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**18 Countries.** Flags of all colors from 18 different countries fill the ceiling in Mr. Larson's classroom and represent the diversity of the students at We-Go. "Being a student at such a diverse school has opened my eyes to many new things. I have met so many great people throughout my four years here. I feel that the experiences I have had while here at We-Go will prepare me for the real world. I am extremely proud to say that I am a part of a school as unique as We-Go." said **Margaret Polacek**.

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565 nervous **Freshmen** roam the halls unsure of where to go... 581 permits go to newly driving **Sophomores**... 482 **Juniors** feel tired from numerous sleepless nights stressing over the Junior Research Paper, ACT and PSAE... 451 caps fly through the air as the **Seniors** celebrate finally reaching the ultimate goal of graduation... 50,162 cups of coffee assist the **Faculty** in completing another successful year... 1,500 pounds of clay are sculpted each year in order for the **artists** to express their passion... 6,180 hours of community service are served by the **academic clubs** in order to improve the community... 1,326 pairs of sneakers are worn down by **athletes** for the main purpose of becoming the best they can be... **Two** spotlights shine brightly on the **entertainers** and bring the stage to life.

*The school year consisted of many days starting with Freshman Orientation and ending with Senior Graduation. The Editorial Staff chose to base this edition of Challenge on a theme that counts different elements that add up a year in high school: How do you measure a year? While it seemed like an easy theme, it multiplied into a task more difficult than we first imagined. By counting pairs of sneakers, pounds of clay, and cups of coffee consumed by the Faculty in one year, the Staff attempted to correctly measure 2008-2009 through accurate facts and numbers. The Staff needed to go through locker rooms and attend club meetings searching for each number used within the pages of this book. Millions of tiny details merged together to form a year at Community High School which will stay in the memories of students and faculty for the rest of their lives.*

*Every student measures a year in a way that is unique, but we all come together to form **one** school, **one** community, and most importantly, **one** family.*



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football games prove the power behind the Wildcat.

The Varsity Football Team



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tales form *All in the Timing* which keeps the audience in tears from laughter.

David Hillner



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beats unite in one sound, making up the dancer's routine.

Jessi Bass



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volleyball players on each court raise awareness for breast cancer during Volley for the Cure.

The Varsity Volleyball Team



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lines in a staff reflect the notes that create a glorious melody for the annual Variety Show.

Ashley Mehnick



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forwards score goals and lead the Varsity soccer team to victory.

Alejandro Alcantar



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days into September bring **Sarah Palin** into the spotlight and inspire faculty on Halloween.

Mrs. Cobbett



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presidential candidates are selected by the school's Mock Election.

Kareana Lundquist

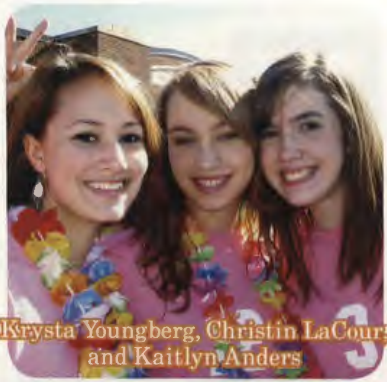


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mascot brings the school together in spirit.

Victor E. Wildcat





Krysta Youngberg, Christin LaCour, and Kaitlyn Anders



Guri Haxhiu



China Wehr



Misael Carmona



Maritere Castillo



A.J. Trada



Kim Busch and Abbey Mastroianni



Ryan Krage



Nayeli Juarez



Aldair Vega and Sergio Cale



Kristyn Pavnic



Alex Puetz and Chris



Tony Quarto and Ryan Crawford



Kelly Dunn



Brenna MacDonald

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Energy Opening



Jordan Long



Emily Markins  
Katie Wiest



Kim Fester



Daniel Driscoll



# How Do You Measure... Energy?

2114 total students entering the school year, 1102 guys, 1012 girls.

487 anxious seniors waiting until June 7th to finally receive their diplomas.

481 juniors trying to raise their grades for college applications.

Over 572 sophomores feeling happy they're not freshmen anymore.

574 freshmen roaming the halls aimlessly looking for familiar faces.

Over 168 student drivers parking their cars in the 88 spaces in the front lot, 29 back lot spaces, 12 pool entrance spaces, and 89 spaces in Geneva Street lot.

More than 1200 students rallying themselves to support the football team every Friday night.

800 Squad Shirts filling Memorial Stadium and Bishop Gym.

460 students arriving to Prom in beautiful dresses and suits.

20 dodgeball teams and 165 girls in Powder Puff fiercely competing against each other during Homecoming week.

75 students going to Chili Fest in search of the best chili in town.

With over 167 days of school, each day is cherished without regrets.

-Quin Gable and Kristina Oum



Energy  
Opening

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# 16 Jagged Claws

"The Wildcat lives in a tree in an unknown forest in Alaska."

-Collin Wiersema



"My favorite time with **Victor E. Wildcat** was when little kids kept pulling his tail at the first football game."

-Mr. Delcid



"The Wildcat's rival is the giant dust bunny that lives under my bed."

-Allyssa Brinkman



"Since he's our school symbol, it makes the Wildcat significant."

-Mr. Reagan

He has four massive paws, silky fur, and fierce eyes. He's present at every game and pep assembly. He is our beloved mascot, the definition of Wildcat Pride.

Seniors are his best friends while freshmen are just starting to meet him. Football players hit harder for him, cheerleaders scream louder for him, teachers support him, and deans control him. He's the one displayed on our We-Go wear, the one for whom we roar, and the one to whom we devote our time. Who is this character that everyone loves? He is **Victor E. Wildcat**, the heart of our school spirit.

It's the Wildcat for whom the

track team goes the distance and for whom the volleyball team spikes. It's the Wildcat that the alumni come back to see and take pride in. It's the Wildcat that keeps us on the court and field even during our times of defeat. Most of all, he's the one that fills the halls with Wildcat pride. "I feel that the Wildcat represents **Wisdom, Innovation, Learning, Diversity, Caring, and Ambition** for Tomorrow," said **Mr. Garcia**.

-Amber Weinmann



James Laiter



Taylor Kuitiek



Evan Bernard



Adriana Noceda



“The Wildcat and I are very close. I was him at one point. There’s no better pride than actually being the Wildcat.”  
**-Casey Powrozek**



“The Wildcat fears no school spirit because without school spirit the Wildcat doesn’t exist.”  
**-Dana Williams**

“The Wildcat is like Santa Claus! He brings lots of joy and everyone loves to see him.”  
**-Christina Jonas**



“The Wildcat eats all of his fruits, vegetables, and little kids that don’t behave well.”  
**-Kristian Mendoza**



“The Wildcat’s favorite color is midnight blue since it’s our school color.”  
**-Alison Miller**

“I would definitely hang out with the Wildcat because he looks like he’d be a lot of fun.”  
**-Anthony Brinkman**



“The Wildcat plays badminton in his spare time, and he’s the best one on the team.”  
**-Jacob Wucka**



“The one thing I’m going to miss about the Wildcat is the random hugs that he gives to random people.”  
**-Anna Lane**



*For the Love of the Wildcat*

# 3 Classes, 1 Purpose

## Led by seniors, the sophomore, junior and senior classes come together to maintain the height of the school's morale.

A group of loyal fans continued to cheer through victory and defeat. They boastfully painted themselves, screamed until they had no voices, and defended their Wildcats until their graduation day. The group was the Squad of 2008. They unified students regardless of grade level, expressed ways to be rambunctious, and sent waves of energy across the stands. This was the dedication of each Squad member.

Over the past years, the atmosphere in the stands went from mingle time to game time. "Now that I can finally be a part of the Squad, mingle time is over. It's about the game and staying pumped," said **Megan Gossen**.

The 2008 Squad shirts, designed with a picture of the

word "caution," signaled that the Squad was a force with which to be reckoned. "I thought the design would be pretty cool, I just hope people get it," said **Molly Cody**. Indeed, people got it, and shirts sold.

As silence crept over the crowd, Squad Leader **Blaine Flanagan** began chants that continued until the spirit was rejuvenated. 'Blue Power,' a chant repeated by Squad members, propelled **Jesse Hacker**, another Squad Leader, to blow the horn of battle as **Flanagan** continuously pumped up the fans.

"Being a Squad leader is great. I love going to games, rain or shine, to support our team," said **Hacker**. Despite bad weather conditions, at every game the Squad stood proud and prepared to cheer on the

team. Win or lose, in the stands, there was always a celebration. "The Squad screams till the end because we know our team played their hardest. That alone deserves a celebration," said **Sean Tubridy**.

Action spoke louder than words. Everyone found that, compared to any other school in the DuPage Valley Conference, the Squad ranked number one in school spirit. "We truly have the best squad in the DVC," said **Sadie Roberts**.

Whether posing as the 12<sup>th</sup> man for football or the 9<sup>th</sup> woman for volleyball, the Squad showed dedication by appearing at every sport. "When you're in the squad, it makes you feel a part of the team," added **Jason Rehbock**.

*Ashley Jefferson*

**8 Singing Hearts.** Rocking out to the song, "Hey Baby," played by the school band, **Tim Loftus**, **John Kinsella**, and **Emily Roberts** sing during a timeout on the field. "Singing to the band's "Hey Baby" goes with the game. The band starts the song and the Squad finishes," said **Loftus**. During one game, 'Hey Baby' was played at least five times to lighten the mood in the stands when the team didn't win.

**75 Minutes of Support.** Every minute of the game is great. By waiting in the cold for the team to run onto the field and talking during halftime, every Squad member stayed to show his or her full support. **Zach Mowen** was in the Squad every game, with his body painted, screaming his heart out.



**11 New Assistant Principal.** With his head held high, **Mr. Martino** stands with **Victor E. Wildcat**. "I'm a proud fan of the Squad. They have been appropriate at every game," added **Martino**. Always with a rambunctious attitude, the Squad never let down its team.



**12th Man Bulls.** Squad members **Kelli Grimm**, **Sally Brown**, **Kelli Koehring**, and **Lizzie Gola** smile as the team makes their way onto the field. "I love being in the Squad. It's what I look forward to all week," said **Brown**.





**3 Stand at Attention.** Watching the clock, **Alex Lima**, **Stuart Sankovitch**, and **Chad Driscoll** anxiously count down the final seconds to victory. "I love being a part of the Squad. The energy keeps me alert and on my feet at all times," said **Lima**. Other Squad members agreed that the energy in the stands was so powerful, that sitting down wasn't an option.

**2 Painted Hands.** Blue and white hand prints split the face of **Shawn Staton** as she shows her spirit in the band. Since the band sat in their own section, many unfortunate musicians couldn't be a part of the Squad.



**4 Foot Didgeridoo.** Leader in and out of the stands, **Jesse Hacker** explodes with school spirit. "Being a Squad leader is great! I love going to the games, rain or shine, all out to support our team. It's great being able to see our student body support our team as much as they have this year," said **Hacker**. Dressed in homemade Squad apparel, **Hacker** walked on the wild side at every game.

**6 Pearly Whites.** Enjoying the Homecoming game, **Michelle Blackman** and **Tara Breinig** cheer on the varsity team. "We definitely make the game with our high atmosphere energy. No school has better fans than the Squad at We-Go," said **Blackman**.



**Through 14 Shutters.** Wearing the latest sunglass fetish, **Rhett Gunderson** throws his hand up. Pumped for his friends playing on the field, **Gunderson** was always standing proud in the Squad.



**2 Cupped Hands.** "The Squad rocks. A lot of people cheering extremely loud really got us fired up when it came to game time," says **Steven Romanelli**.



**1/2 Blue and 1/2 White.** Expressing their love for the Squad, **Kelly Loftus**, **Maria Sedjo**, and **Ania Skorupski** cover themselves in blue and white paint. "Being a part of it, a part of the Squad, is the best part of the game," said **Sedjo**.



# Homecoming Week brings out the best of all the students. With competitions between classes, everyone comes together for one week filled with pride.

The energy in Bishop Gym was contagious the day of the Homecoming Pep Assembly. "I love seeing all the school spirit during Homecoming Week," said **Elizabeth Gola**. As students walked into Bishop Gym, they received their first taste of the excitement. Participating in Olympic themed games and activities all week, students experienced the thrill of school spirit at its best.

The Pep Assembly was not the only event that caught the interest of the school. The Dodgeball Tournament, Powder Puff game and Homecoming Parade brought new and exciting activities.

The school enjoyed the unique games that represented Olympic cities played at the Pep Assembly. Ultimately, seniors emerged victorious.

*"I love seeing all the school spirit during Homecoming Week!"*

During the Dodgeball Tournament, students of all classes battled for recognition. After two grueling hours of blood, sweat, and tears from the competitors, the senior team, Let's Get Physical, triumphed as the champions. Teammates **Patrick**

**Stremel, Clark Hudmon, A.J. Romanelli, Alex Puetz, Drew Bowker, Greg Vodicka, Ethan Bura** and **Brian Skrzypczak** showed the school who's boss.

Powder Puff brought a new perspective to football fans when junior and senior girls faced off in Memorial Stadium. The two upperclasses clashed and after a hard-earned score of 42-28, seniors prevailed.

The seniors may have won the game, but **Mr. Jennings** thought differently. "I think the real winners of the game were any girls who came out to play," said **Jennings**.

*-Madeline Warkins and Megan Ogorzalek*



**2 Trucks.** Despite the two trucks designated for the volleyball team, **Angelica Lomibao, Brenda Saucedo, and Lolly Valdivia** march in their pink "Volley for the Cure" uniforms to represent the program. Time sped by as the girls chanted with pride the entire time of the parade.



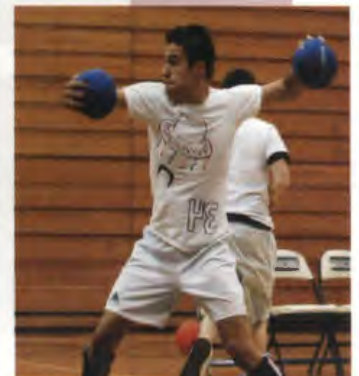
**5 Battle Cries.** Cheering for their class, sophomores **Peter Conrad** and **Chris Phan** show their pride in a head-to-head battle with the seniors for the Rio de Janeiro game during the Pep Assembly. The seniors emerged victorious.

**\$1,280 Raised.** Participating as one of the few girls in the Dodgeball Tournament, **Mariela Mendoza** prepares to compete. This enthusiasm helped raise money for Student Council.



**42 Points for the Seniors.** The Senior girls jump excitedly after emerging victoriously from the Powder Puff game. With 174 participants and 16 coaches, the Senior girls pulled ahead early to take the lead and win the game 42-28 against the Juniors.

**82 Teams.** The rush of adrenaline causes **Curtis Salazar** to play his hardest during the Dodgeball Tournament. **Salazar** dominated the floor throwing multiple players from the other team out.



A Clashing Classes





**22 Nominations.** Instead of the usual 20 nominations, 22 lucky contenders compete for the Homecoming Crown. King **Ivan DesFassiaux** and Queen **Ileana Tapanes** were announced at a Friday Pep Assembly which jumpstarted a week of activity. "I feel honored and excited with **Ileana Tapanes** as Homecoming Queen. I wish everyone on court could've won," said **DesFassiaux**. Everyone on court waited with anticipation before the winners were announced. The crowd cheered wildly when **Tapanes** and **DesFassiaux** were declared as King and Queen in front of the entire school.



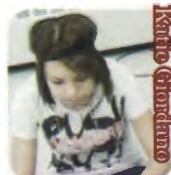
**6 Knocked Down Pins.** Taking the bull by the horns, **Louie Diaz** pushes **Connie Tan** down the court in order for her to knock down enough bowling balls for a strike in an inventive game.

**Four Touchdowns.** Throwing the ball towards the end zone, **Elizabeth Bruce** looks for an open teammate. Despite a Junior loss, **Bruce** was a threat to the Seniors with her accurate passes.



**45 Minutes.** Time flies by as the members of the boys' football team, including **Jesse Rogers**, walk in the Homecoming Parade. Taking part in the parade showed immense school spirit throughout the community.

**246 Contenders.** Throwing the ball with all his might, **Michael Boegelein** and his teammates push each other towards victory during one of the dodgeball games.



Homecoming  
Week

# Traveling from Chicago's windy city to Tokyo's wild nightlife, the Wildcats cha-cha to Madrid and end their celebration at Rio de Janeiro's carnival for the Homecoming Dance.

No matter where the journey began, more than 900 students strolled into Bishop Gym on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The gym was transformed from an ordinary playhouse to a magical night.

As a week of dodgeball tournaments and powder-puff games ended, the biggest event still remained: the Homecoming Dance. With Olympic Cities as the theme, each class represented their metropolis' strengths.

As time quickly approached, dance-goers used every second on preparation. The girls sparkled in their new dresses, and the boys stood handsome in their shirts and ties. The gym swarmed with students ready to

let loose.

"Homecoming is a rush. As soon as I hit the dance floor,

**"Homecoming is a rush. As soon as I hit the dance floor, I want to get my groove on."**

I want to get my groove on," said **Anthony Quarto**.

The night came to a halt when all eyes fixed on the Homecoming Court, led by King **Ivan DesFassiaux** and Queen

**Ileana Tapanes**, as they walked through the dance floor. Students swayed with the music as they crowded the disc jockey.

The dance was full of unexpected twists and turns. "Homecoming isn't just the time to show your school spirit. It's a time to be with friends and have fun," said **Alyssa Pierce**.

At 10:00 p.m., the night had to come to an end. "The week before is really stressful and when you're at the dance, you can just let loose and think of how much the hard work to make Homecoming special paid off. It's really worth it," said **Sara Lim**.

-Megan Zajac

Hours of Dancing



**2 Raised Arms.** Surrounded by friends, **Devon Tuma** begins dancing the night away by throwing up her hands. "The dance was great this year. I went with a big group of friends and we all had a lot of fun! This Homecoming topped the charts," said **Tuma**.



**1 Special Moment.** Caught up in each other's company, **Kevin Hauber** and **Jocelyn Ortiz** stay close while "I Don't Want To Miss a Thing" played. Couples made sure to endure the memory of being together as only two slow songs were played.

**8 Elegant Ladies.** With all the thrill and excitement of the night, **Ana Carrillo**, **Cynthia Arellano**, and **Brianda Barrera** head out of the sweltering Bishop Gym to take a water break and cool down.



**3 Jubilant Faces.** As **Cody Hadley**, his date, and friend **Jaclyn Kostel** break away from the crowd, they show off their best dance moves throughout the night. "Every song let me bust out my killer moves and show off on the dance floor. I came ready," said **Hadley**.

**2 Tied Together.** After being together and dancing all night, **Eugenio Tirado** and **Angela Sarnelli** take a quick break from the chaos to cool off, get some punch, and converse with friends.







**8 Dancing Machines.** As the seniors take over the dance floor, **Brian Skrzypczak, Blaine Flanagan, and Ryan Crawford** grab hold of each other and take to center stage. They created a giant circle in preparation for their last hoorah. It was just like a giant party, and students definitely 'rocked the party, rocked the party.' As the last time around, the boys wanted to make one last good memory together. "Homecoming was great. It was the best one out of all four years and especially because we were seniors. I wouldn't have wanted to be with anyone else and it was a good way to put an end to our last Homecoming before we leave," said **Crawford**.



**2 of a Kind.** Being welcomed to the dance floor, **Molly Pfeifer and Scott Schoeller** are seen as a new fun sized pair. "Senior Homecoming was amazing. I'm going to remember it forever," said **Pfeifer**.



**1 Sweet Embrace.** With warm welcoming smiles, **Aaron Echols** and his date bring an uplifting spirit to the dance floor. As the night ended, they walked out only leaving behind valued memories.

**2 Restless Souls.** Enjoying the sounds of the disc jockey at the dance, **Gabrielle Repetto and George Asenov** do not waste any time as they get right down to the beat and show off their moves.



**11 Big Train.** Traveling in numbers, freshmen dance their hearts out throughout the night. "I didn't know what to expect of the dance. But it turned out to be everything and more," said **Alexis Micele**.



Homecoming  
Dance

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# 24 Hours of Tricks

Have you ever taken a whole bowl of candy when you were only supposed to take one piece?



Taking the overflowing bowl of candy sounds like the lazy person's dream. They can get all of their candy from one house! I would definitely take the entire bowl just for the adrenaline rush!

— Chelsea Ross

Whether they dress as a black cat or an Oompa Loompa, students let their creative sides emerge on Halloween. It's the day when students have an excuse to dress in funky outfits and engage in a few pranks.

**2 Elastic Straps.** While some students dress as terrifying creatures, Elijah Asani dresses as none other than the unforgettable nerd, Urkel, from "Family Matters."



**1 Silly Gown.** While in Commons, Ms. Hafertepe enjoys the festive games. "Lady Macbeth is a creepy character and loses her mind in her sleep-walking scene," said Hafertepe.

**3 Festive Sentosa.** During their last year of dressing up for Halloween, Jessica Bedard, Elizabeth Gola, and Ivan Des-Fassiaux go all out as their favorite cartoon characters.



M. Delgado



Pumpkin Wrap



Zafarino Perez



Pumpkin Joker



*I haven't taken the whole bowl of candy because I feel too bad about taking all the candy. So I limit myself to only taking half of the bowl so I don't feel as bad.*

*— Ashton Swinney*



*In the spirit of Halloween, I stole an entire bowl of candy. While doing a victory dance, the owner of the house discovered that I took all of their candy and chased me down the street!*

*— Kelsey Skogsberg*



*I have never taken the whole bowl of candy, but I have taken more than just one. I always felt bad for the kids after me that would be disappointed that there wasn't any candy.*

*— Mr. Engel*



**1 Epic Battle.** In the middle of Senior Hall, Renee Cirone and Ashley Jefferson battle it out to see who has the best costume in the Senior class. "Magic vs. muscle, the competition was intense, but I was prepared," said Jefferson. Confident in her powers Cirone responded to Jefferson, "Don't get me wrong. Muscle is intense, but nothing can stand up to magical powers."



# Overall Victor

**One Diehard Democrat.** Casting her vote in the mock election for Barack Obama, Sarah Brown says, "He will lead our country in the right direction. He will get us out of the recession we're in."



**One Supportive Freshman.** Showing his appreciation for the victor of the Presidential Election, Barack Obama, Jeffery Martin says, "He will lead our country in the right path because he believes in change." Obama and Martin agreed on the issue of the War in Iraq as well as gun control.



## Voting in favor of the winning candidate, students cast their vote in the 2008 Mock Presidential Election. Barack Obama achieved a local and national victory.

After months of debates, nail biting commercials, and acceptance speeches, the new president officially began his four year term in the White House on January 20, 2009. For a president to win the Electoral Vote, he needs 270 out of 538 votes to win, and Senator Barack Obama defeated Senator John McCain with an electoral count of 364 votes while McCain only received 174. "It is refreshing to have someone new in office," said Anna Hultgren. Obama replaced former President George W. Bush who served two terms.

Senator Joe Biden was elected as Vice President after serving as a Delaware senator for five consecutive terms. He had shown leadership through his experience in foreign policy and was a strong supporter for the middle class citizens.

Across the student body, people voted for the candidate they wanted as their next president on

*"I like Obama because of his views on change such as withdrawing American troops from Iraq."*

October 7th, 2008 in a school wide election. Illinois Senator Obama won by 72%, while McCain only received 22%. "I think the school made the right choice by electing Obama, and now there is hope for the future," said Hultgren.

November 4th, 2008 made history when the voters finally

broke the chain of white male presidents when they elected the first African American as the U.S. President. The race between the two candidates became an easy win when all fingers pointed to Obama after winning major states like California, Florida, and New York.

The Obama campaign brought attention to issues such as: improving the U.S. economy, helping the middle and lower class families, and bringing American soldiers home.

"I like Obama because of his views on change like withdrawing American troops from Iraq," said Dillon Hall, an election judge for the mock election. With the American people behind him, Obama has been given the opportunity to make an effective change.

-L. Giordano and L. Hon

**Four Ballot Distributors.** During the final hours of the mock election, Jennifer Ramirez, Kathleen Mason, Elantra Vangorkom, and Caitlin Shiga have a small conference with Ms. Willuweit, the organizer of the entire mock election. The election took up all six lunch periods on October 7, 2008, and tallied up to 594 votes.



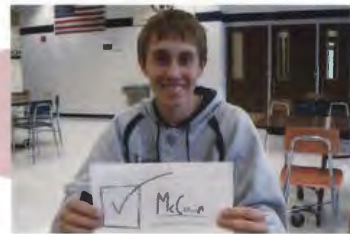
**One Reliable Voter.** During his lunch hour, Scott Schoeller votes for the candidate of his choosing. Obama took almost 3/4 of the total votes from the school election, blowing McCain out of the water.



**22 Days Shy.** If her birthday had been just 22 days earlier, **Mary Ann Clabots** would have voted for Senator **John McCain** in the 2008 Election. Although she was a fan of **McCain**, **Clabots** also agreed with a few of **Ralph Nader's** opinions on how the country would be run.



**One Year Too Young.** Pointing out **John McCain's** war experience, **Matthew Ackerman** proposes that he would have voted for **McCain** if he was old enough. However, **Ackerman** voted in the mock election because he and **McCain** agreed on many issues such as health care and the War in Iraq.



**Four Happy Readers.** After knowing the result of the Presidential Election, **Kimberly Busch**, **Alexander Pirela**, **Natalie Stewart**, and **Casey Powrozek** takes time from their lunch period to admire the historical news of the newly elected President of the United States.



**One Volley for the Cure Fan.** Showing his dedication to **Barack Obama**, **Tyler Griffith** attends the school-wide event for breast cancer, **Volley-for-the-Cure**.

**594 'I Voted' Stickers.** After voting, students walk by election judge, **Dillon Hall**, who hands out stickers showing they voted. At the election, four rolls of stickers were used.



**6 Watchful Eyes.** During their lunch hours, election judges **Kathryn Bell**, **Ethan Dean**, and **Shelby Copple** help voters. The mock election was posed after a standard election, with the same name cards and ballots that the election judges hand out. This process was meant to give a feel for what a real election process was like.



Presidential Election

Once upon a time, 473 students walked into We-Go as unknowing freshmen. As the years progressed, the Class of 2009 grew, learning the ways of the halls, and matured into young men and women.

Years of Evolution



**Chapter 1:**  
Freshman Year  
July 29th, 2005

"Mom! I have to get a TI-84 calculator," complains Elizabeth Correa. "Elizabeth, do you need any crayons, scissors, or glue?" her mother asks nonchalantly. "No mom! I'm a freshman in high school now." Elizabeth is glad to finally be able to say she is in high school. Unfortunately, there are differences about the new school that a lot of freshmen, like Elizabeth, don't know.



**Chapter 2:**  
Freshman Year  
August 28th, 2005

On the first day of school, Cole Paler stands outside the school entrance, with a backpack full of every possible school supply known to man. Not knowing what is going on, Cole goes to his classes, unaware that he is a part of a freshman tradition, by sporting a classic freshman backpack.



**Chapter 3:**  
Freshman Year  
January 13th, 2006

"Oh, oh, oh," Ryan Krage excitedly raises his hand, knowing the answer to every question. From day one, Ryan shows his excitement in class. While the school year is almost over, Ryan has yet to learn that being the teacher's pet isn't necessarily a good thing. He still has a long journey ahead of him.



**Chapter 4:**  
Freshman Year  
May 23rd, 2006

"Save me a seat!" Elizabeth Gola runs for the bus, not knowing that there aren't any available seats left. It is hard to imagine that at one point, Elizabeth and her friends had been in charge of the bus, and now she has to reserve seats. Luckily, the year is almost over, and if Elizabeth is lucky, she can carpool with a friend.



**Chapter 5:**  
Sophomore Year  
September 4th, 2006

A few months later, the Class of 2009 walks into We-Go as sophomores. "I'm so glad I'm not a freshman anymore," says Ethan Woodbury. Ethan and his friends are happy they aren't the freshmen trying to find their way around. They finally understand what a joke it is when the seniors told them their classes are on the fourth floor. Now, the fourth floor joke is onto the next freshman class.



**Chapter 6:**  
Sophomore Year  
October 3rd, 2006

For the first time, the Class of 2009 stands proudly in the stands as a part of the Squad. "Oh my gosh, what should I put on my Squad shirt?" Finally allowed in the Squad, Servando Perez chooses his all important Squad name.





Chapter 7 :  
Sophomore Year  
December 8th 2006

In the early month of December, many students wait for the days of winter break. **Margaret Polacek** waits patiently for her birthday. "Gonna spread my wings, sweet sixteen. It's my time to shine, sweet sixteen. Discovering, sweet sixteen, so much more to life, sweet sixteen," sings **Margaret**. While picking out the balloons for her party, **Margaret** realizes that being sixteen is being able to have a lot more freedom in her life.



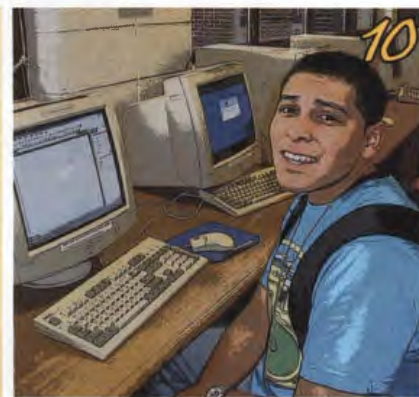
Chapter 8 :  
Sophomore Year  
January 25th, 2007

With the newfound freedom of a license, **Sally Brown** lounges around her car. "Finally! My parents don't have to drive me everywhere anymore!" exclaims **Sally**. Given the family Buick LeSabre for her first car, **Sally** is ready to hit the streets and drive around town. "Ha, ha sweet ride."

Chapter 9 :  
Junior Year  
November 5th, 2007  
After being the underdogs of the building, **Katrina Beedle** finally feels the power of being a junior. "Woo, upperclassmen! Oh wait... Aww man, I still have another year here." **Katrina** prepares herself for an exciting junior year, not realizing the challenges that she unknowingly is about to take.

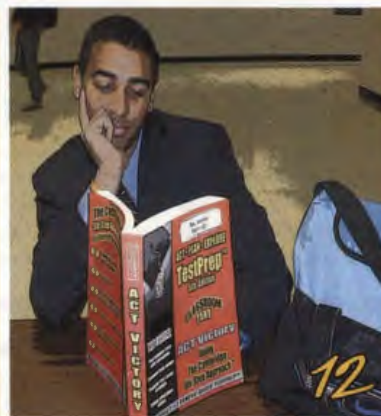


Chapter 10 :  
Junior Year  
February 27th, 2008  
Not anticipating it to be a challenging assignment, **Alex Lima** stays up all night trying to finish his Junior Research Paper. After weeks of research and writing, all the dreading of writing the 11 page JRP is over. "What should I write about?" asks one of **Alex's** friends. "Wait, you haven't started? GOOD LUCK."



Chapter 11 :  
Junior Year  
March 30th, 2008

After buying her prom dress, **Melissa Guillen** stresses the details of the upcoming dance. "I hope he asks me. What if he doesn't? What if I don't have a date? What if someone else has my dress?" While her friends try to calm her down, she cannot handle not knowing the surprises ahead of her. "No, it is not just a dance. It's PROM!" In the end, **Melissa** finds out that the four hours at the Carlisle for the dance are definitely worth the long wait.



