. "Being on stage makes me nervous, but my love for singing motivates me to overcome my stage fright," said **Rubio**.

Life Source. Chamber Choir member **Susan Nowicki** has an unbelievable love for music. "Singing is what gets me up in the morning, it is my life, my love, and my passion," said **Nowicki**.



Ensemble [n.]:

With the sounds of their instruments coming alive, Mr. Govertsen and the members of the Orchestra enchant audiences in Weyrauch Auditorium. While one instrument makes a singular sound, the whole Orchestra comes together to create something one can only call magical.

It was a cool November afternoon, and it was time for violinist **Katrina Turzinski** to leave for her Orchestra concert. She felt anxious because it was the first concert of the year, but she was confident that she would perform well. **Turzinski** and her 35 fellow musicians began preparing two months earlier, as soon as they received the sheet music

for “Petrouchka” by Stravinsky from director **Mr. Govertsen**. “We play music that is both attainable for the students, but also challenges their abilities ideally.”

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As violinist **Ashley**

Michnick explained, **Govertsen** emphasizes the story behind the music and makes Orchestra an experience these students won’t soon forget. “**Mr. Govertsen** is great. I couldn’t ask for a better conductor. He loves music, and he knows a lot about it. I am so grateful to have him for a conductor,” said **Michnick**.

By: Molly Pfeifer



Classical Notes. During the Holiday concert, violinist **Margaret Scott** passionately plays “Petrouchka” by Stravinsky. The melody and the complexity of the piece enchanted listeners at the concert in the auditorium.

One Last Note. As her final musical piece comes to a close, **Ashley Michnick** thinks of all the great memories from Orchestra. “Going to Disney World basically rocked...it was so much fun!” said **Michnick**.



No Strings Attached. After playing the violin for eight years, **Katrina Turzinski** is not scared of a packed crowd. “At first I didn’t like playing in front of an audience, but now it’s just like a normal thing for me,” said **Turzinski**

A Little RandR. Concentrating on the conductor, **Anthony Hasbun** enjoys perfecting every note of his musical pieces. “Playing classical music helps to relax me especially before a concert,” said **Hasbun**.



Curtain Call [n.] =

Laughter, cheers, and a sea of clapping hands fill the auditorium as the actors and actresses take their final bow. This sound lets the performers feel pride as the curtain marks the end of the show.

It is 7 o'clock on the opening night of *Pirates' Rest*, the fall play put on by talented students of all grade levels. The excitement can be felt pulsing through the audience in anticipation of the production about to take place.

Pirates' Rest focuses on the story of four friends from Washington DC. The group of friends decides to travel to North Carolina to visit a bed and breakfast, called *Pirates' Rest* for a weekend full of pirates, adventure, and mayhem filled

with unexpected twists. "Having the Pirates' Rest be a bed and breakfast instead of a motel was a twist I never expected to see, it made the whole production feel more

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personal," said **Ethan Burau**.

The cast spent weeks memorizing lines, practicing, and rehearsing to perfect the play to

be audience-ready. "Performing is my life, and I don't know what I would do without it. It's one of those things you cannot describe in words," said **Kristen Frank** regard-

ing her performing experiences. Students who took part in the production stayed after school for hours, put in time on

the weekends, helped put together the set and made memorization part of their daily schedules. Everyone involved helped, putting together an outstanding production.

The fall play was no doubt a success and a memory that all involved will always remember. *Pirates' Rest* was phenomenal. When it ended, I was sad because I knew I would never see anything like it ever again," said **Morgan Abrams**.

By: Jessica Wendt

Gettin' Settled. A welcoming Charmaine helps Marjorie (**Rebekah Babis**) and Estelle (**Caitlin Kiel**) settle into her bed and breakfast called the *Pirates' Rest*. "I loved playing Charmaine. Her life is so interesting and exciting. She kept me on my toes," said **Kristen Frank**.

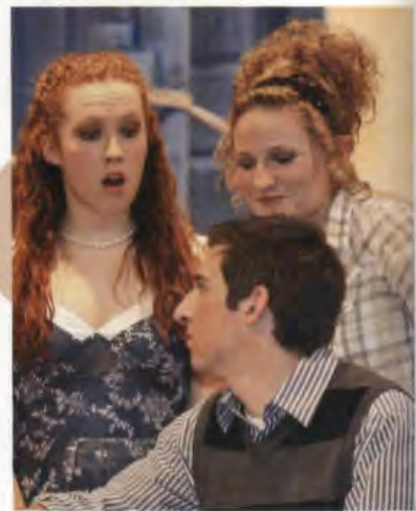


Friendly Competition. During "Pirates' Rest," Renee (**Susan Nowicki**) and Samantha (**Mary Elizabeth Showalter**) have an argument about men competing for Renee's affection. Renee sees no problem, while Samantha feels outraged at the situation.



Drive Me Crazy. A frustrated service man drops Mimi's luggage as she orders the poor cab driver around like he is her slave. "I felt so bad for the cab driver that Mimi kept ordering around. It was pretty funny though when he got so frustrated that he just dropped her luggage. Her face was priceless," said **Jonathan Krystinak**.

Telling Fables. An animated Charmaine tells Renee and Bob the tale of old Uncle Nubs and the ship's revenge. "I loved when Charmaine told the story of old uncle Nubs and the ships revenge. Charmaine was very humorous and always made me laugh throughout the play," said **Michael Sedjo**.





Center Stage. Gathered around the table Reverend Beam (**Brandon Cleek**), Charmaine (**Kristen Frank**), and Bob (**Michael Dalton**) study the message from Babbिन. "When they studied the message, all I could do was wonder what the meaning was, and where and why this message fits it. The message really made me think about everything happening in the play and how it was going to pull together in the end," said **Jay Lenahan**.



Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better. Charmaine (**Kristen Frank**) and Crusty (**Brenden McCormack**) have a discussion about Charmaine's grits. Everyone thinks that the grits are nothing to brag about while Charmaine thinks they are the best.



The Treasure Rests Beyond the Stars. During *Pirates' Rest*, Bob (**Michael Dalton**) tries to solve the riddle. "When I found out what the riddle was I was tried to figure it out before the cast gave it away. I tried, but they beat me to it," said **Barrett Serrato**.



Sneaky Sneaky. While secretly snooping Sylvia (**Victoria Snell**) performs her task of being a spy trying to figure out who exactly is scamming money from all the British Banks. "My favorite character was the spy. She was so sneaky and really made me think who is watching me? Am I being watched? It was something in the play that I never expected to see," said **Chad Demas**.

Just the Two of Us. Returning from an evening walk on the beach Renee (**Susan Nowicki**) and Bob (**Michael Dalton**) stroll back to the bed and breakfast. "Watching Bob and Renee return from their walk on the beach was like watching a scene from *The Notebook*. It was so intimate. You could practically feel the intimacy vibrating through the audience," said **Susan Nowicki**.



Goosebumps [n.]:

It's the feeling that rushes through every audience member with each performance and every talent that comes to life from the center stage.

It was 6:30 p.m. and performers only had 30 minutes until the annual Variety Show, sponsored by FBLA, was set to begin. With butterflies in their stomachs, students ran from the dressing room to bathroom, fixing their make-up and making sure that they were familiar with their acts. **Thomas Hahs**, a bassist for the band Craze, made sure his amplifier was plugged in, and he strummed to make sure his guitar was in tune. The hosts of the show, in basketball jerseys and raincoats, practiced their openings, knowing that in a few minutes they would face the more than 350 students filling the auditorium.

First on the stage was **Amy Volk**, who warmed up her voice just before her grand entrance. Performing "In my Little Corner" for a pumped-up crowd was just the motivation she needed to

demonstrate her talents to her fellow peers. **Ethan Dean** in his black tuxedo and **Susan Nowicki** in her evening gown stunned the crowd with their rendition of "That's All I Ask of You," from *The Phantom of the Opera*. **John**

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Malandruccolo, Oscar Grajeda, and Michael Dalton were mistaken for N-Sync, when they displayed their hip-hop personas. When hosts **Paul Warkins, Hanna Colliander, Caitlin Macdonald, and Rebecca Cisowski** made their way to the podium, the crowd waited in anticipation to hear the next routine on stage. Performing "Dani California," the band Business Casual led by

multi-talented singer, piano player, and lead guitarist **Jack McCormack** rocked out a tribute piece and mystified every spectator in the auditorium.

Variety Show Director **Mrs. Wirth** headed a concert that

scoped out the best talent in the school. According to **Wirth**, the Variety Show is unlike any other event at the school. "It gives a place for kids to show off their abilities and really express themselves," said **Wirth**. Having the background experience that **Wirth** has, FBLA was able to direct and produce a very

entertaining experience for everyone to enjoy.

The selected few that chose to prove their skills and talents to the rest of the school were rewarded with roaring applause. When the seats cleared and the stage curtains closed, every student in attendance left with a sense awe and excitement with the performances they had just witnessed. The hard work and dedication exerted by each performer, are qualities every student should admire.

By: Victor Velazquez



Flawless. Keying away with fast fingers, **Alexis Hosticka** plays "Solfeggietto" for a stand-up crowd.



Showstopper. Demonstrating her knowledge of foreign works of music, **Natalie Ckuj** sings a French piece called "Après un Reve."



Thunder Struck. Sliding atop the gleaming stage with a vocal solo, **Francis Beifuss** staggers the crowd while making a name for his band Craze. "The Variety Show was an amazing experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything," said **Beifuss**.

Dancing with the Stars.

Moving her feet with the music, **Sara Smolucha** demonstrates Irish dancing in its finest hour.



Guitar Hero.

Rocking out to some old-fashioned rock melodies, **John Aniello** strums his bass guitar for his band Business Casual. "I am positive that the Variety Show was one of the most awesome experiences of my life. I've done many concerts, but in front of friends and school peers was different," said **Aniello**.



Harmony.

With a sound of sweet melodious music, **Precious Dannug** expresses her singing talents to the school with the song "Unwritten."



Drop It Like It's Hot. Showing that he is the best hidden talent in the auditorium, **Darryl Thomas** break dances his way to glory.



Let's Get Ready to Rumble. Announcing the talents for the annual Variety Show, hosts **Caitlin MacDonald** and **Paul Warkins** reveal the best stage abilities that can be found. "The acts were very good. The **Michael Dalton, John Malandruculo, and Oscar Graveda** act was a standout. I always enjoy a good Soulja Boy dance," said **Warkins**.

Articulate [v.]:

Orators of the speech team define and reinforce their points through argument and evidence. They eloquently relay their thoughts with confident and enthusiastic expressions of the voice.

It is a Saturday in November when our speech team members start traveling to tournaments to compete. Students compete in one of thirteen events of different levels of speech and attempt to make it to the next round. "Our team has bonded and supported each other beyond my hopes this year," said coach **Mr. Kling**.

During the evaluation, the judge ranks the students on a scale

from a low one to a high six based on the performance. In the past years, our speech team has won

Sometimes their speaking skills are not able to be seen on a regular basis; it gives them some-

team is my sport," said member **Bill Heinze**.

The team provides a constructive outlet for students to share their speaking abilities and let their natural instincts shine. "Speech is a really good way for students to express their creative side in a positive way where they are with students that are like-minded," said team fan **Mike Sedjo**.

"Speech Team is where I showcase myself. I practice, coach, and compete like other athletes. Speech team is my sport."

many awards in all conference meets and IMSA tournaments.

With about twenty students on the team, it is a way to show the abilities peers at our school have.

thing to work towards. "Speech team gives me a goal. It is where I can showcase myself, and my progress. I practice, coach, and compete like other athletes do. Speech

By: *Jessica Wendt*



Communication. Speech Team coach **Mr. Kling** has seen all types of speakers through his years of coaching. "This is the youngest team I have coached in six years, but I see lots of growth and potential," said **Kling**.

A Mind Through Voice. With three years of being on Speech Team, **Kasha Grabiec** has learned the ins and outs of giving an impressive speech. "I love speech team. I love the performance factor," said **Grabiec**.



The Gift Of Persuasion. Placing 10th at the IHSA meet, **Bill Heinze** is recognized as one of our most valued and gifted speakers. **Heinze** practiced and re-structured to perfection.

Projection. Tournament champion **Carrie Liszka** is a vital member of the team. **Liszka** placed third at the Rolling Meadows Invitational and was an inspiration to her fellow teammates.



Potential [n.]:

Watch out, Wall Street. These Future Business Leaders of America will be in control of the economic community soon. With their minds set on achieving, the members of FBLA study and compete with students from all over the country, while challenging themselves to be the best they can be.

Competing with students from all around the country, the members of Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, prepared for the event to come. Summer Nationals, a huge achievement for students, could only be attended when members placed third or higher at state. It tested skills that **Ms. Blume** and **Mrs. Wirth** helped students work on during

the school year. "**Mrs. Wirth** and **Ms. Blume** spend time with students to prepare for compe-

“Through FBLA, I’ve made lasting friends, and I’ve learned life smarts that will help me to be a more successful adult.”

titions. They give valuable advice,” said **Ryan Crawford**. Many of the skills, such as speaking, are improved with meet-

ings, take home packets, and conference events.

Not only involved with competitions, FBLA

to the homes of less the fortunate. It was uplifting to see their faces,” said **Rebecca Cisowski**.

Many members who joined FBLA left with more than what they expected. “In FBLA, I’ve made lasting friends and I’ve learned life smarts that will help me be a more successful adult,” said **Caitlin MacDonald**.

By: Courtney Neseimeier



Smiles and Good Times. As the officer team prepares for the Variety Show, each finds a way to show that these times won't be forgotten. “I love everybody on the officer team,” said Secretary **Kristen Kotche**.

Leadership at Its Finest. Sitting quietly at Summer Nationals, **Matthew Thomas** thinks of his event to come. “FBLA seemed interesting. Before the event, I kept thinking, I hope I do okay,” added **Thomas**.



Future Candidates. After Summer Nationals, **Diana Martinez** and **Dana Burgess** return to the hotel. “I loved Summer Nationals! It gave me a taste of being professional,” said **Martinez**.

Accomplishing Set Goals. Placing from first to seventh place, the Northern Area Conference team shows that they're not a group to be overlooked. “It was one of my best memories,” said **Rebecca Cisowski**.



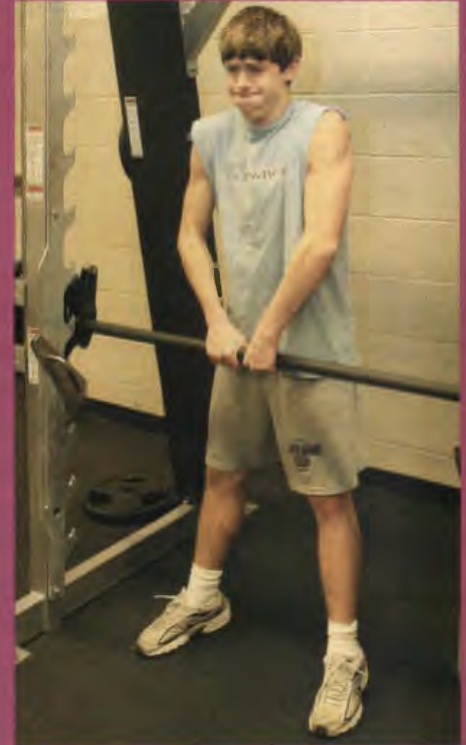
Snapshots [n.]:

These moments have been captured forever. They are the memories that will last a lifetime. They are the random experiences within the lives of each individual. They tell the story of a day at school.



Coofing Off. Commons is a place where students of every grade level gather to meet, mingle and munch. Sophomores **Haley Demitropoulos**, **Louis Richards**, **Blair Skarin**, **Collin Wiersema**, and **Antonio Tristino** enjoyed their time off in Commons. The students used it as a time to chill out when they were hard at work for the rest of the day. "I can't go a day without

Pumping Iron. Finding time to keep in shape can be hard, but lifting weights in Advanced Strength Training has P.E. students finding time to work out. During his fourth hour class, **Zak Bayless** maxed out doing shoulder shrugs with 115 lbs. "I like this time during the day where I can do what I want for a change," said **Bayless**, who said that working out everyday helped him keep his muscles bulky and strong.



Any Questions?

Wanting to know more information about Beowulf, the title character in the epic poem, **Jim Miner** raises his hand in AP English IV. The first student to be honored as the Student of the Month, **Miner** demonstrated the intellectual curiosity that will lead him to Cornell in the fall.



Not Alone. Relieving herself of extra work, **Sian Malan** studies with her group in American Studies. **Malan** and her class had to research and walk in the shoes of a historical person. "The project helped me learn about the lifestyles that people had in earlier years," said **Malan**.



The Next Picasso.

Sometimes it can be hard to find the time to write about thoughts and feelings. In his painting class, **Eder Gonzalez** expressed himself in a creative way. He used his creativity to make a masterpiece.



Snacking a Snack. While most students wait until their lunch to eat, **Sam Colburn** cannot wait. **Colburn** sat back and enjoyed some chips while chatting with his friends in Advisory.

Shhh. Sitting quietly in the library, **Samantha Gerleve** works on her homework without any distractions. Sometimes students found it hard to concentrate in Commons where friends socialize.



Hands Are Tied. Freshman Academy is a class that students need to pass to graduate. **Neil Hummer** learned how to tie a knot for the rock climbing portion of his gym class. Knowing exactly what to do, **Hummer** finished his knot within ten seconds.

Early Release. A group of Seniors gather after an endless seventh hour discussing plans for seeing movies and sledding. "The privilege of eighth hour off made relaxing before work possible so I wouldn't be too tired to go out at night," said **Christy Liszka**.



Flippin' Out. In their French IV class, **Claudia Santana** and **Maria Romero** flip their crepes. Their Foreign Language class had them doing more than just listening to lectures. They did activities like performing French plays for different classes.



With Heart and Imagination. Ceramics is a class with few restrictions. **Nathaniel Strayve** used creativity to express himself in Ceramics. "I work my magic," said **Strayve**.

All Attention to the Front. Although paying attention in an academic class can be a challenge, **Zachary Mowen**, **Chrissie Rovtar**, **Nicole Kuhlman** and **Tyler Wrzesinski** prove it can be accomplished. Sitting through lectures usually led to daydreaming, but sometimes teachers varied their tactics. "You do a lot of group projects and hands-on activities to help understand the concepts in American Studies," said **Rovtar**.



Abstract [adj.]:

Performing more than an average hip-hop dance, these young ladies dominated the floor with their talent. The girls choreographed dances that conveyed their attitudes and emotions through movements that tell stories of heartbreak, love, and despair.

The 26th annual Dance Production show, "HitMewithMusic," didn't just bring average hip-hop routines. This show was taken to a whole new level with abstract dances ranging from lyrical to pointe, choreographed by a group of 30 girls. "I liked the dances that the girls choreographed and worked hard on to perfect for the show. I was pleased with their performance and with the close bonds the girls had this year," said Dance Director **Mrs. Zmrhal**.

Taking a class all semester and practicing after school helped the girls prepare for their big display at the end of January. "Our creative minds put the dances together, and our movement makes the dances come to life, but without the girls' hard work, dedication, and

help from **Mrs. Zmrhal** it would not have been possible," said **Lauren Desik**.

With 12 Seniors in Dance Production, only some will pursue dance careers. For the rest, this was their last moment in the spotlight. "The final show on Saturday night was bittersweet. I have

been dancing since I could walk. I have made so many bonds on the Dance Production Team. After graduating early, the show was my perfect ending," said Co-captain **Robyn Nickelson**.

On the 24th and 26th of January, Weyrauch Auditorium filled with a sold-out crowd to support their dancers. With 24 unique dance routines, the girls pleased the crowd and received a standing ovation.

"Being a part of Dance Production is a rewarding experience to share with all the girls and Mrs. Zmrhal. Being on the stage and feeling all the energy is exhilarating!"

By: Michelle Nitti



Bonding Time. After a long period of dancing, the girls gather together for a break. No matter the grade level, they always made time to bond and laugh with one another. "I have gotten close with every one of these girls in one year on DP, and have made memories that will not be forgotten," said **Julie Leveille**.



Perfection. A ballet performance choreographed by **Anna Duran** and **Rachel Molinaro** tells a story of two young women fighting over the prized possession of the perfect pair of ballet shoes. "I really enjoyed getting into character and bringing a different type of dance to the show," said **Duran**.



All That Jazz. Showing off her flexibility, **Renee Cirone** shows her split personality as an innocent convict. "My character, Six, killed her husband by slipping poison in his drink. The Cook County Jail finds her guilty, but she claims innocent and says he had it coming!" said **Cirone**.

You Have Five Seconds to Rewind This Tape. Dancing to their fullest potential these girls give this hip-hop remix all they've got. "At the end of the dance we had five seconds to rewind the tape. This phrase had more of a significance to the Seniors in DP. Having this phrase in our routine, meant for us, just wanting to rewind every song to just keep on dancing," said **Stacey Santillan**.



The Old Can't Help It. Performing a trio with **Renee Cirone** and **Morgan Abram** to the song "Clumsy," **Lauren Desik** shows her love for dance. "This dance had such a unique style I loved how the girls acted and danced all at once," said **Samantha Nolte**.



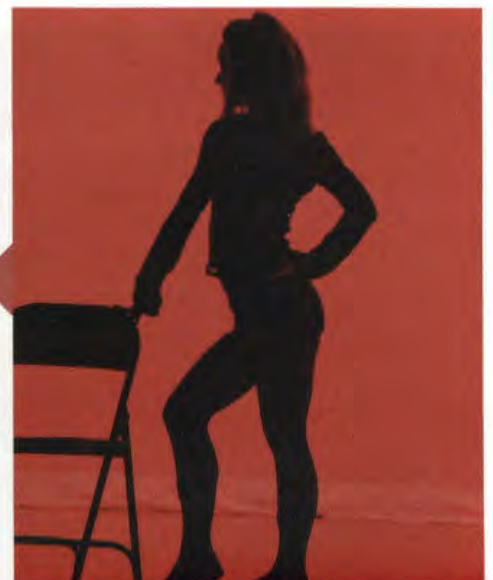
Practice Makes Perfect. These girls work their hardest every practice to make sure this show is perfect. "The most important rehearsals are over winter break. We get the most work done to prepare for our show in January. Even though the practices are long, practice makes perfect," said **Alyssa Santelli**.

Senior Dance. Under the spotlight for the last time, these Senior girls perform a hip-hop dance routine to a mix of songs. For most, it was going to be the last time performing in front of an audience. "Being the first dance in the show was something the Seniors really wanted, we wanted the crowd to be impressed from the beginning, and we knew we could get it done. When we saw the warning lights flash, it was a cue for our hearts to start pounding. While we waited for the curtains to open, during the two long suspenseful minutes, we weren't going over the dance in our heads, we were thinking how this was our last show and last dance as the Class of 2008," said **Adi Huerta**.

Attitude. Dancing not just to an average dance, but tapping away, **Danielle Pacelli** gets the crowd to "Watch Her Feet." Making different beats and rhythms **Pacelli** showed her spice of attitude. "We both had a really good time working with this piece. All we did was have fun with it, and it turned into something really good. I loved every minute of it," said **Danielle Pacelli**.



Time to Tango. Taken from the movie *Chicago*, the girls perform the Cell Block Tango, a dance about six lady murderesses on death row. "My character's husband accused her of cheating, so he 'ran into' her knife ten times. It was really fun to get into character. The costumes were awesome, and the dance was unique. It was definitely my one of my favorite dances," said **Sarah Pierpoint**.



Buzzer [n.] =

This small device signals both a team member buzzing in to answer a question and the end of the time limit to respond to a question. The ability for a player to buzz in before an opponent can make or break a match. For these LifeSmarts competitors, this ability meant success.

As the clock ticked down from five seconds to zero, the pressure was on **Douglas Sills** to answer the final question. An array of answers rushed through his mind, and at the last moment it finally came to him. "Maturity date," he shouted. The answer was right, and all the hard work he and his four teammates in LifeSmarts had done all year paid off. Their

success ended in victory as they finished second in a national competition.

Each year teams of five students are selected to compete at competitions for LifeSmarts. "When I was a

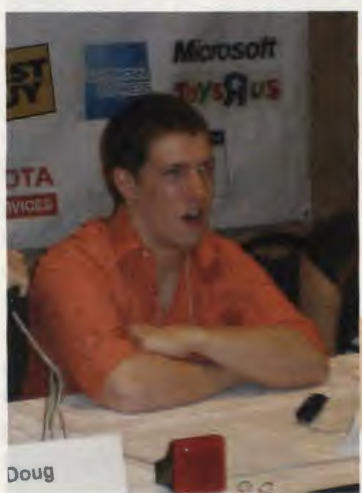
sophomore, **Mr. Zabelin** asked me to join, and I have participated every year since," said **Sills**.

"Mr. Zabelin motivates me to do well because I know it means a lot to him. His time and commitment inspires the team to attend every practice and achieve success."

These students are asked questions on topics like money management and consumer rights.

After running LifeSmarts for the past 12 years, **Mr. Zabelin** again proved himself to be more than just a teacher. "Mr. Zabelin motivates me to do well because I know it means a lot to him. His time and commitment inspires the team to attend every practice and achieve success," said **Kara Wolfe**.

By: Molly Pfeifer



Doug

We Are Family. After spending multiple hours together, the team developed a special bond. "LifeSmarts gave me an opportunity few students have," said **Kara Wolfe**. "I made good friends, and we proved that academics are important."

Race Against Time. As the moments slip away, **Paul Warkins** appreciates being a quick thinker. "People buzz in so fast, it's an accomplishment in itself to buzz in first," said **Warkins**.



Deep In Thought. Before sharing his final answer with the judges and members of the audience, **Ian Letts** takes a moment out of the allotted five seconds to make sure he has his thoughts in order.

Respect. With days of practice under his belt, **Douglas Sills** is thrilled with the team's second place achievement. "While it's not first place and we didn't get iPhones, second is still a great accomplishment," said **Sills**.



Waves [n]:

OLAS, which means waves in Spanish, resembles the ripples of water that change the shape of the beach. The club helps change and shape members from lone individuals to thriving students with new found friendships and a sense of success.

Imagine being caught up in the Latin American culture and learning about diversity. Imagine traveling with close friends to places that might never have been visited without this club.

The 15 members of OLAS, short for Organization of Latin America Students, traveled to places including the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Shedd

Aquarium, and the Art Institute. OLAS helps students meet new friends, form friendships and

“I really enjoyed that I got to experience all of these things with my close friends. The trips were not that expensive which was nice.

We got to do way more that way”

make lifetime memories. Only 15 members make up the core of the club, but over 45 students par-

ticipated on trips. “I have a lot of fun, and have met a lot of wonderful students. I am very impressed

with their behavior, and respect while the club is on these trips,” said **Dr. Sanders.**

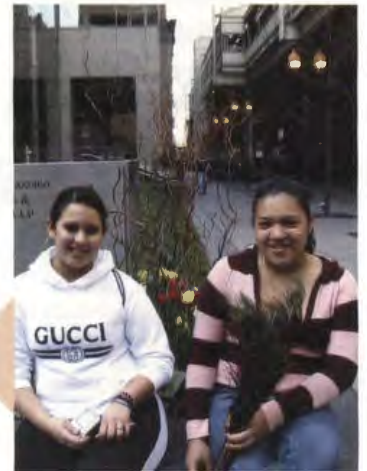
According to OLAS member **Kevelyn Balvas**, the club provides an opportunity for students to learn about the Latin American culture. “I really enjoyed that I got to experience these things with my friends. The trips were not expensive which was nice. We got to do way more that way,” said **Balvas.**

By: Jessica Wendt



Polar Bear Plunge. While on a visit to Lincoln Park Zoo **Victor Perez** and **Angelica Perez** make a memory together while viewing the polar bear exhibit. A total of twenty five students attended this club field trip.

China Town. Exploring everything that Chinatown has to offer **Lissette Ocampo** and **Elizabeth Garcia** sit to take a breather from the long walk. “I loved it there, their culture has so much to offer,” said **Garcia.**



Public Transportation. En Route to Chinatown by train **Belen Cielo**, **Evelia Estrada**, **Rocio Estrada**, **Elizabeth Ocampo**, **Elizabeth Garcia** and **Lissette Ocampo** wait to start exploring the new culture.

Social Hour. While at Lincoln Park Zoo **Angelica Perez**, **Iveth Ayala**, **Ivon Ayala**, and **Francisca Perez** sit down after lunch. “The zoo was beautiful, I had so much fun there,” said **Ivon Ayala.**



Sock Hop [n.]:

It's the excuse for students to jump around excessively, be able to dance with attitude, throw people in the air, and most of all, it's the excuse to have the time of their lives at Rydell High.

Summer is over, and all students think about is having those summer nights back, although their thoughts soon vanish with a sound of a familiar bell. Rydell High classes are now in session. Community High School students played the roles of these students in the annual musical. Once a year the Thespians present a chance for the student body to show their performing skills in the Spring Musical. Without a doubt, everyone knew on May 15th, 16th, and 17th, *Grease* was the

word.

The play *Grease* is about 'good girl' Sandy Dumbrowski, played by **Chelsea Ross**, and the leader of the Greasers

Danny Zuko, played by **David Hiltner**, who fall in love over the summer. But with a twist of fate they discover they're now in the same high school, although their peers don't seem to approve. They go through the entire play playing cat and mouse,

but in the end find true love. The Chief Director who was responsible for everything was **Ms. Hafertepe**, but it couldn't be performed in the play without the help from the choreographer **Devin Vassar** and the Music Director **Brandon Fantozzi**. "Without the directors' knowledge this play would have been nothing! I really appreciate their work," said **Ross**,

who played Sandy.

Sets had to be made, lines memorized, songs had to be on the right notes, dance steps needed to be taught, and the cast had to perform in chemistry. "The plays are always tough at some points in rehearsal, but the hard work is always worth it at the end of the performance," said **Thomas Harms** who played Teen Angel.

By: *Quin Gable*

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Relaxing. While reading "Look" magazine, Frenchy (**Emily Roberts**) and Sonny (**Philip Lenertz**) socialize over its gossip. "It was my first show ever, and the memories will always be with me. Everyone in the cast was so helpful," said **Lenertz**.



The Pink Ladies. After losing a diamond on her new school glasses, Marty, played by **Susan Nowicki** and her fellow friends in the Pink Ladies, **Megan Green**, **Kristen Frank**, and **Emily Roberts**, help look for it in her macaroni.



Big Man On Campus. After falling in love with Sandy Dumbrowski, Danny Zuko, played by **David Hiltner**, tries to play it cool in front of his group, The Burger Palace Boys. His attempt proved unsuccessful when he first saw Sandy at school. "The part that I liked the most about playing Danny is his inability to relate to girls. He never knows the right thing to say or when to say it," said **Hiltner**.

The Girl Next Door. Throughout the play the good girl Sandy Dumbrowski, played by **Chelsea Ross**, tried to catch the attention of her summer sweetheart Danny Zuko, played by **David Hiltner**. With the help of the Pink Ladies, she was able to transform into the girl of his dreams. She continued to steal his heart when she performed the hit song, "You're the One That I Want."





Oh Those Summer Nights. Playing a character who wants her summer romance back, Sandy, played by **Chelsea Ross**, sings her heart out. "Summer Lovin'" was sung by Danny Zuko (**David Hiltner**) and Sandy Dumbrowski (**Ross**). The background music was sung by the twenty two members of the ensemble. "I was so nervous the first night we all performed, yet after the song Summer Nights, I knew that the play was going to be amazing. That night was one of the best memories I have of my sophomore year. I can't wait till the next musical," said **Ross**.



The Latest Gossip. During the lunch scene, ensemble member **Allyssa Brinkman** and Dance Captain **Rachel Molinaro** pretend to whisper about the Pink Ladies. "During all the dialogue scenes we had to pretend to have conversations," said **Brinkman**.



The Burger Palace Boys. While singing a crowd favorite, **Kurt Shilka**, **Philip Lenertz**, **David Lustro**, **David Hiltner**, and **Jimmy Aramburu** all pile up in Greased Lightning. "Greased Lightning gave everyone a boost of energy, and just made me smile," said **Aramburu**.



Show Off. By flaunting her new school glasses, Marty, played by **Susan Nowicki**, is able to sweep Vince Vontane, played by **Anthony Wondolkowski** off his feet at her high school dance. The two danced the night away. Throughout the play Marty (**Nowicki**) flirted with all the boys she could, trying to get gifts out of all of them. She expressed many gifts she had received from her latest boy Freddy, in her solo song "Freddy My Love."

Those Magic Changes. During a school passing period, Doody, played by **David Lustro**, shows off his performing abilities to the students in the halls. His skills proved to be a success, when the students stood up and started dancing to the beat. At the end of the performance Mrs. Lynch abruptly comes onto stage shooing the students back to class. "I never knew I had it in me to play the guitar and sing at the same time," said **Lustro**.



Connection [n.]=

There isn't a better way to make the high school experience more fulfilling than to participate in a club. Whether the goal is to win a competition or to make the school year better for others, these students have one trait in common--success.



Kevin Szul



Jacqueline Leeseberg



Ryan Krage



SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Amy Bytof, Natalie Pacelli, Kelsey Gossen, Mary Rizk.



JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

FIRST ROW: Melissa Conway, Renee Cirone, Michelle Blackman, Jessica Bedard. SECOND ROW: Taylor Turner, Christine Rovtar, Sara Lim.



SOPHOMORE STUDENT COUNCIL

Stefanie Pauling, Angela Gentile, Nicole Nielson, Connie Tan.



BOOK CLUB

FIRST ROW: Tyler Austgen, Bradley Gerwin, Elizabeth Fortner. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Wood, Mr. Kempski, Ms. Leahy.



FBLA

FIRST ROW: Douglas Selby, Paul Warkins, Hanna Colliander, Kristen Kotche, Rebecca Cisowski, Caitlin MacDonald, Dana Burgess. SECOND ROW: Maria Wirth, Jillian Macrito, Angela Gentile, Kelsey Gossen, Linda Feltes, Diana Martinez, Ms. Blume. THIRD ROW: Timothy Kotche, Madeline Warkins, Kevin Marano, John Kinsella, Steven Romanelli, Hannah Taylor, Mike Wall.



GERMAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

FIRST ROW: Anna Lane, Alexandria Mills, Isabel Correa, Amanda Rathe. SECOND ROW: Colin Bachelor, Benjamin Barclay, Krista Kraus, Mrs. Strohm.



FRESHMAN STUDENT COUNCIL

FIRST ROW: Megan Gossen, Alyssa Brown, Maria Barajas, Lucy Fuentes. SECOND ROW: Mehak Damani, Meghan Ziffra, James Gehlhaar, Madeline Dall, Bree Ringe.



ART CLUB

FIRST ROW: Kyle Loftus, Lawrence Campbell, Bianca Moroziuk. SECOND ROW: Lisa Fayfar, Sara Benes, Victoria Snell, Caitlin Shiga, Alexis Hosticka. THIRD ROW: Bridget Henley, Marisa Choate, Ms. Dulkyns, Cristina Rico, Madeline Dall.



WE-GO BUDDIES

FIRST ROW: Simba, L. Jones, J. Maldonado, W. Riban, L. Trygar, J. Hing, A. Garcia, C. Mendez. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Lynch, J. Youngwith, P. Boudreau, A. McNerney, S. Benitez, S. Fulmer, J. Mitsch, A. Hempe, J. Aguilar, K. Reyes, M. Agha. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Cook, Mr. Sanzeri, C. Simononis, H. Duriavich, K. Pusateri, R. Lopez, O. Avila, L. Nolan, J. Kinsella, S. Kiser, S. Rogers.



Ms. Dulkyns



Richardini Lopez



Rebecca Cisowski



John Kinsella



Sara Smolucha



Jesse Hacker



CLUB GREEN

FIRST ROW: James Gehlhaar, Catherine Vance, Joseph Wais. SECOND ROW: Jimena Gavina, Cristina Mendez, Navy Neang, Brodie Ruman. THIRD ROW: Katarzyna Grabiec, Mrs. Ferreiro, Mrs. Burchacki, Elizabeth Berg.



HORTICULTURE CLUB

Mrs. Rubino, Ms. Stieglitz, Sarah Crivello, Cristina Rico, Misael Carmona, Bianca Moroziuk.



INTERNATIONAL CLUB

FIRST ROW: Stephanie Kuecker, Rebecca Howe, Sarah Kimball, Kelli Lyne. SECOND ROW: Marisa Carter, Katie Bell, Sara Smolucha, Amanda Tennis, Mariela Kruthoff. THIRD ROW: Brian Smith, Gregory Lyne, Trevor Schoeller, Colin Bachelor, Brent Smith, Rachel Howe, Ms. Bellis.



JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA

FIRST ROW: Matthew Thomas, Lauran Hon, Kaitlin McNamara, Kyle Wolf. SECOND ROW: Clark Hudmon, Austin Pietrobon, Ms. Laimins.



KEY CLUB

FIRST ROW: Dane Gunderson, Colin Bachelor, Isabel Correa. SECOND ROW: Valerie Forrest, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Rachel Howe, Sarah Kimball, Jessica Demas. THIRD ROW: Mr. Rau, Patrick Stremel, Grant Luther, Tyler Christ, Kevin Marano.



LIFESMART'S

Mr. Zabelin, Paul Warkins, Doug Sills, Ian Letts, Joann Kaczmarczyk.



Mr. McKenna



Rebecca Hooper



Misael Carmona



Kym McDaniel



Matthew Ziffra



Magali Correa



SCHOLASTIC BOWL

FIRST ROW: Douglas Selby, Kyle Wolf, Matthew Thomas, John Kinsella. SECOND ROW: Ashley Michnick, Krista Kraus, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Sarah Zaidi, Anna Lane. THIRD ROW: Mr. Caltagirone, Rachel Bass, Thomas Kaczmarczyk, Joseph Serio, Kyle Blenkle, Paul Warkins, Devan Patel.



SKILLS USA

FIRST ROW: Milena Camargo, Kevin Szul, Steven Szul, Matthew Ziffra, David Musick, William Burke, Ms. Kozlowski. SECOND ROW: Mr. Cleary, Sarah Kimball, Angela Gentile, Mayuri Parmar, Annette Sanchez, Matthew Youngwith, Rachel Howe, Natalie Ckuj, Ivonne Reza, Cindy Hernandez.



STEPPERS

FIRST ROW: Magali Correa, Brittani Rollins, Ms. Huerta, Brittany Soto, Ashley Jefferson. SECOND ROW: Candace Washington, Jennifer Ramos, Joshua Foster, Maribel Ramirez.



NEWSPAPER

FIRST ROW: Trevor Bodie, Kym McDaniel, Sara Fouts, Mike Dalton. SECOND ROW: Jessica Bergmann, Joann Kaczmarczyk, Sarah Berger, Megan Hernbroth. THIRD ROW: Greg Vodicka, Jacob Wucka, Jake Bradley.