Chapter 12 :  
Junior Year  
April 14th, 2008

Anticipating the six-hour test known as the ACT, **Elijah Asani** worries about testing the entire night before it takes place. Who knew anyone could long to see the sun shining outside of the high school doors as much as the juniors did on that fateful day? For two days, the Junior class are cooped up in the Field House, with pencils and erasers in hand.

Chapter 13 :  
Senior Year  
July 13th, 2008  
As the Class of '08 moves away, the Class of 2009 steps into their places. "Seriously **Alex**, we're seniors, I don't mean to sound so cliché, but dude, we rule the school. Since we can't pull pranks this year, we have to think of another way to be remembered," says **Jesse Hacker**.



Chapter 14 :  
Senior Year  
August 22nd, 2008  
Every student waits for his or her turn to own the hall that represents a class for only one year. The hall that defines high school status is known as Senior Hall. "We have to get lockers next to each other!" says **Talia Bangert**. Many memories are made in Senior Hall, such as the Friday night 'Game Time' chant.



Chapter 15 :  
Senior Year  
December 16th, 2008

Democrat or Republican? The infamous Government Simulation runs all day, for four days, keeping **Diana Martinez** from leaving after seventh period for early dismissal. "Well at least I get to dress up," says **Diana**, who is glad to finally be able to participate in one of the best government simulations in Illinois.



Chapter 16 :  
Senior Year  
June 7th, 2009

"I'm finally free," says **Alexander Pirela**. Off to college, graduates walk out the doors of CHS for the last time. "I swear I'm never coming home, College is gonna be the best." Through four years of growing, the Class of '09 is able to walk away from high school with the knowledge needed to succeed in life.



Comic Book  
Feature

# Working diligently 365 days of the year, these individuals persist on succeeding at their desks and in their sports.

8760 Hours of Work



**4,368 Miles from Home.** Writing a six page essay about why she should go into the exchange program, **Karin Fischer** commits to learning a new language and a different culture. Selected to travel to America for only one year, **Fischer** took advantage of every opportunity that went her way. "Junior Statesmen of America was my favorite club! It is great how much people care about society," said **Fischer**. Along with JSA, she was also involved with Community Leadership and International Club.



**24 Hours a Day.** Making his way down the court, **Elijah Asani** dribbles toward the basket with the drive that he exemplifies in every aspect of his life. Committed to his high school career in basketball, **Asani** worked twice as hard when it concerned his education. **Asani** was an editor of "Mind's Eye" magazine, as well as a member of National Honor Society. "I always put my right foot forward, no matter what class or activity it is," said **Asani**. His dedication throughout the year proved he was more than just an average student.



**One Jam-Packed Schedule.** By staying focused on all of her schoolwork, **Amber Del Rio** aims to succeed in high school. By participating in athletics including basketball and soccer, **Del Rio's** schedule was hectic. With the support of her family who cheered on the sidelines during her games, **Del Rio** remained dedicated. While in sports, she learned valuable life lessons about teamwork. "I learned that I should get to know someone before I judge them," said **Del Rio**.



**10.5 Hours a Day.** While some students slack during the school day, **Thomas Kaczmarczyk** attends a Polish night school to learn about his heritage. In addition, **Kaczmarczyk** stayed busy with track, Scholastic Bowl, Key Club, Skills USA, and National Honor Society. **Kaczmarczyk** was influenced by his family, especially his father, to learn about his heritage. "My father came over from Poland, and has a very successful life. I want to follow his footsteps," said **Kaczmarczyk**.



Emily Roberts



William Heinze



K. Stevens



Alex Pirela





**Four Years of Success.** From attending classes to doing her course work, **Courtney Barrie** proves that she is the epitome of a Wildcat. Despite facing a host of challenges during her high school career, **Barrie** graduated with her peers, demonstrating her resilience and strong work ethic. Her strengths inspired her peers, and many of her teachers described her as being among the best of the Class of 2009. "When my sickness kept me out of sports and other things I was not able to do, writing was my stress reliever," said **Barrie**, who continued to work hard no matter what obstacle presented itself in her path.



**Three Rounds.** Partaking in a club of knowledge, **Deepan Patel** participates in Scholastic Bowl, an extracurricular in which students play a game similar to *Jeopardy* against other schools. "My favorite part of Scholastic Bowl was meeting new people and the competition of every round," said **Patel**. He was also a member of the junior varsity tennis team. With his positive attitude and ability to always perform his best, he motivated teammates and fellow club members.



**Three Years to Go.** Giving a speech to his teammates, **Shea Rogers** remains active throughout the school. Appreciating **Mrs. Wood's** recommendation, **Rogers** added Speech Team among the list of his other activities, such as Club Green and Scholastic Bowl. He really enjoyed being in Club Green because of his care for the planet along with his school involvement. "All students get involved with academic clubs so that they can busy their school lives," added **Rogers**.



Kristina Flory



Oscar Avila



Elizabeth Reyes

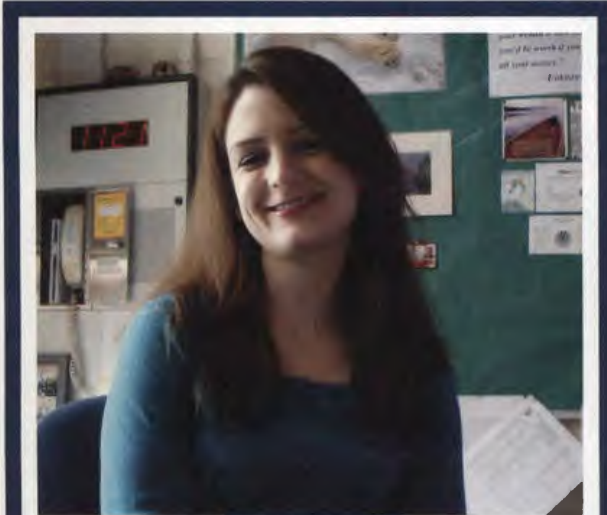


Bryan Martens

Dedicated  
Individuals

# If Honorable Role Models

**Teaching is not just a job for these educators. With their passion for learning, they truly stand and deliver.**



**Eight Hours of Work with Good Times.** With a bright smile and quiet patience, Mrs. Deleon spends her time with sophomore English classes. After working at a private girls school, Mrs. Deleon came to West Chicago with a positive attitude. Working to keep students interested with hands-on activities, Deleon continued to enjoy her job and the classes where she taught. "My love of English and working with young students helps achieve the impossible," said Deleon.



**206 Bones of Creativity.** From computer graphics to painting, Mr. Exner teaches his students the value of creativity. When students entered his room, they felt the instant surge of energy from his personality. He contributed a great deal of time in decorating Commons with colorful banners that displayed upcoming events, such as We-Go to Africa fundraisers. Through his dedication to the school, Exner portrayed the perfect mix of artistic talent and a giving heart.



**80 Years of Being In Touch.** As a role model for students, Mrs. Laimins is an individual who puts smiles on faces. "Mrs. Laimins is an epitome of inspiration. She challenges her students to not only become better students, but better people," said Lauran Hon. Teaching World Studies and Psychology, Laimins taught students to better themselves. As head advisor for JSA, she exposed young minds to the world of politics. Laimins' goal was to prepare the students for the future.



**A Privilege to be in a 100 Lives.** After working as a doctor for 22 years, Dr. Murphy now teaches Human Anatomy and Physiology. Murphy was interested in teaching others how the human body works and how it interacts. When assignments were too difficult to be done, he changed them to be easier and explained them so his students could understand. "If you cannot achieve a task, then build a half step before getting to a full step," said Dr. Murphy.



Meghan Zifra



Anthony Sarlo



Kristina Terry



Almaraz



**56 Drama Plays Performed.** With a love for education, **Ms. Hafertepe** dedicates her time to helping the drama program and Thespians, while still teaching English courses. "My work here was surrounded with three enjoyments: English, theater, and speech," said **Hafertepe**. Although **Hafertepe's** schedule consisted of papers to grade and plays to direct, she found time to be involved with other activities. **Hafertepe** supported her students by attending athletic matches, musical performances, and club events. Her love of teaching has grown over the past years 27 at We-Go.



**Four Years to Change a Thousand.** Every year, **Ms. Daneels** takes the time to raise thousands of dollars for schools in Africa. In the past, she spent her time helping build a school to help children in Angola. "I feel successful knowing we built a school in Angola and gave 500 kids a chance to read and write with the help of Wildcat students," said **Daneels**. In 2009, **Daneels** was able to raise additional money that raised health awareness in an attempt to stop AIDS.



**One Class to be Fit.** Physical Education is always fun with **Mr. McLeland**. He encouraged students to take risks and find activities that may be interesting to students. Not only a P.E. teacher, **McLeland** was also the head coach for cross country. It was not uncommon to see him running with his team in 90 degree weather. "I encourage them to do the right thing. They are good students and I enjoy coaching them, I enjoy being a coach, a role model, and an influence," added **McLeland**.



Dedicated Teachers

# Freshman year is the time to come together to make friendships that will last for the years to come.

574 New Friends

Entering the halls for the first time, the Class of 2012 did not know what to expect. After leaving middle school, the 574 students had to assimilate into a school made up of roughly 2,100 students.

As freshmen, the students prepared for a change of their norms. No longer the 'top dogs' of the school, the freshmen anxiously worked for their time to shine. "I did a lot of studying," said **Jef-**

**frey Pekosh.** With the help of We-Go In With Pride, an assembly just for freshmen, incoming students felt welcomed.

In the assembly, the students met people they normally wouldn't have met otherwise. Taking the first step towards the rest of their lives, the freshmen made choices that would affect their future. Regardless if it was choosing an elective or talking to the quiet kid in

class, these students began to form an identity of their own. With many memories beginning to form, they experienced the ups and downs of high school, but learned that this year would be the best of all four. "We have better opportunities as a freshman," said **Guillermo Galvan.**

*-Courtney Nesemeier,  
Amanda Huey,  
& Jesse Rogers*



*"Playing soccer for the school was a great experience. We may not have won a lot, but it was still awesome to know that I was contributing to my team."*

*-Jonathan Hernandez*



Carly Tabridy



Shea Rogers



Sarah Radloff



Steven Colmer



**The One Perfect Act.** Memorizing a whole play is not fun, especially not when it's an entire book long. **Carly Tubridy** and **Jessi Bass** diligently practiced for perfection.

**Ten Pins to Overtum.** Gliding across the floor on two mini-scooters, **Troy Driscoll** shows other students what he's made of by knocking down all but two pins. "I may not have come out on top but I helped show the upperclassmen what we freshmen can accomplish," said **Driscoll**.



**Show Times.** Performing at the Dance Production show, **Alexis Micele** flashes attitude as the music ends. "The mix was called Kiss Brits Boyfriend. It was my favorite dance since it was with my best friend," said **Micele**. **Micele** danced a duet with **Keegan Johnson** to an upbeat hip hop song.

**One Heart Pounding.** Being an optimistic student, **Joshua Gimre** does not complain while reading yet another book in English class. While managing his schoolwork, **Gimre** also participated in athletics.



**One Perfect Date.** Taking a survey, **Margaret Brach** wishes to find a date. Each girl had an opportunity to ask a boy she was matched with to the first Turnabout dance.

**Three Amigas.** The Mixer, a yearly dance that helps new students socialize with each other, is the topic of discussion among **Yamely Galvan**, **Biridiana Rodriguez**, and **Francisca Perez**. "I don't really talk to my old friends because the people at We-Go are much better friends," said **Galvan**.



Aubrie Soto



Timothy Fitch



Y. Mancera



Kevin Young

# Weighty Matters

"I have a big freshman backpack. It has dinosaurs on it. I feel bad because people run into it all the time."

**-Marissa Caputo**

"My backpack is a Mary-Kate and Ashley backpack that I have had since I was in fifth grade. I guess you can say that it looks like a freshman backpack."

**-Katie Giordano**

"My backpack is not that big, but other people have told me it's a freshman backpack. I don't see why."

**-Noah Strayve**



**15 Pounds.** Freshmen who use backpacks, like **Aaron Varjan**, generally do not go to their lockers throughout the day. It was difficult for the Class of 2012 to make stops at a locker with only five minute passing periods and a bad sense of direction.

Zachary Abraham  
Leonardo Aguilar  
Evelyn Alanis  
Victor Alanis  
Omar Alcantar  
Armand Alcuna  
Juan Alday



Timothy Almaraz  
Jenny Altamirano  
Jessie Altamirano  
Eduardo Alvarez  
Jennifer Amaro  
John Annoreno  
Ashley Aparicio



Juan Arechiga  
Luis Arellano  
Jose Arguello  
Renato Arias  
Tanya Arias  
Cassandra Arnold  
Edwin Arreola



Beatriz Ayala  
Erick Baeza  
Brian Baidis  
Maria Bana  
Rabely Banuelos  
Janean-Jae Baptista  
Christina Barbaccia



Lizbeth Barrera  
Jonathan Bartels  
Safari Barton  
Jessi Bass  
Zachary Bauler  
Payton Bayless  
Reno Benavides





Kaylee Benda  
Michelle Benda  
Eric Benney  
Starr Berry  
Ariel Berumen  
Alexxa Bessey  
Justin Bhardwai



Jeffrey Bienasz  
Jessica Biring  
Louis Boers IV  
Thomas Bohac  
Pilar Bonilla  
Margaret Brach  
Ilse Brisenno



Elsa Cadwallader  
Anna Cain  
Agustin Calderon  
Cecelia Calderon  
Jose Calderon  
Frida Camargo  
Jeffrey Camp



Pamela Campos  
Roberto Campos-Saldana  
Jesse Cantu  
Marissa Caputo  
Eloisa Carlos  
Meghan Carnot  
Marcel Carrasco



Miguel Carrillo  
Patricia Carrillo  
Irene Casimiro  
Myles Caskey  
Maritere Castillo  
Marta Castillo  
Yesenia Castro



Steven Celmer  
Zachary Chavez  
Casey Christ  
Sarah Clabots  
Kelsey Clarke  
Julia Conard  
Kaitlin Conway



Raimundo Cordero  
Elizabeth Correa  
Francisco Correa  
Josue Correa  
Kimberly Correa  
Ramiro Correa  
Karla Cortes



Adam Costa  
Jose Crisostomo  
Ramon Cruz  
Yesenia Cruz  
Magali Cuautle  
Laura Costa  
Brandon Danial



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# A Brave New World

"We have to study a lot more in high school than in middle school because high school is so much harder."

**-Claire Monroe**

"The food in middle school is less expensive than high school, but the food tastes better in high school."

**-Jeffery Martin**

"I was a little afraid because of how much bigger the school is. After awhile I got used to it though."

**-Noah Strayve**



**One New Program.** As Rachel Venchus and Laura Nail shuffle into school, they are welcomed with a different experience. The new program, We-Go In With Pride, allowed the freshmen to become familiar with the school and meet their fellow classmates as well.

Ryan Davidson  
Jairo De La Cruz  
Cesar Delgado  
Lucina Delgado  
Demetria Demas  
Kevin Desfassiaux  
Cesar Diaz



Geri Dimas  
Melissa Doggett  
Eduardo Dominguez  
Samantha Donovan  
Michael Dovel  
Megan Dowling  
Nicholas Driscoll



Troy Driscoll  
Jose Duran  
Sean Elfstrom  
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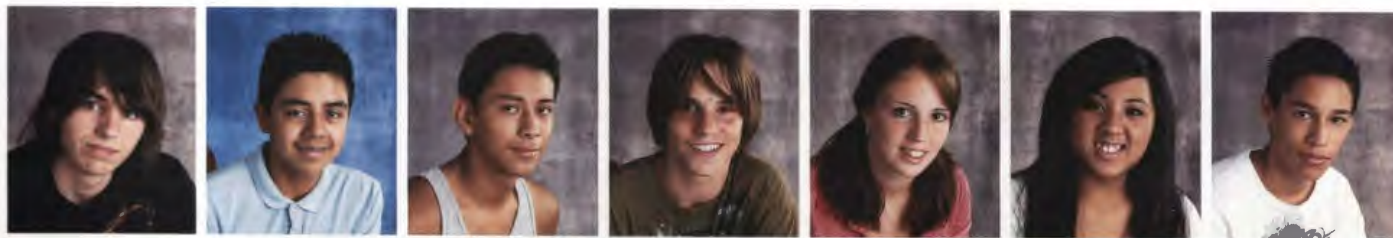
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Peter Eterno  
Derek Evans  
Sean Fayfar  
Esteban Fernandez  
Joshua Ferreyra



Kimberleigh Fester  
Catherine Fitzgerald  
Ellen Fitzgerald  
Liam Flaherty  
Bryce Flanagan  
Dulce Flores  
Jose Flores







Kyle Fuchs  
Eduardo Fuentes  
Daniel Fulmer  
Austin Funderburk  
Blair Gage  
Allyson Galang  
John Gallegos



Guillermo Galvan  
Laura Galvan  
Yamely Galvan  
Angel Garcia  
Ariana Garcia  
Arturo Garcia  
Biridiana Garcia



Brian Garcia  
Dennise Garcia  
Itzamary Garcia  
Michelle Garcia  
Richi Garcia  
Jose Garnica-Munoz  
Tommy Georgalis



Hayley Gillespie  
Joshua Gimre  
Katie Giordano  
Alejandro Gonzalez  
Daniel Gonzalez  
Josh Gouskos  
Matthew Green



Kayla Grych-Miranda  
Virginia Guerra  
Jose Guerrero  
Alyssa Gunnison  
Cynthia Guzman  
Iliana Guzman  
Juan Guzman Jr.



Kevin Hauber  
Greta Haxhiu  
Dylan Hedmark  
Kristin Hendrickson  
Georgia Henn  
Brooke Hennessy  
Joanna Hernandez



Jonathan Hernandez  
Juan Hernandez  
Rey Hernandez  
Stefany Hernandez  
Jesse Hiltner  
Deirdre Hofman  
Isaac Huerta



Juan Huerta  
Justin Huey  
Alexandria Hund  
Kylie Hushion  
Brandon Jackson  
Adam Jacobs  
Kristen Jacobsen

# Helpful Hands

"My favorite teacher is **Mr. Cleary** because he's so relaxed. He has definitely helped me feel welcome here."

**-Steven Celmer**

"The student helpers helped me when I couldn't find my biology classroom, and the security guard helped me find the right gym when he saw me walking around twenty minutes late."

**-Kevin Hauber**

"My crazy brother **Ivan** won Homecoming king so that means he will probably help me win."

**-Kevin Desfassiaux**



**2|Partners.** Pairing up during biology class, **Tanya Arias** writes down the correct answer, heterozygous. The difficulty of biology was quite overwhelming, but partnering up with **Sahaj Shah** definitely made the work easier.

Bailey Jagusch  
Alexa Jean  
Stephanie Jimenez  
Alexander Johnson  
Rachel Johnson  
Ricardo Juarez  
Steven Karnoscak



Austin Kassaros  
Kyle Kelly  
Shannon Kett  
Connie Kim  
Jacob Kimball  
Daniel King  
Breanna Kmiecik



Andrew Kruthoff  
Thomas Kubik  
Scott Kulikowski  
Michael Kwasnik  
Stephen Lafleur  
Bradley Larson  
Patrick Lawler



David Lawless  
Armando Leal  
Hailey Lenahan  
Corey Leonard  
Kelly Leveille  
Michelle Lewen  
Alma Lizardo



Luis Llanos  
Joe Loftus  
Vito Loiotile  
Anthony Lombardo  
Daniel Long  
Abelardo Lopez  
Angela Lopez





Francisco Lopez  
Grizcelda Lopez  
Raul Lopez  
Ulises Lopez  
Jorge Luna  
Oscar Luna  
Brenna MacDonald



Natalia Macias  
Hayley Macko  
Chelsea Madsen  
James Maguire  
Robert Maldonado  
Carmen Mancera  
Diana Mancera



Kristina Manibo  
Alex Marano  
Analidia Marcelino  
Alan Marcellin  
Devynn Markle  
Daniel Martell  
Kyle Martens



Hannah Martin  
Jeffery Martin Jr.  
Joseph Martin  
Carlos Martinez  
Edgar Martinez  
Gabriela Martinez  
Susan Martinez



Laura Martinez-Montoya  
Franco Mastrodonardo  
Vanessa Mata  
Dariana Matias  
Josephine Mattern  
Nicholas McAssey  
Bryan McDonald



Guillermo Medina  
Luis Medina  
Diana Mendez  
Victor Mendez  
Veronica Meuli  
Alexis Micele  
Alison Miller



Suzanne Molinaro  
Brian Molo  
Claire Monroe  
Lizett Montenegro  
Luz Montenegro  
Luis Montoya  
Marco Morales



Daliadne Morejon  
Yakelin Morejon  
Mackenzie Mowen  
Justin Mundt  
Antonio Munoz  
Kassandra Munoz  
Liliana Munoz



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# Road to Success

"Right now I take the bus before and after school. One time a kid on my bus fell asleep before school and did not wake up and realize he was late until the bus reached an elementary school."

**-Maggie Brach**

"I hate taking the bus because my driver is crazy. He yells in this raspy voice like he's insane. He also slams on the brakes after he forgets that the light is red."

**-Brandon Jackson**

"The good thing about having a senior brother is that he drives me to school, but he needs like four bagels every morning and makes me late."

**-Elena Tubridy**



**One Angry Teen.** Having an older sibling can be beneficial to freshmen. According to **Justin Huey**, "I love sleeping in. I always make my sister late, but in the end my parents make her drive me anyways."

Noe Munoz  
Lisa Myszkowski  
Laura Naill  
Dominick Natale  
Bianca Navejas  
Elizabeth Nguyen  
Eric Nguyen



James Ogorzalek  
Justin Olson  
Lorena Orizaba  
Martin Orozco  
Danny Ortega  
Elizabeth Ortiz  
Jocelyn Ortiz



Carolina Osorio  
Alexandra Overman  
Paul Overman  
Sonya Padilla  
Daniella Parducci  
Richard Paret  
Kayla Passantino



Danielle Pauling  
Jeffrey Pekosh  
Daisy Pena  
Adrian Perez  
Christian Perez  
Clarisa Perez  
Fabiola Perez



Francisca Perez  
Mayra Perez  
Vanessa Perez  
Veronica Perez  
Vivian Perez  
Zeferino Perez  
Kenita Petties





Megan Pietura  
Rachel Pioch  
Alison Place  
Emily Poturica  
Mahira Proa  
Sarah Quealy  
Jessica Quinn



Alondra Quintero  
Zulema Quiroz  
John Ragano  
Robert Ramiar  
Sarah Ramiar  
Guadalupe Ramirez  
Alicia Ramos



Christopher Ramos  
Robert Ramos  
Sarah Ratliff  
Tarah Rayos  
Reid Regalado  
Crystal Resendiz  
Joel Resendiz



Elizabeth Reyes  
Sindi Reyes  
Angel Robles  
Araceli Robles  
Juan Robles  
Uriel Rodelo  
Kathy Rodriguez



Olivia Rodriguez  
Shea Rogers  
America Roman  
Miguel Romero  
Martha Rosales  
Daisy Rosas  
Brandon Ross



Brian Rubino  
Viviana Rubio  
Bianey Ruiz  
Chelsea Ruiz  
Helen Salinas  
Jose Salinas  
Octavio Salinas



Ryan Sammons  
Jason Samudio  
Henry Sanchez  
Laura Sanchez  
Maria Sanchez  
Adriana Sanroman  
Juliet Santelli



Alexandro Santillan  
Mariano Santillan  
Noe Santillan Jr.  
Esmeralda Santoyo  
Vincent Santucci  
Brenda Saucedo  
Kelsey Sayner

# First Day Favorites

"I loved the Quest speaker and his groovy moves."

**-Juliet Santelli**

"I fell for the whole fourth floor trick and went looking for a class on the fourth floor."

**-Katie Giordano**

"On the first day of school, I was nervous and excited because I was with more kids. I remember listening to the Quest speaker talk, talk and talk during We-Go in with Pride."

**-Rachel Pioch**



**Eight New Classes.** All freshmen attend We-Go in with Pride to get their new i.d.s and schedules for the year. "That day was hectic, but it was cool. Everyone could see who was going to be in their classes," said **Franco Mastrolonardo**.

James Scheck  
Michael Schlick  
Scott Schoeller  
Tyler Schoenwolf  
Katherine Schofield  
Robert Schuler  
Kevin Schwarz



Diana Serio  
Parth Shah  
Sahaj Shah  
Michael Sierocuk  
Lexis Sikorski  
Connor Simmons  
Cecilia Simon



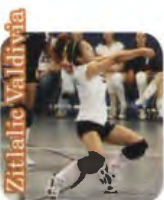
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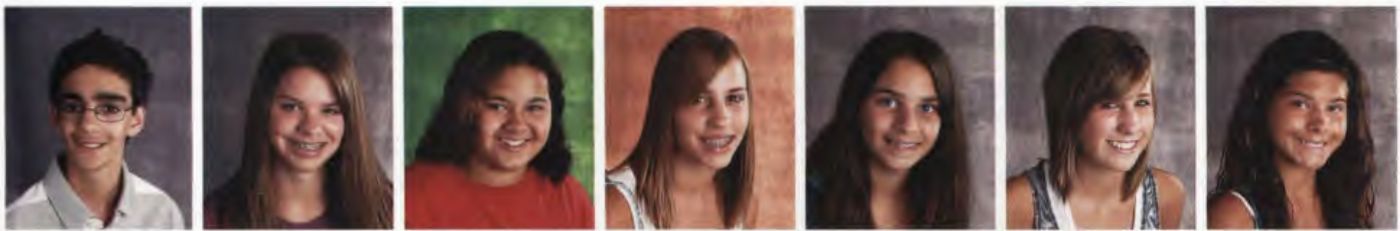


Anna Spyrison  
Sam Spyrison  
Caitlin Stankiewicz  
Daniel Stantz  
Kyle Stolzman  
Scott Strachota  
Noah Strayve



Nathan Sudnick  
Andrew Sunde  
Insia Tabrezi  
Megan Taddeucci  
Alezandria Tapanes  
Cristal Tecuatl  
Jennifer Tellez





Anthony Temes  
Megan Tennis  
Allysan Terrel  
Cassie Thill  
Courtney Toman  
Janel Tomassoni  
Chelsie Torres



Janet Tovar  
Filiberto Toxtle  
Carly Tubridy  
Elena Tubridy  
Molly Tulipano  
Brian Turnquist  
Kaitlyn Tynczuk



Marianne Ulett  
Kaitlin Uplegger  
Zitlalic Valdivia  
Jaime Valenzuela Jr.  
Alma Valerio  
Lisbette Vallin  
Brenda Vargas



Aaron Varjan  
Isaias Vega  
Rachael Venchus  
Anthony Venen  
Nikkita Vertheen  
Breanna Vigil  
Eracio Villa



Gilberto Villa  
Emily Villano  
Sonia Villanueva  
Mary Villarreal  
Juan Villicana  
Adam Viray  
Susan Wadsworth



Emily Warkins  
Samantha Weibler  
Alexander Weier  
Brendon West-Hooper  
Meghan Wetherald  
Austin Wiedmyer  
Katie Wiest



Cullen Wilcox  
Taylor Wille  
Victoria Wilson  
Amarin Young  
Jessica Zak  
Misael Zavala  
Erin Zawistowski



Simeon Zenteno

# 100 Lessons Freshmen Should Learn

...high school is so much better than middle school...don't overload your backpack...if you are late to class, you will have to visit **Edie** in the Attendance Office to receive a tardy slip...there is more homework in high school than in middle school...Freshman Hell Week does not exist...there really is no fourth floor...plagiarism will get you suspended and result in a zero...running in the halls will get you laughed at...use your student planner...be as responsible as possible...the office will call your parents if you ditch...you have to swim in Freshman and Sophomore Academy...unusually large bags and backpacks lead to ridicule...the Arcade no longer has the soda and vending machines...your parents can't always cover your mistakes...take as many electives as you possibly can...wearing other school colors or clothing is bad...the school clocks are at least two minutes faster than every other clock in the world...your counselor can make high school a lot easier...because of last year's threat incident, everyone has to stay in Commons until 7:30 a.m....a blue pass is not good...the best thing to do is study...just remember everyone gets lost at some point...the security hall pass...Room 206 is inside the not run to watch it...your clothes will locker isn't locked...our school has man combined...finals are not as bad your dog didn't eat your homework crash...every teacher knows Wikipedia and paste...the school website has a for a project...the security box in the ing big happens Freshman year...the **McKenna** and **Mr. Jennings** often assemblies...the buses leave at 3:20 you far...there is enough time to go keep your old ones...We-Go to Africa to Africa...there are no free refills... on Edline...the school administration websites...you're allowed to chew confiscated on sight...learn a new forward...purchase a yearbook... your life...the closest parking lot is as many memories as possible...not turn it in often...you can be fined for stairwells, don't be afraid because it's always know best...attend dances going stag...make sure to grab the mons...standing in a group will more get two free ids...there is no such around Senior Hall...food is expensive yelled at by **Mr. Martino** for standing you will find your own way through dressing...Fridays are specific days to is in the library...driving to school taking the bus every morning...col-versatile...you are not allowed to sit you for late books...you can only use do not roam the halls of We-Go... can be suspended for having a pad of be lucky enough to have a photo of you'll be on the road...Junior year is gives respect often...making out with your significant other can cause Seniors to chant obscurities...healthy food costs more than junk food...sitting at a Senior Lunch table will get you in trouble...comfy clothing is a must on Wednesdays...gym matters on your G.P.A....every Thursday you will be forced to read in Advisory...SparkNotes and PinkMonkey are your new best friends... having an older sibling can be beneficial...the chances you invented a saying or style is slim to none...**Mr. Lasky** will call you by a number instead of your actual name...don't trust spell check... don't leave food in your locker...a high G.P.A. will go a long way... everyone falls up the stairs, so don't be embarrassed...being a student assistant is an easy way to earn credit...be respectful at all times possible...*We-Go-Through-the-Tube* is the school broadcast show where your peers exert their acting skills...Senioritis is not as contagious as everyone claims it to be...you're not just a fan, you're a Wildcat...

These years go by really fast, so enjoy them while you can...



Sahaj Shah and Pilar Bonilla



Elizabeth Reyes

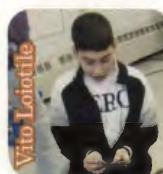


Kristy Henderson and Tyler Schoenwolf

rity guards will stop and check your library...when someone yells fight, do be stolen in the locker room if your more rivals than Batman and Spider-as you may think...teachers know that and that your computer didn't really dia when they read it, so don't copy direct link to any website you'll need Arcade never has security in it...noth-clock flashes 00:00 before noon...**Mr.** do hilarious, yet risky, games at pep every day...being involved will get to your locker...make new friends and is a fundraiser for Angolans, not a trip your parents can check your grades knows when you try to go on blocked gum in school...all electronics will be language...always put your best effort these four years are the best years of called Senior Lot for a reason...make many teachers give out extra credit, so truancies...if you hear singing in the only Chamber Choir...upperclassmen as often as possible, even if it means *Wildcat Chronicle* when it is in Com-than likely get you pushed...you only thing as an elevator pass...do not walk and majorly overpriced...you will be in the hallways...as you become older, the halls...you will fail gym for not wear blue and white...the school store in a beat up car is still better than leges look for students who are more in the Squad...the library will charge the elevators if you're injured...gangs study hall will help your grades...you passes...if you're an athlete, you may yourself in the halls...within a year, the hardest year of all...**Mr. Zabelin**



Mayra Perez



Vito Loiotile



Breanna Kmiecik



Adam Jacobs





**456 Enthusiastic Freshmen.** During We-Go In with Pride, members of the Class of 2012 are taught to embrace who they are. **Chelsie Torres**, **Brenda Saucedo**, and **Kathy Rodriguez** were a few of many students who took the speaker's message to heart and danced to their own beat.



**18 Holes.** On **Alex Marano's** first swing at the ball, he gives it great distance on the fairway. He then landed his ball on the green and chose his putter to sink his ball into the hole. With his putter, **Marano** watched the ball inch closer to the hole and attempted to make par.

**8 Minutes of Fame.** Choosing music and coming up with choreography is only half the work for **Juliet Santelli**, **Lexis Sikorski** and **Alexis Micele's** Dance Production performance. The three girls spent roughly 207 hours practicing for their dance to a mix of songs.

**120 Yards of Grass.** While gaining endurance by running up and down the field, **Danny Ortega** makes 15 new friends who are also his teammates. Each of the practices allowed these soccer players to bond, grow as individuals, and learn from each other during their 90 minute games.



*Dedicated  
Freshmen*



Oscar Avila



Erica Smith & Danielle Pacelli



Clark Hudmon



Isabel Correa



Kimberly Kleczewski



Colin Hale



Danielle Pacelli and Brad Cole



Ms. Daneels



Matthew Hellman



Miriam Hernandez & Adriana Noceda



Dillon Hall



Elantra Vangorkom



Starr Berry



Ms. Mallon, Dr. Cheng & Jeff Robinson



Rachel Molinaro



D.J. Muzzey



C. MacDonald



James Laiter



Diana Williams

# How Do You Measure... Drive?

1700 books distributed to the 1970 students enrolled in a math classes.

10 committees made up of 213 students for the first Government simulation.

11 different wars covered by the American History classes.

74 students inducted into NHS.

23 senior advisories, 27 junior advisories, 30 sophomores advisories, 23 freshman advisories, and 6 multi-grade advisories shared good times.

3 pep assemblies organized by 20 Pep Club members.

135 units of blood donated by over 178 students and teachers at the Key Club's blood drive.

4536 experiments conducted by Science classes.

Around 216 essays assigned by English teachers to their students over the course of the year.

216 pages finished and submitted by the Yearbook Staff.

Close to 106 different electives available to 2115 students.

-Molly Pfeifer



# Since at least two people read each yearbook, more than 2,700 people will read *Challenge* in one year.

Yearbook was not only a class, but a lifestyle. The yearbook staff devoted most of their time before, during, and afterschool to making the yearbook, *Challenge*, perfect. The three editors, **Amanda Huey**, **Alyson Taddeucci**, and **Courtney Nesemeier**, spent hours trying to make the theme, How Do You Measure A Year, present throughout *Challenge*.

The rest of the staff realized the book is one of the items that students cherish for

the rest of their lives. In order to keep high school memories alive, the main goal was to try to make sure all 2,114 students appeared in the yearbook three times.

Students never stop to think how much work is put into making the book. They just grab their yearbook and open to the index to see how many pages they appear on. "One of my favorite parts is to be able to give students their books and see the smiles on their faces," said **Ms. Santella**.

For students on the staff, reasons for being in yearbook were much different than **Ms. Santella's**. "I wanted to take a class that was different, where I use my creativity," added **Katelyn Casey**.

Although the students did not have to be the most creative people, it definitely helped make a measurable yearbook.

*Alexis Brunelli*

**28 Staff Members.** On the third day of school, the Yearbook staff walks in the room and realizes that it is not going to be a normal day in class. "I have an announcement," said **Ms. Santella**. "Today the editors have a surprise for you. We will be going outside to blow bubbles for team bonding."



**113 Editor Massages.** Understanding the difficulties of being an editor, new staff member **Ashley Jefferson** works to relieve the stress off the editors' shoulders.



**81 Bubble Bottles Used.** As **Kimberly Mengel** shows off her beautiful bubble blowing skills, **Kristina Oum** watches in amazement. "It was so exciting. It was different from everything else and it was fun. I would most definitely do it again," said **Mengel**.



**1,443 Bubbles Blown.** Enjoying their almost once-in-a-lifetime reward of escaping from class, Assistant Editor **Molly Pfeifer**, **Katelyn Casey**, and Assistant Editor **Maggie Polacek** have a blast blowing bubbles. "Our field trip outside was fun. I kept trying to blow big bubbles, but I'm pretty sure there was something wrong with my wand," said **Pfeifer**.



Things You Might Not Know...

Courtney Neseimer



**Courtney Neseimer has dyed her hair over 14 times!**

- Dark Brown - Plum
- Burgandy - Dark Red
- Natural with Highlights
- Red & Brown - Auburn
- Brown & Plum - Orange
- Medium Blonde
- Golden Blonde - Brown
- Strawberry Blonde

Amanda Huey



**Amanda Huey has lost over 10 items!**

- Cell Phone
- Flip Flops
- Sunglasses
- Room Key
- Hair Straightener
- Sweat Shirt
- Money
- Purse
- Folder
- Play Ticket

Alyson Taddeucci



**Alyson Taddeucci has attended 8 Broadway plays!**

- Beauty and the Beast
- The Lion King
- Wicked
- Shrek the Musical
- Rent
- Phantom of the Opera
- Legally Blonde
- Grease

Throughout the year, these girls spent every free second creating a book of memories.



**Editors' Notes**

"Yearbook haunted my dreams. I spent so much time working on the book that I constantly had nightmares about missing links and grammatical errors."  
*-Courtney Neseimer*

"As an editor, I realized how horrifying Ms. Santella can be during deadline... just kidding."  
*-Amanda Huey*

"Aside from the frustration of deadlines, yearbook helped me grow as an individual and learn the importance of leadership and deadlines."  
*-Alyson Taddeucci*

365 Days a Year



# With nine issues, the *Wildcat Chronicle* staff is always working to meet their deadlines.

A week before the *Wildcat Chronicle* arrived in Commons, the staff worked long hours after school, finishing their deadline. Throughout the year, the staff produced nine issues of the *Wildcat Chronicle*, including a senior issue. With 13 students, producing an 16-page paper seemed impossible. Luckily, every month they finished this feat, placing the paper in the hands of the readers.

Led by **Ms. Kuehn**, the Journalism teacher, the newspaper team went through many changes, such as new staff and editors. The leaders of the staff included Editor-in-Chief **Gregory Vodicka**, News Editor **Jessica Bergmann**, and Sports Editor **Jacob Wucka**. Other reporters included **Sarah**

**Berger, Megan Hernbroth, Amanda Rathe, Alexis Hosticka, Alex Lima, Evan Morgan, Megan Tennis, Payton Bayless, Jake Bradley, and Clark Hudmon.**

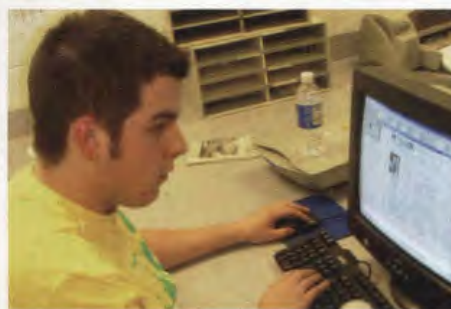
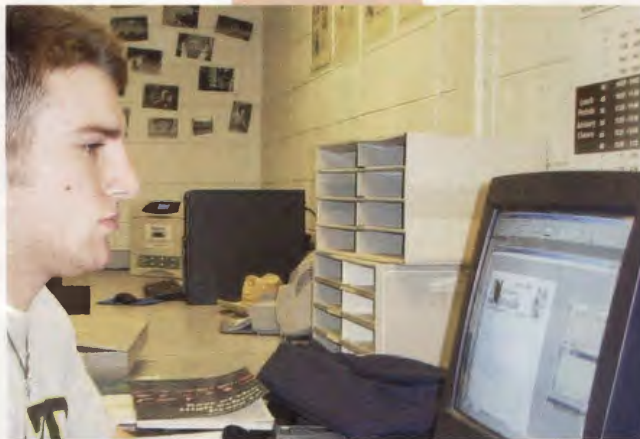
The paper affected more than just the students, according to staff members. "We aren't treated like a school paper. Our readers branch out from outside the school and inside the community," said **Vodicka**.

The staff took pride in the *Chronicle*, having won many awards such as the Northern Illinois School Press Association's Golden Eagle. The publication demanded dedication from its editors and reporters. The *Wildcat Chronicle* was much more than a class for these students. It was a responsibility.

**8 Years.** Looking over the pages, Editor-in-Chief **Gregory Vodicka** gives others his expertise. With his experience from being on the staff for three years, **Vodicka** led the staff to making each deadline. "We all share the same responsibility, but it is my job to make sure the paper gets finished," said **Vodicka**.



**48 Hours.** With only two days to deadline, Senior News Editor **Jessica Bergmann** checks her schedule to see if there are any last minute events that the paper needs to cover.



**856 Word Column.** The staff is always trying to make the paper more flashy. Sports Editor **Jacob Wucka** tried to wake up the readers with his detailed section. Ways he spiced up the paper went from drawing political cartoon to finding a new layout for the sports section.



**261 Bytes.** All 13 staff members are focused on the computer, working vigorously to finish their stories and send the paper to the press. **Alexis Hosticka** put the final corrections on her big news story, about the mock school lockdown. Afterward, Editor **Jessica Bergmann** placed the column in the news section. Once everyone finished with the paper, they started the process all over again.

16 Pages Per Issue



**7:15 Morning Meetings.** Sitting at a desk overflowing with students' work, **Uriel Rodelo** and **Elizabeth Berg** prepare to choose their favorite piece of art through a blind submission process. The artwork that was chosen not only expressed each student's individual talent, but also the dedication to the "Mind's Eye" publication.



**One of Four Loyal Students.** Organizing pieces for the magazine, **Maria Galeana** works to create the best issue yet. Having been committed to "Mind's Eye," **Galeana** helped design the layout for the magazine. She showed much determination, becoming an editor of "Mind's Eye."



**More than 100 Submissions.** Receiving over 100 submissions, **Mrs. Wood** looks over each piece to check for school appropriateness. Then **Wood** prepared the art for the "Blind Eye" process for her club members.



**47 Creative Pages.** As an editor for the magazine, **Elijah Asani** does his best to make sure that the artwork within the magazine represents the students' creativity. "It's no question that the magazine is an intense production, but the outcome is great," said **Asani**.



## Within pages of the magazine, poetry, drawings, paintings, and photographs combine to represent the school.

"Mind's Eye," the literary magazine for the school, is a club for students to express themselves through pieces of art. The club is not like any other academic club but it is a club to release one's creativity. Poems, short plays, photographs, digital art, paintings and drawings combined to form 47 pages filled with fun.

Being in "Mind's Eye" means a student could either be a seasonal member, someone who submitted work, or a member of the staff who designed the magazine. Editors **Maria Galeana** and **Eli Asani** took care of most of the tasks needed for the magazine.

Having had a large number of the

student body hand in submissions, staff members chose the art work that went into the magazine through a blind submission process. A blind submission process was the process in which the student's name was removed from the piece of art, so that no student picked his or her friend's art. The book consisted of the best art work of students around the school.

For years, students with creative outlets came together to create a magazine for the school. "If you have a creative way to express yourself, joining 'Mind's Eye' is a great place for you to fit in," said **Mrs. Wood**, "Mind's Eye" advisor.

- Kimberly Mengel

168 Creativity Copies



# During the Government simulation, Democrats use their persuasive abilities when trying to win votes in their favor.

153 Democrats



*"Voting for English as the official language will actually incite more ethnic tension and make an already grueling citizenship process more difficult. A vote no for HB 203 will help America stay the land of opportunity for all, no matter what language they speak."*  
 -Ashley Michnick



**War In Iraq.** Speaking in support of ending the War in Iraq, Sarah Zaidi uses information and logic to support her stance. "We invaded Iraq in the first place with the hopes of finding weapons of mass destruction, even though the International Atomic Energy Association, the Nuclear Watchdog of World, told us there weren't any," said Zaidi. Even as the official clerk of the government simulation, Zaidi also gave speeches concerning English being the Official Language and Immigration Reform.

**Immigration Reform.** Trying to persuade the Republicans, Alejandro Garcia states his opinion about Immigration Reform, siding with his fellow Democrats. "I agree that there are too many illegal immigrants and not enough green cards are being distributed. I believe having an immigration reform will impact our economy in a very good way. I think having all the illegal immigrants paying taxes and claiming the taxes will be good for our country," said Garcia. Immigration Reform passed by few votes, giving the Democrats a victory.



**Affirmative Action.** After hours of debate time, students come to the subject of Affirmative Action. Democratic Representative Cody Weigand stated his opinion, attempting to win the Republicans' vote. "This bill will allow future generations to go to school. It will change the stereotypes that minorities don't want to go to college. It will help the future children of minorities become more eligible to go to college. This bill will help our society in the future, by raising smarter, and more educated people," said Weigand.



Sarah Brown



B5 Skrzypczak



Ashley Jefferson



Alexander Pirela



**War In Iraq.** Expressing his opinions during the heated debate regarding the War in Iraq, **Sam Mercado** speaks of staying on the defensive. "It seems to me very few people understand the true reason for why we invaded Iraq. Much of it does have to do with spreading democracy and freedom, but I believe that the real reason why we went into Iraq was because if we did not attack them they would have attacked us," said **Mercado**. In the session, **Mercado** was the assistant whip for Committee E of the Republican side.



**Affirmative Action.** The issue of Affirmative Action can be a very sensitive subject. Republican **Mark Dean** voiced his strong opinion in the matter. "I oppose this bill because it separates finances and gives all schools a set budget. It wasn't very well thought out because the majority of the schools will have less money than they have now. Smaller schools will have so much money and no place to spend it," said **Dean**. Affirmative Action failed during committee debates and in full session.



**Immigration Reform.** In the simulation, Democrats vote in favor of immigration reform, and the Republicans against it. Although she was a Democrat, **Jessica Bergmann** sided with the Republicans on this bill. "Fining illegal immigrants should be done, but we cannot take their money and call it truce. We need to crack down on illegal immigration, starting at the border between the US and Mexico," said **Bergmann**. The bill almost died, but the last committee of the Republican party gave the bill a final push, passing it in the end.



# F-9 Republicans



*"English is the official language of 51 countries. Most of these countries' primary language wasn't English to begin with. This bill would save our country money, because we wouldn't need to print things with government funding in multiple languages."  
-Talia Bangert*

**Through debate and discussion, Republicans use their voices to win votes from the opposing side.**



Government

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# Learning formulas in both subjects, students test their knowledge through experiments and quizzes.

With 19 math and science classes for students to choose from, taking extra classes became a common practice. In the science department, Botany, Human Anatomy and Physiology, AP Chemistry and Biology were just a few choices offered to students. "I took Botany because it sounded like fun. It was a good choice because **Mrs. Stieglitz** was a great teacher and she made the class enjoyable. We did awesome projects like growing flowers and making flower arrangements. I would definitely recommend it to other students," said **Julia Shuliga**.

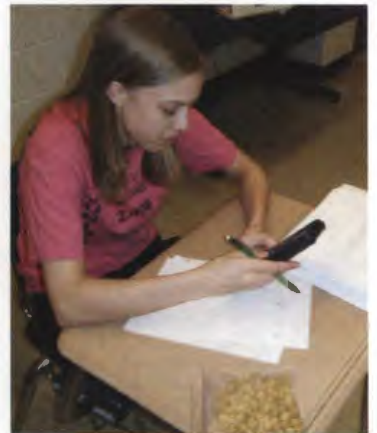
Meanwhile, when the bell rang at the beginning of the period, students entered their math course. The math courses provided

were often difficult for students, challenging the knowledge they obtained throughout their lives. Many teachers tried to make the courses more fun, so the students could enjoy the class instead of feeling pressured by it. "**Mr. Fox** added graphics and sounds to the smart board. I liked when he did this because math was a tough subject for me and he made it easier to pay attention," said **Lindsey Gehrke**.

The math and science departments were filled with teachers that cared about the subject they taught and the students they were teaching...and it definitely showed.

-Ashley Dunn

**Two AP Calculus Courses.** Listening to **Mrs. Arnold** teach AP Calculus BC, one of the hardest math courses available, **Marcos Hernandez** writes notes in his notebook. "I enjoyed teaching a hard course because all the students who take it were clearly dedicated to learning," said **Arnold**.



**8 Advanced Formulas.** After learning about derivatives, **Katie Bell** completed her assignment. In Calculus, taking extensive notes was crucial to passing the tests and doing well in the course.



**12 Labs.** Chemistry is a course required for most students. "Chemistry included a lot of hands on labs and experiments. It was my favorite part of the class because the experiments were always difficult, fun, and interesting at the same time," said **Emily Pashke**.



**6 Years.** Teaching here for six years, **Mr. Rice** makes his chemistry class fun, but educational. "Students enter my class with little knowledge about the subject and leave with knowledge that will help them forever," said **Rice**. With a wide range of knowledge, **Rice** has taught many classes, including Biology, Chemistry, and AP Chemistry.

19 Courses



**4 Fun Seasons.** Teachers and students come together to celebrate the four seasons and many holidays in Advisory. These activities tended to be the students' favorites, putting a break in their schedules. "Winter is my favorite time in Advisory, especially when we watch holiday movies," said **Kelly Leveille** while watching *Home Alone Three*.



**23 Minutes.** Reading announcements is a daily occurrence in Advisory. Announcements allowed the students to become aware of the events at school without taking time away from class. "Without announcements there would be a lot of things in the school I wouldn't know about," said **Francisco Correa**.

**34 Reading Days.** On every Thursday of each week teachers plan to have their students read. Working on reading skills were not tedious for some, and most participated. "I don't mind reading, as long I have a good book," said **Mary Connolly**.



**Two Activities A Week.** Participating in an activity during 6B Advisory, **Molly Castelvechi** and **Robert Windisch** enjoy what Advisory has to offer. "I like to watch *We-Go-Through-the-Tube* and chill with my friends," said **Windisch** of his favorite aspects of the scheduled events.

## With no assignments or homework, Advisory allows students to step away from the realities of school.

For the second year in a row, students found the split period of Advisory on their schedules. Originally, Advisory was meant to stop taking time away from teachers' curriculum because the announcements always took place during classes. It gave students a place to hear announcements and watch *We-Go-Through-the-Tube*.

This half period that occurred before or after lunch hours also had another purpose. For underclassmen, it was used to prepare for the ups and downs of their high school career. For the upperclassmen, Advisory helped with study habits and with plans of the future. "The Advisory Program provides an opportunity for all students

to define, create, and sustain a culture of success at Community High School," said **Mr. Covino**, the head of the program.

While many people criticized the program, Advisory initiated the competition and compassion of each classroom of students. "A lot of focus is on getting to know each other and to reflect on the students' role in the community," said **Ms. Brown**, an Advisory adviser.

Whether it was designing the best door for Homecoming Week or helping out those in need, Advisory brought out the best of its students.

- Jesse Rogers & Madeline Warkins

# 120 Advisory Classes



# For the past 10 years plus, Steppers have tried to become a recognized activity. Now they are Diamonds.

Despite limited space and the need for two tryouts, the Diamond Step team was a diverse and united team. Striving to express spirit through rhythm and movement, the Diamonds added meaning with the high energy movement at every performance. Their movements may have looked different from one another, but they mimicked the beats heard inside the steppers' heads.

For the past ten years, the Step team has been in existence however they've been recognized as an activity for the last two years. Performing at the Pep Assemblies, Mr. Wildcat, and competitions, Diamond Steppers showed students how to stomp the yard.

First time Coach **Amanda**

**Cordes** learned and taught the meaning of dedication. "I made a lot of sacrifices for the team but it was worth it," said **Cordes**.

Captains **Brittani Rollins** and **Ashley Jefferson** agreed on the slogan, "Our only competition...perfection," would appear on the back of their T-shirts. "When I first heard it, it rang a bell. It said to me that no matter what place we take at competition our only true competitors are ourselves. Getting over the fear of being in front of people and coming together to sound like one was our competition. That was it," said **Jefferson**.

-Ashley Jefferson

**2 Hands, 3 Sounds.** "Hit, Snap, Clap" is a beat the Steppers made their own from the beginning of the season. "It's easy, 'Hit Snap Clap, Hit Hit, Snap Clap Snap, Hit Snap Clap, Hit Hit Snap.' Then you have to say what? It's fun and simple. Once you have it, it's impossible to forget it," said **Hadama Thomson**.



**1st Time for Everything.** Stepping for her first time, **Alison Place** makes it a passion of her own. "Once I got the different beats and dance moves, I loved it," said **Place**.



**1 Devoted Captain.** Practice makes an individual and a team better, and **Brittani Rollins** understands just that. "Coming in over breaks were not the best experience, but all the practicing overtime was worth it when it was time to perform," said **Rollins**.



**2 Airborn Diamonds.** Stepping doesn't limit you to just hands and feet when you are on the Diamond Step Team. Steppers **Biridiana Garcia** and **Lisbeth Bernal** were consistent with the jumps. Going up and coming down in unison. "We would jump, lay on the ground, use our partners and anything else within our reach to create a new sound and a different look," said **Garcia**.



**Four Years in Africa.** Teaching 26 students, **Ms. Daneels** loves to inspire them. "Leadership is influence. If you influence, you can be a leader," said **Daneels**. In Africa, **Daneels** realized that there was still much to be done. The We-Go to Africa project was one service that was expected to continue for years to come, because the class won't grow tired.



**Seven Paint Cans.** While painting the banner to promote We-Go to Africa events, **Caitlin Shiga** shows dedication to the class. "We-Go to Africa has turned into a legacy from the time I was a freshman until now. Our program has not only gained local recognition but international recognition also," said **Shiga**.



**One Kind Heart.** At the Rise Up event, community leader **Kathleen Mason** shows her kindness by serving others corn mush, beans, pineapple, chicken, and bread to each table for dinner. The meal was influenced by foods in Angola.



**One Event. One Class. One Dream.** Waiting for the Rise International Presentation to start, students of Community Leadership became anxious. "After I watched Rise Up, it made me want to work harder to achieve my goal of making a difference in a person's life," said **Katelyn Petrusaitis**.



## Around the community, 26 students help others through service.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," said **Margaret Mead** in this quote that served as an inspiration for **Ms. Daneels'** Community Leadership Seminar. The 26 students involved in the seminar strived to make a difference one country at a time. Taking care of not only themselves, these students were also taking care of the less fortunate children in Angola. Working with Rise International, the company with which Community Leadership partnered to help Angola, meant attending Rise events. On November 8th 2008, some of the students of the seminar attended one of the biggest Rise events, Rise Up. At Rise Up, people from around the country walked though the lives of one Angolan child. Out of all the Children in Angola 60 percent are not

able to go to school, but Rise and others want to decrease that number, so our school raised a significant amount of money to build a new one. Now 47,000 more Angolans have a place to go to school.

In addition to the Angola effort, this class also helped around the community. Each student in the class had to complete 60 hours of community service. These students worked at multiple places around the area to make a difference, from cleaning cages for animals to working with refugees. "Playing soccer with the kids at world relief was so amazing and helped me set my priorities straight. They have so little but are some of the happiest people that I know, I love working with them," said **Ethan Dean**.

*Kimberly Mengel*

155 Service Sites



Community Leadership

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**10 Percussionists Members.** The clock hits 7:30 pm, and right away the sound of the Marching Band's drums echoes throughout Memorial Stadium. To inspire the football players for battle, the drum line led by **Brian Lustro**, **Nick Fedeschi**, **Kurt Johnson**, and **Joanna Wierenga** played the traditional song "Cadence." A percussion based song, "Cadence" accompanied the warm-up song, "Down With The Sickness." With the beating of the drums, these band members prepared players and fans for the upcoming game.

**3 Performing Sticks.** While waving the Color Guard flag, **Ariel Brieda** performs a routine matching the rhythm of the songs playing by the band. During the halftime shows, the Color Guard members twirled one orange pole, one blue and white flag, and a rainbow flag.



**180 Spins.** During the half-time show, **Carrie Liszka** comes into Memorial Stadium field, along with her fellow Color Guard members and the Marching Band, preparing to perform a routine from the song "Mr. Roboto." According to **Liszka**, "It's hard not to think about the big crowd, but I just have to think about doing my best, and not dropping the flag."



**3 Drum Majors.** Drum Major **David Hiltner** leads the band during the Homecoming parade. For **Hiltner**, it was his third year that he had been honored to be the drum Major. Other Drum Majors included **Brendan McCormack** and **Joseph Wais**.



**6 Trumpet Players.** For the fourth year **David Lustro** is playing the trumpet while in the Homecoming parade. "Every time I step out on the field, the cheerleaders shout, 'Go Dave!'" said **Lustro**.



**5 Wind Players.** Performing a piece by Styx, **Kelly Level**, who plays the piccolo, marches in the annual Homecoming parade. Marching step by step, **Level** focused on keeping her steps to the beat of the songs that the rest of the Marching Band is playing.



David Peace

P. Danning

D. Vasquez

Jacklyn Coughlan

**4 Halftime Performances.** After a show, the members of the Marching Band and Color Guard, including **Kyle Hunter, David Clark, and Kelli Lyne**, walk up to the bleachers next to the Squad and play songs for the remainder of the football game. Songs such as: "Hey Baby," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and "Hips Don't Lie" by Shakira, were all sung by the Squad members and rest of the home crowd.



**360 Twirl.** After spraining her wrist early in the season, **Stephanie Rogers** makes a full recovery and performs in the Homecoming parade. **Rogers** was on the team since freshman year and planned to be on the team during her senior year as well.

**2 Baritone Players.** While marching in the parade, **Jacob Kimball** plays "Mr. Roboto" to go along with the rest of the marching band from the theme Styx.



**55 Performers.** Every year during Homecoming week, the Color Guard leads the Marching Band in the annual parade. The sign that **Jake Neuman** and **Nathan Schweitzer** held was bought by the Music Boosters ten years ago. The band continued to use this sign in all of their performances throughout the school year.

## When 116 feet step out onto Memorial Field, with 18 flags and 40 instruments, the music from the Marching Band and Color Guard sounds perfect to the note.

On four Friday nights between the months of September and October, the Marching Band and Color Guard members marched their way into Memorial Stadium preparing to perform a halftime show inspired by Styx. During the summer, the Marching Band and Color Guard worked hard learning the 30 pages of drill sheets that they were given.

Throughout the football season, the Marching Band and Color Guard practiced every Thursday night. All the members of the band and Color Guard were required to practice before the upcoming performance. The band was made up of 40 musicians, including three Drum Majors, **Brendan McCormack, David Hiltner, and Joseph Wais**. The Color Guard was made up of 18 performers. "Per-

forming pieces of music allows you to appreciate the time which was put into making it," said **Kevin Szul**, who played the trumpet.

Where the band played, **Mr. Govertsen** directed. **Govertsen**, the director, became the heart and soul of the group, according to several musicians who followed his direction. Every performer was certain that **Govertsen** would be heard with his megaphone on every Thursday practice. "My soul is owned by the West Chicago Band, and it's being held in the school's safety deposit box," said **Govertsen**. Along with **Govertsen**, the Color Guard Director **Kathy Steere** also played a huge part in the performances by choreographing the dances.

-Avin Gable

# 58 Performers



Marching Band and Color Guard

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# A Common Thread

Despite the variety of instruments Band members play, they all share a common interest of producing beautiful music.



**20 Songs Per Season.** According to David Lustro, the band's songs include: "Hips Don't Lie," "Superstition," "Don't Stop Believin'," and "Centerfold." "I was a member of band for eight years, and I love playing the trumpet," said Lustro.



**The Three Tubas.** With talent, Jacqueline Leeseberg, William Heinze, and James Maguire play their instruments. "I've been playing tuba for eight years, and I enjoy it because it's a great way to meet people at school," said Heinze.



Kevin Szulc



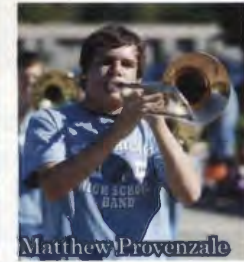
Kelli Lyne



Gregory Lyne



Megan Green



Matthew Provenzale



**20 Buttons.** Playing his saxophone, Anthony Nolzaco concentrates on watching the drum majors so he can keep himself on beat. "I started playing the sax because my cousin played it. We were always close, and it looked fun," said Nolzaco.



**Two Drumsticks.** Exercising his drumming abilities, Kurt Johnson keeps the beat for everyone to hear on his snare drum. "I really like playing the snare drum because it's a great deal of fun, and it can also be challenging," said Johnson.



Clay Iselinto



Pablo Quintana



Shawn Station



Lamar Moore





**70% Copper and 30% Zinc.** Playing to music chosen by Mr. Govertsen, the school's band director, Lia Smith belts out her tune on the mellophone. "I joined band because I love music, and band was a way to be a part of it. Four years later, some of my best memories are from band," said Smith.



**One Huge Clap.** Keeping watch for the right beat, William Burke stands at the ready to bang his symbols together. Burke's sound with the symbols was essential in bringing the song "Mr. Roboto" and "Centerfold" to a tight and strong finish.



**Two Eyes.** Reading the music from her stand, Elizabeth Fortner contributes her part to the band's unique sound. Fortner put a lot of effort into her music and always tries her hardest while marching.



Rebecca Hooper



Keyin Curda



Andrea Jensen



Kelly Leveille



Alejandro Perez



Coralyn Kutzner



**39 Flags.** Showing off talent and dancing skills, Lorena Orizaba proudly wears her school's colors on her Color Guard uniform while performing to "Rockin the Paradise," as made famous by Styx. One of the fifteen flags Orizaba used also sported white and blue.



**Four Beats per Minute.** Counting out the beats, Drum Major David Hiltner keeps the members of the band on time and in focus with the song. "At first I felt awkward because I was a drum major as a Sophomore, but as a Senior, I feel strongly about instructing my peers," said Hiltner.



**Three Terrific Tooters.** Performing with flutes as one unique sound, Molly Valdez, Kevin Bicek, and Erica Smith all play the same notes to add that unique pitch to the band's many numbers.



A Calderon



Maddeline Dall



Aman Marcellin

# 57 Beautiful Voices

## With different choir classes, the difficulty of hitting the right note inspires these singers to sing their best.

As melodies fill the hallways, the Choir works to sing each song in perfect tune and pitch. Each year, new songs are given to the students to learn and sing in the seasonal concerts. Songs like "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Hide and Seek" made Choir fun because they were recognizable songs.

A few students who were in Concert Choir were also in the Chamber Choir. To join Chamber Choir, a student needed to audition.

Few people were a part of the Chamber Choir because it was more work. However, the people that took the time to learn all of these songs and work hard were those who were extremely passionate about singing and would do anything to grow as musicians. Along with the 14 to 16 songs that the members were required to learn for Concert Choir, people in the Chamber Choir were assigned over 30 more songs.