PEP CLUB

FIRST ROW: Taylor Turner, Heather Busch, Alyssa Baermann, Kelsey Skogsberg, Allyssa Brinkman, Kimberly Busch, Kathryn Pusateri. SECOND ROW: Stephanie Kelly, Alexandria Mills, Mr. Jennings, Samantha Nolte, Mr. McKenna, Christine Rovtar, Sara Lim.



PHOTO CLUB

FIRST ROW: Jimena Gavina, Lamanda Moore, Sarah Kimball, Ania Skorupski, Donna Quiroz. SECOND ROW: Alex Maguire, Isaias Santiago, Ryan Stirrup, Sarah Houck, Mr. Conroy.



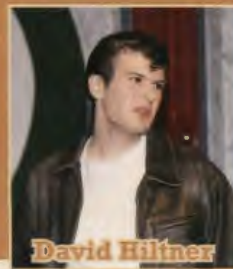
Trevor Bodie



Heather Busch



Kerry Doremus



David Hiltner



Rebekah Babis



Ashley Waugh



TECH CREW

FIRST ROW: Steven Duda, James Alfaro, Ms. Kukovec, Kelli Lyne, Patrick Quealy. SECOND ROW: Peter Rubino, Gary Kurowski, Michael Fletcher, Erich Letzter, Matt Provenzale.



YEARBOOK

FIRST ROW: Sam Deaton, Molly Pfeifer, Amber Weinmann, Alyson Taddeucci, Adi Huerta, Ms. Santella, Maggie Polacek, Brandon Castillo. SECOND ROW: Quin Gable, Courtney Nesemeier, Kara Wolfe, Michelle Nitti, Jessica Wendt, Caitlin Fredricks, Emily Rawls, Ashley Waugh, Amanda Huey, Alex Mills, Jake Venchus, Justin Kutilek, Ryan Roman, Victor Velazquez.



THESPLANS

FIRST ROW: Patrick Quealy, Dave Lustro, Jimmy Aramburu, Lucas Valdez. SECOND ROW: Chelsea Ross, Susan Nowicki, Kristen Frank, Liz Showalter, Natalie Ckuj, Megan Green, Kelsey Chillemi. THIRD ROW: Michael Fletcher, Rebekah Babis, Jacqueline Leeseberg, Ms. Hafertepe, Kelsey Gossen, Stacie Cain, Austin Hall.



"I love playing basketball here. The friendships you make playing at West Chicago are amazing," said **Emily Paschke.**

Wild West [phr.]:

With every practice, every loss, and every win, endurance grows. The feeling of walking into Memorial Field or Wildcat court is something more than excitement. It is the pride of wearing the West Chicago jersey.

The beginning of June brought an atmosphere of excitement. Athletes from all around came together for one reason, the start of the upcoming athletic season.

Each and every season highlighted different sports for their talented athletes to play. Such sports as golf, tennis, swimming, cross country, basketball, and football gathered very dedicated supporters.

Throughout it all, our teams fought for wins and grew from their losses. Our athletes, despite some having losing seasons, were relentless to continue improving, and took pride in the name on the front of the jersey, not just the one on the back. "We have to try extra hard. Even though we aren't the best, we are

proud to represent West Chicago," said Cross Country Runner **Kara Triner**.

The DuPage Valley Conference is known as one of the toughest around. With

the stiff competition in the DVC, our athletes had to be in peak physical and mental condi-

tion. Mentally, students felt as if it was their responsibility to make our school proud.

"Getting involved an extracurricular like swimming gives me something to do with my spare time that I enjoy. It makes me feel like I am a meaningful part of the school," said Varsity Captain **Greg Pelke**.

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*By: Justin Kutilek
and Emily Rawls*



Andrew Cruz



Jamie Roman



Confrontation. In the most anticipated game of the year, the Wildcat defense lines up against conference rival, Glenbard North Panthers. The boys played hard, putting it all on the line with no regrets, even though the boys came out on the losing end of a 41-7 game. With their heads held high, no one could take away the blood, sweat, and the tears sacrificed on the field that Friday night, "I was so concerned with winning my senior Homecoming game, everything else just went out the window," said Brett Simon.

Running Riot. En route to the best rushing game in West Chicago History, **Mason Brandstedter** runs over a Glenbard East defender. **Brandstedter** shattered the previous record by rushing for 293 yards on 45 carries while adding a touchdown in a huge overtime win with a final score of 27-21.

Cumming. Outrunning a Glenbard East defender, Wide Receiver **James Eckler** sprints to the sideline for a critical first down.



Wrath. Unleashing a big hit, Linebacker **Henry Polz** sends the ball carrier to the ground. **Polz** called the game "hands down one of the best games I have ever played in, or seen for that matter."

Guidance. Going over some pre-game assignments, Head Coach **John Walters** assists Quarterback **Christopher Wille**.



Execution. In a decisive stand for the Wildcat defense, Safety **Michael Sedjo** wraps up a Glenbard East ball carrier.



Brotherhood [n.]:

It's the sense of unity each football player feels when he marches onto the field for battle every Friday night. In the glory of victory and the agony of defeat, the pride of Wildcats lives on.



Clutch. Celebrating in the endzone after a big catch, Wide Receiver **Jay Lenahan** helps seal the deal for a Wildcat victory. In the most intense game of the year, **Lenahan** came through for his team when they needed him most. "It was the most exciting game I have ever been a part of, and contributing to the win felt very rewarding," said **Lenahan**.

"Preparation and effort" were the words spoken at the start of every football practice and repeated countless times by new head Coach, **John Walters**. Prior to the start of the season, **Walters** was committed to changing the philosophy of football for the players. He changed what Wildcat football used to be, into a program that knew what it took to win. The boys took all the hard work from the off season and put it all on the line in their season opener against Evanston.

The first drive of the game previewed great things to come. The team marched to Evanston's one yard line, and **Christopher Wille** snuck it in for the game's first score. The run game seemed a hopeless task

when, later in the first quarter, starting Running Back **Jacob Venchus** suffered a game-ending ankle injury. Someone had to step up, and that player was **James Eckler** who had played

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his whole high school career at wide receiver was now in line to be the starting running back. "I felt honored, yet I also felt like they were giving me another challenge in the test of football. That is what makes it so fun,"

said **Eckler**. The defense scored on defense and held Evanston to a field goal in the first half. With their heads held high, the boys went into halftime with a 9-3 lead and a victory on their minds. The second half proved to be all Wildcats, scoring twice in the second half to secure a victory. The defense was a brick wall against the opponents, in which they were held to 84 yards of total offense.

The season opener was just a glimpse of what was to come the rest of the year. Big hits, highlight plays, and blood pumping games were a normal occurrence for the boys. The season itself was one no Wildcat football player would ever forget. *By: Victor Velazquez and Jake Venchus*

Sweetness. Searching for his first appearance in the endzone, Running Back **Michael Dylla** smashes through the hole.



Focus. Lining up against the Glenbard East defensive line, Center **Frank Stoerberl** prepares to make a big game snap.

Power. Looking for an opening en route to victory, Running Back **Mason Brandstedter** heads toward a first down. "I just like to run over people," said **Brandstedter**.



Accuracy. Firing a laser-beam downfield, Quarterback **Christopher Wille** attempts to complete a pass to an open receiver.

Pyramid [n.]

It takes determination to stand united, but cheerleaders do it with a smile. As they ascend into their mounts, their dedication is easy to see. Cheering on our teams can be rough, but the squad works hard to boost morale. Our cheerleaders rise like the pyramids they perform to lead our teams.

It is a cold Friday night in early November, and our Wildcat football team is down by only a touchdown. It is the third quarter, and the fans' excitement is starting to wane. People do not often realize how much cheerleaders put into our football and basketball games or how much spirit they add. They are there in all weather conditions, standing stick straight with smiles emanating from glitter-covered faces and loud voices echoing into the crowd.

"We do it because we love our teams and love to excite the crowd. It takes hours of practice every day to prepare for a half time and we work hard to hit every move every time," said Squad Captain **Angela Shurba**.

Many of these girls have been cheering for longer than they have been in school. "It becomes second nature.

I literally sleep, go to school,

I literally sleep, go to school, go to practice and repeat," said **Shurba**.

Aside from cheering for years, many have been with the same girls all their high school careers. "We get to a point after years of being together that we are comfortable enough to experiment with mounts and improve our performance as a whole squad," said Captain **Kelle Driscoll**.

On the outside, cheerleaders appear to never break a sweat, but our cheerleaders can train with the best. They practice just as many hours as other teams and push themselves just as hard to perfect their toe-touches and complicated mounts. The Squad even competes against other cheerleadingsquads from schools all around Illinois.

While our football team is not always victorious and sometimes our basketball team does not win, our cheerleaders are always there, from the very start of the game to the last second. From their difficult mounts to their intricate routines, there is a huge drive, a lot of strength and a great team.

By: Emily Rawls



All The Way To The Top. With every hair in place, shoes strikingly white, and bows tied to perfection, a picture is worth a thousand words. **Ashley Waugh, Stacey Santillan, and Kamrey Rohrdanz** lifted **Alyssa Santelli** above their shoulders to energize the crowd at the Homecoming pep rally. While chanting "BATTLE CRY," cheerleaders entertained fellow Wildcats with their stunts.

Lookin' Good. To be a cheerleader, a young woman must have not only strength but a great attitude. **Ashley Jefferson** showed her pearly whites while hitting every move.



Yell It Loud, Yell It Proud. It's all about the rush. "I've been cheerleading for years but everytime I step out on that field I still get excited," said **Courtney Macko**.

Bring It On. It takes a great personality and a lot of skill to pull off our cheerleaders' halftime routines. **Stacey Santillan** gave it her all everytime she took the field.



Anticipate The Move. While the crowd watches down on the field, **Chandler Abrams** stands still waiting for her cue at the 2007 Homecoming game against Glenbard North.



United We Stand. In the dead of winter, the Squad revives anticipation and excitement among the whole student body. At the home Basketball game, cheerleaders performed and mounted while shouting their favorite chants and cheers including, "W-I-L-D-C-A-T-S! GO CATS!" and "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y," which hyped up the crowd for the last two quarters of the game and entertained staff and students of all grades alike.

Don't Mess With Family. After years and years of practicing and cheering together, the girls are closer than just a squad. They have become a family. "We work hard together and have been through a lot together. It's more than just being cheermates. They've become more like sisters, and I'm really going to miss them next year," said **Stacey Santillan**. At the first home game, the girls stood together to enchant the crowd during half-time.



Makin' It Fun. Cheerleading can sometimes become all about practice and trying to be better. Aside from all the work, **Rachel Chronowski** showed the fun side of half-time.



It's All About Teamwork. During their last Homecoming half-time, **Ashley Waugh** and **Hannah Strayve** their last Homecoming game, the girls bring back feelings of summer.

It's All About The Attitude. Captain **Angela Shurba** hits her move perfectly. During the first home game of the season against Batavia, **Shurba** excited the crowd with her attitude.



Ready To Go. Cheerleaders have to have great timing in order to pull off their synchronized half-time routines. **April Fichter** waited with a smile for the right moment.



Strut [v.]:

Dancing is a combination of attitude and composure with confident movement that occupies the field and court at every halftime performance. The thirteen Lady Pomcats that compose the squad make up in skill and passion what they lack in numbers.

Filing onto the floor in their very first competition as a squad, the Poms moved in a poised manner to their first formation. One toe roll down, three leaps, one switch leap, six fuetes and thirteen smiles later, the girls exited the floor pleased with their performance. The team waited anxiously for their results and felt ecstatic with their third place victory.

At the 2007 Universal Dance Association Summer Camp held at Wheaton College, our Lady Pomcats competed against nine squads, including Glenbard East and St. Francis. Their accomplishments at camp gave them the opportunity to go to Disney World for four days and compete in the National Dance

Competition. "We were worried at the beginning of the season because our squad is made up of seven new members. We

"The past three years I've been on Poms have been amazing. These girls have become like family, and I truly enjoy performing. It's such an adrenaline rush to perform and be a part of the school spirit."

gave the new girls a challenge from the beginning of tryouts. They took it and succeeded," said **Lauren Desik**. "We were all pleasantly surprised

with ourselves, especially in our first competition as a squad."

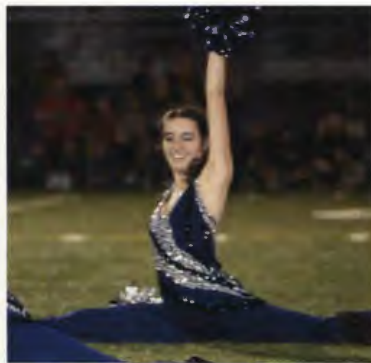
These girls worked hard through three seasons to choreograph and perfect a new routine for each and every home football and basketball game, as well as the pep assemblies. The thirteen girls who filled the floor continuously showed confidence in themselves and one another, ready to take on the crowd. "The past three years I've been on Poms has been amazing. These girls have become like my family, and I truly enjoy performing. It's such an adrenaline rush to perform and be a part of the school spirit," said Captain and third year pom **Sarah Pierpoint**.

By: Alex Mills



Sparkle and Shine. Students at the pep assembly focus on **Heather Busch** during the Pom Pon performance. "I feel so blessed to have this family of thirteen girls and two coaches. Each and every one of these girls puts so much dedicaton and hard work into everything they start that performing at a game or competition is unbelievable. This high school experience will be something I never forget," said **Busch**.

Sidelines. While the football players take time to warm up, **Kelsey Skogsberg** keeps the crowd entertained with her smile and energy as she kicks and turns to the beat.



Split Second. During a Friday night in September, **Danielle Pacelli** takes a split second to amaze the fans in Memorial Stadium and showcase her flexibility.

Pirouette. Twirling on one leg, **Abbey Mastroianni** makes a double turn look simple. "I've been dancing for quite some time. It takes a lot of skill and passion," said **Mastroianni**.



Soak Up the Sun. Dancing beneath the Friday night lights in their summer apparel, **Sarah Pierpoint** and **Amanda Terry** perform their routine to "Summer Lovin."



Senior Lovin'. The Senior girls put their faces on for the hundreds of people gathered at Memorial Stadium for the Homecoming Game. "Homecoming was a very fun dance for us to perform," said **Amanda Terry**. "Dancing is obviously something we all enjoy, but being on Poms can get stressful, believe it or not. Our routine for the Homecoming halftime show was goofy and bouncy, and it showed a side of us that most people don't normally see."

Leap of Faith. Reaching great heights and exhibiting maximum flexibility, new girl **Renee Cirone** soars through the air during her halftime performance. "Because it is my first year on Poms, performing on the football field under the lights in front of a huge crowd really gives me an adrenaline rush," said **Cirone**. "All of our hard work and dedication really pays off when we realize that all eyes are on us."

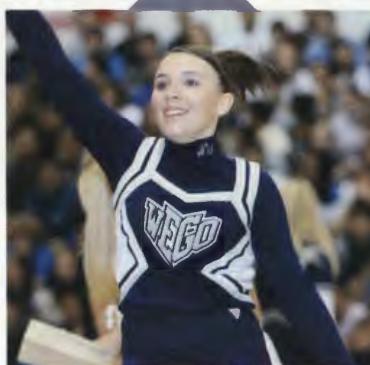


Flex. With a strong presence on the basketball court, **Allyssa Brinkman** shows her flexibility during a dance to "How Will I Know," at the Wheaton Academy game.

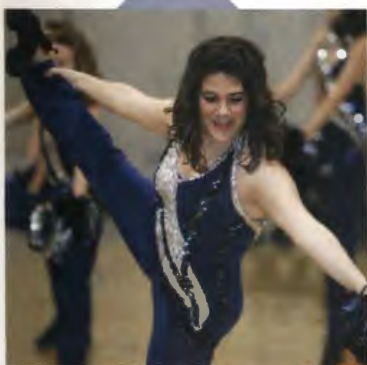


Dancing in September. During the sophomore performance, **Kimberly Busch** moves across the football field in a lively manner that catches the eyes of the crowd.

Silver and Blue. With spirit, pride and a gleaming smile, **Nicole Burlingame** performs to "With Love," by Hilary Duff at her first high school pep assembly.



Kickin' It Up a Notch. During the Glenbard East football game, **Lauren Desik** connects with her teammates in a kickline and stuns the crowd with her talented dance moves.





Faceoff. Head to head, captains from both teams shake hands to wish each other luck. They waited anxiously for the coin toss to see which team would win the choice to receive or kick off. With the win, Captains **Jacob Venchus, Taylor Overman, James Miner, and Henry Polz** chose to receive the ball. Running the ball, **James Eckler** gained 20 yards.



CheerLEADER.

With confidence as high as that of their cheerleaders, Head Coaches **Catherine Micelli** and **Terri Rohrdanz** hope for a great season. Preparing for their sectional competition in January, these coaches used every minute of Friday night games to prepare their girls. Hard work was put in to each practice to perfect their routines and stunts.

Break Bones. Already pumped up from the chant after 7th hour with students and players in Senior Hallway, the team performs once again a Friday night ritual. Ready to defeat their opponents, they gathered every ounce of aggression going into the kickoff. "Nothing gets me more pumped up than being on the field under the Friday night lights with my boys," said **Henry Polz**.



War Paint. Fighting for their territory, **Lindsay Johnson** and **Christy Liszka** show these Panther fans what school spirit really means. "You don't have to be a football player or cheerleader to have school spirit. Painting myself for every game makes me just as enthusiastic as the players," said **Johnson**.



At The Crossroads.

It has come to the moment of truth about which team will emerge with a victory. Competing for the fourth time, Head Coaches **John Walters** and **Ryan Wilkens** both said they felt confident that their team would do well. "Coach **Wilkens** and I went to high school and college together," said **Walters**. "We love to compete against each other. Tonight will be no exception!"

Battle Cry [n.]=

“Wildcats, what’s your Battle Cry? V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.” This cheer is the inspiration that encourages our players to compete as warriors on the field. Glenbard North may have won this one, but next time we will come out stronger and take the win.



True Colors. Representing their true colors, blue and white, Captains **Henry Polz, Taylor Overman, Daniel Guerrero, Jacob Venchus, and James Miner** walk up from the sidelines. Awaiting anxiously to play their ultimate rivals, these athletes stood tall to show that they were built Wildcat tough.

The Enemy. Walking with confidence across the field, Glenbard North Captains **Matt Ng, Nick Iossi, Adrian Leal, and Jim Montgomery** keep their heads up with a mindset believing they would take their team to another victory.



The day we walked through the doors of Entrance A as freshmen, we knew the opposite of blue and white was black and gold. From that moment on, a four year rivalry became known at every football game against Glenbard North. “Our rivalry is something that can only be understood by the students. We are the only ones that see what goes on between us and the Panthers. The things that happen off the field make me want to show them up even more on the field,” said **Mason Brandstedter**.

Coming into the Homecoming game with the record of 1-2 against the Panthers, the boys were looking forward to settling the score. With fierce willpower to take the victory, the Wildcats and Panthers fought to the bitter end with great aggression with the final score of 41-7. “The Panthers have always been the ultimate rival in my eyes. I grew up playing football with most of these guys; I know their strengths

and weaknesses. I strive even harder at Glenbard North games to defeat my past teammates,” said **Taylor Overman**.

Facing some of the state’s toughest teams, West Chicago illustrated a great deal of courage and pride. “Regardless of how bad we’re losing by or how much we were winning by, my enthusiasm for our team never waivers,” said **Randi Ritchie**. No matter how much we were down by or what other teams said, we proved to stand up strong and continue the battle to its defeat. United as one, they shared confidence and faith within one another and believed that they could step onto the turf with high hopes and walk off with honor, knowing that they went out there and put forth their best effort. It’s all for the love of the game and these athletes put their heart and souls into each battle to be the best they can be, “breaking bones” along the way.

By: Michelle Nitti



Bring It On. With the Glenbard North cheerleaders at their sides, **Ashley Waugh, Stacey Santillan, and Kamrey Rohrdanz** prove that it doesn’t matter whether we’re winning or losing. All that mattered was the energy brought to the sidelines. “These girls keep the crowd on their feet, leading us in chants,” said **Timothy Schuda**.



Parental Control. With their Glenbard North counterparts, moms **Linda Lange, Tina Hauptman, Sharon Urban, and Priscilla Waugh** know how to support and show love for their team.



We Will Never Break. Coming into every game, Glenbard North performs the chant “We Will Never Break” to pump themselves up for the long Friday night ahead.



Collaboration. Starting out the game, the boys' soccer team joins one another in a positive verbal motivational speech. Performed before every game, it was meant to lift their spirits and improve their game ability. Coach **Brugmann** strongly influenced the breakout. Despite the unfortunate ending to the season, they were all happy with their performances. "It was a heartbreak not winning regionals, knowing we played great as a team all season long," said Defenseman **Joseph Cabellero**.

Confidence. The boys greet teammate **Mitch Boyd** with a pregame ritual to encourage victory. Each one of the players participated to prep one another for game time. Playing at home was a big advantage for the boys. They received significant support from the fans. "Without the support of my team and fans, I don't believe I could play as hard as I do," said **Boyd**.

Passion. All by his lonesome, Defender **David Padilla** looks to clear the ball to the offensive side of the field. Transitioning was a big part of the defense play.



Inspire. Teammates cheer on Goaltender **Adrian Porcayo** as he runs out onto the field. One of the boys' main priorities was team support.

Hustling. After progressing across midfield, **Luis Ortega** prepares to pass the ball. His unselfish style of play helped lead the team to victory.



Focus. Playing with great awareness, Forward **Jose Padilla** plays both sides of the ball as he attacks the opposition looking to steal the ball.



Preeminence [n.]:

Dominance is key to being the best, and being the best is no easy feat. The boys' soccer team has been by far one of the most consistent sports teams the school has seen.

Their desire and passion keeps them at the top of their game.



Concentration. With the ball in sight, Captain **Tim Schuda** prepares to jump to perform a header. His consistent effort made him a key part of the match. Similar to the majority of the season **Schuda** helped pave the way to victory assisting one of his teammates' goals. Ending the season with a record of 10-9-2, it was apparent that many of the boys played a big role in contributing to the team's victories

A student's first thought waking up for school typically isn't very pleasant. However, on August 30th, Captain **Tim Schuda** felt excited. As he slipped into his lucky pair of game day socks, he thought about the odds against him and the rest of the boys' soccer team. Having to travel to East Aurora, one of their tougher rivals, their chances weren't favored. They had been given the "underdog" label, and that is how they liked it.

As the day progressed, the team experienced a range of emotions. From being anxious to nervous, each one of the eighteen players was prepared to play. Once they arrived at the Blackhawks' stadium, Coach **Steve Brugmann**

kept spirits high. With much to prove, the boys' time finally arrived.

Laying everything on the line, both teams started the game

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aggressively. Right off the bat, the Blackhawks set the tone, taking an early one to nothing lead. Battling goal for goal, the boys managed to put themselves back in the game with a goal. However, their momentum was taken out from under them when East Aurora

scored the go-ahead goal. Feeling compelled to keep his teammates' chins up, **Schuda** drove the ball down field. “With the amount of emotion that goes into the game, it's important to keep a positive mindset,” said **Schuda**. Making the Defenders miss, he took advantage of an open man downfield and dished it off to **Aldo Mendoza**. Soon the sirens were going off for the Wildcats' tying goal.

As they later went on to win the game, 3-2, many of the players felt it was much more than just a win. They had picked each other up throughout the good and bad times. They exemplified what it means to be a team.

- *Justin Kutilek*

Consistent. Helping his team with his hard work ethic, **Aldo Mendoza** plays goal to goal at full speed. “In many instances, I was in the right place at the right time,” said **Mendoza**.



React. Stopping on the dime, **Izzy Castro** reads the offense and adjusts properly to take advantage of the opposition. His defense secured a 3-2 victory over Naperville Central.

Determination. As **Oscar Tapia** dribbles down the field, he shows an immense amount of skill and desire to assist his team in accomplishing another victory.



Precision. As **Andrew Davis** picks his target, he winds up for a shot. With picture perfect technique and fundamentals Jackson has precise aim and great power.

Priceless [adj.]:

With a winning record and a great attitude, these players proved their worth. On and off the field, they valued hard work and sportsmanship. And these experiences helped create a season few will soon forget.

It was a wet April day on the soccer field. The girls' soccer team practiced their corner kick plays and the goal kicks, while waiting anxiously for Glenbard East to set foot on Memorial Stadium. It was their first home game, and the team had winning the game on their minds.

With the blow of the referee's whistle the game started. Everyone knew **Jessica Jones** came ready to play when she scored the first goal in minutes and then continued on to have her first ever hat-trick. Immediately after that **Meagan Radloff** scored her first goal on the varsity level. By the end of the game the girls managed to beat Glenbard East 6-0. "What really pumps us up is

when our team is the first team to score the goal. It shows that we have a step up above the other team," said **Megan Peterson**.

Starting the

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season with a new varsity coach, **Cesar Gomez**, it wasn't too long until the team warmed up to him. "**Cesar** is great! He helped my game so much and really created a great

team morale, win or lose," said **Kristin Day**. Practice after practice **Gomez** taught the significance of team chemistry by having the girls go to team dinners and treating each individual with the same importance.

Team morale was a giant part of the season, and, when a teammate wasn't focused or was having a bad day, it was sure that the Captains **Kayla Radloff**, **Ivana Boers**, and **Jones** were there to help. "The team exceeded my expectations. We worked as a team, had the skills to compete, and on top of that had a great coach! I couldn't ever think of asking for more," said Captain **Jones**.

By: *Quin Gable*



Look For The Open Spot. As the referee places the ball on the out of bounds line, **Kristin Day** looks for the open player. Any out-of-bounds kick gave the team an opportunity to run a play and that created an opening. **Day**, **Jessica Jones**, and **Ivana Boers** were the inbound kickers for the team. "One time I had to kick a goal kick and it was so windy! I wanted the ball to go right, and the wind was blowing to the left," said **Day**.

Foot Skills. In an attempt to fake out her opponents, **Ivana Boers** makes it all the way past the half field line, and then passed the ball to **Jessica Jones** for a goal.



Back In Play. After a save in goal, **Kayla Radloff** throws the ball back to her teammates in hopes that they will score a goal. Soon following, **Radloff** saved the ball four more times.

In Play. As the referee gives **Melanie Fischer** the ball to throw in, her teammates run to the open spot. "Throw-ins help the team create an opening to score a goal," said **Fischer**.



Get Your Head in the Game. During the game against Glenbard East, **Crystal Rojas** jumps over her opponent to head the ball towards Glenbard East's goal.



Wildcat Pride. By running to the ball with aggression **Meagan Radloff** is able to recover the ball and attempt to make a goal. "Since I'm only a freshman, I wanted to go out on the field and give it my all in every game. Although if I'm in a bad mood, I know my fellow teammates will try their best to cheer me up," said **Radloff**. In the victory against Glenbard East, **Radloff** scored a goal to help her team.

Fun & Keeper. Having been a four year varsity keeper, or in other words a goalie, **Kayla Radloff** is able to save most of the soccer balls that come flying at her. "I love soccer, and even though the pressure is on me all the time, I still come back to practice asking for more," said **Radloff**. As she finished her high school career, she said she planned to continue her love of soccer at Augustana College next season.



Pure Aggression. After a kick **Anna Mercaldo** heads the ball. "I'm still learning the skill to pass with my head, but in the mean time, I'm trying to get the ball closer," said **Mercaldo**.



Team Unity. With the duty as Captain, **Jessica Jones** motivates her fellow teammates. After each game **Jones** went over what they need to work on at the next practice.

Take and Go. Using her foot skills, **Teresa Granados** goes after the ball, faking out Glenbard East's player. "Her skills really came in handy for this season," said **Crystal Rojas**.



Dedication. After beating her opponent to the ball, **Drew Heiden** kicks the ball to the other side of the field to the forward player **Meagan Radloff**.

Intensity [n.]

Neither pain nor weather stops the runners on the Girls' Cross-Country team from running three agonizing miles in each race. As the burning sensation in their lungs and legs takes over, their competitive drive kicks in.



Drive. Leading the team with confidence all season, **Annette Eichenberger** pushes to stay ahead. During the season, **Eichenberger** suffered an injury that kept her from running two races, but she came back stronger than ever. "All a runner needs are shoes, her team and determination to be successful in Cross Country," said **Eichenberger**.

Waking up on a Friday morning, the runners of the girls' cross country team arrive at school for their two mile run. While their classmates are still under their covers, they face a chilly breeze. It is this dedication that exemplifies their efforts.

At Kaneland, the sight of their breath and the frost on the grass lets them know it will be a hard race. They warm up the 3.1 mile course.

At the starting line, they meet the other 20 teams they will race against. Shortly before the race, they do a final sprint to their Coach, **Bob Maxson**, who waits for them.

All the runners

steady their breathing. The gun goes off, and the girls' feet go. The only thing keeping the runners going through this pain is the moment they cross the finish line.

Running two-a-days for two weeks straight improved their endurance and speed. Four of the Varsity girls finished the summer joining the 300 mile club.

Runners included: **Mary Murphy, Annette Eichenberger, Tanya Starkey, Rachel Bass, Maria Ortiz, Co-Captain Kara Triner, and Captain Adilenia Huerta.**

"I challenged the girls this year to score higher at every meet than the previous year," said **Maxson**.

By: Adi Huerta

Teamwork. Varsity girls, **Tanya Starkey** and **Kara Triner**, run together. "Having each other in the races was all the support we needed," said **Starkey**.



Persistence. Fighting to keep up with her teammates, Captain **Adilenia Huerta** helps the team by setting the pace during the first mile.

Strength. During the race at Wauconda, **Rachel Bass** fights through mental pain. "This was one of the hardest races for me, but I was happy to finish on Varsity," said **Bass**.



Determination. In the final stretch of the race, **Emily Hahn** strives to finish strong. The heat at Wauconda slowed times, but **Hahn** earned a respectable time of 23 minutes.

Endurance [n.]:

They consistently work and fulfill their need to win. They run with persistence and continually manage to keep high spirits. They maintain stamina and develop great leadership skills.

They are the Boys' Cross Country team.

Throughout the summer, the boys' cross country team had to wake themselves up to train for their fall track meets while the majority of the school slept in. Off-season was a time for the cross-country team to run many miles daily to keep endurance at a high. "All of our workouts, from the 12-mile hill workout to arriving at school as early as 6 a.m. for aqua-jogging, helped us to prepare to run our best in our meets. This includes all of our summer workouts, which started in June," said Captain **David Musick**.

Before beginning each match, the boys prepared by jogging around the course to get a feel for the conditions that they had to run in later. The pounding of

their running shoes hitting the dirt with every step they took helped the runners keep their focus. "I feel like I need to push myself. I feel pain when I race, but I keep going as hard as I can," said **DJ Muzzy**.

Being a role model for his team, **Mr. McClelland** worked hard to practice everyday, trying to avoid every obstacle that stood in his way. "We run in rain, snow, cold, whatever. It there's lightening we might run inside, go on the elliptical bikes or go in the fitness room," said **McClelland**.

All the hard work from the cross country team, including running several miles a day, helped them achieve their goal of many victories.

By: Amanda Huey



Focused On Finishing. Remaining focused on the race, **Nicholas Miller** eliminates the fans on the sidelines from his concentration. He removed his distractions to help reach his goal and to make his coach proud. "After finishing a race I feel accomplished. If you focus on the people that are at the meet, you can



Leading The Pack. Captain **David Musick** continues to strive for his best time. His leadership helped lead his team, through ups and downs, to a majority of successes.

Cool Off. After his race, **Brian Mateas** strides past the finish line to drink water. "I like the end of the race when my team or I do well. We get to soak in the glory," said **Mateas**.



Fight For The Win. As the race goes on, it often becomes harder to concentrate. In this case team member **Derrick Pietrobon** kept his chin up and fought the pain.

Ready...Set...Go. The start of the race is mentally challenging for cross-country runners. Aware of the upcoming battle of endurance, **DJ Muzzy** began his journey.



Propel [v.]:

It's what swimmers do at the beginning of a race. With both feet on the block, they push off and begin the journey across the pool. As they propel themselves forward, it's the thrill of victory that drives every kick and stroke.



Flutter After leaving the starting block, **Shawn Staton** swims across the pool doing the butterfly stroke in the meet against the Huskies from Naperville North. "Before a meet I prepare myself by listening to pumping music, stretching and envisioning myself winning," said **Staton**. Her technique proved successful in the Melanie Anderson Invite, an all-relay meet she called "hard, but really fun."

The alarm clock buzzed at the desired time. It was Saturday morning, and it was time to prepare for the Wildcat Invite. The strong smell of chlorine filled the halls of the school as the members of the girls' swim team arrived one by one. Fresh baked bagels, pasta and granola bars greeted the girls at the door. After a pep talk from the coach, it was time to compete. One after the other, sometimes two at a time, the girls plunged into the water.

According to the swimmers, Coach **Nicholas Parry** made a difference in their success. "We practice really hard and have a lot of fun. Also our new coach is really good," said **Caitlyn Madsen**.

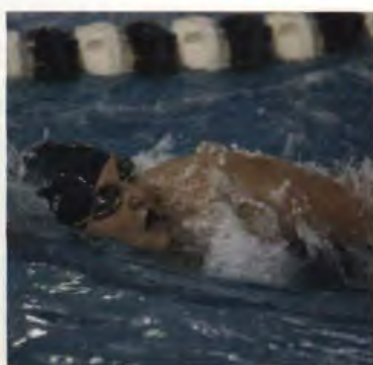
With head captains

Rachel Howe, **Jamie Lesniak**, and **Kristen Johansen** at the helm, the team did extremely well, and earned the right to compete at state. The team proved that they could go the distance while competing against other teams in the DVC.

The season began with a dual meet against York. All the girls swam more rapidly than expected, and everyone dropped time. "It was very exciting! It was a close meet the whole way. It came down to our final relay, and the girls were able to come through for us," said **Parry**. By spending so much time together, the girls' swim team became like a family of sisters.

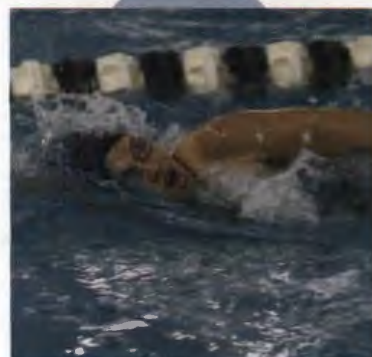
By: *Amber Weinmann*

Glide. Showing her grace, **Kelly Loftus** swims in the 300-fly relay. "We beat Oswego after some very close races like the 400-free relay and the 300-fly relay," said **Loftus**.



Stroke. Against the Naperville North Huskies, **Michaele Winn** swims her hardest to drop time. "Practices and meets are really hard but we do really well," said **Winn**.

Kick. After diving into the pool, **Ania Skorupski** envisions herself winning. "It's a great feeling to be able to move through the water smoothly," said **Skorupski**.



Freestyle. Facing Naperville North, **Meghan Ziffra** reaches across the water to keep West Chicago in the lead. "I like the way the girls come together as a team," said **Ziffra**.

Plunge [v.]=

The cool water strikes the skin with a distinct feeling of a fresh start and an assured belief in one's uncanny ability. All troubles and worries are forgotten while the only focus is on poise and flawless form. Each goal that has been set is initiated with determination and self-confidence.

A swimmer's day starts off at five thirty a.m. making laps across the swimming pool for two hours prior to the start of the school day. Morning practices consist of two miles of laps and weight training three days a week. "Each year I have a goal, and if I don't accomplish the goal, then I want to come back and work harder to get it," said **Dillon Hall**. Team chemistry has always been a foundation for Wildcat tradition, and the boys' swim team was no exception.

The start of the season did not go as the team had hoped. The boys lost their first two events, but quickly rallied together to finish fourth out of eight teams at the Eagle Invite at Leyden. Standout

swimmer **Anthony Nolazco** led the pack in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:01. Senior Captain **Matthew Ziffra** swam in the 100-meter fly and finished with a time of 1:03, which was good enough for an individual second place finish.

With a roster of several first year competitors, Coach **Nick Parry** said his expectations couldn't have been better met. The accomplishments of the season, along with plenty of young talent, were great indicators of success for many years to come. "Every season will have its ups and downs, but I feel that this year will give us a great base to build on," said Coach **Parry**.

By: Victor Velazquez



Cruise. Gliding through the water with sleek poise and energy, Captain **Matthew Ziffra** puts his self-discipline and strong work ethic to the competition. Committing himself to long hours of swimming laps and lifting weights constantly portrayed his true colors. "The whole team really steps up when season rolls around. Whether we spend hours in the gym or in



Vertical. Backstroking his way to a solid time, Captain **Greg Pelke** demonstrates his form. "With a new coach the season was more challenging. I like to dominate

Time Strain. Racing against the clock, **Seth Kelley** attempts to beat the test of time and improve on his personal best length. "The hard work really paid off," said **Kelley**.



High Point. Proving his worthiness to his teammates, **Brian Hummer** rallies his team back into competition. "I do the best I can to help the team as much as possible," said **Hummer**.

Touch Out. Using every last ounce of energy and endurance, **Kyle Hunter** floats swiftly across the water with great composure. "Swimming is a big part of my life," said **Hunter**.



Love [n.]:

It's the score that every tennis player wants to see on the opponent's side of the scoreboard. As each girl on the team steps onto the court, she keeps one thought in mind. To hear "Game, Set, Match" in her favor, she needs to make sure that the player on the other side of the net never scores.



The Face of Determination. With the pressure of being the team leader following her every step, Captain **Heather Knoll** strides on the court, determined to defeat her opponent. "I honestly tend to talk to myself," said **Knoll**. "It may look crazy, but it works." Showing integrity, **Knoll** remained a role model to all of her teammates by keeping her head up high, even in rough times.

Settling in their seats, the crowd heard the roar of the girls' tennis team. Victory remained on the girls' minds as they psyched up each other for the matches to come.

While the girls were racquet tapping, **Coach Moeaki** counted.

"One." The team smiled. There was no limit to the outcome of the day's matches.

"Two." Determination appeared on their faces as they thought about winning. "Three."

"Wildcat!" The team shouted as **Moeaki** finished counting. Afterward, the players separated. While singles were calming their nerves, doubles motivated one another. "Before a game, my partner and I encourage each other," said

Rebecca Cisowski.

When not playing their matches, the doubles cheered the singles. No matter how difficult, Co-Captain **Heather Knoll** always returned the ball. "Playing against **Heather** is like playing with a wall. The ball always is sent back," said **Melanie Linsenmeyer**. Knowing they did their best, singles walked off the court with well-earned victories.

Whether it was lucky charm necklaces or just plain talent, the girls proved that they were worthy opponents. With a team record of 17-14, the girls felt victorious in their heart. "Everyone tried their best this year," added **Knoll**. "I'm so proud of them."