While choosing the

right music was always a difficult task, there was a method to choosing music that everybody enjoyed. "Mr. Fantozzi, our director, picked music that went with the theme of the season. We sing Christmas carols during the winter and fun, peppy music in the spring. It is always fun to get new music and it really puts you in the spirit of the holiday," said **Chelsea Ross**.

-Ashley Dunn

**11 Seniors.** Leading a class through difficult pitches and lending a hand to new singers, **Allison Navadomskis**, **Katrina Beedle**, and other seniors help **Mr. Fantozzi** at the concerts. "As one of eight senior girls, it has been a pleasure to be in Choir all four years," said **Beedle**.



**16 Males.** The baritones and tenors bring the music down an octave. **Raymond Redmond**, **James Laiter**, and **Ethan Dean** were three of 16 males that enriched the music.



**1 Pianist.** Every song that is sung for each choir is accompanied by the melodies of pianist, **Mr. Benner**. With the talent Benner displays, he inspires choir members such as **Carrie Liszka**, **Rebekah Babis**, **Amy Ratliff** and **Kristina Kalin** to perfectly match his harmonic songs.

**1 Pitch Pipe.** To begin every song that the Chamber Choir sings, a pitch pipe is used to play the first note of every song. By doing this, Chamber Choir knew exactly what pitch to sing and perfectly performed the song. "Without the pitch pipe, we would all be lost because we would all start on different notes and the song would end up sounding terrible!" said **Emily Roberts**.



**8 Strings.** Playing the bass, the deepest sound of the Orchestra, **Zachary McNeil** and **Jesse Hacker** concentrate on keeping in tune with the rest of the musicians. "I started playing the bass in fourth grade because all my friends and I were going to join, but I was the only one to follow through. I chose the bass because it was the biggest of all the instruments," said **McNeil**.



**3/4 the Standard Size.** Playing a smaller version of the 50-inch cello, **Anthony Soliven** and **Anthony Hasbun** wait for their cues to join into the harmony that has already begun. "I work hard for orchestra, I practice around three and a half hours every week," said **Hasbun**.

**18 Hours of Devotion.** Being a member of track, swimming, clubs, and volunteering, **Kelly Loftus** manages playing the violin into her schedule. "The only reason I can manage is because I love doing everything I do," added **Loftus**.



**4 Eyes.** Watching the instructor while playing, **Raelene Struckmeyer** and **Katrina Turzinski** concentrate on playing in harmony with the rest of the orchestra. After two postponed concerts, due to weather conditions, **Struckmeyer** and **Turzinski** finally played at their winter concert.

## Despite snow storms and busy schedules, these students worked for perfection in every performance.

In perfect harmony, orchestra worked tirelessly to captivate the crowds at their concerts. With four concerts throughout the year and four to five songs to learn for each concert, the excellence they strove for showed their true dedication to music and fine arts. "I really loved the type of students I was able to teach; they were smart, motivated, dedicated, and above all good people," said **Mr. Govertsen**, the orchestra director.

With school and orchestra, many students had to find time in their busy schedules to finish their homework along with practicing their instruments. Music was more than another class for these students. "I love playing music. It brought new

horizons. You don't just play the music. You learn about who wrote the music, and the history of what you are playing," added **Ashley Michnick**.

Playing from Bach to Tchaikovsky, these students not only expanded their levels of creativity, but also their need for knowledge of music and its past. While students can only take orchestra for four years, they are able to grasp concepts that will last for a lifetime. "Once, the stage lights went out and no one could see their music sheets. I learned from that we don't need lighting to perform. All we need to perform is passion, dedication, and cell phones," added **Caitlin Shiga**.

-Tyler Christ

130 Hours of Practice



# After weeks and weeks of preparation, the actors put their scripts to the test in the original comedy, *All in the Timing*.

Talent swept the acting scene in the comedy, *All in the Timing*. The play used classic puns and metaphors to create genius results. The sharp adaptation of David Ives' eight original skits bonded the unrelated acts together into one production. **Lucas Valdez** described the play as different, fun, and original. "I felt the play had such a unique twist," said **Valdez**.

One of the skits was known as "Universal Language." It starred actors **David Hiltner** and **Rebekah Babis**. The two tried to communicate with each other using a new language called Unamunda. It left the audience with a positive impression and confusion. "The combination of the acts worked well together, just like bacon and eggs," said

**Hiltner**.

After efficient work on the production, it was opening night on November 13th. Rehearsing for weeks, **Chelsea Ross** showed off her comedic chops when she

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portrayed the role of Jill, in "English Made Simple," with co-star **Philip Lenertz**. "This skit was great because it illustrated the normal party everyone has once been to," said **Ross**.

The newest actors landed lead roles as well, like **Demetria Demas**, cast as Betty, a woman who met Bill, played by **Tony**

**Wondolkowski**. In a coffee shop, they stirred up various conversations on topics that dealt with life and interests. "It was great to interact with the audience and make them laugh. Being on stage was absolutely exhilarating," said **Demas**.

The eight skits portrayed in the play were entertaining as well as funny. The cast and crew were satisfied with the ending reaction, from the auditions to roll call on the last performing night. "Nothing was a better feeling than having the curtains fall. We walked off the stage knowing that the show was an absolute hit and that our performances were our bests," added **Wondolkowski**.

- Lauran Hon

24 Scripts



### "Seven Menus!"

A circle of friends, including **Rebekah Babis**, meet up at a place for lunch. "I loved the audience's reaction when we switched places and each had their own story," said **Babis**.



### A Single Pair

"Sure Thing" draws the attention to **Tony Wondolkowski** and **Demetria Demas** who meet at a coffee shop. "I loved being in the act, and showing the possible outcomes," said **Demas**.

### Simple as 1, 2, 3

Rehearsing their simple dialogue, **Jill** and **Jack** soon find that it only takes three minutes to determine two people's lives forever. **Chelsea Ross** and **Phillip Lenertz** were the night's rising stars in this scene of positive looks on life.



### One Mystery

Playing an oblivious inspector, **Phil Lenertz** tries to find the murderers of another character, played by **Tony Wondolkowski**. "The Mystery at Twicknam at Vicarage" is the classic murder mystery case," said **Sarah Brown**.



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Fall Play





**Final Act.** There is nothing like a game of Clue for this investigation. **Philip Lenertz** played the role of Inspector Harry Dexter as the suspects, played by **David Hiltner**, **Elizabeth Fortner**, and **Sarah Brown**, tried to cover up the scene of the dead body. When the production came to a close, the cast and crew were rewarded with the applause from the audience. Director **Mrs. Hafertepe** enjoyed the play because the students generated the ideas and ran the show. "The one act plays provided many students the opportunity to the develop a character in a short amount of time and sell it to the audience," said **Hafertepe**.



**Many Options.** Choosing what they wanted to eat out of seven menus is a difficult task for **Megan Tennis**, **Noah Strayve**, and **Angelica Nava**.



**Two of a Kind.** Inventing an all new language is simple for **David Hiltner**. "It was so phenomenal," added **Hiltner** about the resulting confusion.



**One Copywrite.** Monkeys writing with typewriters is a classic skit of satire. **Gregory Lyne** and **Anthony Soliven** show the humor in all "Words, Words, Words" in this skit.



**A Loaf of Bread.** The creative **Philip Glass** feels like buying bread. **Emma Roberts**, **Thomas Harms**, **Samantha Lauf**, and **Victoria Snell** moved about the room rhythmically to his original musical compositions as it comically fed into the act.



**Two Odd Worlds.** The obvious city stereotypes are apparent when **Bradley Cole** and **Lucas Valdez** discover the Philadelphia attitude being completely out of the norm. "This skit was quite a unique scene. I really enjoyed the humor," said **Valdez**.



Connie Kim



Ali Demant



Shawn Station

# The winter play, *Mrs. McThing*, takes an interesting turn of events as Mrs. Larue, one of the main characters, receives a phone call from her distressed son.

As the auditorium filled, the actors ran through backstage applying make-up and putting on their costumes. The technical crew prepared song recordings and sound effects. The cast and crew of *Mrs. McThing*, directed by **Charles A. Berglund**, showed their talents on Thursday, February 19.

The play focused on a boy named Howay, played by **Joseph Wais**, and his mother Belle Larue, played by **Emily Roberts**. Act One started with Mrs. Larue talking to her maid Carrie, played by **Abigail Contreras**. When the audience first saw Howay, he was very prim and proper. Throughout the play, the audience learned that Howay was replaced as a stick because of the witch, Mrs. McThing, played by **Nadia Pelletier** and

**Kelsey Fiegle**, who lived up in the mysterious Blue Mountains. The stick was there as a form of punishment to Mrs. Larue because she wouldn't let a girl named Mimi, played by **Chelsea Ross**, play with her son. Later,

*"I had no idea what had happened. We went outside and waited for the firemen."*

Mrs. Larue met with the real Howay and they became stuck together in the Shantyland Pool Hall. Mrs. McThing put a stick in Mrs. Larue's place to punish her further. From there, the play focused on their struggles living with three mobsters who own the place. In the end, Mimi helped the family back into their home.

In the closing scene of

the play, the audience received an unexpected surprise when the school fire alarms started to ring. "I was midline when the fog machine set off the fire alarms. I had no idea what happened at first. Everyone had to exit. We went outside and waited for the firemen," said **Ross**. Sadly, the show did not go on. The alarms only interrupted the last two minutes of the play, and the audience didn't miss much.

The cast practiced every day after school. "Once during practice, I had techno beats stuck in my head, so I started dancing backstage. I hadn't realized everyone was looking at my booty shake. Every practice after that, I always did my booty shake. It was like our own little thespian tradition," said **Wais**.

-Ashley Troia



**1 Picky Chef.** Taking names and orders, the waiter in *Mrs. McThing*, **Noah Strayve** reports to the chef who only takes a few special orders, **James Alfaro**.



**2 Glaring Eyes.** Playing the part of the ugly witch, **Nadia Pelletier** bursts through a cloud of fog to reveal what the other characters were running frightfully from.

**1 Kid, No Mom.** With the only song in the play, "Motherless Child," head mobster **Anthony Wondolkowski** explains to **Joseph Wais** the importance of having a mother who loves him. Later, **Wondolkowski's** two mobster companions joined in on the melody.



**1 Distant View.** Pointing in the distance, **Emily Roberts** explains to **Sarah Brown** how a witch named Mrs. McThing lives up in the Blue Mountains. She also tells of how a little girl came down to play with her son, who acted more polite than usual with the young girl's arrival.



Elaine Campos



S. Romanelli



Sarah Kimball



K. Turzanski

1 Confusing Call



**18 Train Cars.** Playing the role of Howay, both as a stick and as a real boy, **Joseph Wais** explains to **Chelsea Ross** how he wants to be a part of the three mobsters at the Shantyland Pool Hall. **Ross** continually argued with **Wais** about how she liked him and wanted to play with him. On and off the stage, the actors worked together to make *Mrs. McThing* fall into place. "Dress rehearsal was the very first time I got to practice my costume changes. I was five minutes late getting onto the stage the first time. I didn't realize I really only had about 20 seconds to change into each outfit," said **Wais**.



**1 Mother.** Convincing **Chelsea Ross** that she shouldn't play with her son, **Emily Roberts** tries to explain why the two are a bad match for each other.



**One Embrace.** Excited about the new mob membership that **Joseph Wais** accepted, **Tyler Austgen** grabs the runaway in his arms to parade around the lunchroom.



**2,000 Thoughts.** Wondering where Howay is, **Abigail Contreras** is the only one that think something happened because he's not himself.



**Three Mobsters.** Making plans of their night to come, **Jacob Kimball**, **Anthony Wondolkowski**, and **Tyler Austgen** attempt to be sly and secretive. The plan was to sneak into Larue Towers, make it seem like they were helping, and run with the loot.



**3 Sisters.** Playing as the Loomis sisters in *Mrs. McThing*, **Devon Tuma**, **Samantha Lauf**, and **Sarah Brown** sit with **Emily Roberts** and **Joseph Wais**. The sisters gossiped and quarreled about how their neighbors looked and acted.



# With a crash of drums and a flash of light, the cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and its four sold out shows amaze the audience.

On four consecutive days in May, audiences filled Weyrauch Auditorium to see the spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Based on the biblical story, the musical shares the magical story of how a boy from Canaan brings together a family of 13 after a long journey of suffering, despair, and hardship.

**Nikolas Kmiecik** took the stage as Joseph, the boy who was envied by his 11 brothers for being the favorite son. When their hate for **Kmiecik's** character took over, the brothers, including **Jeffrey Pierpoint**, **Thomas Harms**, and **Kevin Curda**, beat up Joseph and sold him into slavery.

During the musical, narrators **Carissa Gouskos** and

**Megan Green** led the audience through Joseph's hardships. "What I liked the most about the performances was the energy that the crowd had. It seemed like they really enjoyed the performances," said **Green**.

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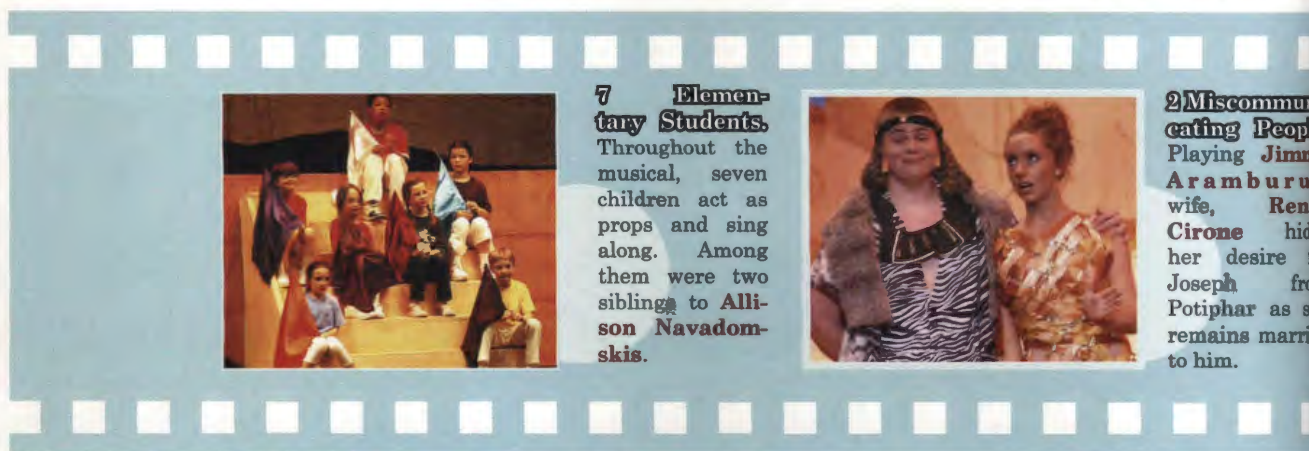
After traveling through the desert, being sold to slavery, and then sent to jail, **Kmiecik** catches a break. The Pharaoh, played by **David Hiltner**, needed someone to interpret his dream, giving **Kmiecik** the

chance to rise from the gutters of despair. When Joseph's brothers repented for what they did to their brother, the story ends with happiness and a final song.

Along with the 89 students who acted, composed, assisted, and danced in the play, seven elementary school children helped out. Singing along with the chorus, the kids acted as props and enjoyed the story unfolding in front of them.

"It was difficult having my siblings helping with the play because I felt like sometimes I had to babysit them, but the show really turned out well and we had a lot of fun," said **Allison Navadomskis**, a sibling to two of the elementary school children who performed in the show.

-Lisa Giordano



### 7 Elementary Students.

Throughout the musical, seven children act as props and sing along. Among them were two siblings to Allison Navadomskis.



### 2 Miscommunicating People

Playing Jimmy Aramburu's wife, Rene Cirone hides her desire for Joseph from Potiphar as she remains married to him.

### 1 Elvis Impersonating Pharaoh.

Swinging his hips like no other, the Pharaoh, played by **David Hiltner**, wows the crowd. "I enjoyed playing Pharaoh. He switches personalities from a serious ruler to a swinging hipster," said **Hiltner**.



### 1 Favoring Father.

Showing compassion for his favorite son, Jacob, played by **Thomas Sanders**, makes the other brothers jealous. "I enjoyed playing a father, but when I'm a father, I won't favor one child," said **Sanders**.







**Four Sold Out Performances.** Packing the auditorium on four consecutive nights, the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* wows the crowd singing the final song in the musical, "Any Dream Will Do." This year was the first year that a musical had a Sunday matinee, and the cast and crew enjoyed every second of it. "I hadn't done another show before *Joseph*, so I can't say if it would have been much different, but it was an amazing show. It was wonderful to see such a large crowd come out and see us," said **Thomas Sanders**, the actor behind Joseph's bearded father, Jacob.



**11 Jealous Brothers.** Sold to Egyptian merchants by his brothers, **Nik Kmiecik's** character is forced to live as a slave. "Betrayal is the lowest of low," said **Kmiecik**.



**1 Wise Sphinx.** As she questions Joseph's actions, the Sphinx, **Sarah Brown**, appears and disappears. "I enjoyed playing the Sphinx. I got a solo," said **Brown**.



**2 Political Singers.** After interpreting the dream that the Pharaoh, played by **David Hiltner** had, Joseph becomes the Pharaoh's second in command.



**11 Sad Brothers.** Expressing their sadness for the loss of their brother, **Anthony Wondolkowski**, **Anthony Soliven**, and **William Heinz** raise their berets. "My character was the oldest of the brothers, making him stand out," said **Wondolkowski**.



**1 Infuriated Husband.** Potiphar makes a mistake when he sends Joseph to jail without knowing that his wife was yearning for Joseph. "Playing Mrs. Potiphar, I stepped out of my comfort zone but I had a blast playing her," said **Renee Cirone**.



W. Bladman



Matthew Watson



Ashley Jefferson

# As an IHSA team event, Speech Team competes at a new, challenging level with their highest numbers ever.

With the largest Speech Team in seven years, the 30 members were debatably the strongest yet. The team placed in multiple competitions throughout the season, making a name throughout the DVC. Speakers participate in competitions including the We-Go Invitational in November, DVC Tournament in January, and Verbally Yours and the IHSA regional competition in February. The Speech Team is led by Head Coach **Mr. Kling**, but is also coached by **Mr. Covino, Ms. Brown and Mrs. Wood**. The team has four captains, **Bill Heinze, Carrie Liszka, Katarzyna Grabiec and Sam Mercaldo**. "This was the biggest team I've coached. It is the most balanced team

in terms of upper and underclassmen. We had 11 events that made finals at IHSA Regionals. It was the most ever and was pretty exciting," said **Kling**.

At a typical competition, two members speak on three of thirteen events from Oratorical Declamation to Extemporaneous Speaking. The season started in October and continued through February with meetings every week, plus individual coaching times for each student's speech. The practices and coaching sessions paid off, with the team placing fourth at the DVC Tournament and tying for 4<sup>th</sup> at IHSA Regionals.

*-Megan Ogorzalek*

**4 Big Tournaments.** While preparing for the annual We-Go Invitational in November, **Karan Panchal** works on his facial expressions. The event was open to all students and parents to watch for no cost, and entertained audience members with colorful speeches and unique view points.



**1 Captain.** After two years on the team, **Sam Mercaldo** looks up to his coaches. "The coaches have been very helpful and encouraging. They excel at what they do," said **Mercaldo**.



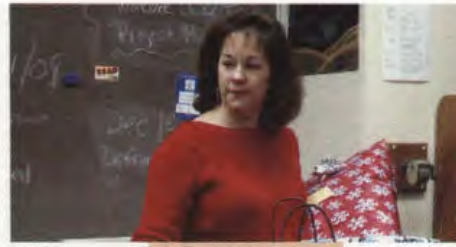
**30 Minutes.** Each member of the team individually meets with a coach for a personalized time to work on his or her speeches. "These coaching times really help me get my speech prepared and helps me gain confidence before a tournament," said **Veronica Salazar**.

**6 Concentrated Students.** While listening to their peers' lectures, Speech Team members are expected to act professionally and respectfully, and sometimes offer constructive criticism. **Shea Rogers, David Garcia, Kasha Grabiec, Carrie Liszka, and Sam Mercaldo** listened intently while waiting to perform their own individualized speeches.

14 Tournaments



**28 Helping Hands.** While working with many others who contributed to the fundraiser, **Ryan Crawford, Kyle Molskow** and **Colton Reif** begin wrapping presents. They arrived early and worked with the 11 other members to finish the present wrapping in time for Christmas. FBLA's fundraiser was under the belief that no child, regardless of age, should go without presents on December 25th.



**29 Determined Leaders.** One of the newest advisors of FBLA, **Mrs. Durbin** instructs the members to wrap presents in time to send them out. While most of the members' time was spent preparing for competition, many of the members helped **Durbin** deliver the presents to children throughout Winfield Township.

**4 Different Wrapping Paper.** On a Wednesday morning, **Dana Burgess** goes into Room 210 to wrap presents with other FBLA members, **Rebecca Cisowski, Stuart Sankovitch,** and **Jamie Roman**, who collected used toys from the students.



**27 Wrapped Presents.** With continuing dedication, **Matthew Zajac** and **Kyle Molskow** receive instructions from advisor, **Mrs. Wirth**. The two wrapped as many toys as possible and gave them to **Rebecca Cisowski** to be shipped that day. The presents were given to less fortunate children on Christmas.

## At all their competitions, the members of Future Business Leaders of America strive to succeed.

Every year the members of Future Business Leaders of America, also known as FBLA, meet to discuss current business topics. "FBLA increases your knowledge and mental strength, but it's not all work. It's also fun time to do activities, like the Variety Show," said President **Rebecca Cisowski**.

Members competed on subjects from business to career-related fields, focusing on the events in three categories: individual, team, and chapter. At the events,

they gave speeches, debated, and talked business ethics. "I am really looking forward to working with excellent students. This year, I want to bring every student to state," said **Mrs. Wirth**. After working hard all year around, members participated in fun activities within the community. "Going on trips, staying at hotels with my FBLA club buddies was great. The best part was the FBLA dance," said Officer **Ryan Crawford**. Many of the activities included fund-

raisers like the Variety Show and helping out underprivileged kids on Christmas that don't get much. "This year was my first year working with the advisor and I was very excited to be doing the competitions and activities," said **Mrs. Durbin**. The hard work and determination prepared the club members for a future in the business world, in which, they were bound to succeed.

*K. Oum & C. Tan*

FBLA Competitions





**21 Pairs of Gloves.** Finally reaching their destination at the Christmas Market, **Carlos Aca, Ivon Ayala, Iveth Ayala, Rabely Bañuelos, Benito Gomez, Mariela Marin, Lucas Cruz, Teresa Martinez, Miguel Moreno, Guadalupe Mendoza, Jeremy Martinez, Paola Martinez, Paloma Reyes, Viviana Cuautle, Dr. Sanders, Yesenis Marban, Dulce Flores, Mayra Valdez, Jose Arguello, Monica Reyes, and Maricela Medina** are eager to look at all the colorful Christmas lights and other decorations. While it was a somewhat cold evening, the group enjoyed each other's company while partying among downtown Chicago's decorations.

**Five Cold Hands.** Enjoying the warmth on the "L" train, **Paloma Reyes, Paola Martinez, Monica Reyes, Viviana Cuautle, and Filiberto Toxtlo** prepare themselves for the cold as they approach the Christmas Market.



**5 Fun Facts.** Anxiously preparing to board the train **Guadalupe Mendoza, Iveth Ayala, Francisca Perez and Ivon Ayala** can't wait to reach Pilsen, and the National Museum of Mexican Art, the only national museum dedicated to Mexican art. "Learning about culture and all the historical events made me proud to be Hispanic," said Ayala.



**Four Cups of Hot Chocolate.** After they each drink two cups of hot chocolate, **Ivon Ayala and Jeremy Martinez** finally warm up. The two walked around with cups in hand enjoying the wonderful Christmas decorations at the German Market.



**Two Years of Friendship.** After a long, exciting day in Chicago, **Carlos Aca and Rabely Bañuelos** are ready for a delicious dinner. They hung out in the plaza as they waited for their friends.



**Four Rosy Red Checks.** After spending an exciting and cold day in Chicago, **Iveth Ayala, Carlos Aca, Jorge Quiroz, and Miguel Moreno** sit down to rest their feet and warm up their hands as they wait for the train to arrive. Taking field trips throughout the school year was one of the many benefits of being in OLAS.



**27 Crafty Ornaments.** Traveling to the German Christmas Market, Viviana Cuautle, Paola Martinez, Paloma Reyes, Monica Reyes, Angelica Perez, Maricela Medina, Jose Arguello, and Mayra Valdez plan to bring home colorful and crafty Christmas ornaments to their families. With all the field trips that took place, each and every student enjoyed having fun and learning at the same time.



**Two-Tired Feet.** After a long day of walking in the cold and switching trains constantly, Dr. Sanders stays comfortable on the train from the Christmas Market. Sanders described this experience as one of the best.

**Two Smiles of Success.** Pleased with their success of this trip, Dr. Sanders and Mr. Poulterer taste their hot chocolate when they arrive at the Christmas Market.



**45 New Friends.** Playing games and meeting peers is exactly what Angelica Perez, Iveth Ayala, Guadalupe Mendoza, Francisca Perez, and Ivon Ayala plan to do at the OLAS Mixer. "In OLAS, you go new places and meet new people. You have a chance to share ideas and hang out together," said Mendoza. With the help of Dr. Sanders, the students in OLAS made memories that will never fade.

45 Waves

# OLAS, meaning "waves" in Spanish, lets these students learn about multiple cultures while making new friends.

Only meeting once a month, members of OLAS always stayed busy whether they were planning field trips and activities or making new friends. OLAS, of the Organization of Latin America Students, gave students an opportunity to meet and make friends with other students of any ethnic background. Students were introduced to cultural events in the nearby city of Chicago.

The Dalai Lama once said, "Old friends pass away, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend -- or a meaningful day." Dr. Sanders, advisor of OLAS, said that she believes that these words best describe OLAS

and its mission. Being able to travel to different places with close friends made the club fun for everyone. The first of the year involved a trip to Millennium Park to see the Whirling Dervishes from Turkey, mystical dancers who go into a trance as they spin to music.

Whether it was visiting the National Museum of Mexican Art or drinking hot chocolate at the German Christmas Market, the members enjoyed each and every experience with new and old friends.

-Connie Tan





**1 Largo Group.** In style and on time, **Kyle Garramone, Amy Volk, Savanna Fulmer, Marilu Luna, Oscar Avila, Eric Anderstrom** and **Jessica Mitsch** are the first group of students to arrive at the Holiday Pep Assembly. They waited in anticipation for the wild games of the winter assembly to begin. "The pep assemblies are good. There are always interesting things that happen. Like when the seniors usually win, that's great," said **Anderstrom**. Just like some of the other students who attended the assembly, We-Go Buddies had the privilege of sitting front row closest to the action.

**8 Flags.** During We-Go in with Pride, an assembly dedicated to freshmen, **A.J. Trada** completes his strides towards success. **Trada** paid attention throughout the assembly to successfully assimilate into the new school.

**Four Friends.** It is always nice to let loose and enjoy a day away from classes. During time with guest speaker, **Eddie Slowikowski**, both **Jonathon Lopez** and **Marilu Luna** showed off by participating in **Simon Says**, an icebreaker. Striving for greater and better opportunities, **Lopez** and **Luna** looked past the obstacles and shook loose with other incoming freshmen.



**1 Mic.** Standing at the microphone at Enchanted Castle in Lombard, IL, **Anthony Leidig** puts on a show for friends and staff to enjoy during their day of fun.

**1 Seat Belt.** According to **Oscar Avila**, safety comes first. Riding shot gun in the parade, **Avila** waved to the students he passed. "I had a great time seeing people wave at me," said **Avila**. "It was always a pleasure to get out and enjoy some sun."



**250 Ford.** During the Homecoming Parade **Maxine Kennedy, Tatiana Ramirez** and **Amanda Hempe** enjoy riding in the back of the 250 Ford. Partaking in the events made Homecoming week enjoyable for the We-Go Buddies. "Being in the truck was fun, I liked being a part of Homecoming Week," said **Hempe**.



# 43 Buddies

**6 Wheels.** At the first pep assembly of the year, **Kyle Garramone**, **Amy Volk**, and **Luke Varas** enjoy the entertainment. "I may be one of the three students in a wheelchair at this school, but I don't look at it as a setback. It's nice not having to walk everywhere. I do get out and walk with assistance, but I've grown accustomed to my chair and it's not as bad as others may think. I'm always in the front. That is great," said **Garramone**.



**1 Strong Bond.** The time spent together makes each person in We-Go Buddies feel a connection. **Hope Schmidt** relaxed with **Ms. Carlos** at the Winter Pep Assembly. "It's nice to see Hope smile and know I'm part of the reason," said **Ms. Carlos**.



**8 Letters.** As the pep assembly begins, **Shawn Kiser** waits for the games to begin. **Kiser** wore his favorite t-shirt, **CSI**, hoping to one day be a part of the program.



**12 Knights and 7 Ladies.** Taking a trip to the past, these students visit the Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Illinois. There, they enjoyed a timeless meal with entertainment, watching as their knight faced off against the green knight. The time they shared together as the battle raged on left them with fond memories.



## For these students, friendships and life long memories come from compassionate hearts.

The We-Go Buddies program started in 2001 and was first called Best Buddy, a universal organization designed to make the separation of general education students and special need students less evident.

The program provided an environment comfortable for students with learning disabilities by incorporating scheduled events for every month. The program wouldn't have been successful if it wasn't for the students who volunteered their time to be the buddies. "A buddy makes learning easier. It's like we make big problems to them small just by being there," said **Jonathon Lopez**.

With the impressive amount of time spent with each other, the members considered

themselves a family. "When I'm at We-Go Buddies, I have fun. It's like a home away from home," said **Raymond Redmond**.

From bonfires to a trip to Enchanted Castle, the fun never ended. "We hope that the relationships created aren't just within the school walls. It's about getting the students comfortable with communicating with students that are different. It's become a passion of mine since I started," said **Mrs. Cook**. Starting with 43 applicants, We-Go Buddies was formed to help students that needed classes focused on individual need. Now, it is a friendship created while students learn at a pace that best suited them.

*-A. Jefferson and C. Kim*



**Josef Pavlica**



**James Lattier**



**Jessi Bass**



**Kelli Grimm**



# These competitors have more than what it takes to make it through the school day. They have LifeSmarts.

The two LifeSmarts Teams brought pride and nationwide recognition to West Chicago when they competed at the Ultimate Consumer Challenge in St. Louis on April 25-28. After taking 2nd in State and winning the Illinois State Competition, team members **Steven Romanelli, William Burke, Diana Martinez, Rebecca Cisowski, Danielle Brown, Samuel Wais, Stuart Sankovitch, William Heinze, Ryan Stirrup, and Jonathan Kinsella** rose to the challenge against 30 other states.

Coached by **Mr. Zabelin**, the team used their knowledge of financial management, technology, the environment, consumer rights, health and safety. These

students participated in mock LifeSmarts games and put countless hours into preparing for the event. "The competition this year was more skilled and competitive. We had meetings, study materials, practice questions and practice buzzers to help the teams keep up with the competition," said **Mr. Zabelin**.