By: Courtney Neseimeier

It's Going, Going, Saved.

Keeping the play going, **Melanie Linsenmeyer** sends the tennis ball back over the net. "Letting it go out isn't an option," said **Linsenmeyer**.



Backhand of the Century. Hand steady, **Lizbet Cortez** prepares to send the ball back to her opponent. "I have a goal to learn from my mistakes and improve," said **Cortez**.

Ambushing the Ball.

Like a cat on the hunt, **Hannah Taylor** prepares to hit the ball to her opponent. "I like to think, how can I get the it back over the net?" said **Taylor**.



Style and Grace. Sophistication comes easy to singles player **Megan Green**. "Tennis is supposed to be fun. Why not look good while doing it?" added **Green**.

Advantage [n.]:

When a player is at deuce and is fighting for the chance to win the match, advantage is everything.

He sets up, serves the ball and wins the point. Then, finally, with one more winning play, he wins his match and leads his team to the victory they deserve.

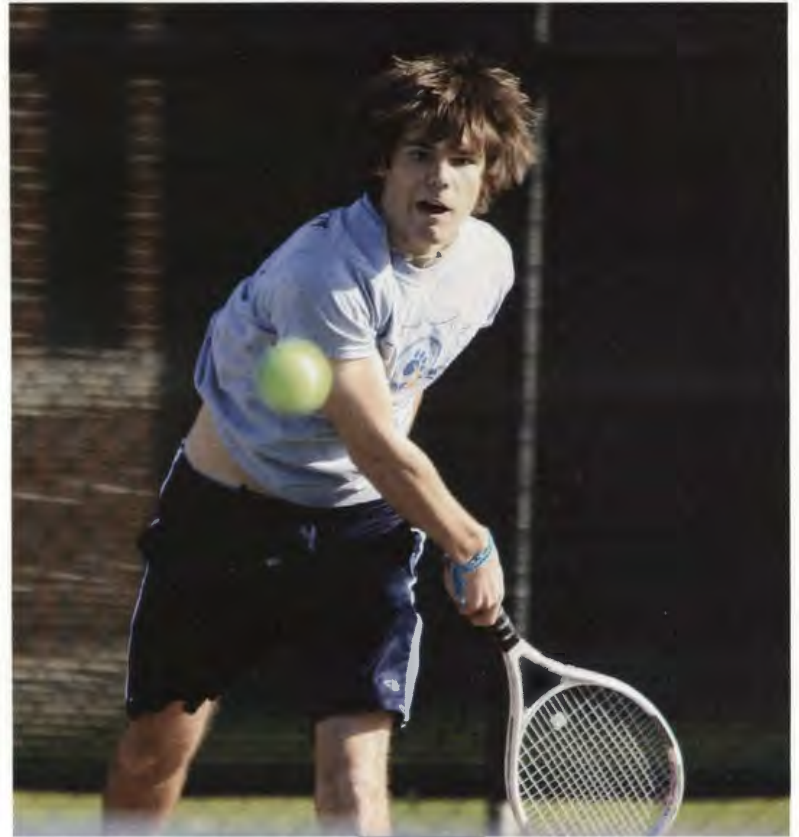
A sense of confidence and excitement filled the air as the boys' tennis team prepared for their DVC match up against West Aurora. Pre-game jitters transformed into extreme exhilaration as **Coach Moeaki** gave his speech. "We got these guys last year. Let's do it again this year. Come on!" he said. The team entered the court with pure determination running through their veins.

As Captain **Jozef Pavnica** tossed the ball in the air and sliced it with great swiftness, the match was off to a thrilling start. Back and forth **Pavnica** and fellow doubles partner **Jose Padilla** dueled it out with West Aurora's finest. The game was heated and competitive, but the Blackhawks

were no match for what **Pavnica** and **Padilla** brought to the table. With a day to be proud of, **Pavnica**, **Padilla**, **Jason Foreman**, and **Ron Obdin** won each of their singles matches to overcome the opposition 4-3.

The tennis season was a combination of intense matches and sometimes disappointing losses, but the boys always kept their heads high. The players took several aspects from the season that will help them reach new heights next year. "The season had its ups and downs, but I will always remember the great times we had as a team, which I will take with me for the rest of my life," said **Kevin Troy**.

By: Caitlin Friedrichs and Quin Gable



Precision. After serving the ball over the net to his opponents' territory, **Jozef Pavnica** and his doubles partner **Jose Padilla** anxiously wait for the ball to be returned. The doubles partners found their opponents from West Aurora's weakness, and were able to win the match. "The match was really competitive. Both doubles partners were really aggressive, and we were just able to take advantage of the mistakes West Aurora made. It was a really great match for both teams," said **Pavnica**.



Checkmate. After using his forehand stroke to hit the ball, **Jose Padilla** beats out his opponent. "Tennis has the perfect balance of team and individual sport," said **Padilla**.

Serve It Up. Getting in the groove to serve, **Brett Adams** psyches himself up to be in control. "My favorite part of the game is getting to serve the ball. It puts you in control for one split second," said **Adams**.



Drive For It. While playing singles against West Aurora **Zachary Pazar** is able to keep the ball in play. "Preparing each week is the most important part," said **Pazar**.

Relax. With a hard backhand **Kevin Troy** hits the ball to the corner of the court. "I love the competitiveness in tennis when one's in a match, but it can be so relaxing at the same time," said **Troy**.



Precision [n]:

Golf is a lot like taxes - you drive hard to get to the green and end up in the hole. Each time a golfer prepares to swing her club, she visualizes the motion she will make. The precision with which she drives the ball leads her to victory. Maybe playing golf is better than paying taxes.



Drive. After her first swing of the meet, **Kimberly Kleczewski** aims for a lower score. As a result, **Kleczewski** scored 40 when she opposed Wheaton North. "My best memory was when I scored my personal best because it was really exciting, and it was a very good achievement for me. The most important thing I learned about golf is that it takes a lot of time and patience to be able to do well," said **Kleczewski**.

The aroma of freshly mowed grass was sharp in the air as the girls' golf team anticipated the start of their match. Coach **Michael Cain** and Captain **Natalie Pacelli** filled with confidence as the girls prepared for their opponent, Wheaton North. The St. Andrews Golf Course glistened from the sun like a silky spider's web swaying in the wind. As the time before the match winded down, the team became anxious.

After playing one of the best games of golf with only 40 strokes, **Kimberly Kleczewski** was proud of her improvement throughout the season. "I'm glad I'm on the golf team because we're getting better and better. By next year we

should be amazing," said **Kleczewski**.

In addition, making new friends and learning more about the sport of golf attracted the golfers to play on the team. "It would be impossible for me to name just one memory. There are so many memories, I definitely hope we have this much fun next year." said **Karlie Becker**. Since the team spent so much time together, they developed lasting friendships.

All in all, the season was one to be remembered. Although the team had a record of 1 and 11, they walked away proud of their accomplishments.

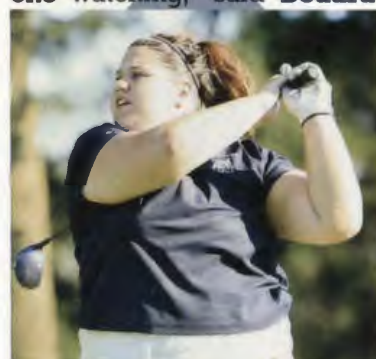
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Fore! While opposing Streamwood High School, **Natalie Pacelli** watches the ball land on the green. "I love our coach and the girls on the team. We always have fun," said **Pacelli**.



Holes-In-One. Lining up her shot, **Karlie Becker** focuses on defeating Wheaton North. "I started golfing two weeks before the season started, so practice helped me a ton," said **Becker**.

Tee Off. While playing against Streamwood High School, **Jessica Bedard** tees off. "Before a meet I'm usually calm, but I get nervous teeing off with everyone watching," said **Bedard**.



Reaching Par. After hitting the ball, **Natalie Pacelli** waits for it to land. "My biggest achievement was scoring the lowest of our school at regionals and almost qualifying for sectionals," said **Pacelli**.

Refinement [n.]:

Being a prestigious team takes hard work and dedication along with hours of practice, but with nothing to lose, the boys' golf team leaves everything on the green to make the season a memorable one.

At the end of a day at school, most kids can't wait to go home, but the same cannot be said for the 18 golfers on the boys' golf team. After school, these boys hitch a ride to St. Andrews Golf Course and hit a bucket of balls, or play a few rounds of golf in the afternoon. But today is different from the rest. On this day, after school, the team played Regionals, a tournament that included the best teams in the state. When the bell rang after 7th period, the boys boarded the bus and headed to the course, where they tested themselves mentally and physically.

Ryan Scheck and **Steven Romanelli**, team captains, knew that this tournament would define their whole season. For

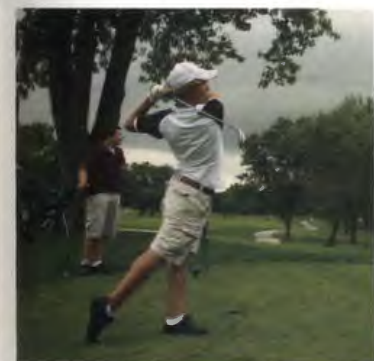
the team, quitting was not an option. All their persistence paid off when they took fourth out of ten teams.

Head Coach **Eric Lasky** said he knew his team's potential. "We've been doing very well in tournaments this year taking third out of nine, and four out of twelve in other tournaments this season," added **Lasky**, who said that three players made the cut. **Samuel Wais**, **Ryan Crawford**, and **Brendon Jones** represented the team at Sectionals where they tried their best to emerge victorious. Jones, who has been playing for four years on the golf team, finished one stroke short of making state.

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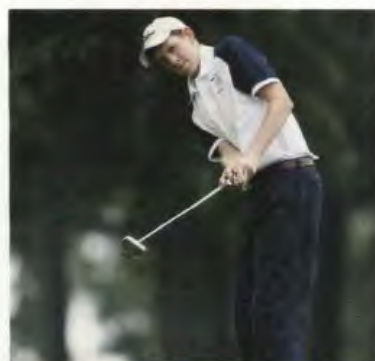


Fair-Way to Victory. As it grows late into the day, Captain **Steven Romanelli** steps up his game at the Wildcat Invite where they placed third out of nine, losing to state-ranked Wheaton Academy and Bartlett. **Romanelli**, who has been playing for three years, said, "The team stepped up at the end of the year sending three kids to sectionals including two juniors."



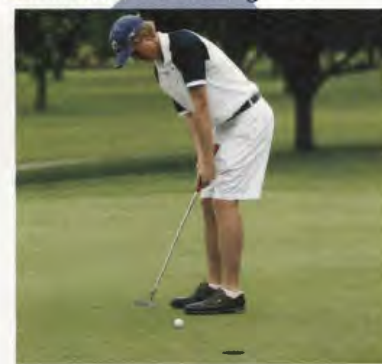
Tee Time. Still early in the day, **Blair Skarin** shows his potential while teeing off against West Aurora. "Our team owes it to our coaches **Lasky** and **Kempski**," said Captain **Ryan Scheck**.

Looking On. Sometimes a player hits a ball so far that it is nearly out of sight. With a puzzled look, **Ryan Crawford** showed what to do when he faced this dilemma.



For The Win. Putting his way to a victory, **Brendon Jones** sinks the ball to beat Wheaton Warrenville South. With his attention to detail and strong swing, **Jones** served as a valuable member of the team.

Just Tap It In. With only one thing in mind, putting the ball in the hole, **Samuel Colburn** concentrates and makes the putt for par. **Colburn** took a medal home in the Geneva Tournament shooting a 75.





Camaraderie. Anxiously waiting to battle Naperville Central, the boys motivate themselves for the game. As they dealt with doubts and criticism, each and every player found it easy to be pumped to show his true talent. "Everyday, when we go back to practice after a loss, we just talk about what we can improve and remind ourselves in the huddle to use that to our advantage," said **Tony Quarto**.



Come Ready to Play. Before the game against Naperville Central, **Coach Gimre** strategizes with **Mike Dylla**, **Tyler Wrzesinski**, and **Clark Hudmon** about which plays and defenses they would use for the upcoming game. "The coaches know best. **Coach Gimre** has done this a long time and we look up to him for that. His experience with basketball gives our team a better understanding of the game," said **Hudmon**.

Look Up the Floor. By keeping his head up, **CJ Opel** is able to pass the ball to the open man running down the floor. Transition baskets were a part of the win against Antioch.



Triple Threat. Examining the defense, **Nick Henke** waits for the offense to develop. Their fast-paced motion offense needed to be run with precision to be efficient.

Penetration. With a team made primarily of Juniors, the senior, **Jon Reyes** shows aggressive play as he pass fakes then drives to the hoop for two points on the scoreboard.



Box Out. After receiving a pass, **Clark Hudmon** keeps focus as he protects up high from Naperville Central's guard preventing the Redhawks from scoring.

Motion Offense [n.]:

Reacting to the opponent's position and actions, motion offense is a style of play designed for a team that is alive with chemistry. With no set play, every basket is made from pure instinct. The five players in the motion offense work as a team to put points on the board.



Reading the Defense. Analyzing the hardwood and the developing play, **Mike Dylla** waits for the motion offense to develop an open man to dish the ball to. Leading the team in assists, **Dylla** had no problem giving up the ball to **CJ Opel** for a wide open bucket against Naperville Central. Patience was key when the boys performed the motion offense, because that extra pass was needed for an easy bucket.

With a relentless drive and a number of young, but experienced players, the boys' basketball team gave a new meaning to the word hustle. During games, whether the scoreboard showed they were up or down, they always managed to play with a level of competitiveness that truly defined their style of play. As they hustled up and down the court during every game, they put forth not only maximum effort, but also played with an immense amount of heart and desire. Despite the score, the team represented the school with a strong sense of dignity.

By making a significant impact and showing a great deal of maturity on the team, **Tyler Wrzesinski** and

Chad Driscoll helped lead the boys to their first win against Antioch High School. Along with the two captains, others helping to contribute included

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Clark Hudmon, **Dane Gunderson**, and **Jon Reyes**. With an unfortunate start to a season full of hope, the boys practiced hard to get back on their feet. “After a loss, we go back to practice with a new mentality, working harder to get better,” said **Wrzesinski**.

Despite the bumpy ride, the team managed to set and meet goals along the way. As they

participated in games, the team showed character, never giving up. “Each time on the floor, the players always put forth a great effort that gave us a chance to compete,” said **Coach Gimre**.

Against a strong Wheaton Warrenville South team, the boys managed to rally together to keep a tight game. With a boost of momentum after a slam dunk by **Center Tyler Griffith**, the boys felt unstoppable. They played every game to their full potential displaying maximum exertion, which is what **Coach Gimre** and **Coach Teagle** preached daily. “The coaches try their hardest and expect the same from all of us players,” said **Mike Dylla**.

By: Justin Kutilek and Quin Gable

In The Paint. After an outside shot, **Center Tyler Wrzesinski** grabs the rebound. Although the boys preferred the perimeter game, they also played tough inside the paint.



Jab Step. Rapidly moving up the court, **Eli Asani** looks up court on a fast break. **Asani** zipped the pass to **Dane Gunderson** who then made a move and drove to the basket.

Ball-Side. Making his presence known on the court, **Point Guard Chad Driscoll** drives down the hardwood looking for either an open shot, or an open man to pass the ball to.



Chest Pass. Getting involved, **Rhett Gunderson** passes to **Tony Quarto** for the outside three. Teamwork caused the boys to trust each other on the court and off the court.

Crack Down [v.]:

It's a term that doesn't just represent an offensive play, but it also portrays the action of immediate concentration. "Cracking down" causes the girls to forget everything that has happened beforehand and focus on the upcoming challenge.

Never give up. These three words are frequently used to describe the girls' basketball season. With only one returning varsity player, **Kayla Radloff**, the girls knew they had to step up their game to be able to perform as a team. Even though most of the team had little experience, never once did they show the sign of defeat. "Even though the season was rough at times, especially when **Lindsey Johnston** tore her ACL, we never gave up. We always tried to give our best effort in practices and games," said **Radloff**.

Again and again **Coach Wallner** emphasized the importance of coming out ready to play and working hard. Her knowledge and experi-

ence of the sport helped guide her team to finding success. "**Coach Wallner** is tough but fair. She always gets the best out of us," said **Jessica Baidis**.

No matter how young the varsity team

["Even though the season was rough at times, we never gave up. We always tried to give our best effort in the practices and games."]

was, they were always helping in useful ways. Sophomores **Elizabeth Bruce** and **Katie Staiton** were always heard cheering on their fellow teammates on and off the court.

Coming out of the holiday break with their first victory against Sandwich High School, the girls continued to step up their game and improve their competitiveness. Soon after that the girls continued to show intensity and managed to pull out a win at Naperville North. **Christine Rovtar** proved to the coaches she could be a leader by consistently working hard at practice, which showed in games. "I knew I had to step it up this year because we had such a young team," said **Rovtar**. Captains **Radloff**, **Megan Peterson**, and **Rachel Jefferson** continued to be good role models for the younger members of the team.

By: Quin Gable



A Spurt of Speed. Point Guard **Kayla Radloff** pushes the ball up the court to set up the team's offense. Being a point guard is one of the most important positions. **Radloff** had to call out plays to help the team score. With the role of a Point Guard and Captain, she served as the number one leader of the team. "It's a lot of work to be a leader on and off the court, yet at the end of the day it's a great feeling," said **Radloff**.

Triple Threat. With hands strong on the ball, **Melanie Fischer** is ready to pass, shoot, or dribble. "When playing varsity, triple threat is a key move that is used," said **Fischer**.



Squared Up. By faking out her opponent, **Christine Rovtar** is able to aim for the hoop. Not only did **Rovtar** score, but she also managed to put a few more points on the board.

Hustle. One person's turnover is another person's ball. **Rachel Jefferson** used her speed and then was able to recover the basketball and score two points for the team.



Crossover. Protecting the ball from being stolen, **Elizabeth Bruce** looks to drive a gap, or dish it out to another open teammate. Her unique passes put points on the board.



Extreme Teamwork. By showing how much they want possession of the ball, **Christine Rovtar, Jessica Baidis, and Emily Paschke** use their teamwork to ensure the rebound. Since the game was on their home court, the ladies pushed it to the limit. The intense game caused the girls to have new bruises and bumps. Although the girls tried their best, Glenbard East ended up winning 36 to 48, in this very close game.

Reach for the Ball. With determination to help her team, **Katie Staiton** pushes to get past the Glenbard East Rams. "Everyone wants to have the ball on their side of the court, so as a point guard I try to hustle for every ball," said **Staiton**. On defense, **Staiton** recovered the ball, giving the Wildcats an advantage as they hustled through the game. "I call **Katie Staiton** the little Energizer Bunny on the court," said **Rovtar**.



Pull Up. Three point shooter **Kayla Radloff** pulls up to shoot over her opponent. Since she was a consistent outside shooter, her points greatly helped the team.



Glide. Using her speed to fly by Glenbard East, **Katie Staiton** makes a layup and adds more points to the board. Her points helped make a close comeback during the game.

Intensity. By keeping her eye on the basket, **Emily Paschke** grabs the rebound and goes up with the ball to make a bucket. Her height helped the team grab offensive rebounds.



Determination. Taking the ball up strong, **Jessica Baidis** goes through her defenders to aim for the hoop. "I always try to go up strong to have a chance at a bucket," said **Jessica Baidis**.

Takedown [n.]

An athlete grapples another athlete with force in an attempt to take him down. A perfect takedown takes hours and hours of practice and is a vital move in the wrestling world. With the right technique and training, a takedown could decide the fate of a match.

Dedication, hard work, practice, weight watching, and making large sacrifices are what it takes to be a wrestler at West Chicago. During the off-season, wrestlers practice three to four times a week and also weight train to acquire strength. During the season, coaches **Jamie Philips** and **Mike Pineda** are constantly motivating and pushing their team into shape. The one word to describe wrestling was "dedication," as stated by varsity member, **Doug Sills**. The wrestling team struggled as a team in the win column, but individuals have seen much success. Team captain **James Padilla**, who was chosen by the team to lead, along with **Austin Hall** and **Johnny Padilla**,

at the beginning of the season, proved his dedication with a team-leading record of 25-4. Wrestling in the DVC is demanding but as **Padilla** put it, "it just makes each of us better."

Wrestlers know that making sacrifices and working through the pain is what it takes to be committed to the sport of wrestling. The demands are high and losing weight is very stressful to the wrestlers. The rewards are greater though after a win or a personal achievement. "Wrestling has shown me that without hard work and sacrifice you will never be successful in life," said **Sills**, reflecting on his two years as a West Chicago wrestler.

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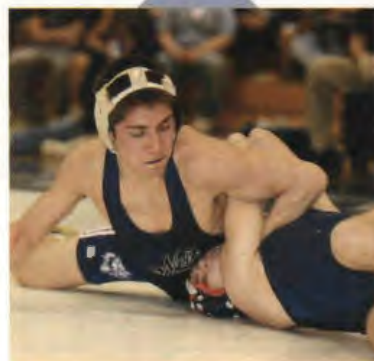


Resistance. Wrestling Varsity since Sophomore year, **James Padilla** has shaped himself into one of the school's top wrestlers. While his opponent from Naperville North tried with all his strength to take him down, **Padilla** used his own strength and technique to stay on top and come out with a victory in the match. "Wrestling has taught me confidence, along with the value of winning and losing," said **Padilla**.



Victory. With a record of 28-7, **Andrew Cruz** feels he could have done better. "Being in the toughest bracket didn't work out too well for me, but it was a good season," said **Cruz**.

Determination. Pinning his opponent to the floor with an arm bar, **James Padilla** makes his victory against Naperville North look easy. The hours of practice paid off for **Padilla**.



Domination. Putting himself in a great position to advance to victory, **Nicholas Carnot** uses precision in his wrestling and does his best to make every move count.

Inspiration. Coaching for five years, Coach **Jamie Philips** knows how to inspire his team. "It was a good season. There were four guys with over 22 wins," said **Philips**.



Relentless [adj.]:

From the opening face-off to the final buzzer to end the game, the Wheaton West Wild give 110% every time they touch the ice. It is this kind of attitude, along with their hard work, that made the season such a success.

The locker room was filled with adrenaline, but there was no talking before this game. Wheaton West Wild was going against the undefeated AWF Renegades, a team of students from Addison Trail, Willowbrook, and Fenton. Opening the game with intensity, the Wild scored two goals. It was an exhilarating start for the Wild who were on their way to an upset. Starting the second period, AWF wanted revenge. Scoring four unanswered goals throughout the second period and midway through the third, things were going south for Wheaton West. They were down 4-2 with five minutes left. Fighting for the puck, **Shane Smith** kicked it to Defenseman

Ryan Roman who scored to make it 4-3. A fire was lit, and the Wild were in the game.

With less than a minute left, the Wild grew desperate. Defenseman **Kevin Troy** found a loose puck and scored. The game ended in a tie, but it spoke levels about the Wild. They came together as a team, something they did numerous times throughout the season.

With students from Wheaton North, Wheaton Academy, and West Chicago, the Wild started out their season with high hopes. "The team has really worked hard this year to try to accomplish something. It was a new thing for us and we wanted to go all the way," said **Troy**.

By: Ryan Roman



Words of Wisdom. Players listen attentively as Coach **Dave Dyson** comes up with a new game plan. Their season ended with a heart breaking 5-3 loss to the AWF Renegades in the finals of the State Tournament. "The team improved by leaps and bounds over the course of the year. They bought into the concept of being a cohesive unit, working for a common goal and our success followed," said **Dyson**.



Top Shelf. Tricking through the defense, **Cameron Daboll** shoots at the opposing team's net. Along with **Daboll**, the team made long strides during the course of the season and finished second in their division.

Snapshot. Cruising down the ice, Captain **Ryan Roman** takes the puck through defenders and scores to put the Wild ahead in their playoff game against Crystal Lake.



Powerplay. Muscling his way to the net, Winger **Bobby Gryfinski** passes to the open man to try and create a scoring opportunity against Wheaton Warrenville South. Plays like this one made it an easy 6-1 victory.

Full Stride. Pushing the puck across the ice, **Jordan Rehak** skates free from defenders to make an assist for another Wild goal in their first state tournament game.



Assist [v.]:

A game of lacrosse cannot be won on an individual's talent alone, but when players combine their talents and work as a team, the outcome is captivating. As the old saying goes, "There is no I in team." This sense of teamwork is truly demonstrated by these modern day warriors.

The air turned bitterly cold, as the storm moved in. The lacrosse team had been practicing for weeks. With a small roster, each player was responsible for playing the game with rapid reaction time and an enormous amount of awareness. Ready or not, today was game day.

Coming off of a win at their home field opener, the boys took the field with intent for excellence. As the pre-game warm-ups began, the boys shook off the jitters and managed to focus on the tasks at hand. Before they set into position, both teams met mid-field and were advised to play a clean game of lacrosse. As the tension grew between the Wildcats and the

Wheaton North Falcons, the game began.

The whistle blew, and the game was underway. After a few passes, the Wildcats put the first goal on the scoreboard with a shot from Attackman **James Weier**. With the rain continuing to pour, the offense continued to keep the Falcons off guard.

As the game went on, the boys defeated their rivals 10-5. Their defense remained tough, while the offense seemed to score at will. Since the beginning of their freshman year, the seniors on this Varsity team were ready to play their part in representing the colors of blue and white with pride.

By: Justin Kutilek



Hot Shot. With an open look at the goal, Attackman **James Weier** prepares to fire a shot. Contributing to the team's victory, **Weier** was no stranger to scoring as he led the team with three goals in a 8-7 victory over Geneva. "Regardless of how many goals I score as an individual, it doesn't matter. The goals I score throughout the game are primarily because of my teammates' ability to get me the ball," said **Weier**.



Watch My Feet. Racing the ball across mid field, **Christopher Piane** makes a move and looks to set up the offense. **Piane's** two goals in the third helped gain back momentum.

Fast Break. Contributing to a team primarily made of upper-classmen, **Scott Wheeland** shows his athleticism as he darts across mid field. "I have learned a lot from playing on varsity," said **Wheeland**.



Patiently Waiting. Looking for a play to develop, Attackman **Ryan Roman** looks to exploit the opposing team's weakness. "When the ball is in my hands, I do my best to contribute," said **Roman**.

Playing the Field. Reacting to the opposing offense, **Thomas Wilson** displays textbook defense. "**Tom's** work ethic motivates you to play at another level," said teammate **Justin Kutilek**.



Rally [v.-]:

It's when the Badminton players hit shot after shot in an attempt to score a point. Each heart pounding match consists of endless rallies that increase the team's chances of winning. After a season of long practices and many matches, the team came together to make unforgettable memories.



Steady Hand. With a steady hand and the desire to win her match, **Tu-Nhi Le** gives her best effort towards every shot and serve. She walked onto the court with a positive attitude and looked at losses as an opportunity to improve on her skills. "Since this is my last year on the team, I wanted to do everything I could to make sure I left the school with having a good season. I think our season over all went really well," said **Le**.

The last bell of the day sounded off, and the badminton players gathered their racquets and headed towards the athletic locker room. The girls gathered in Bishop Gym to prepare for game time. One by one, sometimes two, the girls faced Glenbard South in long, arduous matches. After several minutes of good shots from both sides, the first match ended with West Chicago on top, and the team went on to beat Glenbard South.

Each badminton player needed to be in her best condition. At practices the girls worked not only on their front and backhand swings, but their agility and hand eye coordination. "The best part about badminton is the satisfaction of improv-

ing and then winning against tough schools. All our hard work is rewarded with a win," said **Mariela Kruthoff**.

The season ended on a high note when **Ania Skorupski** was sent to state, and won 1 out of 3 matches. With Coach **Bang Nguyen** in charge, the girls went into every game with enough confidence to win matches and extreme amounts of adrenaline to finish the job. Captains **Jamie Roman, Lia Smith, Ania Skorupski,** and **Mariela Kruthoff** led the team in confidence and desire to win. "Our season went better then I expected despite the fact that we got a ton of new girls," said **Lamanda Moore**.

By: Amber Weinmann

Lunge. While playing against West Aurora **Mariela Kruthoff** hits the birdie across the net. "Every game is challenging, to win we combine power shots with skill shots," said **Kruthoff**.



Div. In Deep. Concentrating on her swing, **Kimberly Kleczewski** sends the birdie over the net hoping to score. "All the matches that we play are intense and get your heart pounding," said **Kleczewski**.



Flick. While serving the birdie to her opponent, Captain **Lia Smith** starts off the match. "In badminton you need to have precision and power in order to win many matches," said **Smith**.



Deep. While **Casey Dennis** focuses on a win, she attempts to score. "People underestimate badminton, but they change their minds when they play against us," said **Dennis**.



Fast [adj.]:

The multi-talented girls of the track team use speed to their advantage both in practice and in meets. Stride after stride, they know they have reached the end by the pain in their legs. From jumping to throwing to sprinting, it's the force that brings pride and success to every track athlete.



Airborne. During the season, **Brittany Smith** shows she's a force to be reckoned with. **Smith**, one of the top long-jumpers on the team brought her game face to both the field and the track. **Smith** along with three of her teammates, **Karlie Becker**, **Kara Triner** and **Annette Eichenberger** finally made their name permanent on the walls of CHS on April 11th by breaking a school record at the Glenbard South Invite.

"The meet is cancelled because of severe thunderstorm forecasts," said Head Coach **George Petmezas**, adding, "However, it will be rescheduled for Monday. Be ready."

As if Mondays weren't bad enough, the girls had to be ready for the Glenbard South Invite, where the girls competed against six other teams.

Fortunately, the weather was on the girls' side. A little after arriving at Glenbard South, a group of navy blue sweats assembled on the track. Team Captains **Kara Triner**, **Sara Fouts** and **Adi Huerta** led the team in their warm up. As the meet unfolded, the girls cheered on their teammates with pride while the coaches yelled splits. Little did they know, track

history was about to happen. Soon the runners felt a natural adrenaline rush and picked up the pace. In particular, during the 4x400 relay, Wildcats took over the field, running back and forth to make sure they would catch every runner twice.

At the end of the meet, eleven girls walked away with their personal best. In particular, four girls walked away with the satisfaction of finally breaking a school record which hadn't been broken for 31 years: 4:10.06 was the respected time.

"Of my five years coaching at CHS, this has truly been by far the best group of girls I have ever had the honor of coaching," said **Petmezas**.

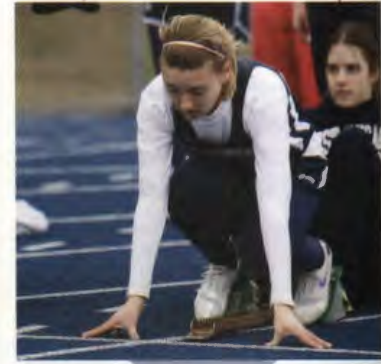
By: Adi Huerta

Speed. Two of the freshman girls, **Katie Kemnitz** and **Maggie Tikka**, prove they have what it takes by improving throughout the season. "No matter how much pain I'm in it'll all be worth it at the end," said **Tikka**.



Up, Up and Away! One of two pole-vaulters, **Sara Fouts**, shows her mastered technique. "Throughout the season I have been proud to represent We-Go on the Varsity level," said **Fouts**.

Flat Leg. The first runner of any relay is crucial to the team's success. **Emily Tennant** and **Alicia Waldschmidt** know the pressure of going first. "I reached my goal, 2:40! Now I'm on my super-duper goal," said **Waldschmidt**.



Heart Beat. Waiting for the gun to go off is one of the most stressful moments a runner endures "I just do the best I can and try not to let the other competitors get to me," said All-Conference Champ **Karlie Becker**.

Furious [adj.]:

With their feet moving faster than ever before and their muscles throbbing with every stride, these runners finish the race with empty lungs and a sense of accomplishment. It is with this ferocious attitude the boys' track team runs at every meet.

"Second call to 200 meter," shouted the race announcer. It was almost race time which meant it was time to prepare. Looking around one racer stood alone. With fifteen minutes left until race time, his mind was set on one thought, winning the race. Captain Neil Luka stepped up to the starting line with intentions of winning. The gun sounded, and Luka was at the front of the pack with visions of first place less than 200 meters away. Everything was going to plan when half way through the race Luka felt something wrong, as if a balloon exploded in his hamstring. He was down, and for him, the race was over.

With one captain out everyone had to

step it up and perform. Captain Josh Tikka did his part by placing first in 300 intermediate hurdles. "Whenever someone gets hurt, everyone has to make up for it and try harder. It's part of being a team," said Tikka. It was teamwork that rallied the boys together and truly made the group a team.

"Running is easy, but pushing yourself to victory is not. In track, you are running against yourself and your ability," said Captain Ryan Scheck.

The boys were running not only to win, but because they loved the sport. "When you have a passion for what you do, and run to the best of your ability, then you are successful," said Luka.

By: Ryan Roman

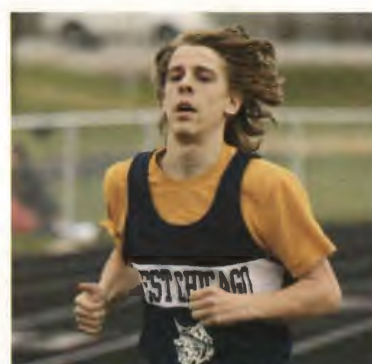


Exertion. The most excruciating, physically exerting race track and field has to offer might easily be the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Captain Josh Tikka ran the event at the Glenbard South Invitational and came in first place in his heat and took seventh overall. "All the practice you do during the season is worth it at the end of the race when you're exhausted and you hear your time and know you improved," said Tikka.



Full Stride. Stride after stride, Zach Mowen keeps his legs moving as fast as possible while running the 100 meter dash. "All the practices come down to one race, and you have to give it everything you have," said Mowen.

Velocity. With only a short distance to gain speed, Jason Kovanda has to reach maximum velocity if he wants to make it over the bar. With only winning in mind, Kovanda made it over successfully.



Endurance. Running long distance takes hours of conditioning and training in order to complete, but at the end of a race when the body says no more, willpower keeps Kevin Hund going.

Synergy. The 400 meter relay takes four runners who use teamwork and heart to win the race. Teammates Joe Serio and Nick Miller handed off the baton at the Glenbard South Invite.





Senior Unity. As Coach Walters gathers the infield together, they discuss a strategy to secure the third and final out at the bottom of the seventh inning and secure a victory over DVC opponent Glenbard East. "Having such a close bond as a team and a passion for the game, we really showed senior leadership for the underclassmen," said Team Captain and Shortstop Barrett Serrato.



Clean It Up. Like a magnet, Second Baseman Michael Sedjo fields a ground ball smoothly during warmups. Coach Walters moved players around to positions that he felt would help the team be more successful in both the offensive and defensive sides. "Playing third base for a game was not an easy transition, but I knew I had to make the sacrifice for the team. I did my best to fill the spot," said Sedjo.

Pitcher Perfect. Before the game against Naperville Central starts, Team Captain and Pitcher Trevor Bodie warms up in front of dozen including our very own Squad.



Southpaw Strike. As he winds up to throw, Pitcher Jacob Venchus shows perfect form while throwing a fastball for a strike against West Aurora.

Best Dunter. After laying down a textbook bunt, Team Captain and Outfielder James Eckler races to first base safely and allows a runner to move into position to score.



Snap and Throw. Receiving a hard hit ground ball, Purdue-bound Shortstop Barrett Serrato throws a Wheaton Warrenville South runner out at first with no hesitation.

Sacrifice [n.]:

A true baseball player shows his commitment to his team with this type of hit. It means he's willing to give up his own stats to help a runner move forward toward homeplate. The player is always pushing it to the limit to help the good of the team for the love of the sport.

As the night started winding down, the baseball team was determined to make a comeback against Wheaton Warrenville South. Down 3-1 in the bottom of the 5th inning, the opposing pitcher, **Nick Brown**, was still firing when the team came together with consecutive hits. While rattling the reigning DVC's most valuable player, the Wildcats went ahead 4-2.

In the top of the 6th, the rival Tigers came back and tied the game, but in the bottom of the inning the home team went ahead with a hit by the team's pitcher, **Trevor Bodie**. During the following and final inning, WWS again tied the game at five, but the team had three outs to score and win.

After giving up a

hit to Outfielder **James Eckler** and intentionally walking Purdue-bound Shortstop **Barrett Ser-rato**, **David Sampiller** took the plate. Fearing nothing, the team's

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catcher launched a ball to score **Eckler** and win the game 6-5.

Leading up to this point, the baseball team worked tirelessly throughout the whole year preparing both men-

tally and physically. Practice and open gyms in the winter beginning at 5 in the morning consisted of weight lifting, hitting, fielding, running, and working to build team chemistry.

According to team members, the sacrifice given day in and day out from every single player led to their success. “Everyone is involved,” said Pitcher **Aaron Kennedy**, who added, “If you're not a starter you help out in the dugout and rattle the opposing pitcher. Everyone has a role on our team, and when it all comes together we succeed.” Truly, the team exemplified sacrifice.

By: Jacob Venchus and Samantha Deaton



Lock and Load. Rearing back and getting set for the first pitch, First Baseman **Matthew Youngwith** connects and reaches base with an RBI single against Wheaton North. The team played the Falcons in a double header at University of Illinois-Chicago. “Playing at UIC was an amazing experience. With the skyline in the background, it was an honor to play on the field with my teammates,” said **Youngwith**.

Bulldog Bite. Following Coach **Walter's** adage, “Be a Bulldog,” Third Baseman **Brian Simpson** shows his toughness while fielding a hard groundball.



Heating Up. Helping pitchers warm up before a game against Naperville North, Catcher **Dane Gunderson** works hard to make sure the pitchers are ready.

Flame Throw. Sizzling on the diamond, Pitcher **Matthew Andracki** fires an eighty-two mph fastball for a strike against a Naperville Central batter.



Throw 'em Out. Working hard behind the plate, Catcher **David Sampiller** throws out a Naperville Central baserunner attempting to steal second base.

Champions [n.]:

The Varsity softball team's desire to win the DVC title finally paid off as they defeated Wheaton Warrenville South. After securing the DVC Championship, the girls went on to become Regional Champions. The thrill of the team's victory made these girls the pride of West Chicago.

Once the school day ended, the softball players prepared for an intense game against St. Charles East. The hum of conversation filled the dugout, as the girls displayed pre-game jitters. After lacing up their cleats, the girls began their warm up. Head Coach **Jim Schaudt** belted out positions as the game began. Left field! Shortstop! First base! Then finally, with a swing of the bat, the game was thrown into motion.

As the game began, each team held a tough defense against their opponents. Pitcher **Mary Connolly's** fast pitches struck out numerous players helping maintain a tough defense. Captain **Linnea Detrick** opened up the game with

a hard hit to right field. The hitting was in full swing when **Connolly** hit a homerun to put the girls in the lead. Even with the home field advantage,

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they still gave one hundred and ten percent in order to produce a win. "The team not only plays every game like it's our last, but we show commitment, desire and love for the game. As a team we have come together and created a great chemistry on and off the field,"

said Centerfielder **Jamie Dash**. In the end, the girls defeated St. Charles East, producing their first win of the season.

Ultimately, the team proved to everyone just how great they are. They remained number one in conference and walked away from the season with a conference championship, a regional championship, and a record of 25 and 8. "I know no one will forget the moments we've had on this team. From **TK's** (**Taylor Kutilek's**) dancing, to singing in the dugout, plus all the intense games we've battled through, this is by far the best team and family to be a part of," said Captain **Margaret Scott**.

By: Alyson Taddeucci



A Force to Be Reckoned With. Although it is only her first year of high school softball, **Mary Connolly** becomes leader of the team. Her composure and talent on the field ultimately helped her become DVC Athlete of the Year. "As a Freshman, it's pretty scary being on Varsity because all of the girls are older. They took me in and made me feel like I'd been a part of the team for as long as they have," said **Connolly**.

Crazy Captains. After winning 5 to 0 against Wheaton North, Captains **Linnea Detrick** and **Margaret Scott** celebrate their last high school season with a little craziness.



Beautiful Bunter. Lead off hitter **Kaity Olson** prepares to lay down a bunt. After sprinting down to first base, **Olson** was called safe, which led to the rally of the inning.

Line Up. While waiting for the line up, **Margaret Scott**, **Elizabeth Bruce**, and **Danielle McAvoy** get ready. "Our team is strong. We get along on and off the field," said **McAvoy**.



On The Field. Stepping into position, **Jamie Dash** waits for the pitch to be hit. The team held a solid defense as they defeated Naperville Central by one run in the 8th inning.



Wildcat Pride. After defeating Wheaton North 5 to 0, the team walks to the pitcher's mound for a "Wildcat Pride" cheer. They were determined to prove their talent as the season progressed. "The softball program is underestimated and we want to fix that. With the great bond our team has created, we are finally ready to prove to everyone how talented we are. We are definitely capable of being the best team in the DVC," said **Kaitly Olson**.

Tag, You're Out. As the opponent from West Aurora sprints down to second in an attempt to steal, **Elizabeth Bruce** is ready to defend the base. By constantly covering the necessary bases, **Bruce** enabled her teammates to be able count on her. "Playing a sport like softball introduced me to people that I wouldn't have know otherwise. Our team has grown to count on one another and we always help each other out," said **Bruce**.



Looking To Steal. After hitting a double against Glenbard East, **Linnea Detrick** looks to steal third. The team's aggressive base running helped them win numerous games.



Ready and Waiting. As the ball is hit, **Christine Rovtar** adjusts to catch it. "Every game is a team effort and each person plays a key role in each game," said **Rovtar**.

Under The Tag. By avoiding the tag, **Taylor Kutilek** advances to second base. "Even though we are a young team, we have the potential to be successful," said **Kutilek**.



Swing Away. While facing the West Aurora pitcher, **Taylor Dash** prepares for the pitch. Since the players were disciplined at bat, the team is strong in the batter's box.



1.2.3..INTENSITY. Gathering together before a match, **Coach Hasty** and the team discuss what needs to be done to defeat their opponents, and what changes can be made from the previous game to come out with a win. "Our practices are always an adventure and something new. As hard as practices are, they do discipline us because we stay very focused in the drills," said **Oscar Grajeda**. "**Hasty** pushes us very hard in practices. We do all sorts of training such as long distance and agility. However, she pushes us hard to get the most out of us," said **Jeff Hlinka**.

What Time Is It? In the middle of the court before the game, the starting line up gathers together with one another. Performing the game time chant, the boys pumped themselves up and increased their adrenaline to defeat their enemy. "My signature scream always helps pump all of us up on and off the court," said **Andrew Oppermann**.

It's In. Hitting through the hands of a double block, Captain **Andrew Oppermann** tips past their line causing his opponents to be confused as to whether or not the ball is in or out of bounds.



Can You Dig It? With great form, **Steven Romanelli** makes a pass to one of his teammates to continue the play hoping to score a point against their opponents.

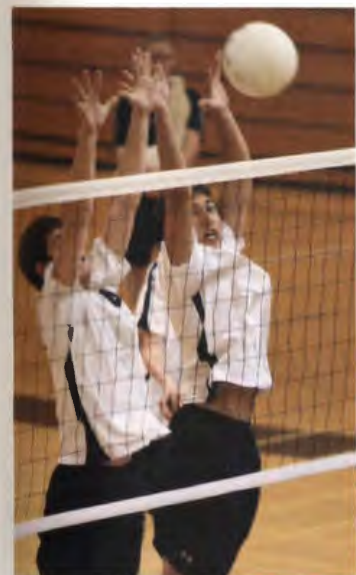
Down and Ready. Ready at the net preparing for the unexpected, **Michael Wall** gets down and ready with pure focus to prepare himself for anything that comes his way.



Prepare to Make a Kill. Making a kill, **Danny Calabrese** hits around the block of his West Aurora enemy, scoring a point and a sideout for his team.

Ace [n.]:

It's the key to success for a volleyball team. It's the serve that an opponent cannot return. It adds to the scoreboard and challenges each player to perform to his best ability. And by serving aces, perfecting plays, and engaging in endless rallies, these boys show their commitment to the sport.



Team Up. Teaming up with one another **Danny Calabrese** and **Steven Romanelli** put up a double block to shut down the other opponent's attempt to make a kill. "Calabrese and I worked well as a team this year and really bonded with one another. By hanging out off the court we were able to bring our close bondage in the game, work well with each other, and truly play like a team," said **Romanelli**.

With a bump, set, and spike, the Volleyball team started the season strong in their match vs. **Wheaton Warrenville South**. "Our first game was the best game we played all season. To take the number one team in state and number three in the nation to three games was huge! Our team clicked and we were just having a blast out on the court," said **Defensive Specialist Oscar Grajeda**.

In their debut game, the team hustled to their positions, ready to take on their opponents. "I prepare myself by thinking of what I need to do to help my team against the opponent. When I make a mistake, I think of what the other team did right, compare it to what I did wrong, fix

it, and get it right the next time," said **Team Captain Andrew Oppermann**.

Diving and hitting the floor at every game, the team worked towards victory. Along with a talented team, rowdy fans filled the bleach-

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ers to back them up in their times of loss and their moments of success. "Having fans at our games is so encouraging to our team. Knowing that

people believe you can win is the best motivation an athlete's heart could ever have," said **Grajeda**.

According to **Coach Hasty**, this team exemplified commitment. "We train pretty hard. Any ball not pursued will not go unnoticed. We run, do push-ups, and never walk in practice. My hope is that practices are always harder than matches," said **Hasty**, who added that she was proud of every player on her team. "We had flashes of greatness, but just struggled to put it all together for an extended period of time. However, we had a great group of guys. They worked hard, had a lot of fun, and shared a wonderful bond," she said.

By: Michelle Nitti and Adi Huerta

Shake It Off. Whether winning or losing a point, **Justin LeDuc** and **Oscar Grajeda** show confidence by high fiving one another. It was this teamwork that kept their spirits high during each match.



Spike Approach. In the air, ready to make an attack, **Captain Brendon Jones** attempts a kill at left side. "As a Captain, I am proud to lead such a dedicated team," said **Jones**.

Surprising his opponent, Jeff Hlinka tips a pass around the block with no intimidation whatsoever. Aiming for an open spot on the court, **Hlinka** hit it and scored a point.



Heads Up. Throughout their volleyball career, players **John Malandrucolo** and **Andrew Oppermann** practice and work on their blocks to the point of perfection.

Pressure [n.]:

Each time the members of the girls' volleyball team step onto the court, the desire to win overtakes the players. To some, the pressure is a curse. To others, it's the inspiration that leads to victory.

It was a crisp October afternoon on a game day. The girls' volleyball team anxiously waited for the big yellow bus to take them to their rival school, Glenbard North. They discussed gameplans and ate a quick snack, as they counted down the minutes.

The intense bus ride focused everyone's minds on the upcoming game. Every now and then, Coach **Kris Hasty** recited her expectations for the match: "100% effort, 100% of the time." The pressure was on.

It was the second game of the match, and the score was 8 to 9. The girls were down by one point, and the entire gym stood on their feet with anticipation.

Watching as the referee signaled for the

ball to be served, the girls became low and ready. By moving her feet to the ball after the serve, **Randi Ritchie** was able to send a perfect pass to setter **Kelsey Stewart**.

Just as the ball left **Stewart's** hands, **Linnea Detrick** started her spike approach. She jumped up to smack the volleyball,

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which couldn't have been set in a better place, making the first kill of the game. Point for We-Go. Sadly, the game ended with Glenbard North taking the lead. "At this point all we can do is have

faith in our teammates, regardless of the score," said **Ritchie**.

Libero **Amy Bytof** and outside hitter **Ritchie** worked together as captains to achieve what years accomplished; team spirit.

Being in the DuPage Valley Conference meant competing against some of the toughest teams in Illinois. Yet no matter how the score turned out, **Bytof** and **Ritchie** always tried to keep heads held high.

"Although we were the underdogs of the DVC, I am proud beyond belief of our team on the improvement that progressed throughout this challenging season," said **Michelle Nitti**.

By: *Amanda Huey and Quin Gable*



Concentration. Eagerness overwhelms **Linnea Detrick** as she patiently waits for the upcoming serve. The girls, playing on their home court, remained focused and ready at all times. The game was an intense one, with Naperville Central as the opponent. As always, the Redhawks proved to be a challenge for the Wildcats.

Ready, Set, Spike. Knowing that setting the ball is a crucial part of a volleyball game, **Kelli Grimm** assists her outside hitter, **Randi Ritchie**, to get a kill.



The Brick Wall. As **Michelle Nitti** and **Randi Ritchie** watch the Naperville Central hitter start her approach, they time her for the perfect moment to block her spike.

Get Your Head in the Game.

As a role model for the Girls' Volleyball Program, Coach **Kris Hasty** explains strategies of the game to teach players the best way to win.



Pass Up. By being low, **Randi Ritchie** is able to bump the ball perfectly to the setter. The bump is the most important part in volleyball because it causes the girls to set up their offense.



We're All in This Together. Whether it's motivational psyches ups or team criticism, the huddle always seems to be a place of comfort. The team huddles gave the girls a chance to say what's on their mind. "Team huddles help to bring our team back so we can focus on the game, or if we're winning, they're our celebration time," said **Sara Fouts**.

Take the Lead. In the team huddle, Captain **Amy Bytof** shares her thoughts on recent plays. She discussed her ideas for improvement and brought attention to the team's strengths on the court. Even if the score was overwhelming, it was her job, as captain, to keep team morale at a high point. "In every huddle I try to get the girls pumped. I usually tell them to be strong and go for everything. If the ball drops, you drop," **Bytof** said.



Dig it Out. With elbows locked, **Katie Jealouse**, in her ready position, returns the serve to the setter, **Grimm**, who tips it over the net and scored a point her team.



Preparation. Arms up, knees bent, **Joslyn Meissner** readies herself for the ball to be spiked to her. "To get a good block, you always have to be ready," said **Meissner**.

Thinking of Acing. As the crowd settles down, **Kelsey Stewart** lightly throws the ball into the air, hoping to serve the ball perfectly to Naperville Central's court.



Tip, Tip, Score. Keeping an eye on the ball when it leaves the setter's hands, **Linnea Detrick** lightly tips the ball to the middle of the court, hoping to score the point.

Teamwork [n.]:

Aside from fundamentals, the ability for many to work as one is the foundation for success. Striving for more than individual glory, teams understand they must work together toward victory.



BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Luis Ortega, Carlos Vazquez, Oscar Tapia. SECOND ROW: Joseph Caballero, Tim Schuda, Joel Rojas, Jose Padilla, Alberto Aguado, Servando Perez. BACK ROW: Coach Brugmann, Jonathan Alvarado, Alejandro Almaraz, Matt Rizzo, Eric Cabral, Mitch Boyd, Isair Castro.



BOYS' JV SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Roy Garcia, Alex Alcantar, Fredy Flores. MIDDLE ROW: Jose Montalvo, Dave Lustro, Geovanni Munoz, Pedro Tellez, Allende Luna, Kyle Nichol. BACK ROW: Joe Serio, D.J. Clark, Roberto Gonzalez, Jason Kovanda, Ryan Russell, Jozef Pavnica, Coach Owens.



BOYS' SOPHOMORE SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Ivan Valdivia, Adrian Porcayo, Mike Thiede, Kyle Wolf, Miguel Ortiz. MIDDLE ROW: Brad Fugate, Juan Vazquez, Richard Garcia, Dorian Carrasco, Aldair Vega, Eugenio Tirado, Julio Bautista, Coach Fuchs. BACK ROW: Pablo Quintana, Andrew Aguilar, Jesus Tovar, Anthony Hasbun, Brent Smith, David Perez, Joe Ramos.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

FRONT ROW: Kyle Hunter, Gunnar Sterne, Lucas Mackey, D.J. Muzzy. MIDDLE ROW: Fidel Huerta, Mike Russo, David Musick, Brian Smith, Evan Morgan. BACK ROW: Coach McLeland, Brian Mateas, Derrik Pietrobon, Alex Maguire, Doug Mateas.



BOYS' FRESHMAN SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Emigdio Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Chris Bicek, Adrian Perez, Ivan Pani. MIDDLE ROW: Gerardo Garcia, Jared Perez, Tony Maldonado, Nate Schweitzer, Kevin Bicek, Cesar Gonzalez, Eduardo Garcia, Brian Lustro. BACK ROW: Chris Quintana, Andres Perez, Jose Villa, Rodger Plant, Matt Peterson, Scott Cielo, Dillon Krotz, Coach Fuchs.

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GIRLS' SWIMMING

FRONT ROW: Victoria Riban, Shawn Staton, Alicia Weyerstrahs, Kristen Johansen, Amanda Winters. MIDDLE ROW: Hanna Colliander, Kelly Loftus, Meghan Ziffra, Caitlyn Madsen, Jamie Lesniak, Kelli Lyne. BACK ROW: Asst. Coach Delcid, Sally Stob, Maria Sedjo, Ania Skorupski, Rachel Howe, Caitlin MacDonald, Kelly Dunn, Mikki Winn, Coach Parry.

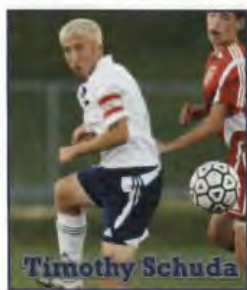




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Kristen Johansen



VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEER

FRONT ROW: Kelle Driscoll, Stacey Santillan, Angela Shurba, Sam Nolte. MIDDLE ROW: Alyssa Pierce, Cory Gierke, Jamie Dash, Ashley Waugh, Ileana Tapanes, Katrina Turzinski, Ashley Jefferson, Michelle Blackman. BACK ROW: Rachel Chronowski, Sara Lim, Taylor Jaconis, Hannah Strayve, Gina Stolzman, Kamrey Rohrdanz, Julie Leveille, Megan Zajac.



JV FOOTBALL CHEER

FRONT ROW: Lindsey Gehrke, Erica Lange, Kaity Olson. MIDDLE ROW: Molly Castelvecci, Stefanie Pauling, Courtney Vargas, Taylor Tessler, Shelby Dearborn, Elise Oppermann, Brittany Parisi. BACK ROW: Koressa Freyling, Stephanie Porter, Kelsey King, Chandler Abrams, Stefanie Turzinski, Haley Goranson, April Fichter.



FOOTBALL POMS

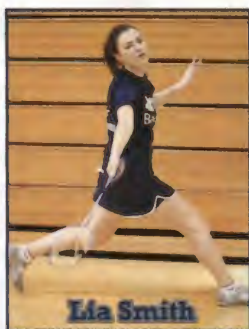
FRONT ROW: Heather Busch, Lauren Desik, Sarah Pierpoint, Amanda Terry. MIDDLE ROW: Renee Cirone, Alex Mills, Abbey Mastroianni, Kim Busch, Kelsey Skogsberg. BACK ROW: Jaclyn Coughlan, Allyssa Brinkman, Danielle Pacelli, Nicole Burlingame.

VARSIFY GOLF

NN	174-260 L
WN	245-19 L
NC	190-232 L
WWS	207-165 L



Trevor Bodie



Lia Smith



Boys' Cross Country



Karlie Becker

BOYS' VARSITY GOLF

FRONT ROW: Jordan Long, Sam Wais, Zack Pazar, Ryan Crawford, Ryan Scheck. BACK ROW: Coach Lasky, Matt Youngwith, Brendon Jones, Steve Romanelli, Coach Kempski.

BOYS' FRESH-SOPH GOLF

FRONT ROW: Tim Kotche, Robby Windisch, Nick Shurba, Brandon Taylor. BACK ROW: Coach Lasky, Blair Skarin, Chad Driscoll, Jordan Gabriel, Coach Kempski.

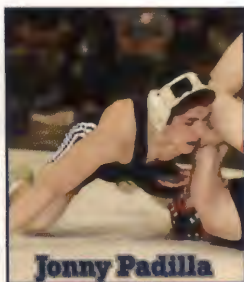
GIRLS' GOLF

Jessica Bedard, Kim Kleczewski, Coach Cain, Natalie Pacelli, Karlie Becker.





Kim Kleszewski



Jonny Padilla



Kelle Driscoll



Ryan Krage



Hannah Taylor



Mike Dylla



GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: Kayla Hempt, Amy Bytof, Sara Fouts, Katie Jealouse. MIDDLE ROW: Kelsey Stewart, Linnea Detrick, Kelli Grimm, Randi Ritchie. BACK ROW: Rachel Benney, Christy Lyszka, Joslyn Meissner, Michelle Nitti, Coach Hasty.



GIRLS JV VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Gola, Sara Smolucha, Margaret Polacek. MIDDLE ROW: Nicole Kuhlmann, Caitlyn Sekema, Danielle McAvoy, Katrina Beedle, Shawna Serrato. BACK ROW: Ashley Dunn, Emily Paschke, Quin Gable, Coach Morrone.



GIRLS SOFT VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: Maira Garcia, Haley Demitropoulos, Connie Tan, Taylor Dash. MIDDLE ROW: Daryl DeLeon, Patricia McAssey, Taylor Kutilek, Kelly Demitropoulos, Katie Staiton. BACK ROW: Emily Tulipano, Jessica Baidis, Madeline Warkins, Coach Michalek.

VARSITY		FRESHMAN A	
0-2 L	NN	0-2 L	
0-2 L	WN	0-2 L	
0-2 L	GBN	2-0 W	
0-2 L	NC	0-2 L	
0-2 L	WWS	0-2 L	
1-2 L	WA	2-1 W	
2-1 W	GBE	0-2 L	

JV		FRESHMAN B	
0-2 L	NN	0-2 L	
0-2 L	WN	2-0 W	
2-1 W	GBN	0-2 L	
0-2 L	NC	0-2 L	
0-2 L	WWS	0-2 L	
1-2 L	WA	2-0 W	
0-2 L	GBE	0-2 L	

SOPHOMORE	
1-2 L	NN
1-2 L	WN
0-2 L	GBN
0-2 L	NC
0-2 L	WWS
1-2 L	WA
0-2 L	GBE

GIRLS FRESH A VOLLEYBALL
FRONT ROW: Nathalie Lopez, Katelyn Wright, Morgan Hlinka, Chloe Ellis, Jen Konchar. BACK ROW: Manager Mary Connolly, Taylor Ballek, Sarah Norton, Kathy Fletcher, Coach Kavadas.

GIRLS FRESH B VOLLEYBALL
FRONT ROW: Emma Roberts, Jennifer Keilhack, Krysta Youngberg, Nicole Bowker. MIDDLE ROW: Christin LaCour, Kaitlyn Anders, Yasmyn McGee. BACK ROW: Guoste Kisieliute, Coach Rusin, Kayla Freund, Megan Swiertz.



Abbey Mastroianni & Kelsey Skogsberg



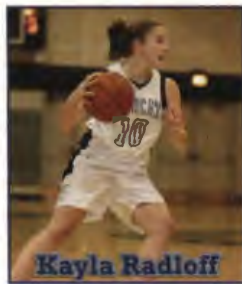
Katie Staiton



Kelsey Stewart



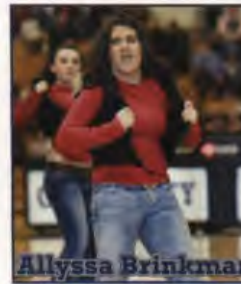
Cameron Daboll



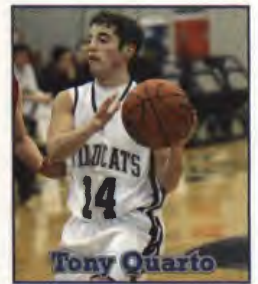
Kayla Radloff



Joe Serio



Allyssa Brinkman



Tony Quarto



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

FRONT ROW: Ivonne Reza, Adi Huerta, Emily Hahn, Rachel Jefferson. MIDDLE ROW: Maria Ortiz, Rachel Bass, Joanne Kaczmarczyk, Mary Murphy, Mayuri Parmar. BACK ROW: Coach Maxson, Kara Triner, Tanya Starkey, Annette Eichenberger, Bree Ringe, Coach Tanimura.



BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: C.J. Opel, Lorenzo Jones, Tony Quarto. MIDDLE ROW: Casey Camp, Nick Henke, Dane Gunderson, Mike Dylla, Eli Asani, Ryan Crawford. BACKROW: Coach Teagle, Chad Driscoll, Tyler Wrzesinski, Tyler Griffith, Clark Hudmon, Rhett Gunderson, Coach Gimre.



BOYS SOFT BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Kyle Schar, Mike Boegelein, Alex Robbins, Kyle Molskow, John Wehr. MIDDLE ROW: Jeff Robinson, Matt Ackerman, Nathan Gorski, Blair Skarin. BACK ROW: Charles Jacques, Ryan Karg, Nick Hawco, Kevin Peterson, Coach Lasky.

FRESHMAN

33-48 L	NN
18-64 L	WN
18-44 L	GBN
31-35 L	NC
25-43 L	WWS
40-57 L	WA
32-46 L	GBE

BOYS VARSITY GIRLS VARSITY

32-50 L	NN	56-42 W
30-78 L	WN	43-69 L
43-52 L	GBN	34-49 L
30-49 L	NC	42-69 L
38-44 L	WWS	32-50 L
24-76 L	WA	41-67 L
57-69 L	GBE	37-44 L

SOPHOMORE

39-36 W	NN	31-29 W
37-49 L	WN	50-33 W
49-40 W	GBN	44-21 W
51-47 W	NC	45-17 W
44-24 W	WWS	45-29 W
27-36 L	WA	47-27 W
33-59 L	GBE	53-43 W

FRESHMAN

BOYS FRESH BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Robert Windisch, Sean Paler, Justin Bangert, RJ Kobriger, Matt Zajac, Tim Kotche. MIDDLE ROW: Reid Howington, Denis Mahmic, Evan Bernard, Matt Peterson. BACK ROW: Coach Sayner, Kevin Stolzman, Brent Noesges, Ryan Kramer, Leo Bartyzel, Coach Wheeler.

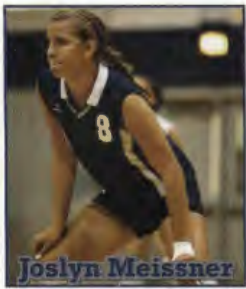
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Katie Staiton, Kayla Radloff, Izzy Bruce, Taylor Kutilek, Katie Bell, Maggie Polacek. MIDDLE ROW: Rachel Jefferson, Megan Peterson, Alex Guillen, Madeline Warkins, Annette Eichenberger, Lindsey Johnston, Melanie Fischer, Molly Monroe. BACK ROW: Emily Paschke, Jessica Baidis, Coach Wallner, Coach Kosek, Coach Young, Quin Gable, Chrissie Rovtar.

GIRLS FRESH BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Rebeca Luna, Christina Deimling, Kelsey Myers, Meagan Radloff, Sarah Opel. MIDDLE ROW: Jen Konchar, Guoste Kisieliute, Amber DelRio, Kaitlyn Anders, Meghan Ziffra. BACK ROW: Coach Melone, Mary Connolly, Jordan Nickelson, Sarah Norton, Taylor Ballek, Coach Rusin.

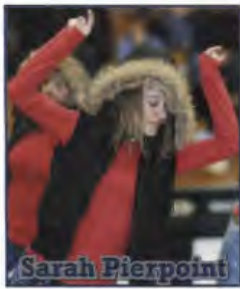




Joslyn Meissner



Jon Reyes



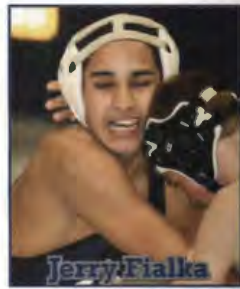
Sarah Pierpoint



Brian Simpson



Jamie Lesniak



Jerry Fialka



GIRL'S TRACK

FRONTROW: Julie Birkey, Karlie Becker, K. Johansen, Evelyn Galvan, Jessica Freeman, Meghan Nichol, Becca Howe, Megan Hernbroth. SECOND ROW: Maria Ortiz, Katie Kemnitz, Rachel Jefferson, Ivonne Reza, M. Parmar, Kelly Farrell, Brittany Smith, Sara Fouts, Alicia Waldschmidt, Emily Hahn, Sarah Kimball, Adi Huerta. THIRD ROW: Kaitlyn Anders, Tara Breinig, Bree Ringe, Katrina Beedle, Kara Triner, Tanya Starkey, Kelly Loftus, Stephanie Kuecker, T. Fernandez, Maggie Tikka. FOURTH ROW: Becca Tiani, Rebecca Uy, B. Ruman, A. Eichenberger, Coach Maxson, Coach Petmezas, Coach Brennan, Rachel Howe, Stephanie Lambert, Carrie Liszka.

GIRLS' TENNIS

FRONT ROW: Renee Jeffrey, Alex Brunelli, Megan Green, Kelsey Gossen, Eileen Damsch, Megan Gossen. SECOND ROW: Diana Martinez, Madeline Urban, Melanie Linsenmeyer, Stella Larson, Kelsey Malan, Megan Carnes, Heather Knoll, Lizabet Cortez, Anais Arias, Girelle Alcocer, Jamie Antczak, Claudia Santana. THIRD ROW: Mgr. Brett Adams, Mgr. Jason Foreman, Leigh Martino, Dana Burgess, Melissa Molskow, Rebecca Cisowski, Helene Sankovitch, Kelly Weber, Hannah Taylor, Sadie Roberts, Shelby Copple, Jamie Roman, Coach Moeaki.



BOYS' VARSITY TRACK

FIRST ROW: Richard Lopez, Doug Selby, Neil Luka, Kevin Klouda, Drew Bowker, Kyle Nichol. SECOND ROW: Kevin Hund, Trent Amey, Zach Mowen, Zak Bayless, Mike Schramer. THIRD ROW: Tim Loftus, David Musick, Joel Viera, Eder Gonzalez, Joe Serio, Ryan Scheck, Greg Berg, Tucker Hauptman. FOURTH ROW: Keryll Grinash, Jason Kovanda, Coach Cristina, Coach Zeitler, Josh Tikka, Nick Miller.



James Eckler



Rachel Howe



Varsity Cheerleaders

GYMNASTICS

Alexis Hosticka and Kristina Terry



BOYS' FRESH / SOPH TRACK

FIRST ROW: Fidel Huerta, Luis Rubio, Matt Alvarez, Nathan Schweitzer, Sergio Cale. SECOND ROW: Gunnar Sterne, Matt Kubik, Jesse Portillo, Evan Morgan, Eric Hernandez, D.J. Muzzy, David Duran. THIRD ROW: Jim Gehlhaar, Brent Smith, Alex Perez, Derrik Pietrobon, Ivan Kovanda, George Asenov, Dan Schwab, Zach Vann. FOURTH ROW: Brian Bennett, Matt Bannon, Coach Cristina, Coach McClelland, Coach Zeitler, Zach McNeal, Jeff Foreman.



John Malandrucolo



Brittany Parisi

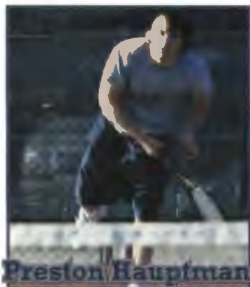
BOYS' TENNIS

FIRST ROW: Mike Russo, Yihao Chen, Joe Grotto, Pat Quealy, Ron Obdin, Jose Padilla, Max Dodd. SECOND ROW: Casey Powrozek, Dave Garcia, Jose Delgado, Karan Panchal, Devan Patel, Kyle Hunter. THIRD ROW: Luis Perez, Devan Patel, Matt Hellman, Roman Kopytko, Kevin Troy, Sean Keefe, Evan Krotz, Jon Kinsella, Ethan Woodbury, Drew Sobotka, Ed Villa. FOURTH ROW: Coach Toms, Preston Hauptman, Zach Pazar, Bill Burke, Brett Adams, Tyler Austgen, Jozef Pavnic, Jeremy Werle, Jason Foreman, Coach "Mo".

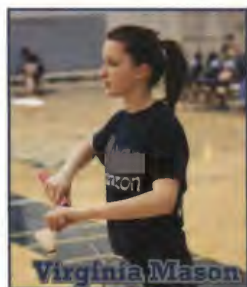




Meagan Radloff



Preston Hauptman



Virginia Mason



Oscar Grajeda



Izzy Bruce



Dan Guerrero



BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: James Jensen, Jordan Long, Brian Mateas, Dave Sampiller, Trevor Bodie, James Eckler, Joshua Yednock, Brian Simpson. SECOND ROW: Rhett Gunderson, Jacob Venchus, Tyler Christ, Michael Sedjo, Matthew Andracki, Dane Gunderson, Corey Freebern, Doug Mateas. THIRD ROW: Aaron Kennedy, Barrett Serrato, Coach Payne, Coach Walters, Coach Reagan, Matthew Youngwith, Ethan Burau.

BOYS' SOPHOMORE BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: John Wehr, Nicholas Carnot, Louis Richards, Matthew Matson, Al Robbins. SECOND ROW: Blair Skarin, Benjamin Orr, Jeff Robinson, Eulises Diaz. THIRD ROW: Matthew Ackerman, Charles Jacques, Ryan Karg, Kevin Peterson, Coach Lasky.

BOYS' FRESHMAN BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: Steven Miller, Matthew Zajac, Robert Windisch, Nickolas Shurba, Tommy Krone. SECOND ROW: Brian Lustro, Nik Kmiecik, Jesus Porcayo, Sean Paler, Salim Garcia. THIRD ROW: Dominic Simonetta, Justin Bangert, Jerrick Habecker, Joshua Stein, Peter Conrad, Reid Howington, Anthony Sarlo, Dane Sauer. FOURTH ROW: Coach Dalo, Matthew Rayos, Colton Reif, Scott Danes, Hunter Serrato, Ryan Kramer, Daniel Driscoll, Coach Lukas.

BASEBALL

SOFTBALL

2-4 L	NN	3-0 W
	WN	5-0 W
14-17 L	GBN	0-3 L
5-1 W	NC	2-1 W
6-5 W	WWS	2-1 W
	WA	9-5 W
12-1 W	GBE	2-0 W

BASEBALL

SOFTBALL

0-10 L	NN	2-12 L
	WN	0-5 L
7-0 W	GBN	2-1 W
5-6 L	NC	3-8 L
3-0 W	WWS	2-16 L
	WA	6-4 W
12-11 W	GBE	10-0 W

BASEBALL

SOFTBALL

9-10 L	NN	9-7 W
	WN	1-8 L
5-12 L	GBN	5-13 L
2-12 L	NC	11-3 W
5-11 L	WWS	
	WA	11-3 W
	GBE	11-3 W

GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL

FIRST ROW: Taylor Dash, Kaity Olson, Jamie Dash, Molly Monroe. SECOND ROW: Izzy Bruce, Taylor Kutilek, Linnea Detrick, Danielle McAvoy, Alyson Taddeucci, Courtney Macko, Margaret Scott. THIRD ROW: Coach Chrisos, Coach Shaudt, Mary-Kate Connolly, Chrissie Rovtar, Coach Tom, Coach Davidson.

GIRLS' JV SOFTBALL

FIRST ROW: Mayra Monroy, Anna Lane, Christina Pool, Molly Castelvechhi. SECOND ROW: Amber Weinmann, Katrina Turzinski, Molly Atherton, Courtney Barrie, Elizabeth Gola, Kelli Koehring. THIRD ROW: Coach Cortez, Sarah Houck, Kathy Fletcher, Jennifer Goldsmith, Coach Ruiz.

GIRLS' FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

FIRST ROW: Jessica Reed, April Fichter, Brittany Parisi. SECOND ROW: Nicole Bowker, Valerie Forrest, Ashley Tunk, Jesica Ruffino, Jessica Infelise, Jennifer Keilhack. THIRD ROW: Jen Konchar, Stefanie Turzinski, Coach Bolton, Meghan Putnam, Christina Deimling.





Taylor Kutilek



Clark Hudmon



Jessica Jones



Trevor Bodie



Rachel Jefferson



Ron Obdin



BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: Justin Leduc, Oscar Grajeda, Ryan Krage. SECOND ROW: Danny Calabrese, John Malandrucolo, Steve Romanelli, Mike Wall. THIRD ROW: Andrew Oppermann, Brendon Jones, Coach Hasty, Grant Luther, Jeff Hlinka.



BOYS' JV VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: Ivan Ishkov, Dorian Carrasco, Eugenio Tirado, Mark Dean, Ivan Valdivia. SECOND ROW: Blaine Flanagan, Brendan McCormack, James Washington, Alex Almaraz. THIRD ROW: Brian Skrypczak, Erich Letzter, DJ Clark, Anthony Hasbun, Coach Morrone.



BOYS' FRESH VOLLEYBALL

FRONT ROW: FIRST ROW: Curtis Hajec, Emigido Garcia, Cesar Gonzalez, Brendan O' Malley, Diven Sulkar. SECOND ROW: Abraham Garcia, Justin Malandrucolo, John Matalone, Andres Perez, Guri Haxhiu, Sean Dwyer, Aldair Vega. THIRD ROW: Luis Guzman, Rodger Plant, Leo Bartyzel, Brent Noesges, Jose Villa, Coach Kavadas.

VOLLEYBALL

0-2 L	NN	1-0 W
2-0 W	WN	0-5 L
0-2 L	GBN	3-0 W
0-2 L	NC	0-5 L
1-2 L	WWS	0-7 L
2-0 W	WA	2-1 W
0-2 L	GBE	6-0 W

SOCCER

1-0 W
0-5 L
3-0 W
0-5 L
0-7 L
2-1 W
6-0 W

JV

0-2 L	NN
1-2 L	WN
0-2 L	GBN
0-2 L	NC
0-2 L	WWS
2-0 W	WA
0-2 L	GBE

FRESHMAN

2-0 W
0-2 L
0-2 L
2-0 W
2-0 W
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2-0 W



GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Olga Pena, Jennifer Tirado, Kayla Radloff, Cristal Galvan, Mary Rojas. SECOND ROW: Jackie Kerber, Stephanie Salinas, Anna Mercaldo, Jessica Jones, Drew Heiden, Meagan Radloff, Kristin Day, Maria Romero. THIRD ROW: Coach Gomez, Megan Peterson, Rachel Thomas, Ivana Boers, Karl Granados, Melanie Fischer, Coach Vega.

GIRLS' JV SOCCER

FIRST ROW: Veronica Salazar, Maira Garcia, Gaby Lopez, Ana Flores, Sarah Opel. SECOND ROW: Roxana Martinez, Lisbeth Garcia, Elizabeth Correa, Amarylls Arrellano, Chloe Ellis, Jacqueline Salgado, Rosa Duran, Teresa Rubio. THIRD ROW: Coach Hurtado, Priscilla Guevara, Amber Del Rio, Kayla Freund, Edith Robles, Gaby Villa, Melinda Schweitzer.

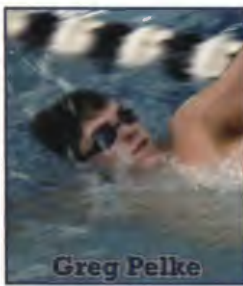
GIRLS' FRESH SOCCER

FRONT ROW: Jessica Montoya, Alondra Casimiro, Mariela Mendoza, Erika Flores, Lucia Garcia, Megan Gossen. MIDDLE ROW: Nayeli Juarez, Maria Barajas, Claudia Giron, Aly Brown, Marialena Delgado, Maria Perez. BACK ROW: Coach Slaughter, Kelsey Myers, Katarina Noelke, Lilitiana Villa, Miriam Garcia.





Yesenia Geromini



Greg Pelke



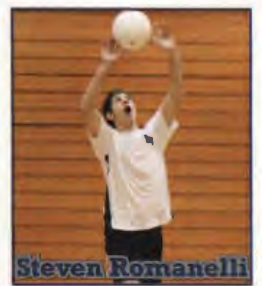
Sara Lim



Mason Brandstedter



Jessica Bedard



Steven Romanelli



GIRLS' VARSITY BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: Tu Nhi Le, Marybeth Fernandez, Virginia Mason, Hanna Colliander. MIDDLE ROW: Samantha SanMiguel, Mariela Kruthoff, Kim Kleczewski, Tanya Walz. BACK ROW: Lia Smith, Yesenia Geromini, Coach Nguyen, Ania Skorupski, Nicole Bridgeforth.



GIRLS' JV BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: Lamanda Moore, Linda Feltes, Marleny Perez, Annette Sanchez, Lizbet Cortes. MIDDLE ROW: Jessica Munoz, Cynthia Blanco, Jamie Roman, Casey Dennis, Trisha Schramer, Erica Nystrom. BACK ROW: Mikki Winn, Caroline Leuer, Caitlin MacDonald, Jessica Franklin, Coach Paulson



GIRLS' FRESH BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: Karina Reyes, Alicia Murphy, Viannett Caballero, Marlene Rojas. MIDDLE ROW: Yessenia Altamirano, Michelle Lopez, Lisa Bouma, Kim Mengel, Ana Garcia, Jen Leal, Therresa Grimaldo. BACK ROW: Stella Larson, Devon Tuma, Andrea Siefert, Desiree Geromini, Maribel Haros, Coach Ochromowicz.