Other than putting forward their best efforts, the students actually enjoyed being a part of LifeSmarts. "**Mr. Zabelin** was a great coach and I got to bond with all my teammates. I learned a lot and it was a stimulating experience," said **Jonathan Kinsella**.

-Megan Zajac

**6 Months of Preparation.** To boost the team's morale before the competition, **Mr. Zabelin** gives team members **Diana Martinez, Samuel Wais, Steven Romanelli, and Stuart Sankovitch** a pep talk in which they discuss strategies on how to bring home a victory.



**85 Questions.** Before sharing her final answer with the judges and members of the audience, **Diana Martinez** takes a moment to make sure she has her thoughts in order.



**1st Time Members.** Being a part of the LifeSmarts team, **Rebecca Cisowski** represents CHS in a positive way. "A lot of the questions tested everyday knowledge, but you learned something new every practice. It was a lot of fun," said **Cisowski**.



**5 Hours to St. Louis.** With days and months of practice under his belt, **Stuart Sankovitch** is thrilled with the team's achievement. "Mr. Zabelin is a very driven individual. He worked us for hours, but it all worked out in the end when we won multiple state championships. We had a very balanced team which helped to work in our advantage," said **Sankovitch**.





**12 Encouraging Students.** Applauding the cancer survivors who were taking the first lap, Team Power Kicks stand with pride as they try to fight cancer. "As a team of friends, our goal was to help in any way that we could. We sold knick knacks to help raise most of the money," said **Marcos Hernandez**. Raising \$100.00 through donations and sales, **Hernandez** felt proud of his team.



**8 Years of Unbearable Struggles.** Being diagnosed with cancer in 2006, **Ms. Eichenberger** speaks about her journey to recovery. Standing by her side for support was her daughter, **Annette Eichenberger** whose track team helped raise money in support of the fight against cancer.

**Three Hopeful Friends.** Raising money, **Jenny Goldsmith**, **Devon Tuma**, and **Andrea Siefert** do their part to help out cancer patients. "I liked falling asleep in the middle of the football field at three for a great cause," said **Siefert**.



**Thirty Laps.** Walking laps to fight back cancer, **Brandon Castillo**, **Madelaine Dall**, **Brodie Ruman**, and **Victoria Snell** walk together to pass the time. "Walking with a group of my friends was a great way to pass the time. The later it became, the more grateful I was that I shared the experience with friends," said **Castillo**.

## From six p.m. to six a.m., students, staff, and community members alike strolled to make a difference.

For the fourth year, the American Cancer Society takes over Memorial Field in its fight against cancer with the annual Relay For Life event. At the end of May, over 47 teams joined the fight with one goal, to make a difference. "Having everyone come together to fight back cancer was a great experience. It shows what a group of people can do when it concerns a great cause," said **Ms. Laimins**, who helped set up the event.

Starting off with a speech from **Ms. Eichenberger**, a cancer survivor and mother of **Annette Eichenberger**, the night took off. "Finding out Mom had cancer was life changing. I realized that life should be lived second by second," said the younger **Eichenberger**. During Luminaria, one

of the Relay's events, participants like the **Eichenbergers**, shared a hopeful outlook for the future.

With a live band playing, face painting, and games, team members were able to fight back while enjoying the time pass. "There were so many things to do to have a great time. I chilled with **Ms. Santella**, walked laps, and went on the moonbounce with a few friends. It was an amazing night," said **Alexis Brunelli**.

With 47 teams, the 379 participants of Relay for Life raised a total of \$52,343.25. The money that was collected was given to the Cancer Prevention Society in an effort to stop cancer from taking any more lives

-Courtney Nesemeier

379 Cancer Fighters



Kelly Loftus



Steven Duda



Ms. Lauff



Joseph Sato



Relay For Life

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**Participating in activities and events before and after school, these students dedicate their time and effort.**

*1 Year of Work*



**Tech Crew**

First Row: Sam Spyrison, Patrick Quealy, Coralyn Kutzner, Edgar Hernandez. Second Row: Rodger Plant, Michael Fletcher, Kelli Lyne, Aaron Varjan.



**Mind's Eye**

Maria Galeana, Alexander Pirela, Uriel Rodelo, Elijah Asani, Mrs. Wood.



**German Hosts**

First Row: Elizabeth Fortner, Amanda Rathe, Kelsey Malan, Second Row: Karan Panchal, Benjamin Vanderlei, Brett Adams, Kelsey King, Alexandra Schreiber.



**Book Club**

First Row: Mrs. Deleon, Hannah Martin, Elizabeth Fortner, Catherine Vance. Second Row: Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. Cordes, Bradley Gerwin, Edgar Martinez.



**Club Green**

First Row: Hannah Martin, Catherine Vance, Navy Neang, Rebecca Howe. Second Row: Ms. Burchacki, Meghan Ziffra, Kathryn Pusateri, Katarzyna Grabiec, Joseph Wais, Ellen Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ferreiro.



**Photography Club**

First Row: Megan Swiertz, Ariel Berumen, Sarah Kimball, Rebecca Howe. Second Row: Mr. Conroy, Ania Skorupski, Alexander Maguire, Carrie Liszka.



Megan Green



Kevin Curda



Shelby Cople



Dillon Hall



### Yearbook

First Row: Ashley Dunn, Ashley Troia, Connie Kim, Megan Ogorzalek, Alexis Brunelli, Joslyn Meissner. Second Row: Ms. Santella, Courtney Nesemeier, Madeline Warkins, Amanda Huey, Ashley Jefferson, Lauran Hon.



### Student Council

First Row: Taylor Turner, Sara Lim, Melissa Conway, Renee Cirone, Jessica Bedard. Second Row: Stefanie Pauling, Jessica Leesman, Hailey Lenahan, Maria Correa, Alexxa Bessey, Deirdre Hofman, Nicole Nielson.



### Skills USA

First Row: Megan Swiertz, Steven Celmer, Mayuri Parmar, Kevin Szul, Annette Sanchez, Angela Gentile, Marcos Hernandez. Second Row: Ashley Mc Nerney, Kelsey Spriggs, Milena Camargo, Tatiana Walz, Kelsey Malan, Emily Laffey, Ms. Koslowski. Third Row: Mr. Cleary, Andrea Siefert, Emily Tulipano, Sarah Norton, Thomas Kaczmarczyk, Matthew Thomas, Nathan Olson. Fourth Row: William Burke, Katarzyna Grabiec.



Rebekah Babis



Rebecca Howe



Thomas Sanders



Jamie Roman



Jimmy Aramburu



### FBLA

First Row: Jamie Roman, Curtis Hajec, Hannah Taylor, Kristen Kotche. Second Row: Diana Martinez, Hanna Colliander, Dana Burgess, Ms. Wirth. Third Row: Ms. Durbin, Alex Lima, Jonathan Kinsella, Joseph Serio, Timothy Kotche, Rebecca Cisowski.



### Student Council Executive Board

Taylor Turner, Sara Lim, Melissa Conway, Renee Cirone.



### International Club

First Row: Hannah Martin, Alicia Waldschmidt, Rebecca Howe, Marisa Carter, Kathryn Bell. Second Row: Anna Spyrisson, Ellen Fitzgerald, Stephanie Kuecker, Joseph Wais, Sara Smolucha. Third Row: Rachel Grotto, Brodie Ruman, Brent Smith, Jeffrey Foreman, Elizabeth Berg, Ms. Bellis.



Jacob Warkins



Kyle Moliszkow



Ida Smith



### We-Go Buddies

First Row: Armund Alcuna, Katy Pusateri, Kevin Eckler, Tony Leidig, William Riban, Courtney Vargas, Amanda Hempe, Jennifer Youngwith. Second Row: Ms. Cook, Kerry Doremus, Paige Smith, Jessica Mitch, Sonia Benitez, Ashley McNERney, Ms. Lynch. Third Row: Muhammad Agha, Oscar Avila, Erik Perez, Lee Nolan, Jonathon Lopez, Mitch Householder, Matt Peace, Raymond Redmond.



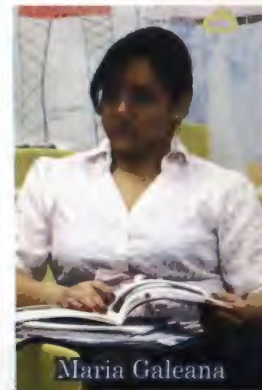
### Junior Statesmen of America

First Row: Sarah Kimball, Lauran Hon, Karin Fischer, Olivia Rodriguez, Chelsie Torres, Elizabeth Fortner. Second Row: John Heinze, William Heinze, Clark Hudmon, Matthew Thomas, Kyle Wolf.



### Steppers

Ariel Berumen, Kenita Petties, Gwen Mitchell, Brittani Rollins, Hadama Thomson.



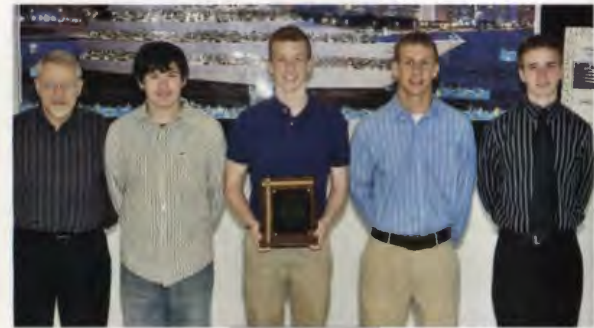
### Key Club

First Row: Matthew Kaczmarczyk, Valerie Forrest, Melinda Schweitzer, Sarah Kimball, Rebecca Howe, Evelyn Galvan. Second Row: Shelby Copple, Nadia Pelletier, Anna Duran, Adriana Noceda, Miriam Fernandez, Leticia Correa. Third Row: Mr. Rau, Patrick Stremel, Amy Ratliff, Thomas Kaczmarczyk, Caroline Leuer, Gregory Vodicka. Fourth Row: Meghan Carnot, Cristina Mendez, Edith Robles, Jordan Hedger, Payton Bayless, Emily Tulipano.



### Scholastic Bowl

First Row: Kelsey Malan, Elizabeth Fortner, Joanna Weirenga, Alexis Hosticka, Shea Rogers, Jennifer Keilhack. Second Row: Mr. Caltagirone, Devan Patel, Steven Duda, Thomas Kaczmarczyk, Kyle Blenkle, Benjamin Vanderlei, Deepan Patel.



### Lifesmarts

Mr. Zabelin, William Heinze, Samuel Wais, Stuart Sankovitch, Jonathan Kinsella.





### Ambassadors

First Row: **Danielle McAvoy, Evelia Estrada, Rocio Estrada, Margaret Polacek, Amanda Tennis, Caitlyn Madsen, Kelly Loftus.** Second Row: **Ms. Wallner, Hannah Taylor, Christine Rovtar, Patrick Stremel, Blair Skarin, Steven Romanelli, Nicholas Henke, Jessica Baidis, Madeline Warkins, Annette Eichenberger.**



### Speech Team

First Row: **Thalia Fernandez, Jackie Antis, David Garcia, Carrie Liszka, Louis Boers, Karan Panchal.** Second Row: **Ms. Brown, Elizabeth Fortner, Lily Grimaldo, Shea Rogers, Veronica Salazar, Jessica Ledesma, Ms. Wood.** Third Row: **Ben Vanderlei, William Heinze, Katarzyna Grabiec, Adam Vargas, John Heinze, Brodie Ruman, Mr. Kling.**

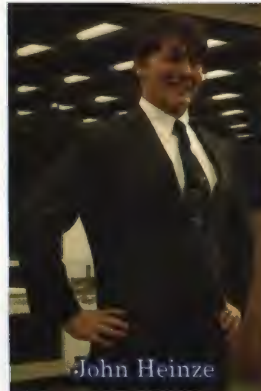


### Wildcat Chronicle

First Row: **Amanda Rathe, Sarah Berger, Payton Bayless, Megan Tennis, Jessica Bergmann.** Second Row: **Alex Lima, Gregory Vodicka, Jacob Wucka, Clark Hudmon, Jake Bradley, Evan Morgan, Alexis Hosticka.**



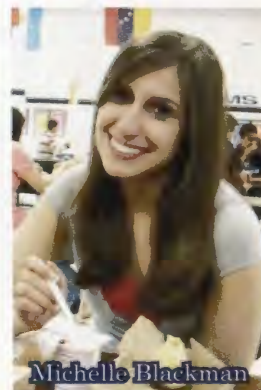
Sara Smolucha



John Heinze



Douglas Mateas



Michelle Blackman



Jimmy Aramburu



### Thespians

First Row: **Jimmy Aramburu, Chelsea Ross, Lucas Valdez.** Second Row: **Victoria Snell, Emily Roberts, Sarah Brown, Kelli Lyne, Allison Navadomskis, Danielle Pacelli, Joanna Wierenga.** Third Row: **Nadia Pelletier, Amanda Rathe, Samantha Lauf, Erin Lee, Megan Green, Anna Duran, Elizabeth Fortner.** Fourth Row: **Ms. Hafertepe, Gregory Lyne, Philip Lenzert, Steven Balmer, Michael Fletcher, Thomas Hahs, Rebekah Babis.**



**One Night of Memories.** On the night of prom, the Yearbook staff leaves behind the dance floor to capture the faces of the friends that they had come to know over the year. "Yearbook taught me responsibility among my peers. Because of it I'm so much closer to the people within the class, even the ones I didn't know," said **Katelyn Casey.**



**23 Arguments.** Giving a speech to his fellow teammates as well as the opposing team, **Karan Panchal** delivers his opinion with force. "Speech is more than just a club. It's a way to better yourself as an individual," said **Panchal.**



# 581 Possible Drivers

Driving is a very exciting part of a Sophomore's year, but it's only one of the events the Class of 2011 enjoyed.

The second year of high school brought excitement for sophomores. They walked through the halls with boosts of confidence knowing the hallways and faces of the teachers. "I liked being a sophomore because when I'm walking down the hallways and miss the stairs, I know where to go before I get lost. It's fun to see freshmen suddenly look around and just wonder where they are. I don't need

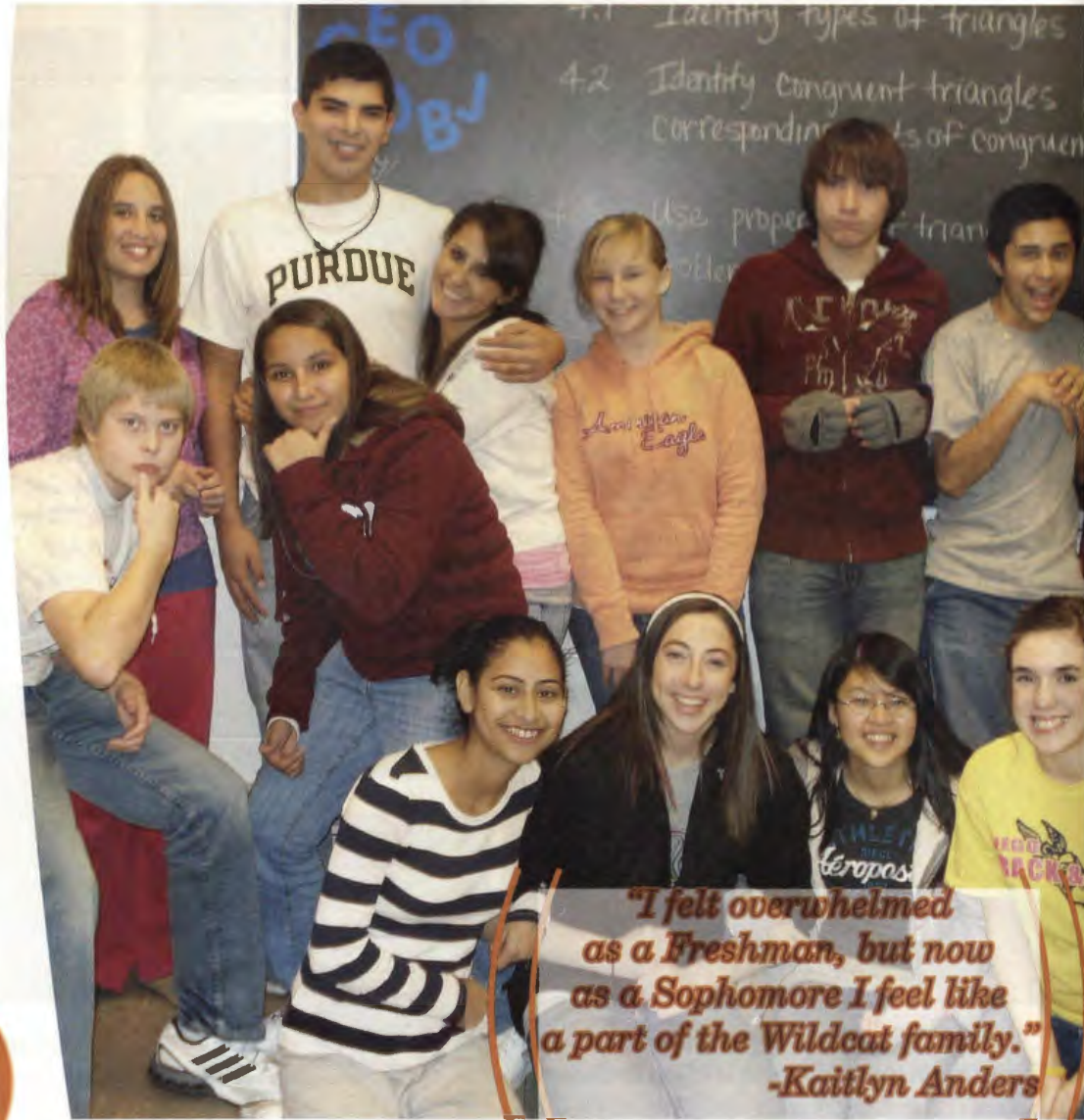
to worry about that," said **Mehak Damani**.

Friends competed with each other about who would be getting their license first or who was a better driver. "The difference between having your permit and not is that when you don't have it, you really don't have a lot of freedom. When you finally get it, you realize how much fun driving is and you don't need to wake up for the bus early," said **Christina**

**Deimling**.

With the new Squad shirts, sophomores sat in the Squad section in Memorial Field and showed their school spirit like the rest of the upperclassmen. More memories were made during this time than any other. "We have fun. That's basically it. We just enjoy each other's company," said **Guri Haxhiu**.

-Ashley Troia



Alexis Alvarado



Ashley Funk



Dillon Hall



M. Castelvecchi



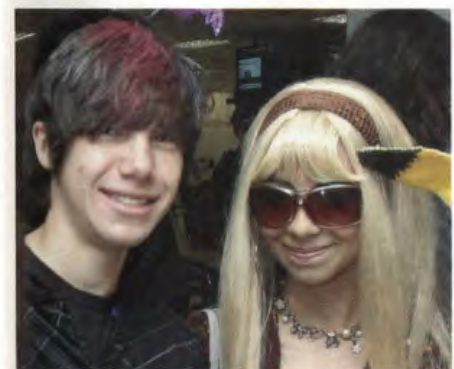
**It Takes Two to Tango.** Having a blast at the Homecoming dance, **Joseph Wais** and **Valerie Theiner** dance and sing to the beat of some of their favorite songs.

**Eight Teammates.** Supporting her team **Chocolate Thunder Two** in the Dodgeball tournament, **Gabrielle Repetto** whips a dodgeball across the Bishop Gym court in attempt to hit an opponent and knock him out of the game. Although the team didn't come in first, they enjoyed participating in the competition.



**Four Wheeled Wild Ride.** Showing off their school spirit, **Thalia Fernandez** and **Joshua Foster** compete in a scooter bowling competition at the Homecoming pep rally. Even though the Sophomores competed fiercely to win, the Seniors dominated the race.

**23 Contestants.** Dancing to "Shake Your Pom Poms" by **Missy Elliot**, **Darryl Thomas** shows off his breakdancing moves during the Variety Show. With his smooth moves, he stole the show.



**Zero Hour.** Showing off their creative costumes, **Dillon Krotz** and **Lucy Fuentes** make plans to go Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night.

**14 Racquets.** Returning her opponent's serve, **Kelsey Malan** concentrates on winning her match. "Tennis is one of my favorite sports. Joining the team was a great way to make friends," said **Malan**, who served as a driving force on the tennis team.



Guillermo Perez



Sarah Berger



Austin Sands



Bibbi Davis

Sophomore Opening

# Sweet Sixteen

"I went with friends to see the play *Xanadu* for my sweet sixteen. It was amazing because I love watching theatre and walking around Chicago."

**-Jennifer Keilhack**

"For my sweet sixteen, I had a bunch of friends over and we all hung out. Then, we played some intense games of Twister."

**-Devon Tuma**

"On my 16th birthday, I wanted to party it up with **Justin Huey**."

**-Jeremy Plane**



**Sixteen Candles.** Along with the responsibilities of driving, turning 16 marks a defining moment in a teenager's life. "My friends threw me a surprise party. My friend from Iowa came and surprised me by jumping out of a box!" said **Brittany Parisi**.

Chandler Abrams  
Zachary Acevedo  
Kawa Agha  
Edgar Aguilar  
Janeth Aguilar  
Ignacio Aguilar  
Danny Alanis



Gabriela Alcantara  
Jorge Alcantara  
Deisy Alfaro  
James Alfaro  
Jessica Almanza  
Yessenia Altamirano  
Alexis Alvarado



Matt Alvarez  
Jessica Amaro  
Kaitlyn Anders  
Jose Anicua  
Kerly Antonio  
Adelaida Avila  
Taylor Ballek



Bianca Ballines  
Jenny Ballines  
Justin Bangert  
Maria Barajas  
Austin Barber  
Christopher Barrientos  
Leo Bartyzel



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



Kate Borromeo  
Lisa Bouma  
Nicole Bowker  
Cecilia Briscolino  
Alyssa Brown  
Derek Brown  
Megan Bruington



Nicole Burlingame  
Viannett Caballero  
Hector Cabrera  
Pamela Campos  
Roberto Canedo  
Luciano Cantu  
Edwin Carlos



Jacob Carney  
Alan Carrasco  
Ana Carrillo  
Alondra Casimiro  
Molly Castelvechi  
Brandon Castillo  
Jonny Castro



Gabriel Chairez  
Jose Cielo  
Scott Cielo  
Carlos Cinto  
Jonathan Clark  
Nicole Clark  
Gabriela Colin



Katherine Colorado  
Francisco Conde  
Mary Connolly  
Peter Conrad  
Shelby Copple  
Jessica Cordero  
Ana Correa



Natalie Correa  
Veronica Correa  
Belen Cortez  
America Cuautle  
Erik Cuautle  
Luis Cuevas  
Karina Culloton



Robert Cuppini  
Madeline Dall  
Mehak Damani  
Scott Danes  
Precious Dannug  
Andrew Davis  
Mariaelena Delgado

# Weekend Warriors

"On the weekends, I'm at the mall hanging with my best friends. One time, we were walking around and a mall cop chased us. We drove away so fast that I couldn't catch my breath."

**-Cristina Mendez**

"I usually call a few of my friends over to my house, and they always go straight to my refrigerator to eat everything. I always had to explain to my mom about how a week's worth of food disappeared."

**-Ivan Pani**

"I went to a friend's sleep over one time. We were jumping on her trampoline, and because I jumped too high, I flew right into her. Since then we couldn't stop laughing about that day."

**-Tracey Sanchez**



**One Celebrity.** Singing to the world, **Dillion Krotz** enjoys dancing to **Hannah Montana**. "I picked up a copy of her CD and recorded a video of myself rocking to 'The Best of Both Worlds,' when my mom walked in. She wanted a copy for her," said **Krotz**.

Amber Del Rio  
Francisco Diaz  
Rachel Ditella  
Heather Ditlevsen  
Maria Dominguez  
Kelly Dunn  
David Duran



Hayden Duriavich  
Aaron Echols  
Michelle Elias  
Chloe Ellis  
Lisa Enderle  
Adrian Escalante  
Geovany Escobar



Adrian Espinal  
Jaime Espinal  
Yesenia Espinal  
Erik Espino  
Valentina Espinosa  
Eduardo Espinoza  
Sergio Esquivel



Matilde Esteban  
Evelia Estrada  
Samantha Fabiszak  
Mary Feltes  
Thalia Fernandez  
Jerry Fialka  
April Fichter



Edwin Figueroa  
Brandon Fischer  
Valerie Fisher  
Kathleen Fletcher  
Erika Flores  
Aide Florian  
Jeffrey Foreman



Jordan Hedger



Jeffrey Foreman



E. Fernandez



Timothy Kotche



Valerie Forrest  
 Joshua Foster  
 Kayla Freund  
 Koressa Freyling  
 Lucy Fuentes  
 Jordan Gabriel-Beadle  
 Elda Galindo



Jessica Galvan  
 Abraham Garcia  
 Ana Garcia  
 Elizabeth Garcia  
 Emigdio Garcia  
 Gabriela Garcia  
 Gerardo Garcia



Ivan Garcia  
 Jaime Garcia  
 Karina Garcia  
 Magnolia Garcia  
 Miriam Garcia  
 Rocio Garcia  
 Salim Garcia



Yesenia Garcia  
 Jeremy Garrett  
 James Gehlhaar  
 Eric Gehrke  
 Desiree Geromini  
 Robert Giese  
 Jonathan Gilbertsen



Michelle Givens  
 Jennifer Goldsmith  
 Giovanni Gomez  
 Daniela Gonzalez  
 Melissa Gonzalez  
 Miriam Gonzalez  
 Sandra Gonzalez



Haley Goranson  
 Megan Gossen  
 Brenda Granados  
 Santos Granados  
 Theresa Grimaldo  
 Stephanie Grinash  
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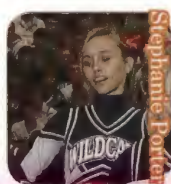
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 Amanda Hempe  
 Antonio Hernandez  
 Diana Hernandez



Katarina Noelke



Leo Barbyzel



Stephanie Porter

Sophomores

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# Watching The Clock

"Not a lot of my friends have curfews. It's really annoying when I have to leave, and my friends get to stay out. I always have fun, and I usually never want to leave."

**-Alicia Murphy**

"As long as I'm safe, my parents let me stay out pretty late. I remember one time when I went out paint-balling in winter with my friends and I fell through some ice. It was hilarious."

**-Brandon Fischer**

"Sometimes my parents are way too strict about my curfew, and sometimes they're nice. When I'm with my cousins or I'm really close to my house, I think I should be able to stay out later."

**-Alejandro Noceda**



**Eight Hours of Fun.** Checking the time, Heather Ditlevsen debates whether she will have enough time to go out with her friends. "I think that 11:30 pm is a perfect curfew for 15-16 year olds. Most places aren't even open much later any ways," said Ditlevsen.

Emmanuel Hernandez  
Ernesto Hernandez  
Irvin Hernandez  
Jorge Hernandez  
Jose Luis Hernandez  
Jose Pablo Hernandez  
Megan M. Hernbroth



Guadalupe Herrera  
Morgan Hlinka  
Alexis Hosticka  
Reid Howington  
Neil Hummer  
Devon Hunter  
Tristan Hunter



Matthew Iannacco  
Jessica Infelise  
Alex Ishkov  
Christian Jimenez  
Jesse Jimenez  
Keegan Johnson  
Christina Jonas



Nayeli Juarez  
Jennifer Keilhack  
Danielle Keller  
Kathryn Kemnitz  
Zara Khan  
Caitlin Kiel  
Ryan Kinley



Guoste Kisielute  
Nikolas Kmiecik  
RJ Kobriger  
Andrew Koetters  
Jennifer Konchar  
Alina Koshyn  
Timothy Kotche





Ivan Kovanda  
 Ryan Kramer  
 Thomas Krone  
 Dillon Krotz  
 Tylor Kuly  
 Kathryn Kuszynski  
 Christin Lacour



Alexandria Laiter  
 Stephanie Lambert  
 Stella Larson  
 Vincent Latham  
 Samantha Lauf  
 Jennifer Leal  
 Nathan Leffler



Sean Lentz  
 Stevie Limbrick  
 Fernanda Lopez  
 Luis Lopez  
 Michelle Lopez  
 Nathalie Lopez  
 Karena Lundquist



Brian Lustro  
 Kevin Ly  
 Gregory Lyne  
 Lucas Mackey  
 Lizette Mackintosh  
 Denis Mahmic  
 Kelsey Malan



Justin Malandrucolo  
 Doel Malave  
 Antonio Maldonado  
 Tiffany Manzano  
 Cesar Marin  
 Austin Martens  
 Alfonso Martinez



Junior Martinez  
 John Matalone  
 Yasmyr McGee  
 Zebadiah McNeil  
 Brenda Mendez  
 Cristina Mendez  
 Daisy Mendez



Esteban Mendez  
 Victoria Mendicino  
 Kristian Mendoza  
 Mariela Mendoza  
 Kimberly Mengel  
 Eufemia Merino  
 Steve Miller



Lea Molina  
 Kyle Molskow  
 Mayra Monroy  
 Fernando Montoya  
 Jessica Montoya  
 Luis Montoya  
 Yesenia Montoya

# Silly Siblings

"My sister told me not to get lost on my first day of school. Here, she treats me like a friend, but we hardly see each other at school, so I can ignore her."

- **Kelsey Malan**

"My sister and I don't talk a lot, and I don't see her in the hall, but whenever we go out she talks to me like I'm a baby in a really high pitched voice. It's really embarrassing."

- **Jordan Bicchinella**

"I was driving behind my sister with my dad on our way to our brother's basketball game. She stopped at a light and instead of braking, I accelerated and hit her car. It was okay though, because she's my sister."

- **Karena Lundquist**



**One Embarrassing Sister.** Common with siblings, **Kelli Lyne** and **Gregory Lyne** love to play tricks on each other. "When I was three, my older sister and I were playing and by some freak accident, the screwdriver flew up my nose," said **Lyne**.