BADMINTON		CHEER
1-14 L	NN	
1-14 L	WN	DVC
8-7 W	GBN	6th
0-15 L	NC	
2-13 L	WWS	IHSA
8-7 W	WA	16th
2-13 W	GBE	



CJ Opel



Chrissie Royiar

VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEER

FRONT ROW: Angela Shurba, Sam Nolte, Stacey Santillan, Kelle Driscoll. MIDDLE ROW: Katrina Turzinski, Amanda Hammontree, Alyssa Pierce, Ileana Tapanes, Ashley Waugh, Molly Guillen, Jamie Dash, Erica Lange, Brittany Parisi, Alyssa Santelli. BACK ROW: Michelle Blackman, Rachel Chronowski, Megan Zajac, Julie Leveille, Gina Stolzman, Sara Lim, Courtney Macko, Hannah Strayve, Taylor Jaconis, Lindsey Gehrke.

JV BASKETBALL CHEER

FRONT ROW: Stefanie Pauling, Madeline Urban, Kaity Olson. MIDDLE ROW: Molly Castelveccchi, Shelby Dearborn, Kate Williams, Lauren Pugh, Taylor Tessler, Kay Freyling. BACK ROW: Taylor Dash, Stephanie Porter, Kelsey King, Elise Oppermann, Chandler Abrams, Stefanie Turzinski, Haley Goranson, Connie Tan.

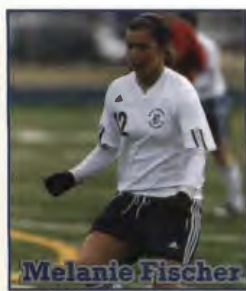
BASKETBALL POMS

FRONT ROW: Lauren Desik, Sarah Pierpoint, Heather Busch, Amanda Terry. MIDDLE ROW: Kelsey Skogsberg, Renee Cirone, Alex Mills, Abbey Mastroianni, Kim Busch. BACK ROW: Nicole Burlingame, Allyssa Brinkman, Jaclyn Coughlan, Danielle Pacelli.





Francis Beifuss



Melanie Fischer



Tony Quarto



Casey Dennis



Luis Ortega



Chrissie Roviar



BOYS' VARSITY LACROSSE

FIRST ROW: Jimmy Weier, Cody Reif, Aaron Cracraft, Chris Piane. SECOND ROW: David Peace, Ryan Roman, Doug Sills, Justin Kutilek, Blake Zumpano, James Shallcross. THIRD ROW: Coach Pater, Stuart Sankovitch, Ben Barclay, Brendan Crotty, Nick Beideman, Nick Bulleri, Coach Conner.



BOYS' JV LACROSSE

FIRST ROW: Tom Boyd, Brad Cole, Mac Beideman, Brandon Rhodes, Chris Bicek, Conor Zaputil, Austin Barber, Michael Worthy. SECOND ROW: Jake Bradley, Jeremy Piane, RJ Kobriger, Dillon Krotz, Matthew Iannacco, Jesse Baker, Tyler Zanoni. THIRD ROW: Coach Koltz, Brandon Zieche, Ben Vanderlei, Scott Wheeland, Nathan Olson, Jimmy Cortez, Lucas Mackey, Darrek Sams.



VARSAITY HOCKEY

FIRST ROW: Ben Barclay, Kyle Obright. SECOND ROW: Matt Molitor, Kevin Brown, Mike Coduto, Matt Ward, Nico Kolchowski, Shane Smith, Anthony Brinkman, Jordan Rehak. THIRD ROW: Coach Dyson, Ryan Roman, Zach Wilson, Alex Ozols, Kevin Troy, Bobby Gryfinski, Zac Sheffler, Coach Riban.



Teresa Granados

SWIMMING

53-140 L	NN
78-115 L	WN
65-137 L	NC
78-115 L	WWS
103-78 W	WA



Ryan Krage

JV HOCKEY

FIRST ROW: Katie Bell. SECOND ROW: Jonathan Gilbertsen, Nate Fischer, Ben Orr, Tyler Nelson, Luke Somen, Michael Kammes. THIRD ROW: Coach Dyson, Jesse Baker, Coach Stair, Eric Modransky, Josh Lee, Coach Riban.

BOYS' SWIMMING

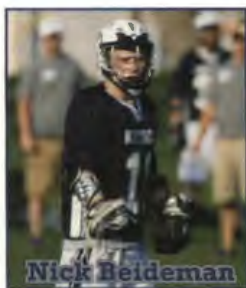
FIRST ROW: C. Swinney, Evan Morgan, Ashton Swinney, Cody Weigand, J. Camarema, Rodney Nasir, A. Romano, Brad Cole. SECOND ROW: Francis Beifuss, Dave Peace, A. Nolzco, Matt Ziffra, Greg Pelke, Fidel Huerta, TJ Hahs, Steven Balmer, B. Burke. THIRD ROW: J. Aramburu, Kyle Hunter, M. Beideman, Neil Hummer, F. Garcia, S. Kelley, Brian Hummer, Ty Murphy, Anthony Sarlo.



Gina Stolanian and Molly Cody



WILDCATS
Greg Vodicka



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

VARSITY FOOTBALL

FIRST ROW: Nate Leffler, Zach Vann, Jon Gilbertsen, Nik Kmiecik, Gio Garcia, Matt Zajac, SECOND ROW: Coach Rau, Dan Schwab, Josh Stein, Reid Howington, Geo Escobar, Tom Krone, Sean Aler, Justin Malandrucolo, R.J. Kobriger, Jerry Fialka, Vincent Latham, Todd Wiggen, Coach Winquist. THIRD ROW: Jim Alfaro, Luis Perez, Brad Wilson, Jerry Habecker, Ivan Kovanda, Kyle Molskow, Chris Simanonis, Hayden Duriavich, Matt Reyes, Evan Bernard, John Matalone, Brandon Fischer. FOURTH ROW: Sean Lentz, Brent Noesges, Leo Bartyzel, Kevin Stolzman, Austin Martens, Colby Aldridge, Nick Weiberg, Dillon Hall, Nikko Williams, Brian Bennett, Alexis Alvarado, Tim Scarleski.

FIRST ROW: Coach Reagan, Gerald Gaughan, Matthew Matson, Jonathon Smagacz, Kyle Schar, Brandon Rhodes, William Devore, Dakota Enders, John Wehr, Cole Simpson, Corey Hing, Coach Hansen, Coach Belding. SECOND ROW: Michael Trevino, Antonio Tristino, James Washington, Jesse Frasco, Blake Zumpano, Henry Thomson, Michael Bryant, Christopher Oglanian, Corey Sanders, Collin Wiersema, Michael Boegelein, Nicholas Carnot. THIRD ROW: Matthew Kuly, Tyler Austgen, Nicholas Hawco, Dan Singer, Scott Hootman, Mike Blanco, Daniel Gilbert, Ken Levey, Johnathon White, Deven Lopez, Nathan Olson, Edgar Sanchez.

FIRST ROW: Alex Recendez, Mario Vigil, Ryan Sinclair, Tom Wilson, Carlos Correa, Ruben Rios. SECOND ROW: Pat Taylor, Thor Groseth, Drew Peterson, Zach Mowen, Drew Bowker, Neil Luka, Chris Pierce, Ryan Hansen, James Eckler, Jamie Campos, Jim Aramburu, Mike Morales, Zak Bayless. THIRD ROW: Coach Walters, Coach Hughes, Coach Bicker, Coach Zietler, Alex Pirela, Trevor Bodie, Greg Vodicka, Mike Dylla, Jay Lenahan, Jim Kipp, George Fortman, Nick Henke, Paul Warkins, Guillermo Blanco, Austin Hale, Jim Jensen, Victor Velazquez, Coach Peterson, Athletic Trainer Pam Denhof, Coach Carstensen. FOURTH ROW: Dustin Hon, Larry Cuevas, Kevin Vasiliauskas, Dan Guerrero, Alex Puetz, Dan Swick, Tucker Hauptman, Jake Venchus, Nick Bulleri, Mike Sedjo, Frank Stroeberl, Ethan Burau, Brian Skrzypczak. FIFTH ROW: Pat Stremel, Preston Hauptman, Ryan Howington, Eder Gonzalez, John Malandrucolo, Kevin Kurda, Dan Calabrese, Corey Freebern, Brett Simon, Anthony Fontana, Pedro Porcayo, Marco Favela, Clark Hudmon, SIXTH ROW: Mason Brandstedter, Chris Wille, Tyler Wrzesinski, Billy Stoyhoff, Steve Schneider, Justin Bjornson, Mauricio Perez, Dan Martin, Matt Gaede, A.J. Romanelli, Jim Miner, Taylor Overman, Josh Tikka.

FRESHMAN

26-14 W	NN
0-20 L	WN
14-34 L	GBN
0-14 L	NC
6-21 L	WWS
20-12 W	WA
6-20 L	GBE

SOPHOMORE

6-39 L	NN
0-21 L	WN
6-41 L	GBN
0-47 L	NC
0-48 L	WWS
6-14 L	WA
14-19 L	GBE

VARSITY

0-37 L
21-44 L
7-47 L
21-34 L
0-37 L
27-48 L
27-20 W

WRESTLING

FIRST ROW: George Hernandez, Chris Pierce, Julian Rojas, Gerald Gaughan, Coach Ibarra, Coach Phillips, Mgr. Rino Loiolittle, Jonny Padilla, David Rodriguez, Uriel Fulmer. SECOND ROW: Stuart Sankovitch, Kevin Glenn, Nate Schweitzer, Dan Fulmer, Robert Guillen, Junior Cantu, Jessica Kassants, Andrew Cruz, James Padilla, Oli Guevara, Jerry Fialka, Jessie Maldonado, Eddie Huerta. THIRD ROW: Austin Hall, Calvin Holt, Brandon Rhodes, Alex Tirabasso, David Barrientos, Giovanni Garcia, Luis Ramirez, Nick Carnot, Jose Pasindo, Omar Martell, Kevin Marano, Jamie Campos, Kurt Shilka. FOURTH ROW: Omar Escalante, Ricardo Lopez, Doug Sills, George Asenov, Greg Berg, Mike Thiede, John White, Luis Guzman, George Fortman, Edgar Sanchez, Preston Hauptman, Eddie Rusch, Jimmy Cortez. NOT PICTURED: Coach Pineda, Coach Serbick, Luis Bucio, Jaime Garcia, Jose Gonzales, Joey Wehr, Mgr. Ashley Ortega, Mgr. Reina Hernandez, Mgr. Valentina Espinosa, Mgr. Megan Dowling.





FLUTES

FIRST ROW: K. Terry, K. Reyes, M. Valdez, E. Smith. SECOND ROW: K. Lyne, C. MacDonald, C. Marnamara. THIRD ROW: C. Jones, N. Schweitzer, Kevin Bicek. FOURTH ROW: B. Coats, M. Russ, G. Alcocer.



CLARINETS

FIRST ROW: Rachel Story, Kyle Hunter, Nicole Clark. SECOND ROW: Nicole Jacobson, Bianca Morozink. THIRD ROW: Kristen Johansen, Emmanuel Ortiz. FOURTH ROW: Peter Ciolino, Jeff Hlinka, Greg Lyne, Sarah Brown.



SAXOPHONES

FIRST ROW: Kimberly Kleczewski, Kelsey Fiegle, Jessica Kassanits. SECOND ROW: Tom Krone, Alex Perez, Ian Letts, Matt Kubik.



Kristen Johansen



Kyle Hunter



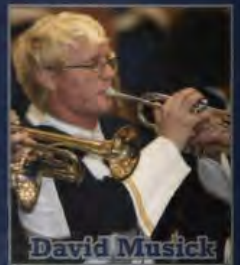
Kelsey Fiegle



Brendan McCormack



Kelli Lyne



David Musick



TROMBONES

FIRST ROW: Daune Putnam, Joe Wais, Matt Provenzale. SECOND ROW: Matt Cuomo, Andrew Oppermann, Aaron Echols.



TUBAS

William Heinze and Jackie Leeseberg.



PERCUSSION

FIRST ROW: J. McCormack, C. Kutzner, J. Neuman, L. Reyes, M. Hlinka, A. Swinney, K. Kurda. SECOND ROW: B. Lustro, C. Swinney, B. Burke, K. Panchal. THIRD ROW: K. Johnsen, J. Wierenga. FOURTH ROW: N. Tedeschi, M. Dalton, N. Secker.



FRENCH HORNS

FIRST ROW: Amanda Rathe, Natalie Wierenga, Erin Lee, Kelsey Chill-emi. SECOND ROW: Danielle Keller, Lia Smith, David Eble, Krista Kraus, Michael Thiede.



TRUMPETS

FIRST ROW: Jeff Pierpoint, Becky Hooper, Liz Fortner. SECOND ROW: Kevin Szul, Steven Szul, Haley Soutar, Andrea Jensen. THIRD ROW: Josh Becker, Dave Musick, Seth Kelley, David Lustro, Tyler Murphy.



SAXOPHONES

FIRST ROW: Anthony Nolzco, Rodger Plant. SECOND ROW: David Clark, Mr. Govertsen, Matt Hellman.



Mike Dalton



Kim Kleczewski



Nick Secker



Lanie Sikorski



William Burke



Girelle Alcocer



COLOR GUARD

FIRST ROW: L. Sikorski, I. Page, S. Netisingha, C. Vance, K. Benson. SECOND ROW: M. Bruntington, R. Howe, S. Kuecker, Mrs. Steere. THIRD ROW: N. Bridgeforth, K. Pusateri, C. Liszka, S. Rogers, B. Ruman.



DRUM MAJORS

Brendan McCormack, David Hiltner, Liz Showalter.



TRUMPETS

Seth Kelley, Steve Szul, Steven Balmer, Kevin Szul.



Words of Wisdom. All the students listen intently to **Dr. Cheng** as he encourages the Varsity Football team to do their best when they face Glenbard North later that night. He also wished everybody a safe and enjoyable Homecoming.



Team Player. While supporting the Wildcats, **Mrs. Vondrak** smiles and waves at the people who are watching the Homecoming Parade. The excitement from the audience radiated to every individual that was present.

Pep It Up. With **Mr. Jennings** in the spotlight of every pep assembly, students always have a great time competing against other classes, cheering on their peers and participating in the games.

Game Plan. Before sprinting back on the court, the Volleyball team huddle together as **Coach Hasty** tells them their game plan. "I wanted to be a P.E. teacher, and it made sense to coach volleyball since I played in college," said **Hasty**.



Chalkboard [n.]:

It's the place where assignments can be clearly seen and where teachers brainstorm ideas in class discussions. It's the center point that every class revolves around. It's also the means to convey everything from important life lessons to unforgettable quotes. Way to be Faculty!

The first day of school is always the most exciting for both teachers and students. While the teachers wait anxiously in their rooms for the first bell to ring, they prepare themselves for the year ahead of them.

There's the excitement of meeting a new group of eager students to teach. "The first day is always a good time to find out how the other teachers spent their summer break and to catch up. In my classes I talk about the units and topics we will be learning about for that semester. I also organize activities that allow the students to get to know one other and that lets me get to know my students," said Health Teacher **Ms. Gibson**.

Outside of the normal school day some faculty members volunteer their time to be coaches for our school teams. They organize productive practices and provide helpful guidance during stressful games. "I decided to assist in coaching the boys' varsity baseball team because it gives me an opportunity to work with students in a different arena outside of the school building," said

Physical Education Teacher **Mr. Reagan**.

Teachers not only give up their free time to work with teams, but with other after school activities such as plays and clubs. The biggest event that the teachers are more than happy to help out with is Snowball, an anti-drug operation.

With Biology teacher, **Mr. Winguist**, as the head planner, the event is one of the most anticipated and effective events of the year for both the faculty and students. "Snowball is a great opportunity for the teachers to meet students that they don't have in class and form long lasting bonds. In the activities that we do it allows you time to establish goals, work on team building, and get to know

"The activities allow you to establish goals, work on team building, and get to know yourself."

yourself. The warm fuzzies are given to people who do good things or when you want to give a compliment to someone so it helps raise kids self confidence," said Chemistry and Physical Science teacher **Ms. Rozanski**.

By: Amber Weinmann



Warm Welcome. Walking through the Spanish class door on the first day of school, **Mrs. Kukovec** greets every student with a warm welcome to start out the school year.



Deep Thinker. During an intense meet, **Mr. Maxson** takes time out to converse with his team about upcoming events and reflect on their earned achievements.



Encourage. The Varsity Basketball team quickly gathers around as **Coach Gimre** gives his pep talk to boost the team's energy and win another game of the season.



Follow the Leader. Orchestra and Band students focus their attention and depend on **Mr. Govertsen** to conduct them through every note and song the students play.

Macarena Alarcon
 Gail Aronoff
 Shannon Atkian-Sanchez
 Cynthia Bedford
 Cara Blevins
 Nancy Blume



Eric Bodwell
 Linda Brandt
 Barbara Brennan
 Maura Bridges
 Blair Brown
 Suzanne Burchacki



Janet Burlison
 Nicholas Caltagirone
 Patricia Carrow
 Kimberly Chambers
 Moses Cheng
 John Chisholm



Susan Cisek
 Kevin Cleary
 Patricia Clifford
 Andrea Cobbett
 Geraldine Colorado
 Michael Conroy



Valerie Cook
 Christopher Covino
 Jennifer Culbertson
 Nicholas Dalò
 Mary Ellen Daneels
 Byron Delcid



Antonio DelReal
 Patrice Dobry
 Daniel Dock
 Megan Dulkins
 Donna Durbin
 Gavin Engel



Lindsey Evans
 David Exner
 Kathy Fallon-Berg
 Brandon Fantozzi
 Maria Fernandez
 Brianne Ferreiro



Rick Flowers
 Patrick Fox
 Brenda Frechmann
 Robert French
 Edie Freund
 Jaime Garcia



Relaxation [n.]:

Contrary to what many students think, teachers also enjoy their own time to rest and get their minds off of school work. Just like the students they educate, teachers partake in their own favorite hobbies outside the classroom.

"Coaching football and baseball is a big part of my life outside the regular school day. Outside of coaching, I love spending time with my family and going to watch my son's hockey games."

-Mr. Walters

"I like to read, especially murder mystery books, and I LOVE to do 2000 piece jigsaw puzzles. I also like to go on bike rides and picnics with my family."

-Mrs. Durbin

"My interests outside of school are traveling, historic houses, and animals. In my free time, I enjoy volunteering for ReGAP (Retired Greyhounds as Pets) of Illinois and tutoring."

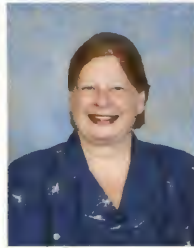
-Mrs. Mallon



Homeward Bound. Taking a break from his busy teaching career to go back home for the holidays, **Mr. Larson** enjoys Christmas vacation with his friends and family. "I always look forward to coming home for the holidays and spending time with my family. It's a great time of the year to exchange gifts and reminisce about the great year it has been," said **Larson**.



Amy Gibson
Linda Gilbert
Kevin Gimre
Heather Goebel
Melissa Gonzalez
Elizabeth Govertsen



Stephen Govertsen
Gail Greene
Margaret Haas
Mary Hafertepe
Gregory Hansen
Kristi Hasty



David Hernandez
Jill Holubetz
Sandy Huerta
Kristen Isacson
Karen Jealouse
Dan Johnson



Erin Johnson
Julie Johnson
Beth Jones
Susan Junkroski
Mary-Megan Kalvig
Nicholas Kempiski



Beverly Kilgallen
Jason Kling
Eva Komaniacki
Richard Kost
Michael Koulos
Patti Kozlowski

Laura Kuehn
 Jane Kukovec
 Maggie Labuhn
 Barbara Laimins
 Bradley Larson
 Tricia Lazzaro



Terry Lemberg-Finn
 Lucia Carlos
 Christopher Lukas
 Abby Lynch
 Judy MacDonald
 Laurie Majchrowski



Peter Martino
 Barbi Mathews
 Robert Maxson
 Mary McCarter
 Daniel McCarthy
 Mitchell McKenna



D. Paul McLeland
 Marianne Melvin
 Bangelina Mendoza
 Rodolfo Mendoza
 Regina Morrone
 Cheryl Novak



Kathy Ochmowicz
 Carlos Osorio
 Diana Palka
 John Parker
 Nicholas Parry
 Peggy Peach



George Petmezias
 Lynn Peto
 James Philips
 Mark Poulter
 Sandra Ramos
 Ward Rau



Clay Reagan
 James Rice
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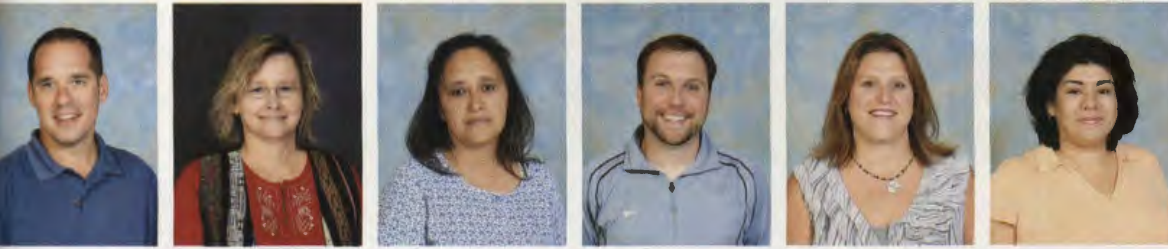




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Kathleen Shackelford
Susan Siegfried
Norma Silva



Amanda Slobodecki
Consuelo Sosa
Jean Steerup
Janelle Stefancic
Bob Stone
Joy Tanimura



Marc Taylor
Alicia Thomas
Julia Tirado
Brian Turnbaugh
Maria Veverka
Alejandra Vivar



Kirsten Vondrak
Amy Wagner
Kimberly Wallner
Vivian Walsh
Jon Wanak
Brian Wheeler



Jared Winquist
Katie Wood
Myrna Woodson
Donald Zabelin
Tammie Zegar
Randall Zeitler



Helen Zmrhal

Facts [n.]:

Teachers have the role of Mythbusters as they clarify rumors about their true reasons for teaching and demonstrate their commitment to kids and school spirit.



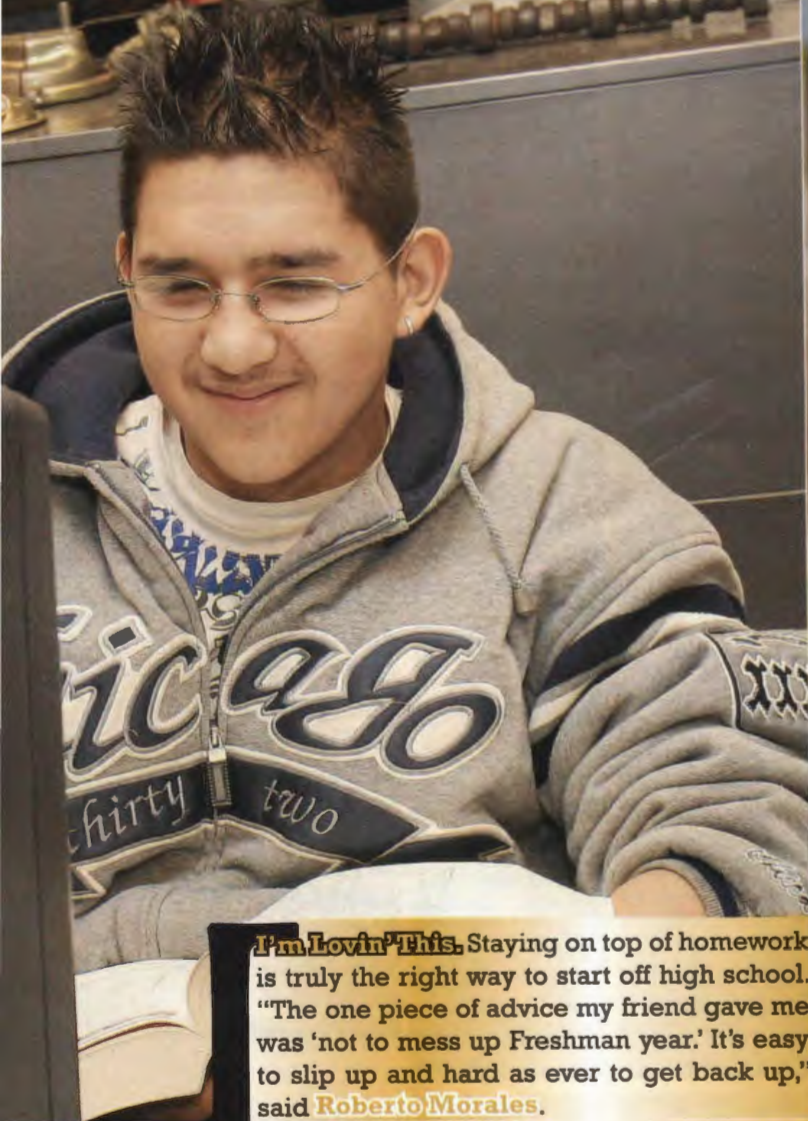
It's Turkey Time. With the school raising over \$800, **Mr. Kempski** demonstrates his sense of humor and school spirit in the classroom. "I enjoyed wearing the turkey suit. We raised money for a good cause and the students loved it!" said **Kempski**. The money raised from the contest went to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which helps chronically ill children.

"I enjoy the diverse group of students that I work with and the extreme dedication of my fellow teachers. This really keeps you trying your hardest."

-**Mr. Taylor**

"I support each student and staff member by participating in activities that are part of the school structure. I wear my West Chicago gear to show my pride and support of the school community. I attend plays and sports games to support the school teams, and I volunteer to help host activities within the school."

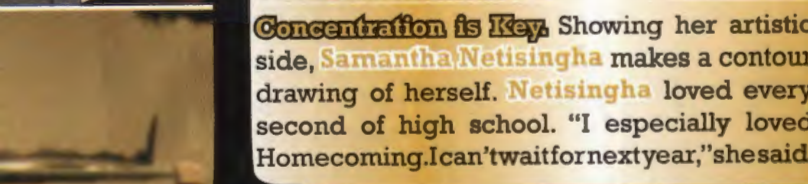
-**Ms. Lazzaro**



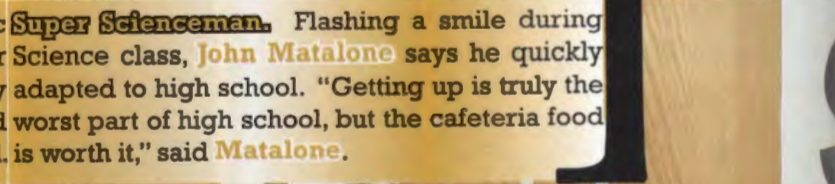
I'm Lovin' This. Staying on top of homework is truly the right way to start off high school. "The one piece of advice my friend gave me was 'not to mess up Freshman year.' It's easy to slip up and hard as ever to get back up," said **Roberto Morales**.



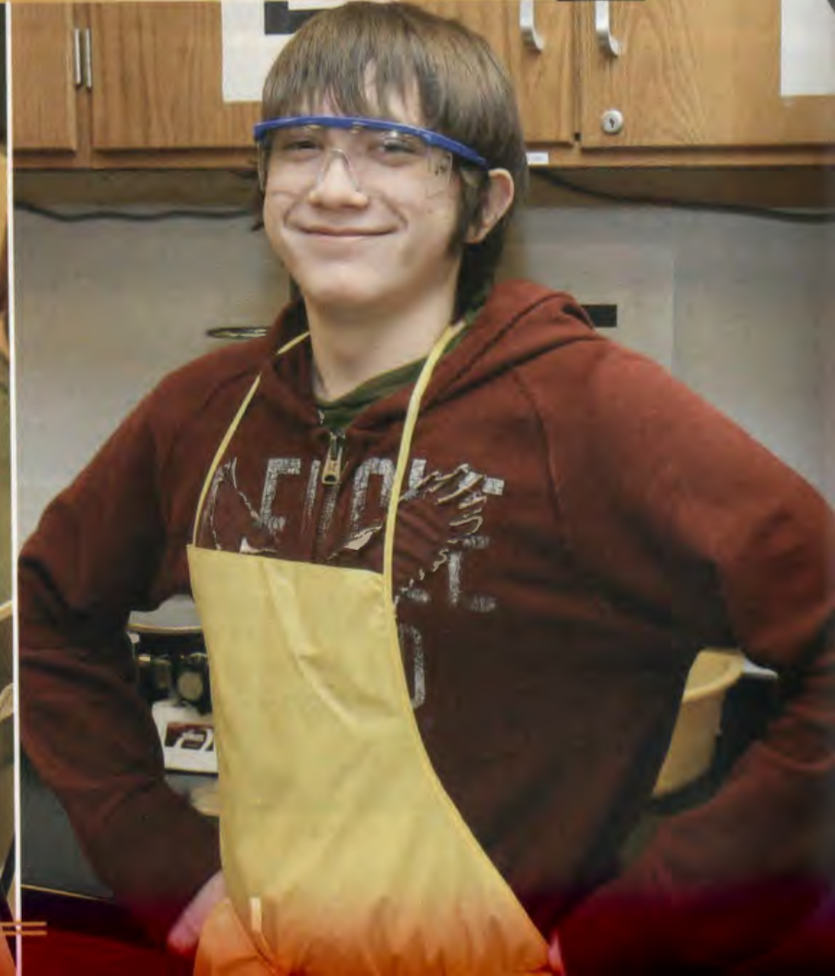
Rockin' the Blue and White. During the Homecoming Parade **Brodie Ruman** shows her newfound Wildcat spirit by marching with the Color Guard. "I have met so many awesome people this year! Being a part of the Track team and Color Guard is amazing," said **Ruman**.



Concentration is Key. Showing her artistic side, **Samantha Netisingha** makes a contour drawing of herself. **Netisingha** loved every second of high school. "I especially loved Homecoming. I can't wait for next year," she said.



Super Scienceman. Flashing a smile during Science class, **John Matalone** says he quickly adapted to high school. "Getting up is truly the worst part of high school, but the cafeteria food is worth it," said **Matalone**.



Backpack [n.]:

Hanging low on the back of the youngest students' backs, these bags identify Freshmen from the rest of the student body. Filled with brown sack lunches, books, and a slew of writing utensils, backpacks help Freshmen go from class to class. However, they soon discover it is the friends, teachers and memories they make that will lead the way.

The first time a student walked through the doors at Entrance A the halls of the high school seemed like an intimidating place. The Sophomores talked and laughed with friends, the Juniors showed off newly found confidence, and the Seniors assembled in Senior Hall. Everything from the noise to the bustle of the crowded hallways made a person unfamiliar with the environment anxious. But it didn't take long for members of the Freshman class to begin to call themselves true Wildcats. Soon, the youngest members of the student body wore blue tee-shirts, cheered at football games, and enjoyed the Homecoming Dance.

For a Freshman, starting high school was accompanied by many changes. No longer the biggest kids in the school, they looked up to the Seniors they saw in the hallways. Struggling to carry their Algebra and Biology textbooks, they rushed to their classes. With changes in graduation requirements, they faced greater challenges in their journey toward graduation.

While, at first, this journey felt endless, each step brought more happiness and more memories of the place they would call home for three more years.

As the year went on, they realized that Freshman year was the best year of high school. It was the year they met their best friends, their high school sweethearts and their favorite teachers. From the beginning, there were two words Freshmen had to

keep in mind to be successful: journey and identity. Identity is the unique personality of an individual, and journey is an experience that lasts for an extended period of time. From then on, the choices

they made helped define these two words. Along the journey they experienced new feelings, had stronger opinions and found new talents.

"The best and worst part about Freshman year was we only had three more years to enjoy being in high school," said **Janaki Panchal**.

*By: Adi Huerta
& Brandon Castillo*

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DNA. With safety goggles on and an eagerness to learn, **Lawrence Campbell** attempts to contribute to the lab. **Campbell** participated outside of class by being in Horticulture Club.



High on Life. The Freshman mixer is an introduction to the high school environment. **Krysta Youngberg** spent time with students with whom she will share the next three years.



CPR. In the middle of the semester, **Steven Miller** looks forward to his last Health class. "A half semester of Health left! After that I can start enjoying high school," said **Miller**.



Homework Pile. In her favorite class, **Janaki Panchal** exemplifies a hard-working student. Outside of class she made great memories by attending Snowball.

Chandler Abrams
Zachary Acevedo



Bulk [n.]:

Backpacks often carry unnecessary items, causing back pain and sore arms. Smart Freshmen find that lockers are the perfect place for extra supplies.

Kawa Agha
Ignacio Aguilar Jr.



Edgar Aguilar
Janeth Aguilar



I Love My Backpack. Walking through the hallways of WeGo, it's common to see Freshmen carrying around large backpacks, but that's not the case for **Tristan Hunter**. "I go to my locker constantly. One of my goals was to never be classified as a Freshman, and I think I do pretty good at it. I'm proud to say I am a Freshman and don't carry around a big backpack like everyone else does," said **Hunter**.



Danny Alanis
Gabriela Alcantara
Jorge Alcantara
Colby Aldridge
Deisy Alfaro
James Alfaro



Jessica Almanza
Yessenia Altamirano
Alexis Alvarado
Matt Alvarez
Mauricio Alvarez
Jessica Amaro



Kaitlyn Anders
Jose Anicua
Victor Anicua
Kerly Antonio
Sergio Arias
George Asenov



Adelaida Avila
Edgar Avila
Soledad Balbuena
Taylor Ballek
Bianca Ballines
Jenny Ballines



Kevelyn Balvas
Justin Bangert
Matthew Bannon
Leticia Barajas
Maria Barajas
Austin Barber





Brianda Barrera
 Christopher Barrientos
 Leo Bartyzel
 Fredi Bautista
 Aaron Becker
 Karlie Becker



Luis Beltran
 Sara Benes
 Sonia Benitez
 Brian Bennett
 Elizabeth Berg
 Sarah Berger



Lisbeth Bernal
 Evan Bernard
 Jordan Bicchinella
 Christopher Bicek
 Kevin Bicek
 Peter Biondo



Julie Birkey
 Cristal Botello
 Lisa Bouma
 Nicole Bowker
 Alyssa Brown
 Derek Brown



Megan Bruington
 Nicole Burlingame
 Viannett Caballero
 Hector Cabrera
 Roberto Canedo
 Edwin Carlos



Jonathon Carlyon
 Adilene Carmona
 Jacob Carney
 Mauricio Caro
 Rene Carranza
 Alan Carrasco



Dorian Carrasco
 Alondra Casimiro
 Karen Castellanos
 Molly Castelvechi
 Brandon Castillo
 Melissa Castillo



Jonny Castro
 Jose Cielo
 Scott Cielo
 Carlos Cinto
 Nicole Clark
 Gabriela Colin

Francisco Conde
 Mary Connolly
 Peter Conrad
 Shelby Copple
 Yessica Cordero
 Maria Coronel



Ana Correa
 Natalie Correa
 Veronica Correa
 Belen Cortez
 Isabel Cortez
 Alejandra Coss



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 Eric Cuautle
 Luis Cuevas
 Charlie Cunningham
 Madeline Dall
 Mehak Damani



Scott Danes
 Precious Dannug
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 Amber Del Rio
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Rachel Ditella
 Heather Ditlevsen
 Megan Dowling
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 Kelly Dunn
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 Daisy Fuentes



Lucy Fuentes
 Jordan Gabriel-Beadle
 Elda Galindo
 Jessica Galvan
 Abraham Garcia
 Ana Garcia



Eduardo Garcia
 Elizabeth Garcia
 Emigdio Garcia
 Gabriela Garcia
 Gerardo Garcia
 Giovanni Garcia



Ivan Garcia
 Jaime Garcia
 Lucia Garcia
 Magnolia Garcia
 Mayra Garcia
 Miriam Garcia



Rocio Garcia
 Yesenia Garcia
 Joseph Garramone
 Kyle Garramone
 Jeremy Garrett
 Zachary Gebis



James Gehlhaar
 Eric Gehrke
 Desiree Geromini
 Robert Giese
 Jonathan Gilbertsen
 Michelle Givens

Jennifer Goldsmith
Giovanni Gomez
Cesar Gonzalez
Daniela Gonzalez
Manuel Gonzalez
Melissa Gonzalez



Miriam Gonzalez
Sandra Gonzalez
Haley Goranson
Megan Gossen
Brenda Granados
Santos Granados



Therresa Grimaldo
Stephanie Grinash
Rachel Grotto
Cristal Guerrero
Jesus Guerrero
Priscilla Guevara



Gustavo Guijoza
Roberto Guillen
Luis Guzman
Jerrick Habecker
Mary Hagaman
Curtis Hajec



Dillon Hall
Amanda Hammontree
Maribel Haros
Guri Haxhiu
Jordan Hedger
John Heinze



Amanda Hempe
Erinique Henderson
Cindy Hernandez
Diana Hernandez
Emmanuel Hernandez
Ernesto Hernandez



Jorge Hernandez
Jose Hernandez
Jose Hernandez
Megan Hernbroth
Guadalupe Herrera
Morgan Hlinka



Alexis Hosticka
Reid Howington
Alexander Huerta
Isaac Huerta
Juan Huerta
Allison Hultgren





Neil Hummer
Devon Hunter
Tristan Hunter
Matthew Iannacco
Jessica Infelise
Alex Ishkov



Andrea Jensen
Christian Jimenez
Jesse Jimenez
Keegan Johnson
Christina Jonas
Gerardo Juarez



Nayeli Juarez
Eric Jurkowski
Jennifer Keilhack
Danielle Keller
Shawn Kelly
Kathryn Kemnitz



Zara Khan
Caitlin Kiel
Christine Kim
Ryan Kinley
Guoste Kisieliute
Nikolas Kmiecik



R.J. Kobriger
Andrew Koettters
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Stevie Limbrick
Manuel Lomeli
Fernanda Lopez

Jimmie Lopez
Luis Lopez



Michelle Lopez
Nathalie Lopez



Ricardo Lopez
William Lorman



Karena Lundquist
Brian Lustro
Kevin Ly
Gregory Lyne
Lucas Mackey
Efren Mackintos



Lizette Mackintosh
Denis Mahmic
Kelsey Malan
Justin Malandrucolo
Doel Malave
Antonio Maldonado



Tiffany Manzano
Cesar Marin
Austin Martens
Alfonso Martinez
Cuauhtemoc Martinez
Estefani Martinez



Junior Martinez
John Matalone
Yasmyn McGee
Kaitlin McNamara
Zebadiah McNeil
Jessica Meadows



Alejandra Medina
Brenda Mendez
Cristina Mendez
Daisy Mendez
Esteban Mendez
Victoria Mendicino



Ride [n.]:

The fortunate Freshmen tag along with an older brother or sister. The luckiest ones vie for shotgun with their upperclassmen best friends.

Who Needs the Bus? As she climbs into her friend's car, **Ashley Tunk** smiles at the fact that she doesn't have to take the bus, unlike many other Freshmen. "I am so happy that I have an older classmate that has her license and is awesome enough to give me a ride to school everyday. I'm just one of the lucky ones who gets to say no bus for me," said **Tunk**, about her daily commute to school.





Gabriela Mendoza
 Kristian Mendoza
 Mariela Mendoza
 Kimberly Mengel
 Eufemia Merino
 Steve Miller



Miguel Minjares
 Lea Molina
 Kyle Molskow
 Mayra Monroy
 Fernando Montoya
 Jessica Montoya



Luis Montoya
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 Kelsey Myers
 Samantha Netisingha



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 Kevan Nguyen
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 Meghan Nichol
 Jordan Nickelson
 Alexander Nicolas



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 Katarina Noelke
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 Anthony Nolazco
 Sarah Norton



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 Kristina Oum
 Danielle Pacelli
 Pamela Padilla

Isolda Page
 Sean Paler
 Ivan Pani
 Namita Parikh
 Brittany Parisi
 Mayuri Parmar



Emily Paschke
 Deepan Patel
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 Derick Vertheen
 Jose Villa
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 Justin Vollmuth
 Joseph Wais
 Genevieve Waldow
 Alicia Waldschmidt



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 Joey Wehr
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 Joanna Wierenga
 Todd Wigger
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Nikko Williams
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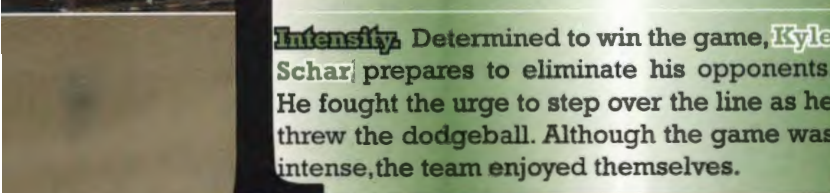
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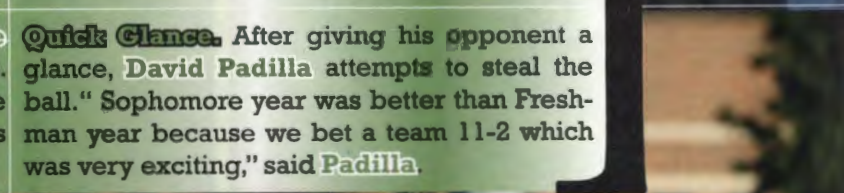
En Pointe. In the Dance Production show **Anna Duran** performs a duet demonstrating her pointe talent. Her involvement in Dance Production for the past two years allowed her to perfect her dance and meet new people.



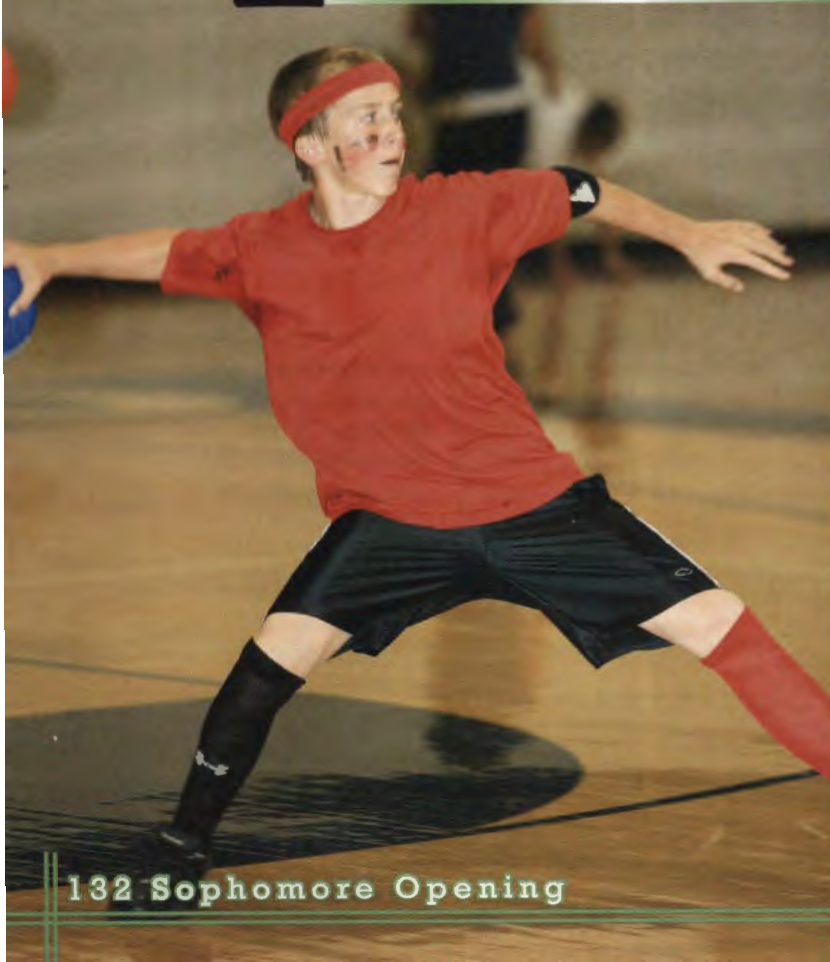
Crowd Pleaser. During the Homecoming Parade, **Connie Tan** waves to the enthusiastic crowd. "The best part about Sophomore year is being a part of the Squad. I love being able to cheer on my school," said **Tan**.



Intensity. Determined to win the game, **Kyle Scharj** prepares to eliminate his opponents. He fought the urge to step over the line as he threw the dodgeball. Although the game was intense, the team enjoyed themselves.



Quick Glance. After giving his opponent a glance, **David Padilla** attempts to steal the ball. "Sophomore year was better than Freshman year because we bet a team 11-2 which was very exciting," said **Padilla**.



License [n.]:

As students advance in their high school years, they are given the license to more freedom. It is the privilege that allows them to have later curfews and more responsibilities. This privilege also allows students the right to what they look forward to the most: drivers' licenses.

Two years down, two more to go!

Year two of our high school journey began with the excitement of not being the newbies of the school and the curiosity of what this year might bring. As we walked through the well-known halls on the first day of Sophomore year, we were more concerned about what teachers we had and how many friends were in our classes than not finding our way around.

As we looked at the recent Freshmen, we wondered if we looked just as confused only a year ago. We were glad to be a little wiser than them and to become role models and help them find their way.

As the year progressed, we soon realized how different the first and second years of high school were. We said "goodbye" to the rules we learned the year before and were optimistic to the new ones. An advisory class was added to our day, and stricter tardy rules were enforced. Gone were the days of taking our time to lunch and six minute passing periods. "The new school rules are too harsh. They were hard to get used to since they were enforced so quickly," said **Eileen Damsch**.

In Drivers Ed, students practiced their driving skills on the simulators for the first couple weeks. Then students tested their newly learned skills on the open road with the strict supervision of their teachers. Within weeks of being in Drivers Ed, the eager Sophomore students waited for the day to receive their driving permits that would take them one step closer to getting their licenses.

Weekends started off with Friday night games, where we wore our Squad shirts with dignity and cheered for our fellow classmates. The rest of the days were spent with teammates practicing and hanging out with friends. Some of the most enjoyable and memorable times of the year were created during these moments. "My weekends are so much cooler than last year because I can drive and hang out with a lot more people. Plus now that I'm older my mom doesn't really care about what I do so I have more freedom," said **Anthony Serrato**.

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& Alyson Taddeucci*

"My weekends are cooler because I can drive and hang out with a lot more people."



Twirl. Marching with the band, **Stephanie Rogers** adds a burst of color to the Homecoming parade. The Color Guard twirled their flags with the band's melody.



Drummer Boy. "As a drum major, I find it difficult to join the Squad. But hearing them sing along to 'Hey Baby' makes it worthwhile," said **Brendan McCormack**.



Passion. At the Dance Production performance, **Kimberly Busch** demonstrates the hard work she puts into her dances. The effort she provided truly made her dance spectacular.



Focus. After retrieving the basketball, **Chad Driscoll** runs down the court in an attempt to make a basket. In order to be a good captain and leader he intensified his focus.

Kelly Abernethy
 Marisol Aburto
 Olivia Acevedo
 Ana Acosta
 Brett Adams
 Alberto Aguado



Jetzabel Aguilar
 Elizabeth Alcantara
 Luis Alfaro
 Erik Anderson
 William Anderson
 Jamie Antczak



Jaclyn Antis
 Cynthia Arellano
 Noemi Arellano
 Molly Atherton-Wrzesinski
 Tyler Austgen
 Vidal Avalos



Ivon Ayala
 Rebekah Babis
 Alyssa Baermann
 Jessica Baidis
 Anabel Ballines
 Teresa Ballines



Tegan Ballotti
 Steven Balmer
 Michelle Barrera
 Susana Barrera
 Mackenzie Beideman
 Ruben Benavides



Masquerade [n.]

Halloween has always been a favorite holiday of teenagers, and students prove that they are never too old to trick or treat. Halloween is a great way to provide students with the opportunity to take on wild personas and express their creative sides.

Starbucks Anyone? Trick or treating and wearing ridiculous costumes makes Halloween an exciting holiday. **Jennifer Zinser** displayed her creative side when she called herself "Starbucks" and wore a shirt with dollar bills and stars on it. "Halloween is my favorite holiday because I love trick or treating and getting a ton of candy," said **Zinser**.

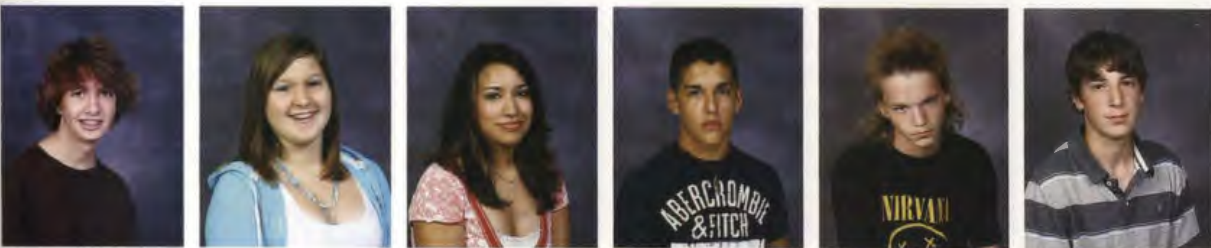


"For Halloween, my best friends and I wanted to be different colored pirates. We spent months making shirts, buying jewelry, and planning the big day. When we arrived at school no one knew what we were! We were extremely disappointed, more so on how we forgot our pirate eye patches."

-Angela Gentile

"On Halloween I decided to push the envelope and dress as a pregnant nun. On my way to Commons to show my friends my vestments, **Mr. Chambers** said that it was too scandalous. I had to choose to be pregnant or be a nun. **Mr. Chambers** aborted my baby."

-Patrick Quealy



Sean Bennett
 Kelly Bertling
 Cynthia Blanco
 Mike Blanco
 Chad Bobik
 Michael Boegelein



Jenna Bossle
 Amanda Botello
 Nicole Bridgeforth
 Allyssa Brinkman
 Anthony Brinkman
 Tristi Brown-Stacker



Elizabeth Bruce
 Margaret Bruce
 Alexis Brunelli
 Michael Bryant
 Kimberly Busch
 Joshua Caithamer



Alexis Camacho
 Justin Camarena
 Enjelica Carlos
 Jose Carlos
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 Nicholas Carnot



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Juan Castellanos
 Sergio Castro
 Tegan Cejna
 Ezequiel Chairez
 Gabriel Chairez
 Daniel Cielo



Peter Ciolino
 Brandon Cleek
 Bradley Cole
 Alexander Colon
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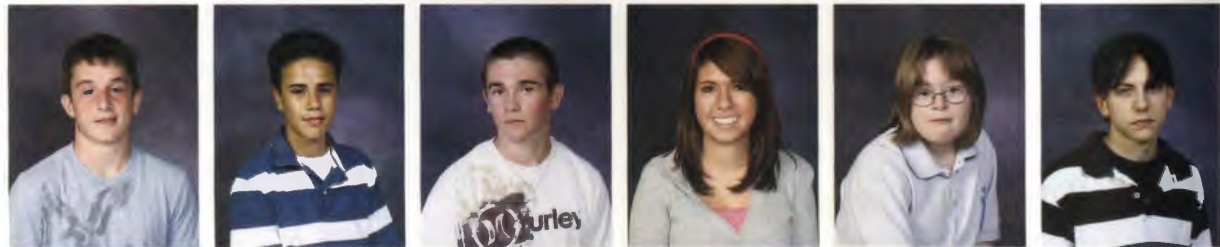
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Kelly Demitropoulos



William Devore
Eulises Diaz
Peter Dieter
Julia Dimas
Kerry Doremus
Patrick Drane



Chad Driscoll
Derek Druska
Steven Duda
Ashley Dunn
Anna Duran
Annette Eichenberger



Distractions [n.] =

Any student knows that sometimes it can be very difficult, almost impossible to stay focused in class. From the buzzing gossip to the droning teachers offering their lectures, students cannot help but daydream.

Frightful Focus. Remember that kid who fell asleep in History class? He is not the only distraction of the day. "I am very easily distracted. Sometimes I even stop talking in the middle of a sentence! In class, I get distracted all the time, either by people noisily chewing gum or people I socialize with. I can't stay focused," said Megan Ogorzalek.



"One day my friends drew a black nose, silver whiskers and the word 'meow' on my face. Not really caring, I went the whole day with sharpie on my face. People were staring in the halls. One person even bumped into a trash can and knocked it over."

-Kathryn Kolman

"I guess I made a distraction during one of my classes when my cellphone rang. My ring tone was 'Baby Got Back,' and everyone in my class started laughing."

-Alexis Camacho



Kristin Elliott
 Dakota Enders
 Sandra Escalante
 Mateo Espinosa
 Jessica Espinoza
 Nicholas Evans



Ashley Faestel
 Lisa Fayfar
 Alejandra Ferreyra
 Kelsey Fiegle
 Ryan Fitzenreider
 Michael Fletcher



Ana Flores
 Elizabeth Fortner
 Jesse Frasco
 Tasha French
 Omar Fuentes
 Brad Fugate



Savanna Fulmer
 Uriel Fulmer
 Quin Gable
 Edward Gaggioli
 Matthew Gagnier
 Maria Galeana



Alejandro Gallegos
 Jonathan Gallegos
 Beatriz Garcia
 Daisy Garcia
 David Garcia
 Diana Garcia



Gregory Garcia
 Jessica Garcia
 Joana Garcia
 Josue Garcia
 Lisbeth Garcia
 Maira Garcia



Mariela Garcia
 Michael Garcia
 Rene Garcia
 Richard Garcia
 Silvia Garcia
 Gerald Gaughan



Erin Gebhardt
 Lindsey Gehrke
 Angela Gentile
 Samantha Gerleve
 Bradley Gerwin
 Daniel Gilbert

Sean Gilhooly
Nancy Gomez
Rosaura Gomez
Keni Gonzalez
Omar Gonzalez
Nathan Gorski



Miriam Granados
Kevin Grewell
Tyler Griffith
Emmanuel Guerrero
Mike Guevara
Alexandra Guillen



Monica Guzman
Billy Hagaman
Emily Hahn
Thomas Hahs
Colin Hale
Kevin Hanrahan



Jake Hansen
Thomas Harms
Anthony Hasbun
Nicholas Hawco
Matthew Hellman
Bridget Henley



Michael Herbert
Arturo Hernandez
Edgar Hernandez
Emmanuel Hernandez
Jaime Hernandez
Janet Hernandez



Retreat [n.]:

After mountains of homework and countless hours during the school day, students look forward to their weekend getaways. The thought of their weekend plans gives students hope during a stressful week of school. They cannot wait to retreat to their homes and relax.

Party Like a Rockstar.

Whether it is hanging out with friends or just hanging around the house relaxing, weekends allow student to break away from the everyday rituals of school. "My normal weekend would be chilling with my friends and girlfriend. My ideal weekend would be to party with a rock band and play in shows with them," said **Thomas Hahs**.



"My weekend consists of sitting around the fire, carefree, making jokes and thinking about better days. Knowing that tomorrow is going to be the same thing. My ideal weekend would be to go to an island with a few of my friends with an Xbox and no parents."

-Mackenzie Beideman

"One weekend, my friends and I had an unfortunate event with some kitty litter. One specific friend was **John Wehr**, who in fact, ate kitty litter, at the fault of losing a bet. Minutes later that same kitty litter exited John's body in an unpleasant way."

-Blake Zumpano



Margarita Hernandez
 Rene Hernandez
 Alan Herrera
 Corey Hing
 Garon Hock
 Rebecca Hooper



Scott Hootman
 Rebecca Howe
 Armando Huerta
 Fidel Huerta
 Javier Huerta
 Stephanie Huerta



Kyle Hunter
 Joshua Hyslop
 Darlyn Iglesia
 Ivan Ishkov
 Sarah Jacobs
 Nicole Jacobsen



Charles Jacques
 Martha Jimenez
 Christian Jimmo
 Kurt Johnson
 Juan Jurado
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 Jessica Kassanits
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 Kelsey King
 Kelli Koehring



Kathryn Kolman
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 Andrew Kovalev
 Evan Krotz
 Mariela Kruthoff



Matthew Kubik
 Stephanie Kuecker
 Matthew Kuly
 Gary Kurowski
 Taylor Kutilek
 Sara Kwassnik



Erica Lange
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 Jesse Lawrence
 Erin Lee
 Jacqueline Leeseberg
 Erich Letzter

Caroline Leuer
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 Carrie Liszka
 Kelly Loftus
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 Amatore Loiotile



Edgar Lomeli
 Saul Lomeli
 Deven Lopez
 Fernando Lopez Jr.
 Araceli Luna
 Jonathan Lundgren



Jillian Macrito
 Caitlyn Madsen
 Fernando Marin
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 Atzimba Martinez



Magali Martinez
 Roxana Martinez
 Sandra Martinez
 Sarah Massie
 Matthew Matson
 Nicholas Mazzeffi



Patricia McAssey
 Danielle McAvoy
 Alicia McCarthy
 Brendan McCormack
 Zachary McNeil
 Briseida Mendoza



Freedom [n.]:

Many people fantasize about the day they can drive by themselves. Teenagers look forward to the day they receive their licenses, despite the long process of Behind the Wheel classes. They await the freedom and responsibilities of driving on their own.

First Timer. Driving for the first time is scary for anyone that experiences it. Students are carefree while their parents remain backseat drivers. "My scariest experience was driving stick shift for the first time. I stopped on a median to make a turn, and forgot to press the clutch so the car died on me, and I didn't know what to do," said **Brandon Cleek.**



"My mom explained to me that when I started to drive that it would be in a risk-free environment. Little did I know that this meant I would be driving in a cemetery. My mom was way too overprotective when it came to me driving."

-Raelene Struckmeyer

"The first time I drove, my mom showed me how to start the car. She was eating chocolate cake at the time and needed me to hold her cake and fork. After she showed me, it was my turn to give it a try. As soon as I started the car I knew something was wrong. That's when I noticed I tried to start the car with my mom's fork."

-Kyle Hunter



Anna Mercado
 Fabian Merino
 Alexis Miller
 James Mitchell
 Molly Monroe
 Mauricio Montalvo



Ramon Montalvo
 Juan Montenegro
 Karen Montoya
 Lamar Moore
 Luis Moreno
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Kathryn Pusateri



Patrick Quealy
Pablo Quintana
Betsy Ramirez-Juarez
Daisy Ramon
Denise Ramos
Joseph Ramos



Amanda Rathe
Amy Ratliff
Jordan Rehak
Araceli Resendiz
Brandon Rhodes
Louis Richards



Curfew [n.]:

The clock strikes midnight on the weekend, and all under-aged students retreat to their homes. The legal curfew requires all people under the age of eighteen to be home by midnight on weekends and eleven o'clock on weekdays.

I'm Not Listening! Many parents expect their kids to follow the curfew. Whatever curfew students follow, many do not like being restricted. "My dad doesn't really care when I come home, but my mom sometimes gives me a curfew; I usually don't listen. I have missed my curfew, many times. I just get yelled at, and my phone gets taken away," said **Kelli Koehring**.



"I was about an hour past my curfew, and my parents were already asleep so I tried to sneak in through the front door but it was locked. Then I tried the basement window, locked again. So I ended up sleeping on my neighbor's porch without him knowing."

-Connie Tan

"One time one of my friends slept over and we decided to be rebels and climbed out my window after curfew. When we tried to sneak back in, we were caught by my mom, and we told her that we had a sudden taste for Dunkin Donuts."

-Patricia McCassey



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Alex Robbins
Alyssa Roberts
Jeff Robinson
Alfredo Robles



Edith Robles
Alexandria Rodriguez
Stephanie Rogers
Erik Rojas
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Edgar Torales



Stephanie Toro
Jesus Tovar
Michael Trevino
Daniel Tricoli
Antonio Tristino
Sheril Trujillo



The Big 1-6 [n.]:

It's the day every teenager in America longs for. It represents freedom, responsibility, and maturity. It's the day when sixteen candles on a birthday cake lead to a driver's license and when a teenager no longer needs to wait for a ride from mom and dad.

Dude, Where's My Car?

The DMV fills with anxious teens waiting to receive their drivers' licenses on their sixteenth birthdays. They cannot wait to take on a bigger responsibility. "I got my license a few months after my birthday. I wanted to get it on my birthday but I didn't have enough driving hours. My parents treat me the same but I get to stay out later!" said **Alexis Brunelli**.



"On my sweet sixteen, I was in Beijing, China. We left for the twenty hour plane ride back to the United States. We crossed the international date line on the way back, so I ended up having my birthday twice in one year."

-Margaret Bruce

"On my birthday my parents surprised me with five tickets to a sold out Fall Out Boy concert, which featured four big name bands. The concert was memorable because I was able to go with five of my best friends. The bass line kept our hearts pounding all night long!"

-Amanda Rathe



Emily Tulipano
 Madeline Urban
 Maritza Valdez
 Rigoberto Valdez
 Oscar Valenzuela
 Cody Vance



Danielle Van De Klippe
 Courtney Vargas
 Carlos Vazquez
 Vianey Vazquez
 Citlali Veloz
 Samuel Venchus



Gabriela Villa
 Alexander Walz
 Madeline Warkins
 James Washington
 China Wehr
 John Wehr



Amber Weinmann
 Colin West-Hooper
 Scott Wheeland
 Jonathan White
 Collin Wiersema
 Amanda Winters



Kyle Wolf
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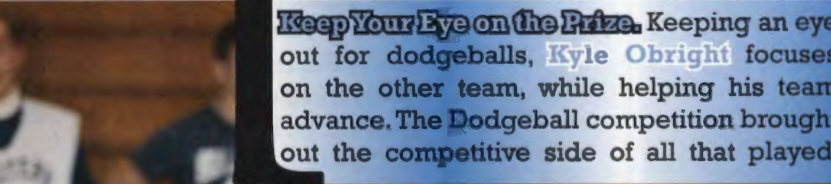
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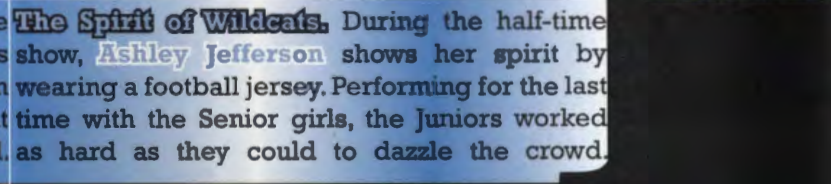
Not Just Sugar and Spice. As the clock ticks away, **Melanie Fischer** attempts to score against the Senior class during the Powder Puff game. The girls were determined to beat the Seniors for the prize of bragging rights, but they lost by a touchdown.



Jump to the Ball. By jumping to the ball, **Jose Padilla** is able to retrieve the ball from Naperville Central and make a run to the goal. **Padilla** was able to cause some disturbance for other teams throughout the season since playing as a forward is a crucial position in soccer.



Keep Your Eye on the Prize. Keeping an eye out for dodgeballs, **Kyle Obright** focuses on the other team, while helping his team advance. The Dodgeball competition brought out the competitive side of all that played.



The Spirit of Wildcats. During the half-time show, **Ashley Jefferson** shows her spirit by wearing a football jersey. Performing for the last time with the Senior girls, the Juniors worked as hard as they could to dazzle the crowd.



Schedule [n.] =

A day in the life of an average Junior is filled with activity and stress. To juggle a day at school, a part-time job, homework, a club, and a sport requires commitment. But, in the end, it's this chaos that these Juniors use to help them make it to Senior year.

One more year until we're the top of the line! Just a little longer, Class of 2009!

Entering the school for the third year, most Juniors knew what to expect and what not to expect from the school year. From all the new school policies to the responsibilities that were implied in being an upperclassman, the Class of 2009 had a bumpy ride ahead of them. "It's important to stay focused. Getting side-tracked and procrastinating was the one thing I tried not to do," said **Jordan Long**.

While it was important to have four fun years of high school, the year was looked at with a more serious attitude. It was the year that led to the future. "It's difficult to juggle school, work and softball. I had to change my schedule, and even then I had to give things up so that later I would have a better shot at going to college. I completely lost any social life that I previously had," said **Adriana Noceda**. With numerous AP courses, the ten-page Junior Research Paper, countless hours studying for the ACT, and the inevitable college applications, the pressure was on for the students.

Although the Class of 2009 had its bag of hardships, there were many memorable moments. The Juniors watched their friends play at the varsity level, while the girls faced the Seniors in an intense Powder Puff game. The students were able to walk the halls as upperclassmen, while lending a hand to those in the lower grades. And of course, the third year class danced the night away at Prom.

Many students going into this frustrating year realized there was no easy way to fly through the courses. The students raised the amount of time they studied, worked harder on homework, and listened attentively in class. The future was all in the hands of the students. "This year leads to graduation. Junior year is a very important stepping stone, and getting through it means everything," said **Miguel Padilla**. The level of maturity spiked for the Junior class, and when times were rough, it was agreed that nothing would be forgotten.

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Staying in Tune. Leading the halftime performance, **David Hiltner** conducts the Marching Band. "It's important for us to stay in beat. We are representing the school," said **Hiltner**.



A Key of Sunshine. Marching in the Homecoming Parade, **Evelyn Galvan** supports the Key Club. "I've never been in the parade before. I'm glad I got the opportunity," said **Galvan**.



Play Hard, Study Harder. When it comes down to his school work, **Jose Padilla** doesn't want to mess around. "I try to manage my time so that I can do well," said **Padilla**.



A Perfect Day for a Parade. Putting forth enormous effort in making the Junior Winter Float, **Lindsey Johnston** is able to show off her class spirit during the Homecoming Parade.

Carly Abraham
Morgan Abrams
Erin Ackermann
Juan Acosta
Marisol Acosta
Mohamed Agha



Alexis Aguilera
Antonio Alcalá
Alejandro Alcántar
Mike Aljamal
Brenda Almanza
Alejandro Almaraz



Maria Alvarez-Soto
Miguel Amaro
Kevin Antonio
Jimmy Aramburu
Amaryllis Arellano
Anais Arias



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Paulina Arroyo
Elijah Asani
Priscila Avila
Iveth Ayala
Jesse Baker



Talia Bangert
Edgar Barrera
Eriberto Barrera
Francisco Barrera
Guadalupe Barrera
Jair Barrera



Rachel Bass
Zakary Bayless
Jessica Bedard
Katrina Beedle
Kathryn Bell
Rachel Benney



Kristen Beres
Gregory Berg
Jessica Bergmann
Jose Bernal
Marie Besore
Sarah Bicchinella



Jonathan Birkey
Michelle Blackman
Kyle Blenkle
Trevor Bodie
Margarita Borjon
Nicholas Bosch



Experience [n.]:

With half of their high school career already over, the Class of 2009 has the chance to experience what it is like to finally move up a step. After being underclassmen for the last two years, they now feel the pride and privilege of calling themselves upperclassmen.

"Now that I'm an upperclassman I have a lot more advantages than last year. One of my favorites is that whenever I'm in the car with underclassmen I automatically get shotgun."

-Sally Brown

"Becoming an upperclassman was a big step for me. It made me realize that I really needed to step it up and try really hard. I think having to study harder will make me appreciate my education more in the future."

-Kevin Klouda

"As an upperclassman I feel like a superhero that could shoot lightning out of my hands. I feel like I have all the power, kind of like the president."

-Patrick Stremel



Anticipation. After waiting for two years to step onto the gridiron, **Ashley Jefferson** finally receives her chance to show she is a true competitor on the field. "Being a part of Powder Puff was intense. Everything about it was intense, the sign ups, the build up to the game and the actual game. Girls are crazy! Nothing was going to hold me back at any point," said **Jefferson**.



Drew Bowker
Thomas Boyd
Jake Bradley
Rogelio Bravo
Tara Breinig
Emily Breikreitz



Danielle Brown
Sally Brown
Sarah Brown
Ethan Burau
Garrett Burden
Dana Burgess



William Burke
Jaime Cabrera
Danny Calabrese
Daisy Calderon
Natalie Calvillo
Milena Camargo



Casey Camp
Jamie Campos
Manuel Campos
Sam Caputo
Taryn Cardin
Jessica Carlyon



Misael Carmona
Misael Carrasco
Marisa Carter
Casey Carvajal
Colleen Carvajal
Katelyn Casey

Carly Casper
 Shannon Cassello
 Tyler Christ
 Renee Cirone
 Rebecca Cisowski
 Mary Ann Clabots



Daniel Clark
 David Clark
 Molly Cody
 Hanna Colliander
 Gilda Conforti
 Abigail Contreras



Melissa Conway
 Elizabeth Correa
 Isabel Correa
 Ramiro Costilla
 Ryan Crawford
 Sarah Crivello



Brendan Crotty
 Honorio Cruz
 Lucas Cruz
 Samantha Curatola
 Kevin Curda
 Ali Damani



Jamie Dash
 Kristin Day
 Ethan Dean
 Mark Dean
 Robert Delegge
 Rogelio Del Muro



George Demos
 Kelsey Denson
 Ivan Desfassiaux
 Stefany Diaz
 Lisette Dominguez
 Michael Dorsey Jr.



Joanna Duran
 Michael Dylla
 David Eble
 Kevin Eckler
 James Egert
 Christine Escobedo



Liz Espinal
 Rocio Estrada
 Alexandra Eterno
 Christopher Ewing
 Kelly Farrell
 Marco Favela



Royalty [n.]:

Being crowned queen and king is a privilege only two people receive, but all Juniors have the opportunity to attend the Prom. A night full of friends and fun remains in the memories of the students who enjoyed the dance.

"I have been waiting for Prom ever since I was little and now that I have finally gone, I realized that it was worth the wait. The night was amazing and more than what I was hoping for."

-Sara Lim

"Prom was awesome, my date was the most beautiful girl there, and I have to admit I didn't look half bad myself."

-Alex Puetz

"I was so nervous when I arrived at my date's house. Sitting in her living room waiting for her seemed like it took one hundred years. When she finally came walking down the staircase, all the butterflies went away. She looked fantastic."

-Jozef Pavnica



Night to Remember

It's easy for students to be enchanted by all the glitz and glamour of Prom, and **Tara Breinig** is no exception. "This year's Prom was the most spectacular night. All the gorgeous colorful gowns and striking black tuxedos truly made it unforgettable and a night that I will tell my children about," said **Breinig**.



Linda Feltes
Miriam Fernandez
Melanie Fischer
Blaine Flanagan
Guadalupe Flores
Jason Foreman

Lynette Forrest
George Fortman
Corey Freebern
Jessica Freeman
Cristal Galvan
Evelyn Galvan

Alejandro Garcia
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Anayeli Garcia
Cendi Garcia
Federico Garcia
Hector Garcia

Maricruz Garcia
Mauricio Garcia
Sugehy Garcia
Susana Garcia
Robert Garramone
Mathew Gebis

Yesenia Geromini
Lisa Giordano
Kevin Glenn
Kristin Goffinet
Elizabeth Gola
Yesenia Gomez

Eder Gonzalez
 Guadalupe Gonzalez
 Carissa Gouskos
 Dianna Gouskos
 Katarzyna Grabiec
 Janett Granados



Teresa Granados
 Megan Green
 Timothy Griffith
 Kelli Grimm
 Keryll Grinash
 Thor Groseth



Joseph Grotto
 Izamar Guerrero
 Olisab Guevara
 Melissa Guillen
 Rhett Gunderson
 Abraham Guzman



Jesse Hacker
 Cody Hadley
 Eric Hasselberger
 Preston Hauptman
 William Heinze
 Nicholas Henke



Alberto Hernandez
 Carlos Hernandez
 Marcos Hernandez
 Reina Hernandez
 Ryan Hernandez
 Sandra Hernandez



Sergio Hernandez
 Fermin Herrera
 Jesus Herrera
 Jose Herrera
 David Hiltner
 Scott Hodges



Calvin Holt
 Lauran Hon
 Michael Hopkins
 Sarah Houck
 Mitchell Householder
 Clark Hudmon



Heriberto Huerta
 Amanda Huey
 Kevin Hund
 Danielle Incrocci
 Matthew Infanger
 Christopher Jackson



Humiliation [n.]:

Whether it is falling down the bleachers at a football game or slipping on spilled Gatorade in the arcade, there are enough mortifying moments to go around. Although these instances feel humiliating at the time, it is something that happens to everyone.

"You know how at lunch when someone gets up to leave and then everyone does? I always try to be that person, and one day when I stood up my tray of garbage went everywhere. Not only that but there was a cup on it that spilled all over me and I cried."

-Courtney Macko

"We-Go Thru the Tube recorded me eating a cicada, and I didn't think they were really going to show it. When I saw it, I wished I was invisible."

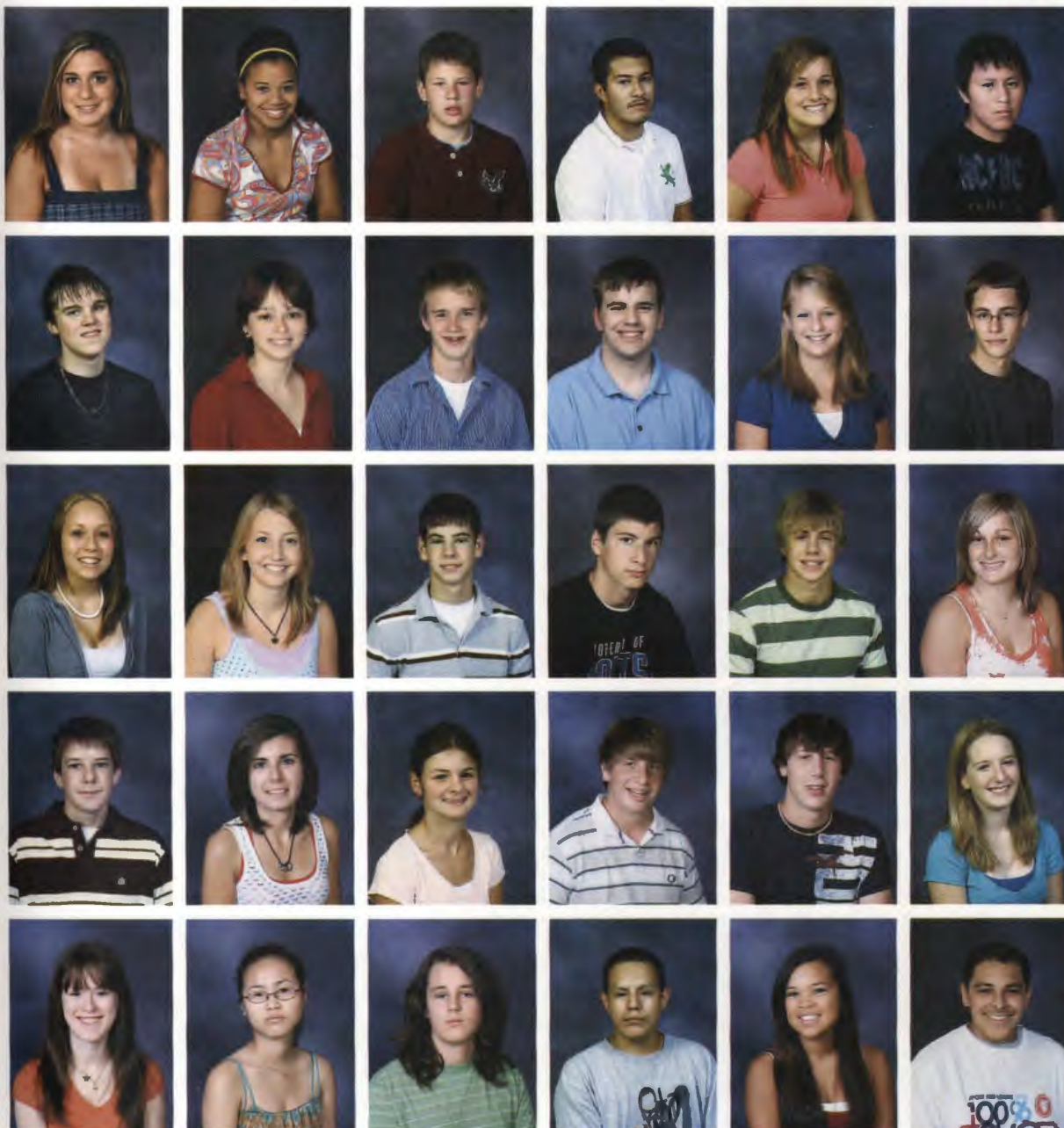
-Cody Hadley

"Patrick Stremel and I got kicked out of our science class together. We were sitting in the hall when a teacher walked by and saw us having a tickle fight."

-Brian Skrzypczak



Fancy Footwork. At the Homecoming dance, students show off their best dance moves, and some can't wait to reach the dance floor. "I was walking into the gym, and I was so excited I didn't realize there was a rip in the tarp that was on the floor. My heel got caught on it and I completely wiped out. It was so mortifying," said Elizabeth Gola.