Roberto Morales  
Daisy Moreno  
Connor Mungovan  
Yessica Munoz  
Alicia Murphy  
Shelby Murphy  
Kelsey Myers



Samantha Netisingha  
Kelly Nguyen  
Kevan Nguyen  
Ricky Nguyen  
Meghan Nichol  
Jordan Nickelson  
Alejandro Noceda



Katarina Noelke  
Anthony Nolazzo  
Jared Norberte  
Sarah Norton  
Alina Nunez  
Brian Om  
Brendan O'Malley

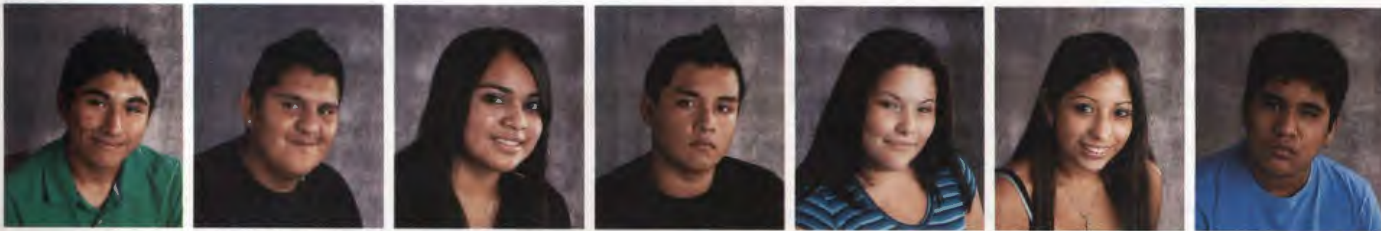


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Alma Ortiz  
Emmanuel Ortiz  
Luis Ortiz  
Kristina Oum  
Danielle Pacelli  
Pamela Padilla



Isolda Page  
Sean Paler  
Brittany Parisi  
Mayuri Parmar  
Emily Paschke  
Heriberto Pedraza  
Nadia Pelletier





Alejandro Perez  
 Andres Perez  
 Asucena Perez  
 Aurelio Perez  
 Claudia Perez  
 Elizabeth Perez  
 Erik Perez



Giovanni Perez  
 Guillermo Perez  
 Iris Perez  
 Jacqueline Perez  
 Jared Perez  
 Jose Perez  
 JOVANNA PEREZ



Luis Perez  
 Maria Perez  
 Maria Perez  
 Matthew Peterson  
 Katelyn Petrusaitis  
 Thanh Pham  
 Christopher Phan



Jeremy Piane  
 Jeffrey Pierpoint  
 Derrik Pietrobon  
 Rajesh Pillai  
 Rodger Plant  
 Adrian Porcayo  
 Jesus Porcayo



Stephanie Porter  
 Matthew Provenzale  
 Lauren Pugh  
 Meghan Putnam  
 Christopher Quintana  
 Elias Quiroz  
 Jorge Quiroz



Meagan Radloff  
 Arely Ramirez  
 Daniel Ramirez  
 Luis Ramirez  
 Jennifer Ramon  
 Jose Rangel  
 Matthew Rayos



Jessica Reed  
 Colton Reif  
 Timothy Reinhardt  
 Gabrielle Repetto  
 Karina Reyes  
 Victoria Riban  
 Bree Ringe



Emily Roberts  
 Marlene Rojas  
 Mary Rojas  
 Jesica Ruffino  
 Dario Ruiz  
 David Ruiz  
 Brodie Ruman

# Pedal to the Metal

"The first time I drove, I thought that if I took my foot off the gas pedal and let go of the steering wheel, the car would stop...it didn't."

**-Karina Reyes**

"I'm Ricky Bobby...I'm the best driver there is."

**-Evan Bernard**

"The first time I went to get gas, I wanted to have the dollar amount even, so without thinking, I pulled the nozzle out before it was done pumping. Gas spilled all over...I smelled really bad."

**-Val Fisher**



**9 Months.** With a new rule set to make new drivers wait for their license, **Dillon Hall** is forced to take the bus to school. The rule, passed by the state of Illinois, requires all beginning drivers to have their permit for nine months before they can receive their licenses.

Maria Isabel Salazar  
Daniel Salgado  
Richard Salinas  
Darrek Sams  
Sandra Sanchez  
Tracey Sanchez  
Austin Sands



Helene Sankovitch  
Joel Sanroman  
Ana Santoyo  
Autumn Sarsycki  
Dane Sauer  
Tim Scarleski  
Daniel Schwab



Nathan Schweitzer  
Hunter Serrato  
Erick Severiano  
Srijan Shrestha  
Nickolas Shurba  
Andrea Siefert  
Danny Sills



Estefania Silva  
Christian Simanonis  
Dominic Simonetta  
Erica Smith  
Victoria Snell  
Andrew Sobotka  
Luke Somen



Michael Soria  
Haley Soutar  
Chelsea Spear  
Shawn Staton  
Joshua Stein  
Gunnar Sterne  
Kevin Stolzman







Cara Stompor  
 Max Suarez  
 Diven Sulkar  
 Megan Swiertz  
 Christopher Szpak  
 Andrew Taeger  
 Tanairi Tapia



Stephanie Tatoiu  
 Alisha Taylor  
 Brandon Taylor  
 Monica Terrazas  
 Kristina Terry  
 Taylor Tessler  
 Valerie Theiner



Adam Thomas  
 Rachel Thomas  
 Hadama Thomson  
 Sovannary Thorn  
 Margaret Tikka  
 Leonardo Toxtle  
 Miguel Trejo



Ashley Troia  
 Devon Tuma  
 Ashley Tunk  
 Julieta Valdez  
 Mayra Valdez  
 Molly Valdez  
 Luis Valerio



Zulma Valerio  
 Catherine Vance  
 Benjamin Vanderlei  
 Elantra Vangorkom  
 Zachary Vann  
 Andres Vargas  
 Fred Vargas



Aldair Vega  
 Derick Vertheen  
 Jose Villa  
 Lilibiana Villa  
 Edgar Villegas  
 Victoria Viray  
 Mineidy Vivaldo



Justin Vollmuth  
 Joseph Wais  
 Genevieve Waldow  
 Alicia Waldschmidt  
 Catherine Washington  
 Joey Wehr  
 Nicholas Weiberg



Joanna Wierenga  
 Todd Wigen  
 Katherine Williams  
 Nikko Williams  
 Bradley Wilson  
 Robert Windisch  
 Michael Worthy

# At the Podium...

"For my Sophomore speech I talked about Albert Einstein. The best part was I found an amazing Albert Einstein action figure with his famous crazy looking hair. I wanted to buy one to add to my collection of Batman, Iron Man and Jesus."

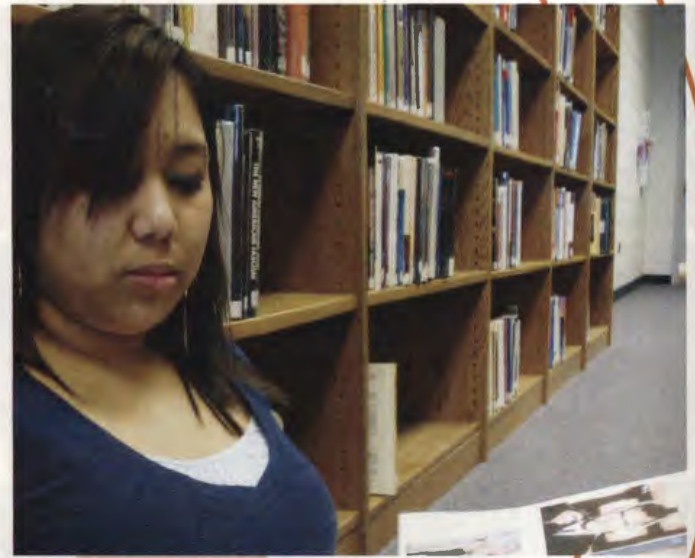
**-Zebadiah McNeil**

"I did it all at the last minute on the day before I was supposed to give my speech. The only reason why I messed up was everyone in my class made me laugh at the beginning, but then afterwards everything went well."

**-Sandra Sanchez**

"Before I walked up to the front of the class, I tripped over my own feet. Then right after that I began to speak and I choked on on my words forgetting everything I said."

**- Christopher Bicek**



**Five Days Afterwards.** Studying Hugh Hefner for her speech, Samantha Netisingha finds information that is useful. "I picked him for the controversy related to his magazine, work, and social life. The worst part was I kept slurring my words," said Netisingha.

Jeremy Wright  
Katelyn Wright  
Krysta Youngberg  
Jennifer Youngwith  
Lazaro Zacatzi  
Matthew Zajac  
Tyler Zanoni



Conor Zaputil  
Isaamar Zarco  
Alejandra Zavala  
Meghan Ziffra



Alicia Waldschmidt



Joseph Wais and Emily Roberts



Marcel Carrasco



Helene Sankovitch



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Jeremy Plane

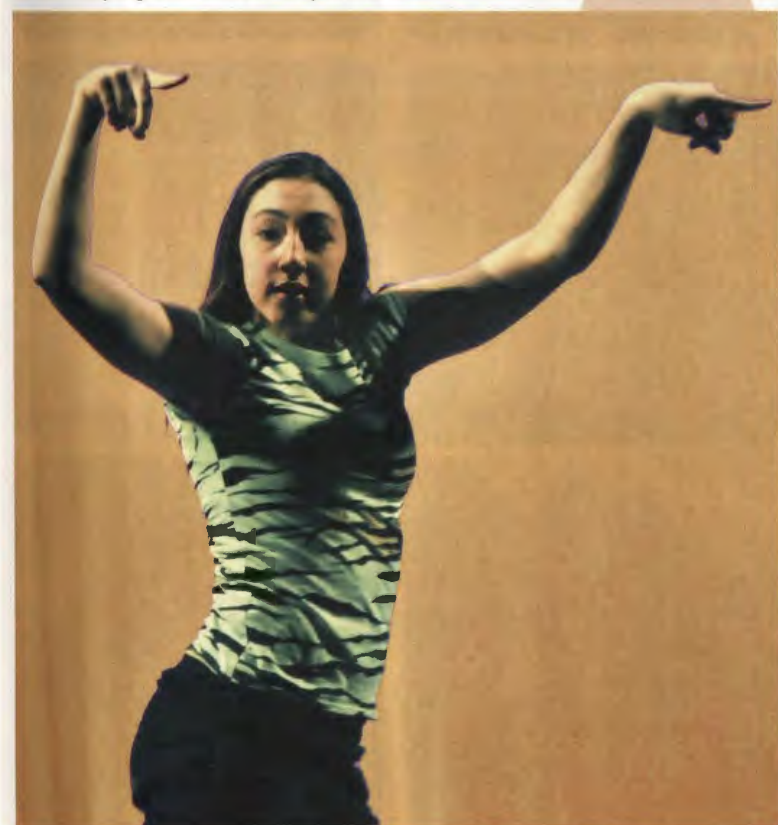


**Nine Extracurricular Activities.** Always on the run, **Joseph Wais** participates in band, jazz band, marching band, pep band, brass ensemble, orchestra winds, the winter play, Club Green, and International Club. "During my free time, I like to write songs and skateboard," said **Wais**.

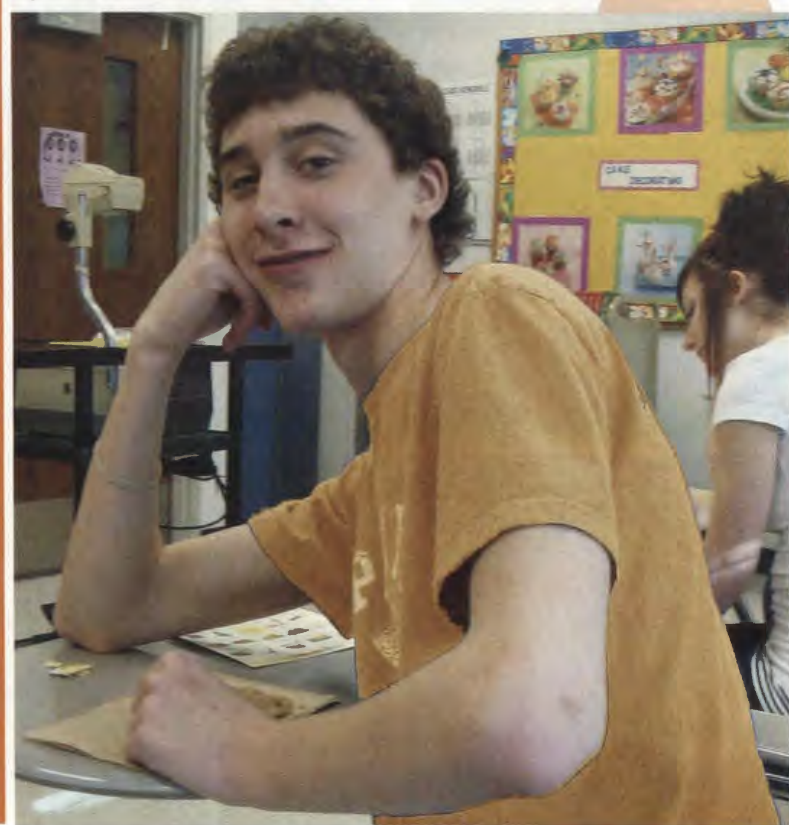


**Two Fast Track Sports.** Demonstrating how committed a student should be, **Breë Ringe** participates in Student Council, track, and cross country. "I love competing so I try really hard on homework and tests so I can go to school in Chicago to become a lawyer," **Ringe** said.

**One Spirited Cheerleader.** Working on dance and cheering throughout the year, **Keegan Johnson** also shows dedication to succeed in high school for her future in college. "I want to participate in the cheer program during college, while studying to become a lawyer," said **Johnson**.



**One Sporty Sophomore.** Member of the lacrosse and swim team, **Matthew Iannacco** plans to go to college to study medical technologies in the future. "In my free time, I like to practice lacrosse, listen to music, read, hang out with my friends and draw," said **Iannacco**.





Steven Romanelli



Caitlin MacDonald



Vito Loiotile



Karena Lundquist



Gregory Vodicka



Alyssa Santelli



Alejandro Perez



Nadia Pelletier



Curtis Salazar



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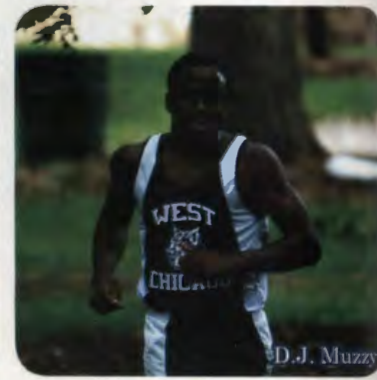
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Evan Bernard



Jessica Bedard



D.J. Muzzey



Shelby Coppel



A. Brinkman



Lucy Fuentes



D. Calabrese

# How Do You Measure... Passion?

22 varsity athletic teams fight for school recognition.

20 junior varsity athletic teams prepare to go to the next level.

6 sophomore teams and 6 freshman teams encourage each other to put their heart into each match.

22 different types of sports show good sportsmanship.

10 fall sports, 9 winter sports, and 7 spring sports keep athletes working year round.

63 varsity football players "leave it on the field" 9 Friday nights in a row.

22 boys' golfers swing their 9 irons on the green.

4 varsity girls' swimmers qualify in a total of 6 different events.

504 innings lead to a successful season for the boys' baseball team.

100 volleyball practice balls fly through Bishop Gym.

21 sets of girls' cross country run shoes run miles through West Chicago.

23 wrestlers show they can pin their opponents at any moment.

400 laser yellow balls hit by the girls' tennis team.

1,326 jerseys are distributed to athletes throughout the year.

-Molly Pfeifer



Julie Samelli



Louis Koep



Kristina Perry



Anthony Soliven

# It is the most crucial point in a football game, decider or momentum turner. And, at this stage in the battle, these players continue to fight for victory.

It may not have been the most successful season for the football team, but with their hard work, they demonstrated what it meant to be a team every time they stepped onto the field. As many players noted, their final record, 2 and 7, did not reflect their determination for success.

Under the direction of Head Coach **Chiodo**, the team turned a new page with an emphasis on discipline, tradition, and pride. "My favorite part of coaching football is seeing the kids grow and mature into men," said **Chiodo**, who has been involved with football for 36 years.

One of the traditions cemented into the program was

the "Game Time" chant. This chant served as a Friday tradition for years for the Wildcats. It occurs at the end of seventh hour in Senior Hall, where players and fans gather

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to show support and pride for their program.

The coach and captains brought a swagger to the team as they stepped on Memorial Field on Aug. 29, ready for their opponent,

the Evanston Wildkits. The team shut out Evanston in a one-sided victory, the final score 12-0, the first shut out in five years for the team.

On Oct. 17, the Seniors walked under the lights for one last time to play West Aurora. Offensive Leader **Alexander Pirela**, with 174 rushing yards and four touchdowns, led the Wildcat attack. The offense was clicking on all cylinders including a touchdown pass from **AJ Romanelli**, plus 110 yards and a score from **Michael Dylla**. The defense quieted the explosive Blackhawk offense, and helped the team to a victory of 42-28.

-C. Hudmon and J. Rogers

## 1 New Year.

Coaching for the first time at West Chicago, Coach **Chiodo** has new ideas to bring to the team. "It was a great year with a great group of guys and we had a lot of fun," said **Chiodo**.



## 14 Carries.

Awaiting the cadence, **Michael Dylla** prepares to take the brunt of the force from the Redhawks' defense. "For Homecoming, we didn't win but it was great seeing all of the stands filled with our fans," said **Dylla**.



**2nd and Goal.** The Varsity Defense keeps Naperville Central on the other side of the first down marker. **Nick Hawko, Greg Vodicka, Patrick Stremel, Jamie Campos, and Drew Bowker** prepared to put up a wall to keep the Redhawks from scoring.



## 8 Interceptions.

Forcing Naperville Central's quarterback to take a different approach, Cornerback **Alex Puetz** intercepts the ball twice to keep the opposing team on edge. "Alex did a great job this year, leading our team in interceptions and sparking the rest of us to do better," said **Michael Dylla**.





**18 Senior Starters.** With a desire to win, **Preston Hauptman, Dan Martin and Brian Skrzypczak** lead their teammates onto Memorial Field. These players and the ten Varsity captains, **Drew Bowker, Danny Calabrese, Michael Dylla, Nicholas Henke, Clark Hudmon, Alexander Pirela, Alexander Puetz, Patrick Stremel, Greg Vodicka, and Tyler Wrzesinski,** acted as role models for younger players. "It is our job to be a leader on and off the field. Leadership and performance will help motivate the future of this football program," said **Henke**, who received all conference honors.



**797 Yards.** First year starter, **AJ Romanelli**, leads the attack with a quick release and elusive moves. **Romanelli** created a plan to pass to one of the many receivers including **Nicholas Henke**, who was the team's main receiver.



**22 Cleats.** The boys in the blue dig into the ground as linebackers **Patrick Stremel** and **Greg Vodicka** blow past the offensive line. Naperville Central was silenced when **Stremel** and **Vodicka** brought down their attempt at a run with strength and determination. "I had a pretty good season as linebacker and had a lot of fun," said **Stremel**.

**5 Linemen.** Teamwork keeps the Varsity team together while each individual position plays a major role in each play of every game. **Kenneth LeVey** cleared an alley giving **Mike Dylla** and **Jonathan White** the opportunity to extend the play. While **Dan Martin** knocked over a rushing defensive end, **AJ Romanelli** had an opportunity to complete a pass.



**48 Minutes.** The tone of the game is set by the kick off by **David Lustro** and is then continued by the rest of the team. All the players on the Varsity team came together to battle the Redhawks.



**8 Pints of Blood, Sweat, and Tears.** Taking the Redhawks down one at a time is the goal of **Patrick Stremel** as he tackles a Naperville Central player before the first down line.



# 36 Hours of Gametime

## During the 60 minutes of playing time in every game, the girls' soccer team stayed strong with their positive attitude and teamwork.

To any spectator, it was a normal season game. However, to the members of the girls' varsity soccer team, it was an opportunity to win another game and to move closer to regionals. The team won a number of games but rounded off the season with a record of 8-9-3.

The varsity players were dedicated to starting a new season with the variety of ages. The team included four freshmen, seven sophomores, two juniors, and six returning seniors. "This team is unique because of how well we play together, even with all the different age groups. No one thinks they're better than the other and there's not a lot of yelling at each

other which is usually an issue in sports," said Meagan Radloff.

Captains Kristin Day and Melanie Fischer motivated the girls throughout the season, even

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through the tough conditioning at practices. One of the captains' goals was to improve the strength and skills of the team, which was achieved through many practices. "A normal practice consists of a lot of possession and

shooting games. Once in a while we'll have practices with really intense conditioning to help build our speed. These are a challenge but they have really made a difference," said Chloe Ellis.

Coach Cesar Gomez hoped for a season of change and improvement and achieved what he set out for. "The girls did outstanding. We did not win all of our games but I am still proud because we improved as a team. The girls all got along together and had great sportsmanship, despite the losses. I couldn't be happier with the team and the season," said Gomez.

*Megan Ogorzalek*

**1 Goal.** During the game, Meagan Radloff prepares to score a goal, just like in practice. "We try to make practice intense. We work really hard on the simple things because if we do that, we will do better in games," said Radloff.



**60 Minutes a Game.** With her head in the game, Kari Granados skillfully dribbles the ball away from her competition. The team worked on skills such as dribbling and shooting in their many practices, led by coaches Cesar Gomez and Raul Vega.



**100 Yards.** While dribbling intensely down the field, Rachel Thomas avoids her opponents in order to score a goal. "In some practices we have really difficult conditioning, but it helps build my speed and endurance to run more. The practices are definitely worthwhile and have helped the team improve as a whole," said Thomas.



**8 Passes.** Receiving a pass from a teammate, Mary Rojas works to keep the ball in her possession. As a sophomore, Rojas said she enjoyed her time on the team this season, despite their losses. "We weren't the best this year, but we kept a good attitude and I bonded with all the girls," said Rojas.



Blair Skarin



Jamie Roman



John Weber



Abby Winters





**19 Teammates.** With the clock counting down during half-time, the girls get together in a team huddle where Captains Melanie Fischer and Kristin Day motivate the team. "Melanie and Kristin are really amazing captains. They are awesome athletes and they really want the team to excel, which makes the rest of us even more motivated to do well. I couldn't think of better captains. They've really improved the team with their upbeat spirit," said Chloe Ellis.



**11 Girls on the Field.** While blocking a St. Francis opponent, Anna Mercado keeps her eye on the ball. "Soccer requires a lot of concentration, hard work and coordination. We have pretty good eye-foot coordination," said Mercado.



**1 Steal.** Sprinting down the field, Stephanie Salinas expertly dribbles the ball towards the goal. "This year has definitely been a great experience for me. We didn't have the best record but we still won games and had a positive attitude which shows how strong of a team we are," said Salinas.

**4 Cleats.** Powering down the field toward the competition, Jessica Quinn tries to get the ball in Wildcat possession again. "The rush of adrenaline during a game is the best part of soccer. I love when the crowd is involved in the games, it gives us more energy on the field and I think we play better. Our coaches also help motivate us on the field during easy and tough games," said Quinn.



**1 Team Player.** As one of the two Captains, Kristin Day prepares to pass to a teammate. "The best part of soccer is having fun with all the girls. We're all really close and love working with and helping each other on and off the field," said Day.



**4 Saves.** Preventing a goal from scoring, Kelsey Myers kicks the ball down the field. "Being a goalie is intense because everyone depends on me to block the shot and there's a lot of pressure," said Myers.

# Four levels of 79 soccer players dribble, run and finish as a team. Two hours a day and six days a week, they work together to have a better season than the last.

Muddy Cleats

Each day of school consisted of a similar schedule for each student: waking up, getting to school, going to class while talking to friends, and counting down the minutes until 2:58 p.m. For the boys' soccer team the day did not end there. After school, they headed to the locker room, put on their muddy cleats, and went to the field for practice.

As soon as the nineteen athletic boys set their feet on the field, all the memories and worries of the day subsided. On the field, only one thing dominated: soccer.

On September 25th, the boys walked on the field ready to prove to Wheaton North that

playing the West Chicago Wildcats wasn't going to be easy. The game went on into the night while the score remained at 2-2. Jose

*Varsity Coach Steve Brugmann is an extremely hard worker and is always getting us motivated.*

Padilla and Aldair Vega scored the two goals that kept the game close. The game trailed into overtime and neither team scored. After 100 minutes of playing, both teams decided on a tie. Padilla

added, "It did not feel like losing because we played really well."

Dedication and pride shined from every aspect of the team. "Varsity Coach Steve Brugmann is an extremely hard worker and is always getting us motivated," said Christopher Quintana.

The love of soccer was evident in all players, throughout all four levels. The Varsity team went on to win first place in the Jacob Invitational. Throughout the season, all the boys showed an unlimited amount of determination, dedication and most importantly, love of the game.

-V. Mason & K. Mengel

## First 40 Days

Every year a new group of freshmen join the family of the soccer team; each brings his own talents. Carlos Martinez illustrated his skills at dribbling the ball across the field and passing.



## Four Years of Dedication

All through high school, Forward Eric Selcke has participated in boys' soccer. At the Naperville North game, he demonstrated his determination by racing his opponent to take control of the ball for his team.



**192 Feet Squared.** Being a goalie, Marcel Carrasco deals with the pressure of covering a goal all by himself. Diving for a ball, Carrasco saved the attempted score by Naperville North. "Every time I save a shot I feel good because I am helping out my team," added Carrasco.



## 12 Hours a Week

All the practice pays off when the team steps onto the field. Midfield and forward Alejandro Alcantar head-butted the game ball using just one of the many ways to pass to another teammate. After weeks of practice, the team was to perform and effectively demonstrate their efforts. Game time was the true test of all the hard work.

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Boys' Soccer





**One Team, One Goal and One Huddle.** The varsity team huddles up with **Brugmann** before the much anticipated game against Naperville North. All the boys remembered the journey through the season while Varsity Captains **Oscar Tupia, Matt Rizzo, and Ismael Sanchez** brought a strong sense of leadership to the team in order to create a family. All nineteen of the boys on varsity soccer illustrated the same excitement game after game, creating a sense of brotherhood that was inseparable.



**One of 14.** Freshmen are scarce among the soccer players making them even that more special. **Martin Orozco** put all his concentration and energy into making a successful kick to one of his teammates.



**Two Seconds Too Late.** Jumping over Naperville North's goalie, Forward **Jose Padilla** attempts to kick the ball into the goal but misses it by a matter of seconds. Unfortunately the game ended with a loss of three to zero. **Padilla** stated, "We do not like losing but we fight through all our games." The teamwork of the varsity soccer team exemplified the main attribute to the team.

**Five Ways To Steal.** As a Naperville North player dribbles the ball down the field, **Giovanni Gomez** sees a window of opportunity to steal. **Gomez** dashed to steal the ball, using as much speed as he possibly could, in order to gain possession. Being aggressive was a key component in becoming a good player and creating a successful team.



**156 Beats Per Minute.** Hearts beat with anticipation as midfielder **Luis Ortega** competes with fellow Naperville North player to be first to the ball, having only a few seconds.



**158 Feet Scramble.** Heading straight into the heart of the enemy, **Aldair Vega** travels toward the goal of Naperville North. As he dribbled, he thought of a game plan for a successful goal.



Kaithe Becker



E. Vangorkom



Jesse Baker



Nicholas Driscoll

Boys' Soccer

# The runners cover this distance and more. Determined to be successful, they never stop running and striving for glory.

An off-season does not exist for the girls' cross country team. Their goal was to run 300 miles before the school year began, and three girls proved it could be done. Their overall record reflected their hard work in the summer, and they placed 6th in the DVC.

At the Lisle Invite, the team finished in 5th place out of 47 teams. **Kelsey Sayner** received second place overall. **Leslhy Luna**, **Annette Sanchez**, **Raelene**

**Struckmeyer** and **Lucy Fuentes** also had great races. At the Crystal Lake South Invite, they placed 5th out of 18th and received their first trophy of 2008.

Coach **Maxson** said he was thrilled about their great start. "We have a lot of new runners with a ton of potential and I know we are going to have a good season," said **Maxson**.

**Sayner** contributed by winning medals in nearly every race in which she

participated. Leading the team were Captains **Emily Hahn**, **Annette Eichenberger** and **Tanya Starkey**.

The varsity team consisted of the top seven runners out of the 21 girls on the team. "We have top seven shirts that everyone wants, so we have a little friendly competition between all of us," said **Eichenberger**.

*-Joshyn Meissner*

**Thousands of Strides.** Pushing herself to cross the finish line, **Lucy Fuentes** remembers her training. "I consistently got a 22:05 for the three miles, At DVC I finally beat my time by getting a 21:30," said **Fuentes**. Times like these allowed her to finish the season in the top seven.



**19:20 Minutes.** After concerns from an injury, **Annette Eichenberger** proves nothing can hold her back. **Eichenberger** beat the school record for the three miles.

**One Final Mile.** Running her hardest **Emily Tennant** uses all her drive to continue in the race. She contributed to the winning year by beating her previous times.

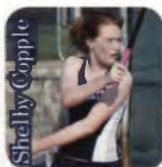


**Two Fast Feet.** "Coach wants us to visualize the course and to take deep breaths to prepare," says **Tanya Starkey**.



**First in Seven Years.** Lining up for the race, **Annette Eichenberger**, **Tanya Starkey**, and **Kelsey Sayner** prepare themselves mentally. **Sayner** was the first all-conference runner in seven years.

# 6 Short Miles



Shelby Coppie



Alex Pirela



Nathan Olson



D. McAvoy

# FOOD and Counting

**17 Runners Off To The Races.** Leading the team to a victory, **Zachary McNeil, DJ Muzzy Doug Mateas, Brian Mateas, Gunnar Sterne, and Michael Russo** pace themselves for the final stretch.



**Two Fast Feet.** Trying to improve on his previous times, **Nicholas Miller** runs his fastest and hardest during every race.



**7 Minutes of Drive and Focus.** While correcting his form, **Gunnar Sterne** charges forward. His urge to succeed ultimately helped him improve his time.



**Over 1,000 Strides.** Running in the varying terrain, **DJ Muzzy** takes long strides to quicken his pace. In the end, **Muzzy's** quick feet helped reach his goal.



**14 Athletes to Lead.** After four years on the team, **Brian Mateas** receives the honor of being a varsity captain. "Being a captain for the varsity team allowed me to help the guys become the best runners they possibly can be in the DVC," said **Mateas**, who helped lead them to a record-breaking season.

## The miles these runners cover during the summer is only the beginning. They refuse to stop before they reach the finish line.

The sound of the crowd cheering loudly filled the 5K course in which the Boys' Cross Country team worked hard to place in fifth out of eight teams in the DVC. Training and determination led this team to success during the 2008 season. The boys' team placed second out of thirteen at the Bartlett High School invite early in the season proving that they were very capable of a winning season. "That was the highlight of the

year. Winning second place was a great way to lift up the team after such a dragged out start to the season," said **Nicholas Miller**. The team expected to be better and faster runners than previous years. "The thing that impresses me the most about our team this year is the work ethic. In past years there have been a lot of guys that didn't take the season seriously. Fortunately, this year there isn't any goofing off and everybody is working hard

to be the best they can be," said Captain **Doug Mateas**. Although cross country does not seem like a team sport, the boys would not have been as successful if they did not have each other to depend on for support. Although winning was not everything to these group of guys, the races they won motivated them to work harder to prepare for the next one.

-Ashley Dunn



Boys' Cross Country

# 1600 Meters

## Pacing through four laps, the Girls' Track and Field team shows great effort as their times hit below the six minute mark.

The spring season mimicked winter's cold weather, but no matter what forecast, the girls' track and field team committed throughout the indoor and outdoor season. Even though they had a less than stellar record, the girls gave their best efforts from shot-put to the two mile relay.

According to Co-Captain **Brittany Smith**, who has been in track for four years, team support was necessary for a strong team. The coaches kept

their spirits high and the blood pumping. Coach **Petmezas** said he believed in only one way to motivate the team of over 40 girls. "I encouraged the girls to always run the race like it was their last," said **Petmezas**.

At the Rolling Meadows Invite on March 6<sup>th</sup>, **Maggie Tikka**, **Brittany Smith**, **Tanya Starkey**, and **Annette Eichenberger** accomplished a great feat in the Medley Relay. Consisting of the 400m, 800m, 1200m, and mile run, they

placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams in state.

At the final DVC meet, which took place at Wheaton Warrenville South on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the team took 8<sup>th</sup> place. Reflecting on her team's progress, Co-Captain **Katrina Beedle** worked hard with the girls and was pleased with the season results. "We placed fairly well this year and I am proud of what we have accomplished as a team," said **Beedle**.

By: *Lauran Hon*

**One Perfect Hand-off** Pounding her feet down the lane, Co-Captain **Brittany Smith** takes the baton from a fellow teammate with sleek precision. "I believe the most important part of being on the team is to be a supporter by keep a respectful attitude and working together as a team," said **Smith**.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place In State.** Earning a time of 2:14.4 in an 800m race, **Annette Eichenberger** places 3<sup>rd</sup>. "She improved a lot and we're very proud of her," said teammate **Emily Hahn**.

**S Running Lanes.** With just seconds to go, **Catherine Vance** pushes past her opponent and clocks a great time. After working hard at practices, **Vance's** time hugely improved.



**26 Foot Shot.** While practicing each day, **Jessica Freeman's** efforts pay off when she reaches her personal best in shot put.



**1-2 Step.** Tension builds up as the girls shoot up from their stances at the sound of the gun. With strong strides, **Connie Tan** pulled away from her fellow opponents and finished the race with a great time.



Kurt Johnson



Katie Bell



Molly Monroe



Chelsea Ross

**A Five Finger Exchange.** Sprinting down the track, Trent Amey passes the baton to Alex Pirela in the 1600 relay. The baton exchange from hand to hand was crucial to win the race.



**52 Muscles.** Using 52 muscles in his legs, Matt Bannon clears a five foot bar. As he landed, Bannon beat his personal record.



**1 Baton.** Taking off from the blocks, Nick Hawko accelerates to maximum speed in the four-by-two race. The team took first place in the race, as well as the meet.

**Clearing Ten Feet.** Using a 12 foot long pole, Jimmy Gelhaar vaults over the ten foot bar at Plainfield East. Rainy weather didn't stop Gelhaar from doing his best.



**Three Meets Late.** Joining the team three competitions late in the season, Eder Gonzalez takes a varsity position by striving for his best at each competition. Gonzalez showed his coaches that he was top of the line material for the team by showing up to every practice and finishing the season as strongly as he went into it.

## The boys' track and field team can run 1600 meters, or one mile, in an average time of five minutes and fifty-five seconds.

As the starting gun echoed in the distance, the runners leaped into motion. Their swift running and successful field events placed them in the lead against Plainfield East in the first invite of the season. Cold weather and snow did not affect the spirit of the team as they walked away from the meet with winning records. "Training at practice helps improve our overall performance at invites and competitions. By the end of the year, I plan to throw twenty-

five feet in shot," said Matthew Kaczmarczyk.

The track members not only relied on their skills, but they also utilized the coach's contributions as well. Using Mr. McLeland's coaching and positive feedback, Derrik Pietrobon took pride in his favorite sport. Pietrobon and the rest of his teammates understood the importance of a cohesive team and worked hard to keep unity. "The track team is like a flower. The coach

is the middle part and all the team members are like the feathery outside parts. When we work together, we make a beautiful, hardworking plant," said Pietrobon. The events during competitions included pole vaulting, distance running, sprinting, shot put, discus, and jumping. At the end of the season, the track and field team finished with a record of 3-15.

*Ashley Troia & Jesse Rogers*

5:55 Minutes



Boys' Track

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# With each point scored and every match won, the girls who deliver the power behind each serve made every move count.

27 rackets flew through the air as the girls' tennis team prepared at each practice. Their mental and physical preparation helped them to achieve their final 7-15-2 record for the year.

From the beginning to the end of the season, the team made great improvements, with their volleying and overall attitude. "We've improved with our mind game. We go into each match with a positive attitude and try our hardest until the end," said Captain

**Leigh Martino.** One of the team's goals was to make it to sectionals, which **Rebecca Cisowski, Jamie Antczak, Madeline Urban, Hannah Taylor, Dana Burgess** and **Martino** accomplished.

Along with all of the training the girls went through, Coach **Moeaki** helped them by encouraging them to try their hardest. He also gave motivational speeches before, during, and after their matches.

Overall, each of the

girls reached her personal goal. At two matches in particular, the team did extremely well. At the Glenbard North Quad, the first doubles, **Cisowski** and **Martino**, took home second place. At the Glenbard East Quad, the entire team placed first out of four teams.

After making their coach and captains proud, the girls' tennis team proved to be true competitors.

-Molly Pfeifer

## 8 Months of Rest.

After taking a three month break from tennis, **Dana Burgess** hit the courts hard with her team to train for their upcoming season. "Over break, I only trained once with my brother for 10 minutes. I think it helped me because if I practice on my time off, I start to over think my technique," said **Burgess**.



**4 Rackets.** Since age four, **Madeline Urban's** racket has been attached to her palm. "Tennis is second nature to me since I've been playing so long," said **Urban**.

**5 Days a Week.** Over summer, Captain **Leigh Martino** trains at the gym, with her travel team, and with a private instructor to keep her skills up to par.



**8 Wins.** With each of her well-earned wins, **Jamie Roman** becomes more and more of a threat to each of her DVC opponents.



## 5 Years of Training.

Since eighth grade, **Rebecca Cisowski** has commanded attention from her team and opponents. "I'm one of the most motivated people on the team. I keep my head in the game," said **Cisowski**.

Victories



Liiana Guzman



Bradley Gerwin



Ms. Rozanski



Greg Vodicka



**Two Prepared Feet.** Standing in the ready position, Jason Foreman is set to run to the net. "Before a match, I warmed up and smelled my awful smelling shoes before I put them on," said Foreman.



**40-Love.** Following through over his shoulder, Doubles Player Captain Jozef Pavnica returns the ball to make the score forty to zero.



**One More Ace.** Throwing up the ball for a serve, Second Doubles Player Preston Hauptman prepares to smash down the ball and ace his opponent yet again.

**One Cross-Court Hit.** Shifting his weight back to hit the ball, First Singles Player Captain Jose Padilla plans to hit it cross-court with a powerful backhand.



**One Forehand.** With perfect form, Third Doubles Player Michael Russo whacks the ball back to his opponent. "I have played tennis for a few years and have tried both singles and doubles, but I feel that I am better at playing doubles than singles, so I played third doubles this year with Karan Panchal," said Russo.

## Combined with hard work and intense daily practices, the boys' tennis team gave 100 percent to prepare for sectionals.

Although the boys' tennis season started a month and a half before their first match, they practiced long and hard almost every day to warm up for their opponents. The team's season consisted of both wins and losses, but the team never gave up hope and always held their heads high after a loss. Even with a record of 3-9, the boys felt victorious and successful. Along with Coach Moeaki, Varsity Captains Jozef Pavnica and

Jose Padilla pushed the boys to practice long and play hard. "Before a match, I tell the players to go play their best and to not worry about what their opponent is doing. At the end of the match I want them to walk off the court saying, 'I gave 100 percent.' If they try their best and play hard, then I'm happy," said Moeaki. Whether they played singles or doubles, the boys always motivated each other both on and off the court. As

they split up to go to their different matches, the singles players calmed their nerves while the doubles encouraged and motivated their partners. "I played doubles because Jozef and I did amazing in a summer season together and we play well together. Also, the first singles players in DVC are ridiculous; I got rocked last year at first singles," said First Doubles Player Jason Foreman.

-Alexis Brunelli

# 61 Practice Days



Boys' Tennis

10,000 yards

# It's the distance these swimmers cover on each of the 95 days of their season. These six miles represent their hard work.

The girls' swim team competed with other schools in 17 swim meets, earning a final record of 8-9 in the DVC. **Shawn Staton**, a Varsity swimmer, was a part of the swim team for two years. "I think the best part about being on the team is being able to experience all the different coaches. You have the whole team supporting you with your decisions and swims. It's like the girls are your second family," **Staton** said.

Breaking three records,

the girls were on their way to state by the second month of the season. **Kelly Dunn** broke three of the school's records including a 13-year old, 500 meter freestyle record which was broken on October 7th. The final score was 174-104.

"It feels really cool to have broken a thirteen year old record because I've been trying to get that record since last year, and it's nice to have accomplished another goal," said **Dunn**.

The girls' swim team, at both Varsity and Junior Varsity levels, consisted of 16 girls. The Wildcats practiced every morning and afternoon, in the pool. The head coach, **Parry**, set the standards and expectations for every practice: academics first, practice second. "The girls work extremely hard everyday. They just make practices and coaching a lot of fun," **Parry** said.

-Ashley Troia

**100 Yard Freestyle.** During the swim team's second home meet, **Alina Nunez** competes in the 100 yard free style event. During the season her favorite stroke was free style, and she continued to compete in the freestyle events throughout entire season.



**100 Coaching Tips.** Coach **Parry** motivates state swimmer **Kelly Dunn** by joking and offering her constructive criticism about her swim techniques and habits.

**100 Breaststroke.** Competing in the 100 meter breaststroke, **Caitlin MacDonald** focuses on both hands touching the end wall in order for her to not be disqualified.



**1 1/2 Pike Dive.** Finishing her first dive of the season, **Kelli Lyne** practices in the pool for her dive in the next home competition.



**200 Breaststroke.** Being on the varsity team for the second year in a row, **Shawn Staton**, is competing in her favorite event, the 200 meter breaststroke. "I love breaststroke! It's beyond my favorite," **Staton** said.



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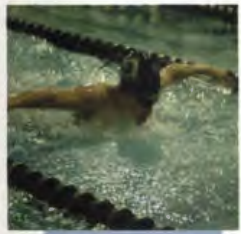
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**One Creed.** Splashing down the lane, **Anthony Nolazco** lives up to the team creed of giving his best effort. "As a team, our hard work paid off and the season definitely showed that," said Nolazco.



**800 Kicks.** Improving in every race, **Neil Hummer** demonstrates flawless poise in the water. The Butterfly Stroke was no easy task, but he ended the race strong.



**100Meters Left.** Under great time, **Rodney Nasir** perfects the Breast Stroke. "I've been on the team all four years, and I've never regretted a second of it," said Nasir.



**One Win.** Making the race look easy, **Tyler Murphy** glides through the water effortlessly. "Making 4th place at DVC made this season memorable," said **Murphy**.



**Two Co-Captains.** Leading the team with Co-Captain **Federico Garcia**, Co-Captain **David Peace** gives 100% everytime he's in the water. Their focus and dedication truly benefited the team. "What I have learned from my four years on the team is if you want success, work hard for it, and you only failed if you never tried," said Peace.

## For a few months, a swimmer focuses on one task only, getting in the water and performing with excellence.

The average student usually rolls out of bed at 6:15 a.m. For swimmers, the school day began by diving into the pool at 5:30 in the morning. There, they propelled down the lanes until the two mile warm-up was completed. "We swam about 4,000 meters every morning along with weight training. After school, we ran through strokes and worked on our techniques," said Co-Captain **David Peace**.

with wins at St. Francis and the Bartlett Invite. The boys supported each other throughout the season. "The team was great. I really enjoyed being a part of it," said **Thomas Hahs**.

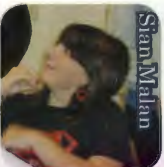
Meets were intense but the pressure never took over the swimmers' focus. At the Leyden Invite, **Steven Balmer**, **Dillon Hall**, **Anthony Nolazco**, and **Neil Hummer** took on the relay race. Suspense soared as **Balmer** and his competitor were neck and neck. **Balmer**

won by 3 inches, ending with a close score of 93 to 92 points. At the DVC Conference the team finished 4th. With high expectations, they were not disappointed.

Coach **Parry** showed true leadership during his second year as their coach, and he often spoke of how proud he was. "The season went well. They worked hard to get better and it paid off in a big way," said **Parry**.

-Lauran Hon

# 912 TONS OF WATER



Boys' Swimming

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# With a desire to win, the golfers return to the green to improve their skills and build new friendships.

Seven varsity players, three more than last year, lugged thirty balls and fourteen clubs onto the green for practice. As the practice began, they talked about their last meet and what exactly went wrong. Times like this were common among the girls' golf team. "The season went well. We had a lot of improvement this year," said Co-Captain **Jessica Bedard**

Practices were held at the St. Andrews Country Club. Coach **Cain** and the

two Co-Captains, **Bedard** and **Kimberly Kleczewski**, discussed with the girls how they could improve their playing, while still having fun. Even with a record of 1-14, both captains were proud of their team's hard work. Many of the players surpassed their own personal goals. "I definitely had a personal goal broken. I made it to sectionals this year and it was a great experience. Also, I know a few of the other girls had some personal bests this

year too," added **Kleczewski**.

The girls agreed, it wasn't the mini golf games that etched themselves into each teammate's memories. The night games, stumbling in the dark by the light of a thousand glow sticks and the sunburn from practice and forgotten sun block, were the things that made all the other moments worth it. Those moments were the real trophies.

*Kiara Wolfe*

### 104 Shots Later.

With a player from Wheaton Warrenville South, **Aubrie Sole** takes a break on the rough. Even though the sport itself was meant to be competitive, **Sole** and the rest of her team always prided themselves for being friendly with all of the players from other schools.



**5 Meets In All.** Even with a busy schedule, **Nadia Pelletier** does her best to on the fairway. **Pelletier** played to her best for every meet that she attended.

### 5:30 Wake Up Call.

Even with early practices, the girls are on time. While it wasn't the most favorable job, it was up to **Jessica Bedard** to wake up Coach **Cain**.



**55 Degrees.** Despite the pouring rain, **Karlle Becker** continues to do well on the green even though the weather was bad.



**Striding Solo.** In the DVC meet, **Kimberly Kleczewski** walks up to the green with her Wheaton North opponents. As the only girl from We-Go to ever go to sectionals, **Kleczewski** proudly represented her school.

### Three Year Varsity

Playing on varsity for his third year, **Ryan Crawford** lines the ball for his putt. As a co-captain, Crawford tried to be an example, demonstrating leadership during the season.



**1 Swing.** Following through on his swing, **Nickolas Shurba** watches the ball land for his next shot, hoping it leads him to a low average.



**Consistent 40's.** Getting a steady average in the mid-forties for each nine-hole game, **Zachary Pazar** trods on the rough towards the fairway.

**76 Strokes.** Hitting the ball with perfect form, **Blair Skarin** proves he deserves to go past sectionals. Of the team, Skarin had the lowest average at regionals.



**4015 Days.** After playing golf for over eleven years, it is no wonder as to why **Steven Romanelli** is a co-captain. With an average of 40.62 strokes, the lowest average of the team, Romanelli composed himself every time he stepped onto the green. "Romanelli was always able to handle the pressure well," added Coach Lasky.

## Hitting this average, per nine-hole game, helps the boys' golf team make it to sectionals.

As the boys' golf team stepped onto the fairway, Coach **Lasky** and Coach **Kempski** spoke of how well their team played this season. For the first time in over twenty-five years, the team made it past regionals. "I think the one thing that makes me the most proud of this season was having my whole team advance to sectionals. That hasn't been done for as long as records show," said **Lasky**.

The range of students that played for the team made

the season very motivating. "This year, the talent was more spread out from seniors to freshmen, instead of having just the juniors and seniors hold the biggest role," said Co-Captain **Ryan Crawford**. With a team consisting of six seniors, one junior, four sophomores, and eleven freshmen, many people were concerned that the team would not thrive. However, the team did exceedingly well.

Making it past regionals and into sectionals, the ten

varsity players showed that they had what it took to compete in the DVC. "There was some good competition. A lot of kids advanced to regionals from our conference, showing that we were up against some of the top golfers in the area," added Co-Captain **Steven Romanelli**.

*-Molly Pfeifer  
Tyler Christ  
Courtney Nesemeier and  
Maggie Black*

44 Strokes



Boys' Golf

# When playing multiple defenses, the Ladycats throw off the other team and shut down their opponents' offense.

As fourteen girls ventured onto the court, basketball season began with a victory. In the first game, the varsity team came out hard to beat Nazareth Academy with a final score of 50-42. Having a win under their belt, the girls continued to work hard in practices and during games to raise their intensity.

With only three seniors on the team, the girls had little varsity experience. Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen had to step up their game to compete at such a high level. Team captains, **Christine Rovtar, Lindsey Johnston, Margaret Polacek and Jessica Baidis**, worked together to push the team through every game throughout the season "Being a captain takes

a lot of work. You have to be ready every practice and game. Also, as a leader, you have to be able to help out your teammates at all times," said **Rovtar**.

Starting the season off *"It's important to bond as a team off the court so that on the court we can work together as a team and not as five individual players."*

well, it came time for the girls to play within the DVC. Glenbard East was first up. The girls came out hard and beat them with a score of 57-45, for the first DVC win. Wheaton North played a powerful game that proved to be

an exciting match with a close score of 55-53. Going back and forth the entire game, it came down to the final seconds with only three seconds left on the clock, **Elizabeth Reyes** got a steal and looked right ahead to **Elizabeth Bruce** for a wide open lay-up to win the game. "We all made contributions to win that game," said **Bruce**.

Team bonding was a must every Saturday, when the team had breakfast and talked about what they wanted to accomplish for the game. "It's important to bond as a team off the court so that on the court we can work together as a team and not as five individual players," said **Baidis**.

-Maggie Polacek

6 Defenses

**24 Years of Experience.** With tons of energy and knowledge, Head Coach **Wallner** leads her team to a regional victory. "It felt a lot like an NBA game, lots of time-outs and strategy at the end of the game. It ended up being the team that executed the best won," said **Wallner**.



**4 Quarters.** In her last home game, **Christine Rovtar** hustles up and down the floor the entire game. "It was hard for me to think about how I was never going to play on this court again," said **Rovtar**.



**1 Fast Break.** After a steal, **Katelyn Staiton** pushes the ball up the court for a fast break. "Running a fast break is exciting. It's an adrenaline rush. You're running as fast as you can trying to score before the other team can catch up to you," said **Staiton**.



**10 Free Throws a Game.** After taking the ball strong to the basket, **Emily Paschke** takes the first of her two free throws. "Free throws are so important in a close game situation and every shot counts. Every time I stepped up to the free throw line, I tried to block everything else going on out and focus on making my shot," said **Paschke**.





**1-2-3 Intensity.** The girls gather in a circle creating rhythmic beats on the ground to get one another pumped for each game. Words of encouragement from each player brought the game to life when it was time to play. "The inspirational words before games really allowed me to get my head into the game. It also allowed me to be more focused on the game," said Madeline Warkins. After words of encouragement were shared, the girls shouted their "1-2-3 intensity" cheer. Following the cheer, the girls ran to the sidelines for more words from their coach and were then ready for the game to begin.



**15 Drives To The Basket**  
After working hard to gain position, Jessica Baidis takes the ball strong to the basket. "Every time I earned good position, I did my best to take it strong to the basket and make a good post move," said Baidis.



**Ten Rebounds**  
Concentrating on getting a good position for a rebound, Elizabeth Bruce is always the first to box out and go to the ball. "Boxing out is really important. Everyone has to box out, not just one person. I really made an effort to improve that part of my game," said Bruce.

**Two Free Throws.**  
As warm-ups come to an end, Claire Monroe concentrates as she takes two more practice free throws. Making free throws can be the difference maker in the game. "You have to make the other team pay for their mistake of fouling you," said Monroe. Throughout the season, Monroe stepped up and made some key free throws.



**One Protected Pass.**  
On Senior Night, Margaret Polacek works to find an open teammate. "Senior night was an exciting night but it was also sad knowing I will never play on this court again," said Polacek.



**Four Assists.** Being a freshman on varsity, Elizabeth Reyes scans the court to pass the ball off. "I loved playing with the upperclassmen" said Reyes.



Lia Smith



John Madalone



Elizabeth Reyes



Mark Dean

# With 25 games of intricate plays and effective offenses, the team proves to be worthy of recognition in the DVC.

After a disappointing season in 2008, the Boys' Basketball team emerged more determined than ever before. According to the *Daily Herald*, "the West Chicago Boys' Basketball team, down on its luck the past several seasons, is beginning to show signs of a team that is ready to contend."

This season truly marked a change for the Wildcats. In a non-conference game against Wheaton Academy, the boys were trailing by double digits at the end of the first half. A steal and a shot by Guard Chad Driscoll caused an intensity in the second half that allowed the team to pull ahead to beat their rivals 49-46.

As a younger team, with three starting juniors, the boys

succeeded with multiple victories. With the younger players it created a "well rounded team as well as increased the talent level," said Coach Kevin Gimre. However, all of the 13 players contributed to

*"There was a fire in all of us and that was the determination to win"*

the triumphs of the season.

During this season, the improvements stemmed from practice, teamwork, and confidence. The level of play increased and led to wins against major competitors. With ten hours of practice a week, the team "stayed focused and prepared,"

said Forward Nicholas Henke, who contributed to the team's success.

"There was a fire in all of us and that was the determination to win," said Driscoll. Leading the team for his second year as captain along with Anthony Quarto and Henke, Driscoll witnessed the growth of the team.

With the effort shown, the team fought in every game and proved they could compete in the DVC. "It takes all five people to win," said Quarto. That teamwork guided the group to a successful season.

-Madeline Watkins

12 Offenses

## 5 Timeouts.

In the late third quarter, Coach Gimre pulls his team aside to discuss their options. "The level of play was exciting to watch," said Gimre. After the timeout, the team continued to battle against WWS.



## 8 Opponents.

Fighting against the defenders' trap defense, Ryan Karg uses his strength to reach towards the ball. As a center, remaining strong under pressure was key to breaking press defenses and being successful.



**90 Feet.** Sprinting past defenders, Anthony Quarto beats his opponent down the floor. With speed unmatched by other players, Quarto was able to push the ball up the floor and hustle back on defense before anyone else. His leadership and skill on the court were a great asset to the success of the team.



## 15 Foot Jumpshots.

A wide open shot and two points later, Elijah Asani demonstrates his talent and quickness on the floor. His unfailing effort and constant hustle allowed the team to overcome many competitors. His fourth year in the program prepared Asani to help lead the team, "I enjoyed being part of a team that worked so well together," said Asani.







**32 Minutes.** Before beginning a game filled with intensity, the basketball team prepares to face their opponents, Wheaton Warrenville South. "We had the mindset that we can win every single game we play. Our team is for real and we can compete with the top on the DVC and just seeing our team's potential helped us understand what we needed to win. Our seniors were awesome and they helped very much in the team's success," said Forward **Charles Jacques**.



**3 Point Shot.** Constantly shooting from the outside, Forward **Charles Jacques** aids the team as one of the five starters. Continuing the offense play, the team's patience and accuracy rewarded them with an open look for a basket.



**8 Minutes.** Running onto the court to his awaiting teammates, **Alex Robbins** prepares for the battle between West Chicago and Wheaton Warrenville South. Before every game, home and away, the support and cheering from the fans started every first quarter with intensity.

**6 Men Deep.** Every player on the bench remains focused on the game because at any moment a new player could enter the game. "What motivates me to improve is the fact that I'm competing everyday in practice for playing time, just like everybody else," said **Jeff Robinson**. Pushing each other in every practice kept the team ready to play.



**10 Seconds.** Racing against the clock to cross half court, **Chad Driscoll** pushes the ball up for a fast break. Looking for the open player determined whether or not the team will score.



**2 Free throws.** With poise and concentration **Jeff Robinson** begins to take his first foul shot, a crucial moment to gain two more points in the game.



Boys' Basketball

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## With all of the practice balls flying everywhere, the only ones that matter in the end are the three game balls that allow for more points on the board.

Fourteen hard working volleyball players pushed through the pain of every practice to prepare themselves for every game. The girls practiced six days a week for two hours a day. Each Wednesday, the team scrimmaged the coaches adding extra time to each practice. Coach Hasty pushed the girls to improve on the previous season. They showed significant improvement over last year's season by earning a final record of 5-31.

Setter **Kelli Grimm** and Back Row Player **Elizabeth Gola** worked together as captains to push the girls through every up and down of the season. "As a

captain I have to motivate myself as well as others," said **Grimm**.

The girls came out strong against Glenbard North. They won their first game and then

*"I try to motivate the girls through hard work and physical and mental challenges."*

lost the next. The third game was a fight, down by nine points the girls fought back winning 25-23 for their first DVC victory. "I try to motivate the girls through hard work and physical and

mental challenges," said **Hasty**.

The team worked hard both on and off the court to better themselves and the community. The season brought a new challenge to the team, "Volley for the Cure." The team raised \$2,500 for the **Susan G. Komen** foundation, a breast cancer organization. 471 pink T-shirts were sold to raise the money, that were sold for \$10 each, "Coach **Hasty** knows that this issue affects every woman, and it's a disease we all work to defeat," said **Connie Tan**. During the game the girls wore pink jerseys and pink socks.

*-Maggie Black*

**1 Ace.** A freshman on varsity, **Julia Conard**, prepares to serve the ball over the net to Naperville Central. Her consistent effort and dedicated personality made her a sure leader on the court; she proved to be a force to be reckoned with.



**30 Minutes a Game.** All around player, **Quin Gable** is in position to pass the ball to a setter, "I try to remember to keep my shoulders out every time I pass the ball and hope it is good," said **Gable**. With that in mind, **Gable** improved her back row play.



**5 Digs.** As a defensive specialist, **Connie Tan** hustles all over the court to dig up every ball she can. "Being a backrow player is hard work. I have to get to my line and be ready for anything to come my way," said **Tan**, who stepped up to every challenge thrown at her and persisted.



**6 Feet.** Standing at the attack line, Middle Hitter **Emily Paschke** jumps high above the ground and slams the ball down for a kill against Naperville Central. "Being tall has its advantages in volleyball. You have to be able to block your opponent's hits and be ready for anything," said **Paschke**. Her ability to smack the ball down led to many points scored by the Wildcats.





**14 Teammates.** As game time approaches, Coach **Hasty** talks to the girls about what is expected for the match. Not only did **Hasty** tell them her expectations, but she tried preparing them for their future, "I want the girls to know that they are better people than when the season started," said **Hasty**. With that in mind the girls continually pushed themselves to their limits in both games and in practices. With the help from Coach **Hasty**, they worked on building their futures together as a team.



**17 Sets.** Being on a varsity team is never easy, especially as a freshman, but it proved to be nothing **Payton Bayless** couldn't handle. "When I have a good pass to me I focus on trying to give the hitter a great set," said **Bayless**.



**1 Sisterhood.** Ready for the game to begin, starter, **Ashley Dunn** runs out to shake the other team's hands and wish them good luck. "It's always inspiring to know that my teammates are there cheering me on throughout the game," said **Dunn**. Calling themselves a "sisterhood" was a true statement. Every player stuck together for all the ups and downs of the season.

**4 Kills Per Game.** For her first year on varsity, **Kathy Fletcher** has improved tremendously throughout the year, "I worked really hard in the off season to step up my game and prepare myself by playing club and going to all the summer camps our school provides for us," said **Fletcher**. Her hard work and dedication paid off, and she became a bright spot for the future.



**8 Serves Per Game.** Captain **Kelli Grimm** offers a perfect toss for a serve. "Serving is fun. It takes a lot of concentration," said **Grimm**. With that example, **Kelli Grimm** always was able to serve the ball over the net.



**20 Passes.** Waiting for anything, **Katelyn Staiton** gets low to react to the ball. "My mind focuses on getting the ball up as well as making it easier for the setter to handle," said **Staiton**.



J. Meissner



Jose Padilla



D. Calderon



David Clark



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# In these displays of intensity and sportsmanship, the volleyball players bump, set, and spike their way to victory.

During the first round of conference play, the boys' volleyball team played West Aurora's varsity team. The match could only be described as a long and exciting match. The boys were down until the 20th point when **Leo Bartyzel** made a clutch kill. The boys took a normal 25 point game, all the way to a 33-31 win. In the second game the boys crushed the Blackhawks 25-16. It was the first DVC win for the team. "The match against West Aurora was one of my favorites from the season. Not only did we win the match, but it was the first time that we played as a team," said **Alex Almaraz**.

With over 25 matches, the boys' volleyball program showed

significant improvement over the season. Having only three returning varsity players, **Ryan Krage**, **Steven Romanelli**, and **Danny Calabrese**, the team had to give it their all. The young team worked harder at the varsity

*"We try to push the guys to the limit, but also have fun at the same time."*

level with their matching Wildcat jerseys, and practiced six days a week for over two hours. Two year varsity setter **Romanelli** and all conference libero **Krage** worked together to push the team to excel and perform in the weekly

matches. "We work to push the guys to the limit, but at the same time still have fun," said **Krage**.

The team gained experience and the knowledge of what a varsity team needed. Before every match **Coach Hasty** always told her program, "If we sweep the team, steak dinners for everyone!" Along with the steak dinners, the team also has three team dinners throughout the season for team bonding. "Practice, eat food, and hang out with the teammates, it's a great combination," said **Anthony Hasbun**. Overall the team grew in many ways. They grew mentally in matches, physically with power, and worked together with their teammates.

- *Quin Gable*

29 Matches

**15 Years as a Coach.** During her 15th season, **Coach Kris Hasty** shows her players, in a time out, where and how they should look in a match. Before a match she went over what the team needed to do in order to add a victory to the record.



**One Hand Pass.** As a first year varsity player, **Alex Almaraz** dives for a ball hit by Naperville Central and tries to pancake it up to save the ball. "Unfortunately that day I forgot to wear knee pads to the match. But im glad I got I got the ball up," said **Almaraz**.



**One Libero in a Different Colored Shirt.** Being the libero for the game against the Naperville Central Redhawks, **Mark Dean** stays low and passes the ball to the setter **Blaine Flanagan**. The match against the Hawks unfortunately ended in the Hawks' favor, 16-25 and 17-25.



**Four Bounces.** While bouncing the ball four times before his serve, **Blaine Flanagan** looks over to the coach to see the position to which he should serve. "I'm really superstitious, so I have to have the same serving routine. I always bounce the ball four times, then hit it on the floor, and finally spin it in my hand. It sets me up for a perfect jump serve," said **Flanagan**.





**Eleven Players Battling for a Victory.** During a time out called by Coach Hasty, Captains Ryan Krage and Steven Romanelli try to motivate the team by saying what is needed to have a victory. "Every time-out Steve and Ryan just say random stuff to get us mad right before we play. It really helps me kill the ball the next time that I am set," said Leo Bartyzel. Hasty also told the boys what positions are open to tip, and what hits the players should run. "The team huddle is the best place to be in a game point situation because it gives Hasty the opportunity to tell us what we need to do to win the match," said Mark Dean.



**Two Positions.** An all conference player, Ryan Krage plays the outside position for the first time in his high school career. "It was such a change for me to hit in a game. I actually jumped, blocked, and tipped in a match. It was awesome," said Krage.



**45 Degree Angle.** While staying low, Leo Bartyzel passes the ball to setter Steven Romanelli, out of the middle back position. Bartyzel not only played the middle back position, but he also was a main outside hitter for the varsity team. "During practice not only do I have to practice hitting from the outside position, but I also have to pass backrow," said Bartyzel.

**Six Players on the Court at a Time.** On the bench cheering for their teammates Danny Calabrese, Daniel Clarke, Anthony Hasbun, and Gordo Tirado, wait for a rotation where they can go into the match. "Whenever I am on the bench I do my best to cheer on my teammates, and when I go in, I try to only think positive thoughts," said Hasbun.