Taylor Jaconis
Ashley Jefferson
James Jensen
Jerry Jimenez
Lindsey Johnston
Milton Juarez

Daniel Kemnitz
Sarah Kimball
Jonathan Kinsella
Shawn Kiser
Kimberly Kleczewski
Kevin Klouda

Jaclyn Kostel
Kristen Kotche
Ryan Krage
Jimmy Krone
Jonathan Krystinak
Nicole Kuhlmann

Douglas Kulie
Coralyn Kutzner
Emily Laffey
James Laiter
Nathan Laka
Anna Lane

Paige Lawless
Tu-Nhi Le
Thomas Leffler
Jose Leon
Sara Lim
Alex Lima

Aryn Lively
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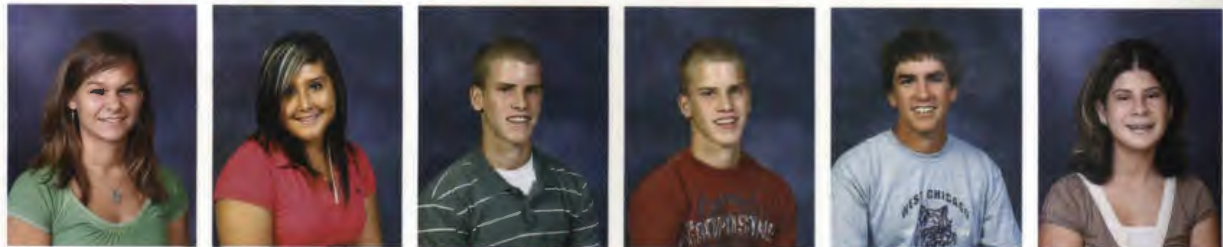
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 Antonella Mastrodonardo
 Brian Mateas
 Douglas Mateas
 John McCormack
 Ashley McNerney



Joslyn Meissner
 Michelle Memoli
 Ana Mendez
 Jose Mendez
 Samantha Mengel
 Sam Mercaldo



Daniel Michiels
 Ashley Michnick
 Nicholas Miller
 Edward Miranda
 Jessica Mitsch
 Rachel Molinaro



Sarah Molo
 Jose Montalvo
 Monica Montoya
 Veronica Montoya
 Yesenia Montoya
 Lamanda Moore



Analysis [n.] =

After taking hundreds of tests, quizzes and exams throughout their whole lives, it is at last time for students to take the most meaningful assessment of their lives. Hours of studying and practice tests help to prepare them for the test that will determine their future.

"I didn't want to be someone who randomly shades in circles or someone who Christmas trees the test. I may not have always wanted to take my ACT prep class, but I knew I needed to do it."

-Molly Pfeifer

"Studying for the ACT is important. You need more than number two pencils and a calculator to be successful. You need to prepare."

-Maggie Polacek

"I took the ACT prep class, and it really helped to prepare me for the test. The instructors gave us a lot of good tips to help us boost our scores up and they told us things that the ACT looks for in the written portion."

-Tony Quarto



Study, Study, Study. When it comes to the ACT, some students choose to wait until the last minutes to study, but most Juniors hit the books early in the year so they have nothing to worry about. "To get ready for the ACT, I studied really hard and asked all of my teachers for help. I even took a two hour ACT prep course to help boost my score," said **Monika Parker.**



Maria Morales
Michael Morales
Vianey Morales
Dustin Moreno
Jacqueline Morgan
Zachary Mowen



Jose Moyotl
Christen Mungo
Fernando Munoz
Geovanni Munoz
Ty Murphy
Tyler Murray



Irvin Naranjo
Rodney Nasir
Allison Navadomskis
Navy Neang
Colin Nelson
Miles Nelson



Courtney Nesemeier
Thai Nguyen
Kyle Nichol
John Nickelson
Karina Nicolas
Adriana Noceda



Kelly Nottingham
Erica Nystrom
Kyle Obright
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Jorge Pasillas
 Jozef Pavnica
 Zachary Pazar
 David Peace
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Ricardo Perez
 Servando Perez
 Jose Perez Jr.
 Drew Peterson
 Molly Pfeifer
 Christopher Pierce



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 Margaret Polacek
 Casey Powrozek
 Alexander Puetz
 Anthony Quarto
 Donna Quiroz



Edgar Ramirez
 Jennifer Ramos
 Cody Reif
 Juan Reyes
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 Cristina Rico



Majica Rivera
 Matthew Rizzo
 Sadie Roberts
 Michael Robles
 Francisco Rocio
 Jeannette Rodriguez



Raquel Rojas
 Jamie Roman
 A.J. Romanelli
 Steven Romanelli
 Miguelangel Romero
 Reynaldo Romero



Wise Words [n.]:

People don't often realize the impact of their words and actions. They can affect others in ways that mold lives forever. With a specific person in mind, students reflect on wise advice they were once given and find themselves pushing themselves harder in class, athletics, and life.

"Since I was on Varsity baseball last year, my coach pushed me really hard to do even better this year. It's cool to have the person pushing you hard always on the sidelines cheering you on."

-Trevor Bodie

"When I was younger my dad used to say, 'You may not like me right now, but later on in life you will thank me for making you strive to be the best you can be.' It took me a while, but now I see how right he was."

-Melissa Conway

"My American History teacher Mr. Chisholm always told me that I had to do well and work hard towards what I want in order to go to college and go far in life."

-Ismael Sanchez



Driving Force. Sometimes it is hard for students to learn, but when they have a teacher like Mr. Zeitler to push them, it makes succeeding a whole lot easier. "Zeitler has motivated me a lot because he acts like one of us, like a teenager. He's really easy to talk to. He's someone who can help you with your problems," said Ashley Michnick.



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Christine Rovtar
Eddie Rusch
Joseph Russell
Monica Salinas
Griselda Sanchez

Ismael Sanchez
Jesus Sanchez
Stuart Sankovitch
Samantha Sanmiguel
Steven Schneider
Michael Scott

Kyle Seidler
Eric Selcke
Joseph Serio
Hector Serrato
Shawna Serrato
Priya Shah

Caitlin Shiga
Julia Shuliga
Kyle Sikorski
Lanie Sikorski
Ryan Sinclair
Ania Skorupski

Brian Skrzypczak
Brittany Smith
Lia Smith
Shane Smith
Sara Smolucha
William Soll

Martin Sorensen
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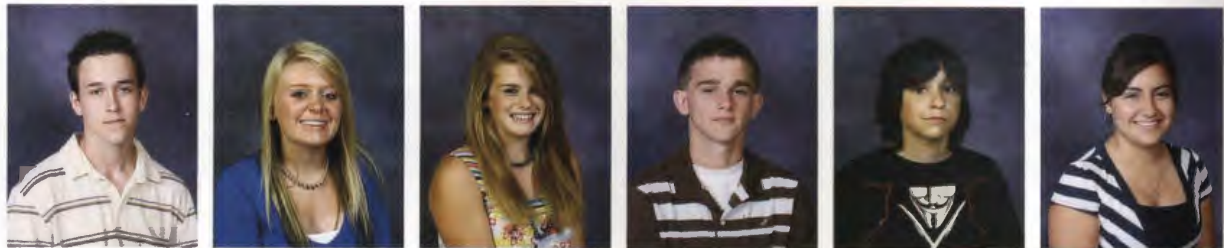
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Matthew Thomas
Anna Treudt



Sean Tubridy
Taylor Turner
Katrina Turzinski
Tom Ulin
Lucas Valdez
Bibiana Valenzuela



Alejandro Valino
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Tatiana Walz
Candace Washington
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Jeremy Werle



Alicia Weyerstrahs
Natalie Wierenga
Chelsey Wilbur
Dana Williams
Joseph Wilson
Michaelene Winn



Occupation [n.]:

When allowance stops coming out of parents' pockets, students realize it is finally time to grow up and apply for their first jobs. With this new responsibility comes the struggle of managing time for both homework and after school jobs.

"My first job was a reality check and a great experience. Working for my money made me want to save it for something I really wanted. Along with getting paid I met a bunch of great people."

-Antonella Mastrolonardo

"Over the past few summers I have worked at the pool, and this year I was a lifeguard. I didn't have to rescue anyone, but if I did it would have made the job so much more worth while."

-Molly Cody

"I had the opportunity to babysit Mr. Hayes's kids. They were the sweetest most adorable kids ever. I really enjoyed spending time with them and teaching them how to color inside the lines."

-Lindsey Johnston



Fast Cash. Understanding the value of money is one of the most important lessons teenagers are taught through their first job. "For Christmas, I worked at Pioneer Clubs, packing and shipping books, tee-shirts and flags. It wasn't easy going to school and working, but I suddenly realized that working hard pays off," said **Courtney Nesemeier**.



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Ryan Crawford



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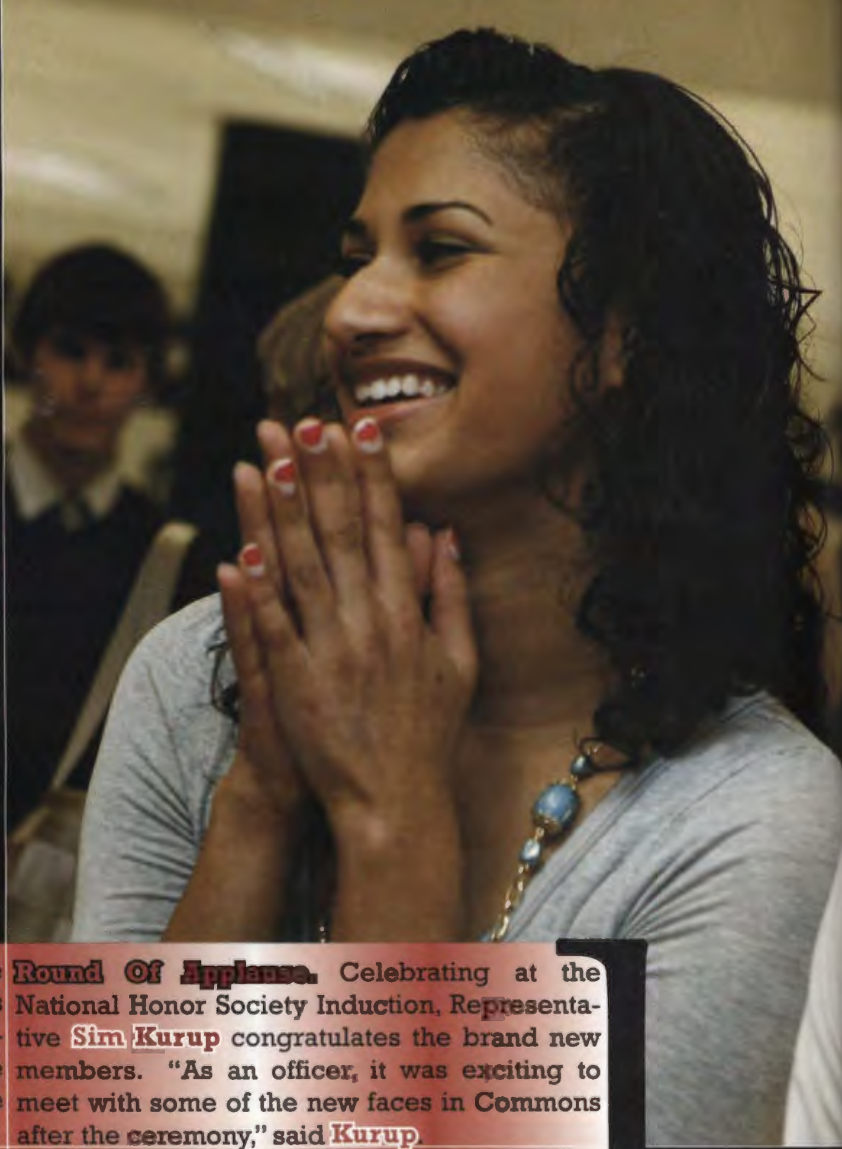
Renee Cirone



David Hillner



The Main Event. Snapping and shaking to the latest hip-hop hits, **Oscar Grajeda** explodes onto stage, bringing the energy in the auditorium to new heights. "I never expected those moves out of Oscar. He just jumped on stage and did his thing," said **Christy Liszka**.



Round Of Applause. Celebrating at the National Honor Society Induction, Representative **Sim Kurup** congratulates the brand new members. "As an officer, it was exciting to meet with some of the new faces in Commons after the ceremony," said **Kurup**.

Back To Basics. After days of early morning practices, Football Captain and Powder Puff Coach **Jim Miner** reviews the game plan with his team and offers some last minute tips. **Miner** and his team walked away with a win.

Right Here, Right Now. Entrancing stands full of spectators, **Heather Busch** adds a perfect ending to three years of football half time performances. "Poms was about living in the moment and really defined my time here," said **Busch**.



Diploma [n.]:

A highly coveted document recognizes the academic completion of high school, but to us represents four years of sports, wild weekends, lazy late start days, and ultimately growing up. It is our ticket into the college of our dreams and is essentially the stepping stone toward tomorrow.

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

It feels like just yesterday we walked through Entrance A, new IDs ready and back packs in tow. We hoped for a new beginning without appreciating how quickly it would end. Carrying four years of memories neatly rolled up in a scroll triggered a slideshow of past moments to play through our minds as we strode across the stage. Freshman year we wondered who we would become, and the next thing we knew, we could not wait to show ourselves off to the world. Yet, here we are now, graduated from the place where a million dreams were born and a million realizations were made. The time we spent here are moments we will never know again. Our lives beyond these walls proved to be well worth the wait, but remember the fun we had. "I always perceived high school as rigorous and free of fun. However, I quickly learned that high school was deeper than books and the worksheets distributed daily. The rumors are true: high school is the best time of your life. Looking back, the only memories I recall are football games,

movie-going, parties, Homecoming, Prom, bonfires, and simple nights with friends that turned into wild adventures," said **Cory Gierke**. We may never realize how good life was until we look back years down the road, but we will remember every last detail: the late nights, the early mornings, and that rare, hilarious teacher. "The memories that have been created over four years from the Squad to the Variety Show really couldn't have been made anywhere else. We-Go is truly my second home," said **Oscar Grajeda**. As time continued to change us all, we learned to hold onto the few true friends. With them, life was about taking chances, staying out of trouble, and above all, having a good time. So if you find yourself driving down Joliet Street decades from now, we hope you can still recall the laughter, the sadness, the bittersweet feeling of it all. This chapter has ended. Here's to making the next one a page turner

"If you find yourself driving down Joliet Street decades from now, we hope you can still recall the laughter, the sadness, the bittersweet feeling of it all."

By: Kara Wolfe



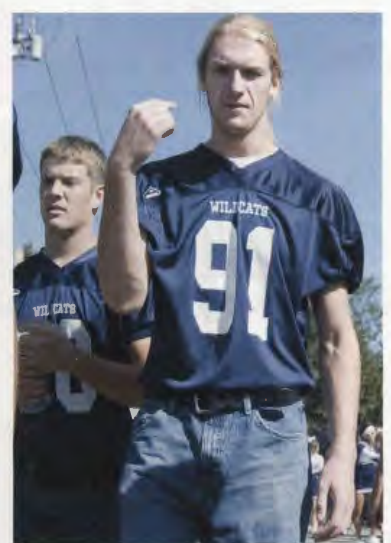
Playhance. Intensely following the action on the field, **Mauricio Perez** hopes for a win. As a team veteran, **Perez** gladly made time to root for his friends every Friday night.



It's Better On Top. Demolishing any competition brought forth by the underclassmen, **Taylor Funderburk** takes one for the team at the Homecoming Pep Rally by bobbing for apples.



Dodge This. Holding her own at the Dodgeball Tournament, **Jessica Jones** lets loose firing red hot shots across Bishop Gym, targeting her male opponents.



Wild and Proud. Decked out in their home jerseys, Football Players **Brett Simon** and **Josh Tikka** march through town during the Homecoming Parade with fierce pride.

Matthew Boltz



Matthew Boltz

Francis Beifuss



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Melissa A. Bruington

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Abraham G. Buado

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Elizabeth A. Buenostro

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Nicholas J. Bulleri

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Heather E. Busch

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Amy J. Bytof

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Joseph Caballero

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Stephanie Calvillo

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Megan R. Carnes

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Matthew S. Carnot

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Erika I. Carrasco

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Elizabeth Castillo

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Izzy J. Castro

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Bernabe Ceja

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Lynsie L. Ceszyk

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Frank Chilelli

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Kelsey A. Chillemi

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Routine [n.]=

The morning routine involves the habits and rituals each one of us perform to prevent us from running out of the building. These routines assist us in the grueling learning process we've come to know so well through our years here and help Seniors survive their school day.

"I wake up, lie in bed for 10-20 minutes, depending on the day, and then get up. I get dressed, head up stairs and eat sometimes. Then I leave for the bus. I've been doing the same thing for the past four years I've been in high school. It works."

-Dustin Hon

"Wake up at 6:45 am every morning and hit the snooze at least twice. I usually eat bagels for breakfast. If I don't eat, I'll be miserable until lunch. I'm out the door by 7 am."

-Matthew Andracki

"Ever since I started at Community High School, I have gotten up at 6:30 am, taken a shower, and gone back to bed until I have to leave for school. When I don't do this, I feel drowsy for my first couple periods."

-PJ Brooker



Same Old, Same Old

Making it to school with minutes to spare, Allison Fletcher prepares herself for her first class at her locker. "I hit the snooze button on my alarm clock a minimum of five times and then roll out of bed. I wash my face, brush my teeth, throw on an outfit and grab my lunch as I run out the door: late again," said Fletcher.

Lauren A. Desik



Lauren Desik

Giovanni G. Davero



Giovanni Davero

Aaron M. Cracraft



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Jeanette Colaso



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Marisa L. Choate



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Samuel Colburn



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Rachel A. Chronowski



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Varinia M. Diaz



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Sean E. Defelice



Sean Defelice

Larry Cuevas



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Kimberly D. Collier



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Matthew P. Cissik



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Maxwell A. Dodd



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Michael Delvalle



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Erik W. Fischer



Zachary C. Fisher



Eric T. Fleming



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Ivana Flores



Brittany Ashley Fondel



Anthony J. Fontana



Sara C. Fouts



Kristen N. Frank

Fredy Flores

Ivana Flores

Brittany Fondel

Anthony Fontana

Sara Fouts

Kristen Frank

Moving On [p.h.r.]:

There is a point in every Senior's life when scheduled bells and hallway guards seem like the prison system of adolescence. While the memories and lessons learned will follow us down whatever path we choose, we are ready and willing to cross that line and say goodbye.

"I will attend Carthage College next year because I love that it's a small school. I plan on being a part of the golf team. I think it will be a perfect fit for me because I did not want to go to a big school."

-Brendon Jones

"I plan on attending Roosevelt University in Chicago because I want to be in the city, it's a small school, and it's not too far from home. It just seems like a good school for me."

-Samantha Schneider

"I plan on attending Indiana University in Bloomington next year because it has a very good business school with an awesome campus. I feel confident that Indiana will fit me perfectly."

-Doug Sills



Going for the Gold.

While studying hard in British and World Literature, **Cory Gierke** envisions herself far outside the walls of West Chicago in a world much different than what we have all gotten used to. "I want to go to a 'Big Ten' school next year because of the huge school spirit and the beautiful campuses," said **Gierke**.

Tucker J. Hauptman



Tucker Hauptman

Dane Gunderson



Dane Gunderson

Spencer S. Goorley



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Evelyn Garfias



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Jessica A. Franklin



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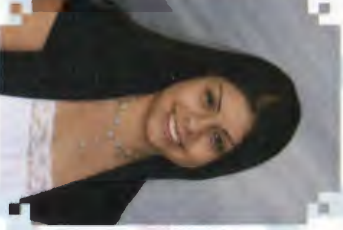
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Arica C. Hannus



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Oscar E. Grajeda



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Humberto Gonzalez



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Matthew S. Gaede



Matthew Gaede

Jessica V. Hing



Jessica Hing

Ryan E. Hansen



Ryan Hansen

Daniel S. Guerrero



Daniel Guerrero

Tony Gonzalez



Tony Gonzalez

Eunice F. Galang



Eunice Galang



Jeffrey J. Hlinka

Jeff Hlinka



Dustin J. Hon

Dustin Hon



Rachel E. Howe

Rachel E. Howe



Ryan Howington

Ryan Howington



Adilena Huerta

Adilena Huerta



Antonio Huerta

Antonio Huerta



Brian Hummer

Brian Hummer



Andrew S. Hur

Andrew Hur



Andrew Jacobsen

Andrew Jacobsen



Katie Marie Jealouse

Katie Marie Jealouse



Rachel Jefferson

Rachel Jefferson



Jiaping Jiang

Jiaping Jiang



Kristen J. Johansen

Kristen Johansen



Keisha D. Johnson

Keisha Johnson



Lindsay Johnson

Lindsay Johnson



Brendon Jones

Brendon Jones



Jessica M. Jones

Jessica Jones



Lorenzo D. Jones

Lorenzo Jones

Remember [v.]:

Take a moment, look back and remember when...

...Mrs. Zrmhal let us swim and run down the hallways in the middle of the night after the Dance Production show...Matt Smothers asked Ashley Waugh to Prom seven times in Commons...the fire alarm saved you from a test...Ian Letts juggled figurative plums in Ms. Santella's class...a "ten foot, poisonous python" escaped from AP Biology...the blue slip came to the door with your name on it...you spent more effort and creativity into ways of asking a date to Prom than you ever did on homework...Amy Bytof told priceless stories...Mr C. skateboarded around the classroom and landed a jump over some Western Civ books...the football game against Glenbard East went into overtime and Michael Sedjo blocked the Rams' attempt at a touchdown...you went on your first real date...clay and paint wars in Art made your day...Mr. McClelland got stuck in the splits for five minutes on the high ropes course...news of a snowday felt like Christmas morning...Highland shaved his mustache off...you ditched that one class, but only once of course...you dissected cow hearts bigger than your head...you ruined every science lab...advisory was used for random discussion because you didn't know what else to do with those 23 minutes...teachers led class outside on the grass...Larry took your Frisbee away... you held back tears at Senior Parent Night...you were told to get a tardy pass to lunch...you were a part of the saddest 3 A.M. TP attempt ever...Chad Demas serenaded Senior Hall...a drinking fountain was rigged to continuously flow, and placed over the top of it was a prophylactic device slowly filling up with water...



Victorious. After the Seniors' victory, Lorena Hernandez shouts out her pride, "I'll never forget the Powder Puff game. All of my friends and I did it. We had so much fun dressing up. We dominated. Class of '08, baby!" said Hernandez.

Jamie Leigh Lesniak



Jamie Lesniak

Justin W. Kutilek



Justin Kutilek

Vitaliy Koshyn



Vitaliy Koshyn

Aaron Kennedy



Aaron Kennedy

Joann T. Kaczmarczyk



Joann Kaczmarczyk

Ian A. Letts



Ian Letts

James P. Laloggia



James Laloggia

Brittany N. Kraft



Brittany Kraft

Jaclyn Faye Kerber



Jaclyn Kerber

Brittany M. Kamphaus



Brittany Kamphaus

Julie E. Leveille



Julie Leveille

Lindsey Lasiowski



Lindsey Lasiowski

Krista Kraus



Krista M. Kraus

James M. Kipp



James Kipp

Andrew S. Kanter



Andrew Kanter

Melanie K. Linsenmeyer



Melanie Linsenmeyer

Matthew Donald Leahy



Matthew Leahy

Ethan Krauspe



Ethan Krauspe

Kyle N. Kirincic



Kyle Kirincic

Vanessa Kashtanjeva



Vanessa Kashtanjeva

Christy N. Liszka



Christy Liszka

Justin Leduc



Justin Leduc

Kristina A. Kuhn



Kristina Kuhn

Kevin Klintworth



Kevin Klintworth

Seth D. Kelley



Seth Kelley

Eric Lopez



Eric Lopez

Jay E. Lenahan



Jay Lenahan

Smiriti Kurup



Smiriti Kurup

Heather Knoll



Heather Knoll

Thomas John Kelly



Thomas Kelly



Richardini Lopez

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Joseph Losacco

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Neil Luka

Neil Luka



Joel Rojas Luna

Joel Rojas Luna



Marco Luna

Marco Luna



Suzanna Lundquist

Suzanna Lundquist



Grant Luther

Grant Luther



John Malandrucolo

John Malandrucolo



Jesse Maldonado

Jesse Maldonado



Teresa Mangialomini

Teresa Mangialomini



Rony Mathew

Rony Mathew



Kymberly A. McDaniel

Kymberly A. McDaniel



Malcolm A. McDonald

Malcolm A. McDonald



Amanda L. Medeiros

Amanda L. Medeiros



Kevin Carlo Medina

Kevin Carlo Medina



Valeria Medina

Valeria Medina



Edgar Mendez

Edgar Mendez



Yesenia Mendez

Yesenia Mendez

Teacher's Pet [n.]

We all know that Seniors do not openly admit that they like their teachers, but every once in a while they come across a teacher who inspires them to look beyond the textbook into a world where English does matter and the math they learn becomes more than just numbers.

"Mr. Rau. He's technically not a teacher, but he's the only one who let me sit on his couch and let me cry about how much I hate school. He also has some awesome advice and definitely helped when life got tough."

-Taylor Funderburk

"Mrs. Stigleitz. She's so fun. She's like a new teacher who has all these fun ideas except she's been here for a while."

-Samantha Seifert

"My favorite teacher is Mr. Gimre because he has helped me a lot with math when I was struggling. He has helped me even when he was no longer my teacher."

-Samantha Deaton



One in the Same. While receiving assistance from his favorite teacher, Paul Warkins grasps each new concept. "My favorite teacher is Mrs. Wirth, because she knows how to make things that aren't usually fun interesting, Mrs. Wirth has helped me out through high school and I will always appreciate all she's done," said Warkins.

Ashley R. Ortega



Ashley Ortega

Samantha A. Nolte



Samantha Nolte

David J. Musick



David Musick

Melissa Molskow



Melissa Molskow

Aldo D. Mendoza



Aldo Mendoza

Maria M. Ortiz



Maria Ortiz

Susan A. Nowicki



Susan Nowicki

Brandon J. Nail



Brandon Nail

Daniel K. Moody



Daniel Moody

Lilia Merino



Lilia Merino

Taylor L. Overman



Taylor Overman

Maricela Olague



Maricela Olague

Rachel C. Nash



Rachel Nash

Bianca Renee Moroziuk



Bianca Moroziuk

Alexandria E. Mills



Alex Mills

Natalie C. Pacelli



Natalie Pacelli

Carl J. Opel



Carl Opel

Chloe I. Nichols



Chloe Nichols

Nerdy Munoz



Nerdy Munoz

James C. Miner



James Miner

Baltazar Padilla Jr.



Baltazar Padilla

Andrew W. Oppermann



Andrew Oppermann

Robyn K. Nickelson



Robyn Nickelson

Omar Munoz



Omar Munoz

Matthew C. Miner



Matthew Miner

Michael W. Parisi



Michael W Parisi

Christopher V. Orda



Christopher Orda

Michelle Kristin Nitti



Michelle Nitti

Kelly A. Murphy



Kelly Murphy

Matt P. Molitor



Matt Molitor



Differences [n.]:

As Freshmen, the Class of 2008 stepped into a whole new reality of feeling intimidated and naive. Fortunately through the trials and tribulations of success and failure, these Seniors take their last steps through the halls as polished, young individuals ready to start their lives.

"Freshman year I was this awkward loud mouth who always tried to impress people. But between then and now I have become who I want to be. I've really reached out since Freshman year. "

-Michael Dalton

"I have definately changed since I first stepped foot in these halls. I feel more grown up and I have a lot more friends that matter."

-Jeanette Colaso

"Everyone changes here, but that is inevitable. I don't think anyone is really themselves here, though. High school is a bubble that we live in, not the real world. "

-Krista Kraus



Balancing Act. Finally after four years, **Daniel Guerrero** figures out what truly matters. Though hard work is necessary to be successful, all work and no play never does anybody any good. "I have changed from a person that took everything very seriously to someone that can have fun while still getting things done," said Guerrero.

Quick Sanchez

Erick Sanchez



Yesenia Sanchez



Yesenia Sanchez

Claudia I. Santana



Claudia Santana

Stacey Santillan



Stacey Santillan

Krista E. Sauter



Krista Sauter

Ryan F. Scheck



Ryan Scheck

Maria C. Romero



Maria Romero

Courtney E. Rosalez



Courtney Rosalez

Teresa Rubio



Teresa Rubio

Mallory H. Russ



Mallory Russ

Gregorio Salazar



Gregorio Salazar

David R. Sampiller



David Sampiller

Mary Rizk

Mary Rizk



Rubi Robles



Rubi Robles

Kamrey L. Rohrdanz



Kamrey Rohrdanz

Stephanie M. Rojas



Stephanie Rojas

Scott M. Rolseth



Scott Rolseth

Brenda Romero



Brenda Romero

Matthew Reinhardt

Matthew Reinhardt



Jonathan M. Reyes



Jonathan Reyes

Ivonne Reza



Ivonne Reza

Brittany N. Riddle



Brittany Riddle

Ruben Rios



Ruben Rios

Randi M. Ritchie



Randi Ritchie

Miguel Quinones

Miguel Quinones



Kayla L. Radloff



Kayla Radloff

Estefani Ramirez



Estefani Ramirez

Maribel Ramirez



Maribel Ramirez

Emily Rawls



Emily Rawls

Kyle Reed



Kyle Reed



Jail Break [n.]:

The hallways of CHS can be viewed as a game of cat and mouse. Feeling rebellious against the new regulations, the Seniors find new ways to ditch authority. Escaping tardy passes and security guards becomes almost as much fun as playing tag so many years ago.

"There are never security guards around the pool entrance. When we had to pick a bill for government, I entered through there and I was second in line. Five minutes later, a crowd came rushing in from Entrance A."
-Jessica Hing

"I go anywhere they're not, or I get a pass from a teacher so I don't get in trouble for being late or being in the halls."
-Tara Wojciechowski

"I didn't have my ID so had to walk around the entire school to buy a new one on the coldest day of the year. Since then I have declared eternal war on the security guards. I almost lost two fingers from frost bite."
-John Malandrucolo



Lunch. Everyone knows that as a Senior, punctuality becomes a minor detail in the daily routine. "It's a really cute idea that they try and get me to get a pass for being thirty seconds late to lunch. I'm not getting a tardy pass for lunch, I just go right through the security block at the doors of Commons and enjoy my lunch," said **Maddy Albright**.

Michaela J. Vanwinkle



Michaela Vanwinkle

Richard Tovar



Richard Tovar

Amanda M. Terry



Amanda Terry

Rachel B. Storey



Rachel Storey

Ryan K. Sobbe



Ryan Sobbe

Kevin J. Vasiliauskas



Kevin Vasiliauskas

Heather C. Tricoli



Heather Tricoli

Rona Thaci



Rona Thaci

William D. Stoyhoff



William Stoyhoff

Brittany M. Soto



Brittany Soto

Victor C. Velazquez



Victor Velazquez

Kevin Troy



Kevin Troy

Rebecca M. Tiani



Rebecca Tiani

Hannah M. Strayve



Hannah Strayve

Chelsea M. Steck



Chelsea Steck

Jacob Venchus



Jacob Venchus

Lisa M. Trygar



Lisa Trygar

Joshua Tikka



Joshua Tikka

Nathaniel C. Strayve



Nathaniel Strayve

Caraline M. Stenslik



Caraline Stenslik

Misha Anne Vicente



Misha Vicente

Rebecca Uy



Rebecca Uy

Adam M. Timko



Adam Timko

Mary Ann Sunde



Mary Sunde

Kelsey W. Stewart



Kelsey Stewart

Adam C. Voss



Adam Voss

Jesus Valino



Jesus Valino

Jennifer N. Tirado



Jennifer Tirado

Steven E. Szul



Steven Szul

Steven J. Stolte



Steven Stolte



Myth Busters [n.]

Every student who was ever a Freshman remembers looking up to the Seniors before them, envious of their easy, eventful lives. However, the Class of 2008 was shocked to learn that life at the top of the food chain was not quite how they imagined it would be.

"When I started Senior Year, I thought the college application process would be horrible. But I realized it isn't as gruesome and scary as it was made out to be."

-Ellen Gebhardt

"Senior Year is actually a lot more work than I thought it would be. I've always been under the impression Seniors had it easy."

-Matthew Molitor

"As an underclassman, I always saw Seniors come into class late all the time without getting in trouble. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible, as any student that shows up tardy has to go to the office for a tardy pass."

-Joann Kaczmarczyk



Stressed Out. With misconceived notions of an "easy as pie" Senior year, **Kelsey Gossen** stresses over so much homework and so little time. Senioritis clearly isn't an option when there is so much to do. "I thought that Senior Year would be more fun and relaxing, but because of these new rules, it's way different," said **Gossen**.

Andrew R. Wirtz



Andrew Wirtz

Tara E. Wojciechowski



Tara Wojciechowski

Kara Wolfe



Kara Wolfe

Ryan J. Worthy



Ryan Worthy

Joshua D. Yednock



Josh Yednock

Matthew R. Youngwith



Matt Youngwith

Amanda M. Zanoni



Amanda M Zanoni

Nicole A. Zbilski



Nicole Zbilski

Jayne E. Zenker



Jayne Zenker

Matthew A. Zifra



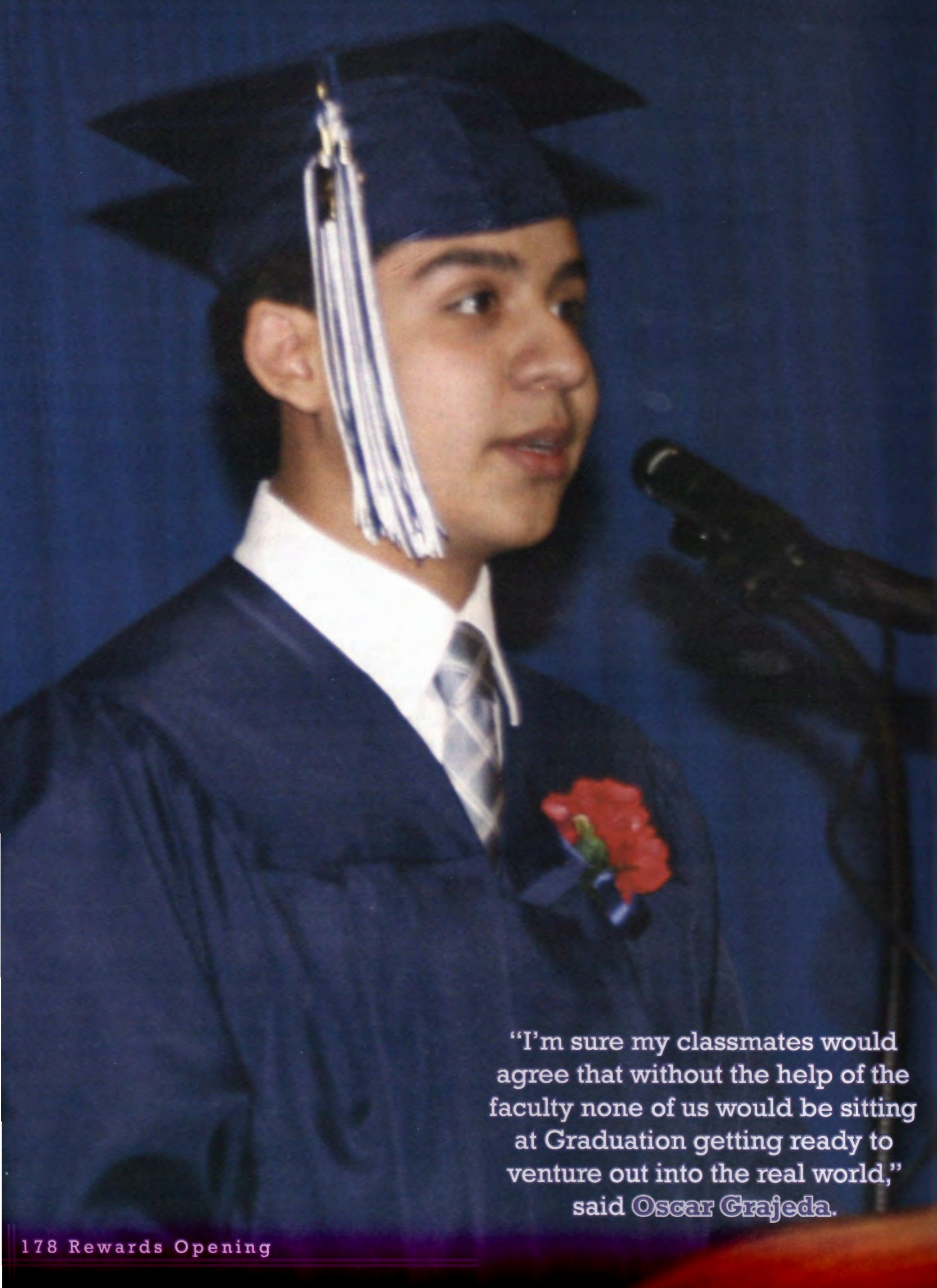
Matthew A Zifra

Last Words [n.]:

After four years of early wake up calls and racing to school to beat the first hour bell, the Seniors have learned a lesson or two along the way. Although they can't share all the secrets of the school, they offer a few final thoughts.

...“Four years never went by so fast.” –**John Photopolous**... “Have as much fun as you possibly can! It goes by so fast.” –**Samantha Siefert**... “Stay in school, don't do drugs, and don't fall for peer pressure.” –**Amy Bytof**... “Don't pick on the Freshmen. One day, some of them may be bigger than you.” –**Steven Szul**... “It's not how many people you talk to. It's who you talk to.” –**Lorena Hernandez**... “Take high school one day at a time.” –**Kym McDaniel**... “Peace out We-Go!” –**Marta Drozdova**... “Be nice to Edie so you can experience her chocolate-covered toffee.” –**Paul Warkins**... “Have fun with school and get your work done.” –**Doug Sills**... “Live your life the way that you want to. Don't change for anyone. Love yourself the way you are and keep your self-esteem high all the time.” –**Lily Puertas**... “Drugs are bad.” –**Cory Gierke**... “Never be scared to show people who you are because being quiet, unsocial, and shy will never truly satisfy.” –**Chad Demas**... “Start applying for college during the summer of Junior year. At least get the essays done because they're a pain on top of homework.” –**Jessica Hing**... “Be yourself and make many friends because the experiences from them will last a lifetime.” –**Dustin Hon**... “Get involved, go to school functions, and try to get along with everyone.” –**Ellen Gebhardt**... “Thank you to all those outstanding teachers that put up with me and taught me well.” –**Elizabeth Castillo**... “Don't hold onto the past for too long because things happen, and people change.” –**Marybeth Fernandez**... “When you're in the halls, walk. Don't stand, don't scream, don't make out, just walk.” –**Jamie Lesniak**... “Work hard and don't slack off.” –**Dane Gunderson**... “Live your life so you won't look back and wonder 'what if.'” –**Samantha Nolte**... “Stay in school, get good grades, and get involved.” –**Brittany Kraft**...

...“Stay true to yourself and don’t be afraid to stand up for what you believe in. There are greater rewards for those who work hard, are honest, and are friendly to everyone.” –**Jessica Jones**...“Live it up in high school while you have the chance, because the real world comes fast with a huge slap in the face.” –**Margaret Scott**...“Get involved!” –**Stephanie Perez**...“Party on.” –**Jim Kipp**...“Class of 2008 rules!” –**Erika Carrasco**...“Take advantage of your time at CHS.” –**Ben Barclay**... “Don’t be upset over friends you lose through the years. It’s not you. People move forward and that’s a good thing.” –**Lynsie Ceszyk**...“I just want to thank my mom, dad, **Ms. Santella**, and my best friends **Emily Rawls**, **Elizabeth Buenrostro**, and **Madeline Albright**. These people have helped me survive high school, and have supported me through all my endeavors. You have shaped me into who I am today. Again, I thank you. Go Wildcats and Go Salukis!” –**Ashley Waugh**...“High school definitely has its ups and downs everything from Friday night football games and prom to staying up late finishing the Junior Research Paper or dreading those difficult math problems. Students make a lot of friends, and some even lose some, but high school is important to discover who you are as a person. It is probably the best four years of your life.” –**Guillermo Blanco**... “Have too much fun and push the envelope every chance you get. High school doesn’t define you, you define high school.” –**Kara Wolfe**...“If you value your social life, don’t take AP classes.” –**Eunice Galang**...“Don’t obsess over the small stuff. It’s just high school, and there are way more important things than being Prom Queen. Just have fun and just go with the flow. –**Caitlin Fredricks**...“Don’t bring your fish to school.” –**Josh Tikka**...“You are only in high school once. Make the best of it. Especially Senior year.” –**Lisa Trygar**...“Enjoy the time you have. Do not waste a minute. The years will pass before you know it.” –**Matt Boltz**...“Others will try to convince you that high school will be the best years of your life, but I have to disagree. High school is merely a stepping stone to something greater. Enjoy your adolescence, but always be excited for your future.” –**Alexandria Mills**...“Do homework and pay attention in class. This will easily get you by.” –**Neal Secker**...“Wow, I survived. Didn’t see that one coming! Oh well, peace out!” –**Emily Rawls**...“Join clubs. Don’t take everything so seriously. Otherwise, high school isn’t worth it.” –**Mitchell Boyd**...“Push yourself to the limit and be all you can be. Have fun and crazy times you will never forget with your friends. Make as many memories as possible. You only go through high school once, so spend your time wisely.” –**Michelle Nitti**...“Nobody is anybody without everybody.” –**Tyrone Taylor**...“Try to be your best and graduate high school.” –**Lucia Alanis**...“Don’t make bad decisions, go to class, and do your homework.” –**Arica Hannus**...“Don’t slack off . Work hard in all of your classes. Do not let the drama get to you and try to have fun!” –**Amanda Medeiros**...“Aim for the stars, set your goals high, and make dreams happen. If all the world is a stage, high school is just the beginning.” –**Natalie Ckuj**. “Be involved, make new friends, and be nice to teachers.” –**Kristen Johansen**...“Don’t give up when life gets hard. It will get better.” –**Nicole Zbilski**...“I would graduate early if I were you.” –**Alex Crivolio**... “Everything is possible in life.” –**Antonio Huerta**... “Always keep your eyes open because you never know how your life is going to change the next day.” –**Ashley Czerwinski**...“Freshmen, you’re tiny. You’ll know what I mean when you are at the top of the food chain.” –**David Musick**...“I have a treasure welded in the space above my Senior locker. I challenge any student to search for it.” –**Krista Kraus**...“When I first stepped foot in high school, I was told to get involved and I did. I figured out that it was a great way to get to know people and make friends. Also be social and outgoing. Don’t be afraid to speak up.” –**Daniel Moody**... “Stay drama free. It’s not worth it.” –**Rachel Jefferson**... “It’s been the most amazing part of my life so far.” –**Brenda Romero**...



“I’m sure my classmates would agree that without the help of the faculty none of us would be sitting at Graduation getting ready to venture out into the real world,”
said Oscar Grajeda.

Wild 'n Out [phr.]=

From screaming at football games to throwing our hats at Graduation, we celebrate four years of laughter and tears. With the inspiration and support of parents and teachers, students are ready to make the leap to bigger things.

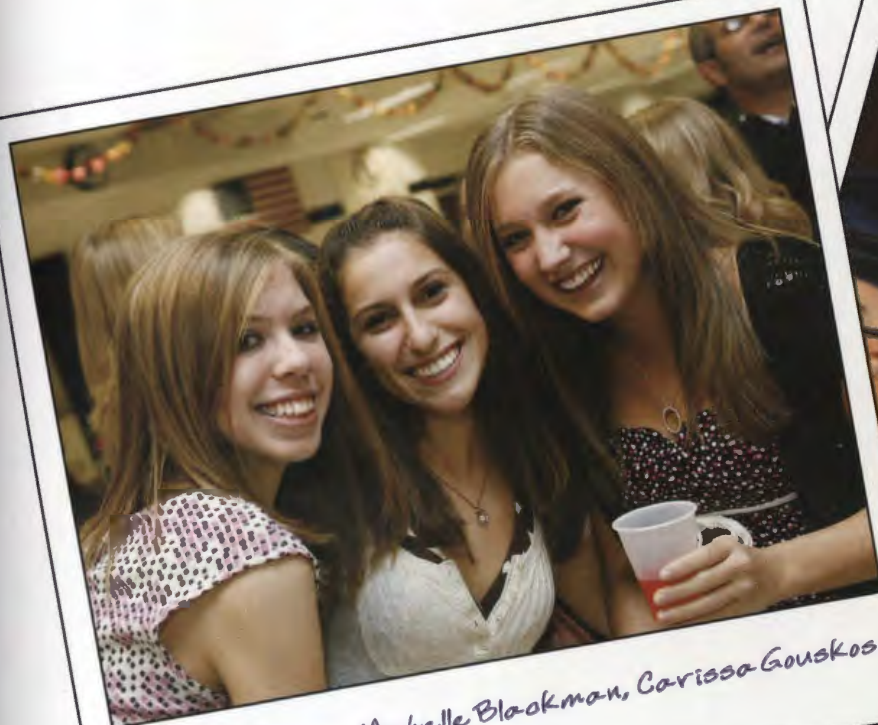
In the closing weeks of Senior year, students walked around in a fog of college daydreams. Although summer anticipation flooded through every thought, students took plenty of time to appreciate the ending of an era. Graduates sat with friends at Senior Honors Night, praising one another for their endless effort and accepting awards where due. The relationships students developed with their teachers and other students were apparent on June 7 as laughter often erupted from the crowd. Close bonds were also obvious when tears and hugs accompanied the final song on Prom Night. The fourth quarter was stress free for a few, while others strived to increase

the percentage points shown on Edline. No matter what obstacles were presented in the final stretch, students recognized they would soon be leaving each other, and they valued those near and dear to them more than ever. "Friends come and go. Don't let it phase you because the ones that matter will always stick around." said **Angela Shurba**. At Graduation, students received the ultimate recognition for their effort. Diplomas materialized and roaring applause echoed throughout Bishop Gym. Although these individuals became the leaders of the future, they will forever remember the pride of wearing the blue and white of a Wildcat.

By: Kara Wolfe

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Amanda Tennis, Michelle Blackman, Carissa Gouskos



Jake Abernethy

Nominate [v.]:

It's finally time for Seniors to receive credit for whom they have truly become. During Freshman year, students began to develop their real talent. At the end of Senior year, their classmates revealed the truth about them. The results are in...



Most Likely to Win Nobel
Peace Prize
Chelsea Steck and
Ryan Scheck



Most Easy-Going
Brad Ford and
Kara Wolfe



Most Accident Prone
Amanda Zanoni and
Jason Kovanda



Most Likely to be a Teacher
at WeGo
Matt Gaede and
Kelsey Gossen

Joann
Kaczmarczyk
Most
Accomplished
**Jim
Miner**

Chris
Wille
Most Dramatic
**Ashley
Waugh**

Mike
Dalton
Best Actors
**Liz
Showalter**

Lauren
Desik
Most Talkative
**Ryan
Russell**

Paul
Warkins
Most Involved
**Adi
Huerta**

Hannah
Strayve
Most Likely To
Be President
**David
Musick**

Natalie Ckuj
Most Polite
Andrew Oppermann

Marisa Choate
Most Artistic
Matt Smeraglia

Alex Mills
Best Personality
Brett Simon

Pedro Porcayo
Class Clown
Angela Shurba

Malcolm McDonald
Best Dancer
Sarah Pierpoint

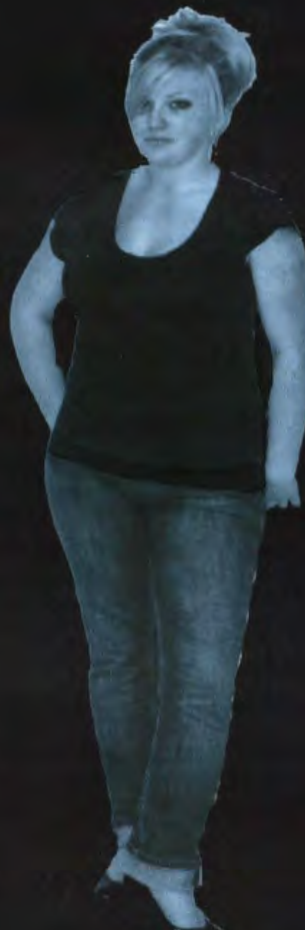
Suzy Nowicki
Best Singer
Colin Bachelor



Best Dressed
Eunice Galang and
Matt Reinhardt



Best Smile
Miguel Quinones and
Cory Gierke



Best Eyes
Jenni Aramburu and
Zach Fisher



Friendliest
Justin Kutilek and
Jessica Jones

Mike Wall
Most School Spirit
Amy Bytoi

Megan Carnes
Best Musician
Austin Hall

Natalie Pacelli
Most Influential
Doug Sills

Jake Venchus
Most Athletic
Kayla Radloff

Krista Kraus
Most Sarcastic
Victor Velazquez

Neil Luka
Most Likely to Star on SNL
Robyn Nickelson

Privilege [n.] =

Not just anyone can be a member of the National Honor Society. These bright, talented, and community-minded individuals are honored by their teachers and peers for excellence. It's a privilege they've earned.

After dedicating many hours of community service and putting more time into their school work than some can even imagine, the night of appreciation was finally here. The atmosphere was an exciting one. As the students and their families entered the auditorium, there was a look of relief and pride on the faces of the students who were being inducted into the National Honor Society.

President **Paul Warkins**, along with **Dr. Cheng** and **Ms. Mallon**, opened the night talking about the history of NHS and the dedication it takes to become a member. Following the speeches was the candle lighting ceremony which

represents the attributes needed to be in NHS. Each candle lit during the ceremony represents a specific attribute. These attributes include: scholarship, character, and leadership. All the candles have equal importance and represent what NHS stands for.

These students go above and beyond the call of a regular Wildcat student and put in the extra work necessary to receive this honor. "National Honor Society recognizes what students do and promotes a life long commitment to serving and contributing to society," said **Dr. Cheng**, complimenting the new inductees.

By: Ryan Roman



Warkins Opening the night with a speech, President **Paul Warkins** honors his peers and explains what it means to be a part of NHS. "NHS prepares you for college and helps you experience helping other people. You get a warm feeling inside," said **Warkins**.



Glory. All the hard work pays off for **Matthew Andracki**. "Being a member of NHS is an honor because we are recognized as elite, well-rounded students," said **Andracki**.



Command. After the ceremony students converse and enjoy cake and cookies. "Being accepted into NHS was a great stepping stone toward a better future," said **Kathryn Bell**.



Recognition. An exemplary student, **Guillermo Blanco** reflects on his success. "I am honored to represent the Hispanic community in National Honor Society," said **Blanco**.



Example. NHS members are expected to demonstrate leadership. "NHS gave me the opportunity to travel to Utah for a service project," said Vice President **Sara Fouts**.

Pledge [n.]=

It's a vow taken by every FLNHS member. It is a solid oath that guarantees members studying foreign language classes will continue with learning the language. It is a word of honor spoken for students who demonstrate commitment to learning a new language and experiencing a new culture.

On the evening of March 4th 2008, at 7:30 P.M., members of the Foreign Language National Honor Society prepared for their induction. **Sarah Meyerholz**, a member of the Class of 2002, started the night with a speech about how foreign language is beneficial to the future. "Until I heard Sarah's speech, I never believed that foreign language would impact my life so greatly," said **Courtney Nesemeier**.

In the pledge for induction, the new members vowed their dedication and motivation to continue learning about the language and culture of their choice. "Before the ceremony, I talked about going on to Spanish

four and went over the induction speech with my friends," said **Thomas Kaczmarczyk**.

Being in FLNHS was an accomplishment for the students who chose to take a foreign language for at least three years. They strived to keep their GPA at a 3.0 or above and had one more A than B in their foreign language class. "The society honors students who have shown outstanding achievement in a particular language," said Spanish Teacher **Susan Junkroski**. Being inducted to FLNHS not only recognized students for their brilliance but also helped shape their leadership qualities for the future.

By: Amanda Huey



Patience. Watching the French and German classes being inducted, **Angela Gentile** tries to hide her enthusiasm while waiting for her time to shine in the school library. "Over the past two years, I've gained a passion for speaking Spanish. Knowing how to speak two languages allows you to express myself in two different ways," said **Gentile**.



IFledge... Before the Spanish inductees receive their certificates, **Kelsey Gossen** starts reciting the pledge. Once she started, the Spanish students joined her.



A Helping Hand. Spending Tuesday night at home is not in **Ellen Gebhardt's** schedule. She helped hand out certificates that her French peers were anxious to receive.



Roll Call. Honoring each French inductee, **Girelle Alcocer** and **Adi Huerta** call each student. "Knowledge in more than one language shows true intelligence," said **Huerta**.



Super Student. The realization that she has been inducted impacts **Anna Duran** while she's shaking **Lizzie Gola's** hand. "Surprisingly, I wasn't nervous at all," said **Duran**.

Crossroads [n.]:

As the **Class of 2008** gathers for the last time at Graduation, we realize we have reached a turning point. Journeying out into the real world and experiencing the beginning of adulthood, this day truly marks the first day of the rest of our lives.

With "Pomp and Circumstance" echoing in the background, over 450 West Chicago graduates proudly walked across the stage in Bishop Gym during Commencement.

As **Mr. Jensen**, a West Chicago School Board member, and **Dr. Cheng**, the principal, 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 2008** earned the right to call themselves alumni of Community High School.

One of the graduates, **Kelly Weber**, said the day marked the moment that every graduate realized that

Commencement was not the end. "College is an experience that I am excited to begin. High school has been a large part of my life for a long

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time, and I have made many memories. But it is time to grow up, move on, and face the long road ahead of me," said **Weber**.

As the graduates listened intently, **Oscar Grajeda** delivered the Senior Farewell. "Many of us will never speak to or see each other again, but

we will always remember those memories and laughs we shared in class, the hallway, Prom, Homecoming, and at every sporting event

we attended. As we pursue our goals for the future and continue on, we will always carry those memories along with us," said **Grajeda**. Not only did **Grajeda** congratulate his classmates for their success, but he also encouraged them to remember those memories that were

made throughout the past four years and the individuals who shared those memories.

Keynote Speaker **Mr. Covino**, the head of the English Department, reflected on his We-Go memories and encouraged seniors to do the same. "May your hopes become realities, may your hopes outweigh your fears, may your hopes provide comfort and strength and direction in times of trial, may your hopes encourage you to live fully and courageously... may your hopes be magical," he said. With words of encouragement, the **Class of 2008** walked away from the gym with their heads held high.

By: Michelle Nitti



Admiration. Not even rain could dampen **Daniel Guerrero's** spirits. "June Eighth was a day that I will always remember. It was the day I grew up," said **Guerrero**.



Future. After receiving her diploma, **Jessica Franklin** stands proudly listening to the applause while thinking of beginning the new chapter in her life at Eastern Illinois.



Nobility. Presenting the Class of 2008, **Dr. Moses Cheng** shares this moment of celebration and honor for the first time as a leader of the pack, the Wildcats.



Honor. After the ceremony, **Kyle Kirincic** celebrates being a high school graduate. "Senior year flew by so fast, but this summer will top it off," said **Kirincic**.



Do You Believe in Magic? After being congratulated as the Class of 2008, students reflect on the words of wisdom **Mr. Covino** presents. "The events leading up to this day are composed of a different kind of magic, the kind that **St. Augustine** referred to as magic rooted in hope, a 'trick,' that started for most of you four years ago. This magic of hope finds home in the real, physical world, and the best part is that you have been training to become sorcerers of hope your entire lives."



Thanks for the Memories. Sharing laughs, friends bond together over their recent park district softball season and spend this last moment of their high school careers together. "Saying goodbye to friends that I have made so many memories with for the past four years is really hard. These have been my boys throughout my entire high school experience and I'm hoping we can continue the memories into the college years and beyond," said **Nicolas Werthman**.



Pride. Walking into Bishop Gym, **Cory Gierke** stands with pride receiving applause from the audience. No longer a Wildcat, **Gierke** walks out of the gym as a Badger.



Valedictorian. Being presented a medal for his accomplishments, **David Musick** receives his valedictorian award. "Being selected was such an honor," said **Musick**.



Journey. Joining her classmates to say goodbye to high school, and hello to her future. "It hit me like a ton of bricks. This is the start of the rest of my life," said **Courtney Rosalez**.



Hope. Performing a magic trick and filling our hearts with words of encouragement **Mr. Covino** reminds us that "the sky's the limit, and your hopes are transformative."

Recognize [v.]:

In the halls of school and on the playing fields, there are those students who choose to push themselves above expectations. These individuals dedicate themselves to scholarly pursuits and to excellence, and on Senior Honors Night they are acknowledged for their accomplishments.

People say high school flies by. Yet, for some, these four years of memories are also filled with hard work, dedication, and a desire for success. Senior Honors Night recognizes these selective students.

The night of June 6 opened with **Dr. Cheng** announcing high honor students, the valedictorian, and the salutatorian. Presenters then announced such awards as Citizenship Award, Academic Merit Awards, and Illinois State Scholars. "Senior Honors Night is a great opportunity to recognize the hard work made in these four years," said **Cheng**.

Even in a group of such dedicated students, there are those that rise

above all. For the first time, Community High School selected one student for the honor of valedictorian. With his strong academic record, **David Musick** earned this honor, placing first in cumulative grade point average and quality points. **Steven Szul** earned the title of salutatorian.

As the **Class of 2008** proved, not everyone suffers from Senioritis. For the few that push beyond mediocrity, the time comes when all the hours, textbooks and endless nights become worth it. "I really felt proud to be recognized on this night," said **Szul**. "Standing on the stage with all of my close friends made me realize all that I've learned these past four years."

By: Emily Rawls



To Be Honored. During the ceremony, Superintendent **Dr. Lee Rieck** announces the National Merit Scholarship. The honor went to **Douglas Selby**, who plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. **Selby**, in competition with thousands of students across the United States, passed the difficult academic achievement standards.



To Love Our Young. The American Legion honors **Elizabeth Buenrostro** with their award. "It was a great feeling to be honored by such a great organization," said **Buenrostro**.



To Rise Above. Among fellow classmates, **Steven Szul** and **David Musick** are honored for their efforts. "It was a great accomplishment to lead my peers," said **Musick**.



To Love Our Home. At the ceremony, **Maria Grabiec** feels overjoyed. "I was proud to be the first in my family to graduate," said **Grabiec**. "They were so happy they cried."



To Lead Wisdom. Proudly standing, **Dr. Moses Cheng** opens the ceremony, announcing the valedictorian and salutatorian and highest honor students.

Kudos [n.]:

As their children leave high school, these parents **remember** the **laughter** and **tears** of childhood. With these words of **praise**, the parents recall fond **memories** and offer words of **advice**. After years of growing **together**, the parents may not be **ready** to let go of their children's hands, but they **wish** them **well** on their **journey**.

Dear Hannah,
What a **fantastic** young woman you have grown to be. We are so **proud** of you.
Good luck at Mizzou!
We know you will be the **change** you wish to see in the **world**.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Noah



Hannah
Strayve



Ashley
Waugh

Buga,
We are **proud** of the **beautiful** young lady you've become. You warm our **hearts** with everything you have done these past four years. Just **imagine**, it's just the beginning. Go for your **dreams** and be true to you. You're a **baller**. True story.
Love you,
Mommy and Daddy

Kara,
You have **always** been trying to leave. One time was at Santa's Village. We were on an elevated ride going 40 feet over the park, and you decided to leave that ride. Hope going to **college** won't be as scary for us.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kara
Wolfe



Caitlin
Fredricks

Dear Caitlin,
You are our **pride** and **joy**.
We are so very **proud** of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Adi,
We are **proud** of you and all your **accomplishments**.
Continue doing what you're doing. You will get **far** in life.

Dream big!

We love you.
Mom and Dad



Adilena
Huerta



Michelle
Nitti

Michelle,
We are so **proud** of you and of all your **achievements**. It's hard to believe that just the other day you were a **baby girl** and now you are off to **college**. We'll always **support** you. Believe in yourself, and go for your **dreams**.

Love you always,
Mom and Dad

Jessica,
 You have grown into such a **beautiful** woman. It is time to make **memories** of your own. **Good luck** at Columbia. Follow every **dream** you have. We **love** you and can't wait to see you on your way.



Jessica
 Wendt

Love,
 Mom, Dad, Rich, Colleen,
 and Jackson.



Alexandria
 Mills

Ally,
 It's hard to **believe** you are **finally** done...
 You had your **moments** of **hardship** and **fun**.
 Our nest will be empty.
 Our **hearts** will be blue.
 But, **TEAR IT UP** Ally,
 cause that's what we do!
 We **love** you!
 Dad, Mom, Ry, and Meg
 xoxo

Victor,
Thank you
 for continuing
 to make **great** choices,
 and making the
greatest choice of
 your **life**, us.
 (R.C.A.) Rhonda,
 Chico, Ali!!!
 Velazquez



Victor
 Velazquez

Sam,
 Your **future** is an open
 door with **endless**
 possibililites.
 May your **journey**
 lead you
 to the road of
success and **happiness**.



Samantha
 Deaton

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Emmie Girl,
 You are as **precocious** and
loving today as you were
 when this picture was
 taken! You have become
 an even more **incredible**
 young woman! The **future**
 is yours--may it be a great
adventure filled with **loving**
 friends and family.



Emily
 Rawls

Love,
 Mom, Ashley, and J.D.

Jacob,
 Best **wishes**
 for continued
success
 and **happiness**
 in **college** and beyond.



Jacob
 Venchus

Love,
 Mom, Dad,
 Sam, Rachael,
 and Cooper

Way to go Ryan!
 We are so **very**
proud of the man
 you have become.
 You have filled our lives
 with **love** and **laughter**.
 We wish you **success**
 in all you do.
 We **love** you very much!



Ryan
 Roman

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Dear Joann,
 We watched you grow into
 an **intelligent** and
beautiful young woman.
 There are not enough
 words to describe how
proud we are of you and
 your **accomplishments**. We
love you and pray that your
 future will be filled with
 much **joy** and **happiness**.



Joann
 Kaczmarczyk

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Dear Ryan,
 We are all so
very proud
 of you and the person
 you've become.
 The **future** lies
 ahead, and the sky
 is the **limit**.



Ryan
 Scheck

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Brett,
Congratulations!
 We **love** you and are so
proud of you.
Good luck at
 University of Iowa!
 Have **fun** and study **hard!**
 The **best** has yet to come.



Brett
 Simon

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Paul,
 What's **next** after whales,
 dolphins, solar systems,
 Star Wars, roller coasters,
 and Harry Potter? Perhaps
 a backup dancer for Dana
 Divine? Here's to **bigger,**
better things. Your **smile**
 couldn't be more **perfect!**



Paul
 Watkins

Love you!
 Dad, Mom, Madels, Emmy,
 Nats, Cinders, and Ellie

Kristin,
Congratulations!
 We are so **proud** of you
 and all of your
accomplishments.
 You have grown
 into such a **beautiful**
 young woman.
We love you.



Kristin
 Weltzin

Love,
 Mom, Dad, and Brian

Dear Steven,
 Your **confident** smile
 announces to the **world** that
 you definitely are a
Man with a Plan!
 We are so **proud** of you.
 The **goals** that you have
 set for the future will be an
incredible journey.
 Always be **true** to yourself.



Steven
 Szul

Love,
 Dad and Mom

Dear Sarah,
 We are so **proud** of all
 you have **accomplished**
 and the **incredible** young
 woman you have become.
 May God continue to **bless**
 you. Stay **strong**, know that
 we'll be there for you, and
"dance as though no one
 is watching you."



Sarah
 Pierpoint

All our love,
 Mom, Dad, and Jeff

Sammy,
 You make us so
proud of all that
 you have done and
accomplished.
Good luck in college
 and may all
 your **dreams** come **true.**



Sam
 Nolte

We love you,
 Dad, Mom, and Nick

CJ,
 I can't **believe** how **fast**
 the years go by. May you
conquer anything that's in
 the road and be very
successful in life.



CJ
 Opel

Congratulations!
 Drive safe
 in your new **journey.**
 Love,
 Mom, Dad, Stephanie,
 Tracy, and Sarah

Ashley,
I am so **proud** of you.
You have made **great**
accomplishments.

Good Luck,
Mom



Ashley
Ortega



Michael
Parisi

Dear Michael,
Congratulations!
We wish you the **best** of luck as
you start your **journey**
into the next chapter
of your **life.**
May you find much
happiness and **success.**

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicole,
and Brittany

See Mom,
I'm multi-talented!!!
Look,
no hands.
Congratulations!!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Nathaniel
Strayve



Sara
Fouts

Dear Sara,
There are no words
to say just how **proud**
of you we are.
You were a **miracle** baby
and have grown into an
amazing adult.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Mallory,
We are so **proud** of
you and all your
achievements and for who
you have become. You
have grown into a **beautiful**
young woman **full of life.**
Have **fun** in **college.**
We will miss you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Mallory
Russ



Mike
Wall

Oh, how the time goes by.
Take time to be **friendly**,
it's the road to **happiness.**
Take time to think,
it's the source of **power.**
Take time to work,
it's the price of **success.**
Take time to **play**,
it's the **secret** of youth.
We are **proud** of you.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Kevin,
What a **great**
young man
you have
become!
Couldn't be
prouder!

Love,
Mom



Kevin
Brown



Amanda
Terry

Dear Amanda,
You're the **first!**
We are so **proud** of what
you have **accomplished.**
We look forward to what
the **future** has to hold for
you. We wish you the **best**
now and forever.
Keep on dancin'!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Colin,
You've made us very **proud** with your school **accomplishments** and the person you've become. We're **excited** for this next phase of your **life**. We're sure you'll do **great!**

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brooke



Colin
Bachelor

Dear Jim,
You have filled our lives with **laughter, love**, and **happiness**. We have been privileged to watch you grow into a **wonderful** young man. We are very **proud** of you. You will **always** have our **love** and **support**.
Love you,
Mom and Dad



Jim
Kipp

Taylor...
We never knew we could **love** someone so much. **Thank you** for **exceeding** all of your **dreams!!**

Love,
Mom and Dad



Taylor
Overman

Heather,
Four years have gone by and you have **accomplished** so much. We are so **proud** of you.
Good luck in **college**.

We love you!
Mom and Dad



Heather
Busch

Congratulations on a job **well done!**
We are very **proud** of you.

Best of luck in **college** and the next **chapter** in **life**.

Love,
Dad, Kathy, Brad, and Matt



Brittany
Kraft

Dear Dayne,
You made it... **congratulations!!**
We are very **proud** of you and wish you much **success** in finding what the **future** holds for you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Meghan



Dayne
Putnam

Hey Peanut,
We go from 2 yrs. to 18 yrs. You have gone from a **cute** girl to a **beautiful** young woman. I am **extremely proud** of you. I will continue to be with you, throughout your life challenges.

Congratulations Senior!
I love you,
Mom



Nicole
Repetto

Dear Rachel,
We are so **proud** of all you have achieved in your **academics** and **gymnastics**. You deserve all the **success** that awaits you in **college** and beyond. There is nothing you cannot **achieve** if you **believe!**

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Rachel
Nash

Dear Brenda,
We are really **proud**
of you and the **goals**
you have **accomplished**
during your senior year.
We **wish** you the **best!**
Keep it up!!
Congratulations!



**Brenda
Quitoz**

Love,
Dad and Elizabeth



**Kayla
Radloff**

Kayla,
We are **proud**
of all that you
have done and
all that you will
continue to do.
Stay **true** to yourself,
you are a "**keeper**"!

Love You Always,
Mom and Dad

Randi,
Congratulations
on all of
your **accomplishments**.
We are very
proud of you.
May all your
dreams come **true**.



**Randi
Ritchie**

Lots of Love,
Mom and Dad



**Matthew
Smothers**

Matthew,
I am so **proud** of you.
I wish you a
ton of **happiness**
in **life** and
in everything
you do.
I **love** you.

Love,
Mom

Dear Doug,
We couldn't be more
proud of you and your
accomplishments. We wish
the **best** for you in
college and all your future
endeavors. Have **fun** and
enjoy the journey.



**Doug
Sills**

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Danny



**Kelle
Driscoll**

Hi Kelle,
May all your
dreams come true!
Follow your **passion**.
We're **proud** of you!
Live well, **Love** much,
Laugh Often.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Chad

Aaron,
We are very
proud of you.



**Aaron
Cracraft**

Love,
Mom and Dad



**Barrett
Serrato**

Life begins
when you turn your
dreams into reality.
Your hard work
and **determination** has
paid off.
Congratulations and
Boiler Up!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Hunter, and Bryer

Krista,
We are so **proud**
of you! We have
enjoyed seeing you grow
into a **beautiful** young
lady, inside and out. We
look forward to seeing
where God will lead you.



**Krista
Sauter**

We love you forever,
Dad and Mom



**Justin
Bjornson**

Dear Justin,
These past 18 years
flew by so quickly. They
have been filled with the
joy and **excitement** of
watching you grow
into the young man you
are today. We are
very **proud** of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Brian,
Time has flown by!
We can't **believe**
you are **graduating**
High School already!
We look forward with
anticipation to the **great**
future ahead of you!
Congratulations!



**Brian
Smith**

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brent



**Matthew
Andracki**

Dear Matthew,
Your name in Hebrew
means "Gift of the Lord."
So true!
We are **proud** of you and
your **accomplishments**
and **blessed** to have you
in our lives. Have **fun**, be
careful and **faithful**.

Love you always & forever,
Mom, Dad, and Meg

Dear Dan,
You've grown so
much and
come so **far**.
Yet, you've **always**
had a way with food!
Good luck in
Culinary Arts.
Congratulations!



**Daniel
Moody**

Love,
Mom and Dad



**Chelsea
Steck**

Dearest Chelsea,
Your record is
anything but "**spotty**."
Your **heart** leads you
well. Keep following
it. We couldn't
be **prouder**.

Love,
Mom and Dad

You have **become** a
loving and caring young
lady right before our
eyes. We are so **proud** of
your **accomplishments!**
May God bless and guide
you on journey towards
reaching your **goals** and
dreams. We **love** you!



**Megan
Peterson**

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kevin,
and Matt



**Rebecca
Uy**

Rhea,
We are very **proud**
of you. We **love** you
and wish you **good**
health and **great**
times in college.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Tucker,
 Thanks for all the
memories.
 The years have flown by.
 We're so **proud**
 of the **man** you've become.
 Good luck, and remember
 "GO NORTH!"



**Tucker
 Hauptman**

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Bonnie,
 What a **beautiful** young
 woman you
 have become.
 I couldn't be
prouder of who
 you are and what
 you have **accomplished.**
Trust in God and follow
 your **dreams.**



**Bonnie
 Coats**

Love,
 Mom

Stephanie,
 We are so
proud of you.
 Dad and I wish you
all the best.



**Stephanie
 Rojas**

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Dear Stacey,
 You are the **sunshine**
 of our lives.
Congratulations
 on your early
 graduation.



**Stacey
 Jensen**

The **best** is yet to come!

With much love,
 Dad, Mom, Jeremy,
 and Derek

Dear Angela,
Congratulations
 on making it
 through high school.
 We **wish** you the
best in college
 and beyond.



**Angela
 Shurba**

Love,
 Dad, Mom, and Nick

Dane,
 You've come
 a **long** way
 these past
 few years.
 We are so **proud**
 of you in so many ways.



**Dane
 Gunderson**

Go ILLINI!!!!

We love you!
 Mom and Dad

Dear "E,"
 You have become such
 a **wonderful** man. You
 have brought **joy** in our
 lives with your sense of
humor and **musical talent.**
 May your future bring
 you much **happiness** and
success. We couldn't be
prouder of you.
 We love you honey,
 Mom, Dad, and "Q"



**Ian
 Letts**

Dear Kristen,
 We are very
proud of you.
 Continue to work
 hard as you reach
 for your
goals and dreams.
 Have **fun** at Western,
 but not too much **fun!**



**Kristen
 Johansen**

We love you!!
 Dad, Mom, and Melissa

Joe Bo,
You're **awesome** and we
love you! We are so **proud**
of you and all that you
have **accomplished**.
Remember, you can do
ANYthing you set your
mind to. Trust in God for
He has **great** plans for you.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Cassie,
and Nathan



Joe
Peletis



Courtney
Rosalez

As one **journey** in
your life is coming
to a close,
may your next journey
be filled with **adventure**
and **success**.
We are very **proud** of our
baby girl.

xoxo,
Mom and Dad

Dear Kelly,
You have grown into a
beautiful young lady. We
are **proud** of you. We wish
you the **very best** and
know you will be **great** in
whatever you do!

Love,
Mom and Dad
xoxo



Kelly
Weber



Elizabeth
Buenrostro

Elizabeth Ann,
We are so **proud** of 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.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, and Jason
xoxoxo

Dear Matt,
Your friends and family
are **extremely proud** of
you and wish you the **best**
of everything.

Good luck at U of I!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Taylor, James,
Grammy Judy, and Missy



Matt
Molitor



John
Photopoulos

Dear John,
We are so **proud** of the
young **man** you have
become, as well as your
accomplishments. May
God continue to bless you
with a **bright** future.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Andy, and Dianna

Dear Kym,
Finally, the day is here.
High school is
behind you. We're
so very **proud**
of you. May your
college journey get
you to your **destination**
without too many detours.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kym
McDaniel



Oscar E.
Grajeda Jr.

Oscar,
Congratulations!
We are **proud** of you and
what you've **accomplished**.
Good luck in everything
you do! We see you being
very **successful** in the
future. Always **dream big**,
never lose your **beautiful**
smile, and have **fun!**

We love you,
Kary, Dad, and Mom

Dear Andrew,
 We are **proud** of you and your **accomplishments** in school and outside of school. You have grown into a **confident** young man. Never stop **loving, dreaming, or laughing**. Reach for the sky, there are no limits. **Congrats!**

Love,
 Mom and Dad



**Andrew
 Wirtz**

Taylor,
Great job!
 We have **always** been **proud** of who you are... we can't wait to see all you **can** do.

Love,
 Dad, Mom, Ryan,
 and Austin



**Taylor
 Funderburk**

The **days**
 before
 the fro.
 I **love**
 you **bro**.

Love,
 Alexandria



**Roy
 Rodriguez**

Dear Justin,
 18 years **passed** by so fast. I **remember** how you told people your middle name was "time." I've watched you go through **good** and **hard** times. I'm still as **proud** of you today as the day you were born. **Remember** to work hard and be **happy**.
 I **love** you very much,
 Mom



**Justin
 Kutilek**

Well Sweetie,
 I'll **miss** being with you, watching your **dancing**, and the times we just hang out. You're an **amazing** young lady and my best **friend**. I am so **proud** of you. Now for the last time, "Is your homework done?"

Love,
 Mom



**Lauren
 Desik**

Melissa,
 You have once again **exceeded** our expectations. We could not be more **proud** of you. We want you to know that we will **always** be at your side and **respect** all of your **decisions**. You could not make us **happier**.

Love,
 Mom and Dad



**Melissa
 Healy**

Natalie,
 Thank you for bringing **music** into our lives through your **beautiful** voice. You're **destined** for the **stage**! We see **great** things ahead for you, and in the words of Dr. Seuss, "Oh the **places** you'll go!"

Love,
 Mom and Dave



**Natalie
 Okuj**

Wild Ways [n.] :

They are not just fun activities to do in one's free time, but are also ways to find the various members of the student body. From orientation to graduation, every Wildcat's accomplishments have been recorded and remembered.



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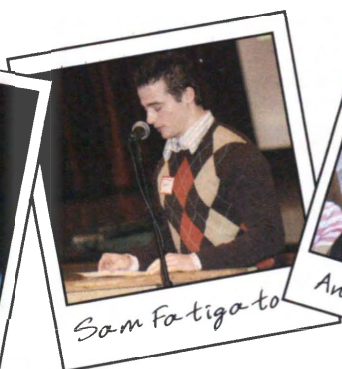
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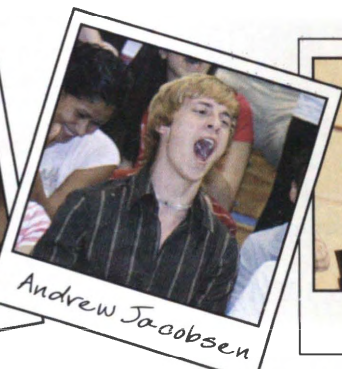
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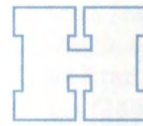
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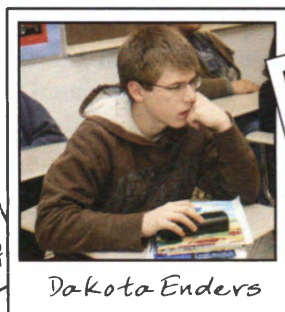
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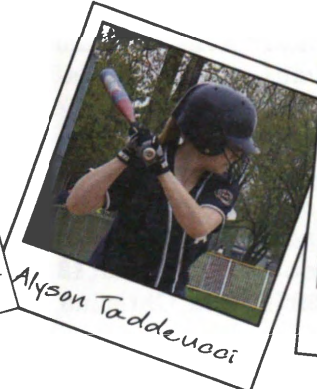
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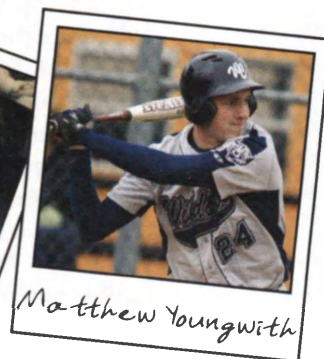
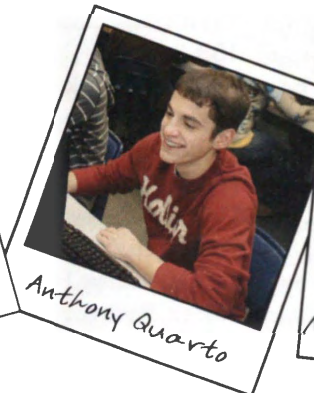
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We are the honored graduating Class of 2008, who put the end on this chapter of our lives as we begin a fresh one.
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