**Five Middle Hits.** A two year varsity middle hitter, Danny Calabrese calls out the hitters of the opposing team, Naperville Central. "I like hitting in the middle position because I get to block the other teams' hits," said Calabrese.



**8 Tips.** After getting set a quick ball in the middle of the net, Daniel Clarke tricks Naperville Central and tips over the middle of the block. "I don't like tipping, but it really messes up the other team's defense," said Clarke.



Boys' Volleyball

# 1 Team to Beat

## After hitting, catching, pitching, and throwing the softball for three hours a day, it's no wonder why the Varsity softball team proved to be the team to beat.

Fourteen girls took the softball field with a new Head Coach, **Emily Johnson**, and wanted to prove that they were capable of beating their opponents. Their hard work from intense daily practices brought many victories, which led to high spirits and a season record of 27-6.

Although the team's season included both wins and losses, the girls proved that they were still the best by staying ranked at number one in the DVC for more than half of the season, and by making it to regionals for the second year in a row. "My goal for the season was for everyone on the team to learn something about themselves. I

think we accomplished that. We ended the season putting up a fight, and I am confident that next season will be even more successful," said **Coach Johnson**.

*"My goal for the season was for everyone on the team to learn something about themselves."*

The players tried to be level headed and tried not to think about the game too much so that when it came to winning or losing, they were still playing for the love of the game, even when the pressure was high. "We came into the season with a breath of fresh air.

A lot was expected out of us, and we played to our fullest potential. I am so proud to say that I got to play with these girls. Everyone was so driven. It was inspirational. We learned a lot about our game and ourselves. I could not have dreamed of a better team to play with," said **Courtney Macko**.

After the regular season ended, the girls continued on to regional play. In the first game the girls defeated their opponents and went on to the regional championship game. Although they lost against Bartlett High School, the girls had a worthwhile and successful season.

*-Katelyn Casey and Quin Gable*

### 3 Up, 3 Down.

While pitching a strike past a fearful opponent, **Mary Connolly** attempts to pitch a perfect game. "Pitching can be really stressful at times, but not when you have a defense that gives you confidence," said **Connolly**.



### 1 Team.

Before the Naperville Central game, the team motivates each other by coming together in a huddle and yelling a cheer. "Screaming 'Fire It Up' at each other before the game starts is a great way to get your blood pumping," said **Alison Taddeucci**.



**1 Sprint To First.** Batting second in the lineup against Naperville Central, **Elizabeth Bruce** makes it to first base, where **Coach Johnson** congratulates her for success. It was Coach Johnson's first year coaching the softball team at Gail George Field. Unfortunately the girls lost to the Redhawks 0-1.



### 6 Feet.

During her second time up to bat, **Christine Rovtar** looks over her left shoulder to the third base coach, who is giving her hitting signs. She then proceeded to hit a triple down the first base line. "Getting a good hit is like nothing else. As soon as your bat hits the ball, you know what's up. It's the best feeling in the world knowing that you helped your team," said **Rovtar**.





**Menacing Looks.** As the Naperville Central softball team warms up on the field, **Baron, Taylor Kutilek, Courtney Macko, Danielle McAvoy, Jamie Dash, Taylor Dash, Jessica Wood and Elizabeth Bruce** take a knee at the third base foul line to intimidate the players by watching them closely. "It's really fun to see how the teams react when we watch them warm up. We do this before every game to find out what strengths and weaknesses each of the players has so that we can strategize and plan out the best way to win. After the stake out, we always do our "Fire Up" cheer," said **Macko**.



**1 Intimidating Helmet.** After receiving a pitching call from her coach, **Kaity Olson** relays the sign to the returning pitcher, **Mary Connolly**. "I love catching for **Mary** because it's a great feeling when she strikes another player out," said **Olson**.



**1 Freshman.** As the only freshman on the Varsity softball team, **Jessica Wood** practices hard before the game against Naperville Central, to prove she belongs. "At first I was intimidated by the older girls but as the season went on, the girls became like sisters to me," said **Wood**. With great motivation, and a true love of softball, **Wood** was able to accomplish the goal of being the leadoff hitter.

**7 Warmups.** Before every inning on the field, **Jamie Dash** and **Danielle McAvoy** throw the ball to get themselves ready for the unexpected. "Before every game I listen to my iPod. I also like to imagine the other team's reactions when I come up to bat. My favorite moment from the season was when the Glenbard North girls had their heads in their arms when we beat them," said **Dash**.



**1 Slap.** With a running start for a slap, **Molly Monroe** shoots the ball past the third baseman on the opposing team. "Since I bat left handed, it's easier for me to get a running start to first on a slap, rather than on the right," said **Monroe**.



**2 Quick Legs.** Running in to field a ball, **Taylor Kutilek** prepares to throw the runner out at second. "Having to run for a ball is my favorite part of the game. I love running," said **Kutilek**.



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# 21 Brothers

## Stepping onto the diamond, the team played as one unit. With the rise of success and the fall of defeat, they supported each other throughout the year.

As the new baseball team stepped onto the field, each player had his own idea of what the season would be like. Some hoped for a successful team season, while others pursued personal bests. All in all, the team had the common interest of trying to bring in as many wins as possible.

With an entirely new line up, the team worked through injuries and setbacks. Starting pitcher **Jordan Long** demonstrated his unique talents as he took the mound for the first time on varsity.

Also new among the team was Head Coach **McCarthy**, who helped the team stride toward

numerous victories. "I enjoyed coaching because I liked helping the team grow into men," added **McCarthy**.

With a predominantly senior roster, the team wanted *"There are a lot of memories that I made that I will keep with me forever."*

to end their year playing with a bang. Strong hitters, such as **Ethan Burau** and **Tyler Christ**, stepped up to the plate, each with the desire to strike the ball over the fence. **Christ**, who had broke the batting average with a .460 average, also won All Conference

as a result of his consistent batting and acrobatic catches in centerfield. "It was fantastic to play with everyone. There are a lot of memories that I made that I'll keep with me forever," said **Christ**.

While the season ended with a record of 12-14-1, the team walked off the field with pride. The younger players on the team were able to gain the experience necessary for their future seasons, while the graduating players had the opportunity to make their mark at the school.

*-Courtney Nesemeier and Amanda Huey*

**35 Years.** Returning after a break from coaching, Coach **McCarthy** looks over his team. "They had to improve their mental approach to the game and not get down when things didn't go as planned," said **McCarthy**.



**1 Backbone of Defense.** Starting off the season with a homerun, **Kevin Peterson** scares his Glenbard East opponents and excites his team. As a junior, **Peterson** was the first baseman for the varsity team, and one of the most active players on the team.



**4 Possible Baselines.** Leading off on the baseline between first and second, **Alex Robbins** attempts to steal second base. Starting on varsity as a junior, **Robbins** was a consistent hitter and also supported the pitcher with a solid defense at second base. **Robbins** also pitched for varsity when the team needed him.



**9 Homeruns.** Stepping up to the plate, **Tyler Christ** becomes determined to crush the ball as far as possible to tack on another homerun for his team. Throughout the season, **Christ** hit the highest number of homeruns which made him an all-conference player. "I had a lot of fun in my last season here and that helped me to play my game and knockout some homeruns to help the team," said **Christ**.







**12 Victory Huddles.** After a 9-3 victory against Glenbard North, the Varsity team meets by the dugout for a winning huddle. Throughout the season, the boys had 12 similar huddles where they discussed what went well in the game and what they still needed to improve on. In the huddle, the team was able to grow as a whole. "Whenever anyone was hurt or couldn't play, another person stepped up so that the team could get the win," said **Johnny Wehr**.



**1st to 2nd.** As **Johnny Wehr** watches the ball fly towards him, he attempts to lay down a sacrifice bunt to advance the base runners. Despite not being an everyday starter, **Wehr** brought intensity to the dugout and always had a positive attitude.



**2 Dirty Uniforms.** Sliding headfirst into third base, **Rhett Gunderson** scores a triple and brings in a total of 17 RBI's for the season. Each game, **Gunderson** challenged himself to hit for a cycle, a collaboration of a single, double, triple, and home-run. **Gunderson** never let anybody get in the way of his goal. "Hard work and dedication equals perfection. You gotta take what's yours," said **Gunderson**.

**7 Innings Pitched.** Being one of the six pitchers, **Jordan Long** averages 95 pitches a game and has been clocked throwing 85 mph pitches. Because his specialty throughout the season was pitching, **Long** was able to pitch all seven innings which included many shut-outs. "I love the intensity of being on the mound and having the fate of the game rest in my hands," said **Long**.



**2 Specialties.** As a starting pitcher and first baseman, **Corey Freebern** warms up his arm for a tough game against Glenbard East. Each game, **Freebern** recited words of encouragement to the pitcher.



**95 Catches Per Game.** With catcher's gear and a leather mitt, **Matthew Matson** shows his athletic ability as he proves he will not let a ball get by him. **Matson** had a positive attitude toward his team's defensive abilities.



Eathan Bureau



Ben Orr



Leonie Diaz



Daniel Michiels



# 6 Intense Minutes

## With three two-minute periods in a wrestling match, wrestlers have limited time to take down their opponents.

With a record of seven wins and 12 losses, the wrestling team struggled to emerge on top in the DuPage Valley Conference. The team demonstrated tough perseverance and strong will throughout the matches. "One of my main goals of the season was to win most of our dual meets and keep the number of participants high," said Coach James Philips.

In wrestling, team

members must have strength, stamina, and determination. Without these vital skills pinning an opponent is next to impossible. "To be a good wrestler you have to be really confident going into a match. If you see a kid that's bigger than you, psyching yourself out does no good. I found that going into a match with that mentality will help me end up on top," said Calvin Holt.

Although the victory in

a wrestling meet is based on the amount of individual wins, the wrestling team worked together to finish the season. "The encouragement of each team member is really important because seeing guys that are much bigger than you can be very intimidating. Without the support of the team, it is really difficult to focus on what I am there to do: win," said Nicholas Carnot.

Ashley Dunn

**7 Beatdowns.** As the match begins, Preston Hauptman assesses the situation. "My experience on varsity worked as an advantage for me. I was able to react to what ever moves my opponent put on me and figure out the best way to get out of them and pin them as quickly as I can," said Hauptman.



**8 Years Wrestling.** After wrestling for three years, Nicholas Carnot demonstrates that he is determined to emerge victorious by bringing down his Redhawk opponent.

**86 Falls.** As the clock ticks, Trenton Amej fights out of a tricky situation. Throughout the match Amej's quick thinking and talented skills helped him win.



**Countless Tactics.** Discussing strategies with Coach Fitzenreider helps Roberto Guillen prepare for his next match.



**1 Victory.** Preparing to pin his opponent, Christopher Pierce battles for his first victory of the night. "I try to predict my opponent's next move so I can do what I need to pin him and win," said Pierce.



**One Game Saver.** Blocking each flying puck, Goalie Kyle Obright never lets anything pass him. Obright's goal was to leave the opponents' team always wanting revenge.



**Zero Players Open.** Pushing the puck down the ice, Forward Jordan Rehak searches for an open teammate to assist in making another goal.



**1 Opening.** Finding a gap between the opponent's offensive players, Defenseman Jonathan Gilbertsen skates down the rink to shoot another goal.



**Two-On-One.** Being guarded by two defending players, Forward Benjamin Orr glides down the ice to steal the puck away from one of his opponents to score.



**Three Schools, One Team.** After the team's pep talk, Forward Gunnar Sterne is always eager to walk onto the ice. "Before every game, Captain Alex Ozols usually gives us a pep talk that actually has nothing to do with the game, but makes us laugh. I always look forward to what he has to say," said Sterne.

## Though only 12 of the 30 players come from our school, their hard work and dedication make up a large portion of the team.

With students from Wheaton Academy and Wheaton North High School, 12 West Chicago players represented our school on the ice through the sport they love. Playing hockey on the same team as two rivalry schools was easier than people thought. The Wild proved this true by working hard and having determination and heart throughout the season. "I feel focused when I play. I let stress out," said Forward Luke Somen.

a strong season with a record of 13-9-1, but Varsity Coach Dave Dyson and Assistant Coach Steve Meahger hoped to lead the Wild to a win at the IHSL Division Championship. "The best part of being a coach is continuing to stay around the game I love. It is satisfying to give what I learned over a lifetime to my players and have them take that knowledge and make it their own," said Dyson.

Even though hockey is a tough sport, one girl on the

team proved that girls were just as strong as boys. "The feeling you get from playing hockey is absolutely incredible. Every single thing about hockey, from the big saves, big hits, and big bruises, to the road trips, tournaments, and important games, being a part of this sport is incredible. Nothing compares to the feeling you get when you play hockey," said Goalie Kathryn Bell.

Alexis Brunelli

# 12 Wild Players



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# Team 13 Games

## Despite a rough start, the young lacrosse team practiced hard and never gave up in hopes of prevailing all the way to the end.

Going into their fifth season as a lacrosse team, the players set high goals for themselves and settled for nothing less. They treated every game like they had nothing to lose. "At the start of the season I knew we were coming into a young and rough year. Not because of the lack of talent but the lack of experience our players had. Our team didn't build on wins. We built on chemistry with each other to make ourselves better for next year," said **Blake Zumpano**.

With the help from captains **Blake Zumpano, Brad Cole, Anthony Serrato, and Brandon Rhodes**, Coach **Pater** motivated the team through their toughest games and pushed them to their limits during prac-

tices. "We worked hard during practices and spent a lot of time on improving our skills but the other schools in the DVC really stepped up their game and were difficult to beat," said **Serrato**.

The team held practices at West Chicago Middle School

*"Our team didn't build on wins. We built on chemistry with each other."*

every day after school for two hours in order to improve their tossing and catching skills. It was also a time for the boys to bond together as a team and work one on one with their coach. "This year Coach Pater really wanted the relationships on the team to

be strong to make the communication on the field better so we had a lot of team bondings and everyone became really good friends," said **Brandon Cleek**.

With only one returning senior on varsity, the young lacrosse team struggled through the season with a record of 0-13. The team gave their all and left nothing on the field at the end of the season. Even with defeats, each and every team member walked onto the field ready to play their part in representing the colors of blue and white with pride.

-Amber Weinmann

**1 Goalie.** After saving a goal from opponent Naperville Central, **Brandon Rhodes** prepares to throw it back out into the field. "It's been a tough season but we are keeping our heads up and improving with every game," said **Rhodes**.



**5 Minute Pep Talk.** During their time out of the game, **Darrek Sams** and **Brad Cole** reflect on how they have played and give each other advice on how to improve their game. Throughout the season the team formed a very strong support system.



**1 Aggressive Teammate.** During a close game, **Brad Cole** runs after a Redhawk with the ball to save his team from losing. "Our offense did well during this game but the other team scored most of their points using fast breaks, which messed up our defense," said **Cole**.



**1 Loyal Captain.** While playing against Naperville Central, **Blake Zumpano**, plays with a positive attitude and expects nothing less than a win from his team. Being the captain, **Zumpano** did his best to set a good example and motivate the rest of the team even during the toughest times.





**1 Pregame Chant.** During the last game of the season, the team gathers one last time to motivate each other and get ready for the grueling game ahead of them. Each practice that week led up to this final game and the boys hoped that their hard work would pay off when they left the field with a victory. "Varsity is a lot faster-paced and requires a lot more skill, so with a young team it was hard to compete against other teams in the DVC," said Stuart Sankovitch.



**1 Defensive Player.** In order to be in position to score a goal Ben Vanderle attempts to free himself from his opponent. "We faced difficult teams this year, but we went into the games with positive thoughts," said Vanderle.



**3 Men In Masks** While waiting for their turn to show off their skills on the field, Brandon Fischer, Nathan Olson, and Daniel Singer support their teammates who are already playing. "We knew it was going to be a tough season since we lost so many people but we are a young team with a lot of individual talent," said Singer.

**5 Goals Scored.** On his way across the field Lukas Mackey has his sights set on scoring a goal for his team. "During practices we spent a lot of time working on all the skills for each position on the field. Such as passing the ball back and forth and scrimmaging each other," said Mackey.



**15 Passes.** After passing the ball to one of his teammates R.J. Kolburger hopes for a goal to bring his team one point closer to winning the game. Throughout the season, Kolburger was a consistent player and worked hard during practices.



**1 Intimidating Glare.** After passing the ball off to his open teammate, Tyler Zanoni makes his way to the opponents' goal in the attempt to score a point and win the game.



E. Fitzgerald



Matt Gagner



Mayuri Panmar



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# In each one of the matches, these badminton players did more than smash and drop. They dominated the courts.

On the Saturday morning after Prom, Bishop Gym filled with badminton players warming up for their DVC matches later that day. Around the gym all of these girls used the shots they learned from practice including drives, mid-court clears and full-court clears, hoping to play their best at DVC and improve their record of four wins out of eleven games. Warming up for DVC, the team looked to their captains, **Jamie Roman**, **Lia**

**Smith**, **Yesenia Geromini** and **Mariela Kruthoff**, for guidance. The DVC competition came to a close, and the team worked hard. Although the team did not place, both **Kim Kleczewski** and **Ania Skorupski** won their singles matches.

"My favorite part about badminton is the fact that we have an amazing group of girls, and we're always there for each other whether we win or lose," said **Kleczewski**. At the

Plainfield North Invite, they placed second. At the Dekalb tournament, they placed 5<sup>th</sup>, the double partners **Jamie Roman** and **Hanna Colliander** placed second and **Virginia Mason** placed third in singles. "In a regular practice we do a lot of conditioning towards the end and work on skills. Practices are very hard but they can also be fun," said **Geromini**.

- *Joslyn Meissner*

**Ten Rackets.** Huddling up before the match to discuss the game plan, Coach **Nguyen** gives a speech but the rest is up to the girls to get ready for their match. "I don't really do anything special before a match. I put on my uniform on and help pump up my team then I am all set to play," said **Lia Smith**.



**One Point.** Reaching for the birdie, **Casey Dennis** saves it. "Take chances, learn from your mistakes and when in doubt keep your racket held high," said **Dennis**.

**Six Matches.** Focusing on winning the point, **Kim Kleczewski** clears her mind and prepares to serve. Throughout the season, **Kleczewski** won six single matches.



**Twenty One Points.** Determined to win, **Jessica Munoz** keeps the birdie in play. With only 21 points every hit counts.



**Doubles.** Stepping on court **Jamie Roman** and **Hanna Colliander** are ready to play their doubles match. After all their hard work in practices, they placed second at the Dekalb tournament.

# 15 Matches



# Despite snowstorms and busy schedules, these students work for perfection in every performance.



## Focused Cats



**18 Years.** Being the only gymnast, **Kristina Terry** teams up with Wheaton North for practices and meets. **Terry** started gymnastics when she was three and fell in love with it. She spent all of her time practicing gymnastics when she was not in school. "My goals were to stay on varsity and learn a lot of new tricks. Overall goals are to get a college scholarship for gymnastics and to specialize in floor," said **Terry**, who thrived We-Go with her outstanding gymnastic abilities.



**One Game, Two Uniforms.** During half time while the rest of the football team enjoys a break, **Kevin Curda** races back on the field to play the drums with the Marching Band. He was involved in football, Marching Band, jazz band and the spring play. Although **Curda** spent many nights at school, he wouldn't have it any other way. "Try something new, something you've never done before. It might just be one of the best decisions you'll make," said **Curda**.



**Two Sport Captain.** From sophomore football captain to sophomore basketball captain, **Kyle Molskow** balances his schedule by using his free time and staying focused. **Molskow** became involved in sports to have fun, meet new people and develop a good work ethic. "My goals for both sports I play are to work hard, win, and always do my best," said **Molskow**. Besides playing sports, he was in the Community Leadership class, volunteering the time he had to better the community.



**Countless Laps.** Swimming laps after school is routine for **Kelly Dunn**. She participated in the local swim team and the West Chicago Sharks, while maintaining a 4.0. **Dunn's** goal was to place third in state, and the only way she could do that is to continue to have fun. "I manage time by keeping my goals in mind. I have priorities. My family, friends and teammates help me use time appropriately," said **Dunn**, who was named All-Conference last year and All-American in 2009.



Sean Pater



Kelsey King



Johnny Padilla

Dedicated Athletes

# With more than just pretty faces, Varsity and JV cheerleaders spread morale to teams and fans with spirit and drive.

Both the Varsity and Sophomore cheerleading squads began their season in late June as they prepared for their trip to Northern Illinois University Cheer Camp. At the camp, the girls learned new stunts and dance moves to bring back home. "NIU camp is over a period of four days, and our squad was stuck together like glue. It was the place that let us bond and create relationships," said **Brittany Parisi**.

For halftime, the squads put together a new routine for each home game as well as raised school spirit levels. Under the leadership of Coach **Terri Rohrdanz** and Captains **Molly Cody**, **Sara Lim**, and **Ileana Tapanes**, the girls brought enthusiasm to the school, mo-

tivating everyone to strive for victory. Throughout the season, the squads grew to be more of a family. "We have a sister like bond. I can count on them for anything," said **Erica Lange**.

Practicing through sweat and pain, thirty six cheerleaders

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proved that they had the right to be called serious athletes. "As a squad, we have really put our best foot forward, worked harder, and really improved," said **Kaitly Olson**. When the season came to a close, it was hard to say goodbye to the departing

seniors. "We have shared so many memories together and will keep one another close to heart," said **Ileana Tapanes**.

No matter what the scoreboard read, the girls were always present, from the start of the game to the last second. "These girls have shown their true colors through the intense work they've gone through this season, and we've pushed through many obstacles together. The girls stayed motivated, which made our season a success," said Coach **Rohrdanz**. Constantly motivating our teams to succeed, this group of cheerleaders not only defined school spirit, but also true strength, unity, and teamwork.

*-Megan Zajac*

## 1 Close Coach.

After coaching cheerleading for more than ten years, **Terri Rohrdanz** accepts a bigger challenge. Taking on a group of thirty six girls, she offered more than just a helping hand, but also a caring heart.



## 7 Mounts.

During the Homecoming halftime performance, Varsity and JV cheerleaders formed a pyramid, enchanting the crowd. They finished the routine dancing to a mix of music that represented the Homecoming themes.



**8 On Top.** During timeouts, the cheerleaders throw up an effective stunt to entertain parents and students. "Now that we have our technique down, the basics have become second nature and now we get to work on harder stunts," said **Stefanie Turzinski**.



## 6 Eager Faces.

Despite what the scoreboard reads, our cheerleaders are always ready to cheer on our team. During a play of the night, the girls were caught in action showing their gratitude and spirit. It took determination to stand united, but they did it with a smile. "Being on the field by the players makes everything feel so surreal. Its such an experience," said **Sara Lim**.

36 Sisters







**20 Red Bows.** During the fall pep assembly, the Varsity cheerleaders go out onto the floor with smiles and pep. Performing to a mix of "Last Christmas," they perform their Christmas routine for the student body. The squad revived anticipation and excitement throughout the crowd. "Pep assemblies outlive any halftime of a football or basketball game. They are the most fun because you get to perform in front of the entire school and get all the students involved," said Molly Cody.



**1 Mind-Set.** Hitting every move with perfection, Kaity Olson perfects her performance. During the assembly, she excited the crowd with her spirit and attitude. "After years of cheering, there is still an adrenaline rush every time I perform," said Olson.



**8 Prepped Flyers.** With every hair in place, shoes strikingly white, and bows tied to perfection, a picture is worth a thousand words. Alyssa Pierce, Molly Castelveccchi, and Brittany Parisi began to prepare for a new stunt to entertain fellow Wildcats during the assembly.

**8 Sideline Dancers.** During a timeout at one of the home football games, Brittany Parisi, Alyssa Santelli, and Ashley Jefferson dance to "Let's Get Loud" by Jennifer Lopez. The squad learned this new routine over the past summer at NIU to share with our fans. With the hard work, they demonstrated and brought to the sidelines the fun side of cheering.



**8 Spectators** Waiting in anticipation Deirdre Hofman, Rachel Johnson, and Stefanie Turzinski wait to watch Varsity perform with their dads on Senior Parent Night.



**1 Windy City.** Walking in the annual Homecoming parade as a first time cheerleader, Alexa Jean takes to the streets prepped and ready to cheer.



Navy Nearing



Chris Quintana



Pagan Ballotti



Robert Windisch



# With these dance numbers, the Poms have it made with the energy that they bring to every football and basketball game.

With a different routine to perform every Friday night, the Pom Pon squad dances their way into the hearts of the audience. Whether it is on the field or court, these sixteen dedicated girls showed all their hard work and love for dance every time they performed during halftime.

The season started with practices in early April before the school year even ended and continued everyday during the summer. The two hour practices were spent learning and perfecting skills for the season as well as teaching sidelines and the school song. Towards the end of summer the girls attended the Universal Dance Association summer camp hosted at Wheaton College. With the routine they brought, choreo-

graphed by Captains **Abbey Mastroianni** and **Renee Cirone**, the squad placed 6 out of 11 schools that attended. "Camp was an

*"The girls showed determination and hard work through whatever routine or dance style"*

awesome experience because we met new people from other schools and learned to work together as a team," said **Megan Ogorzalek**.

When school started, the squad didn't only participate in other school events such as Relay for Life and Volley for the Cure. They also volunteered their time to the community raking leaves, helping out with the Fall Festival 5K run at the DuPage Convalescent

Center, and making Christmas much more special for families with children with special needs.

"I really want the girls this year to participate in as much community service as possible because I am a big believer in helping out the community and it was also a good way for the girls to bond and work as a team," said Coach **Devin Vassar**.

"The girls showed determination and hard work through whatever routine or dance style we taught them that week," said **Renee Cirone**. For every home football and basketball game, as well as pep assemblies, the girls took the floor and performed with confidence in themselves and one another.

-Amber Weinmann



## 2 Pom Pons.

While walking to the beat of "Please Don't Stop the Music" by **Rihanna** during the Homecoming parade, **Sarah Berger** holds her poms firmly. **Berger** was a first year pom and brought her bright personality to the team.



## 1 Dancer.

As a second year pom, **Jaclyn Coughlan** expects nothing less than another great season. "I feel like this season we bonded with one another better through all the activities that we participated in which made us stronger," said **Coughlan**.

**8 Seniors.** In the Homecoming half time show **Renee Cirone**, **Lanie Sikorski**, and **Abbey Mastroianni** wait patiently for their turn to represent their class's Olympic city through every move. "The seniors helped me a lot through my first year as a pom by encouraging all of us," said **Janel Tomassoni**.

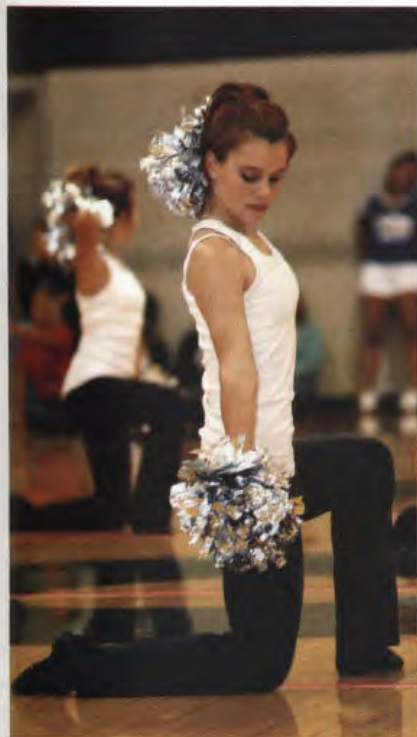


15 Routines





**16 Pom-poms.** In a single file line, all sixteen girls stand united for the last time as a squad, while honoring the country during the **National Anthem**. "Senior night has always been a night I have dreaded because it meant no more halftime performances and bondings with the whole team. That night is always special because we reflect on the past season and remember all the good times we had together as a squad," said Captain **Abbey Mastroianni**.



**1 Rose Struck.** During the first pep assembly of the year, **Amber Weinmann** waits patiently for the music to start. "Performing in front of the whole school for the first time was an adrenaline rush because I knew a lot of my friends were there watching. Poms has pretty much taken over my life with all the practices and games but I love to dance and we all get along pretty well so being on the team is worth it," said **Weinmann**.



**9 Stripes.** During the Christmas Pep Assembly **Christina Jonas** finishes the routine strongly and waits while the students cheer. This routine was full of circle kick-lines and cute dance steps to bring out the Christmas spirit. "Christmas routine was by far my favorite out of the season because it was easy and I had a really good time performing it," said **Jonas**.

**1 For the Cause.** While dancing at the Volley for the Cure event to the song "Truly, Madly, Deeply," **Kim Busch** finishes the routine strongly. "I was glad to be a part of the Volley For the Cure event since it was for a good cause and it benefited many people whether they had cancer, survived it, or knew someone close to them that dealt with this awful disease," said **Busch**.



**Aside from fundamentals, the teams work as one in the foundation for success. Teams know they must work together to achieve victory.**



Front Row: Manager Stephanie Salinas, Coach Brugmann, Miguel Ortiz, Jesus Herrera, Adrian Porcayo, Luis Perez, Manager Gaby Lopez, Manager Elizabeth Correa Middle Row: Oscar Tapia, Carlos Vazquez, Aldair Vega, Eric Selcke, Dorian Carrasco, Jose Padilla, Alejandro Alcantar Back Row: Servando Perez, Ismael Sanchez, Alejandro Almaraz, Matthew Rizzo, Curtis Salazar, Pedro Perez, Andrew Davis, Giovanni Munoz



Front Row: Manager Jacqueline Salgado, Joseph Ramos, Pedro Tellez, Alejandro Gallegos, DJ Clark, Alberto Aguado, Pablo Quintana, Allende Luna, Alonsi Martell. Middle Row: Leonardo Toxtle, Richard Garcia, Juan Vazquez, Nicholas Lopez, Jose Montalvo, Ivan Valdivia, Eugenio Tirado, Roy Garcia. Back Row: Luis Perez, Brandon Cleek, Kyle Nichol, Jozef Pavnica, Coach Owens, Brian Bennett, Gerry Jimenez, Julio Bautista, David Padilla.

Varsity Soccer

2-0 GE 1-1  
1-1 GN 0-0  
0-1 NC 2-1  
0-3 NN 2-1  
2-1 WA 3-0  
2-2 WN 1-3  
1-2 WS 7-2

Sophomore Soccer

Junior Varsity Soccer

1-2 GE 2-2  
2-1 GN 0-1  
1-2 NC 0-3  
1-2 NN 0-3  
2-1 WA 0-3  
2-1 WN 0-0  
2-1 WS 4-0

Freshman Soccer



Front Row: Brian Lustru, Noe Santillan, Marcel Carrasco, Richard Paret, Luis Medina. Middle Row: Juan Arechiga, Danny Alanis, Jared Perez, Jayro Lopez, Joshua Ferreyra, Abraham Garcia, Back Row: Coach Ortiz, Antonio Maldonado, Esteban Fernandez, Martin Orozco, Cesar Gonzalez, Christopher Quintana, Scott Cielo, Gilberto Villa.



Front Row: Robert Ramos, Second Row: Carlos Martinez, Vito Loiotile, Cullen Wilcox. Third Row: Zeferino Perez, Josh Gouskos, Louis Boer, Adrian Perez, Tommy Georgalis. Back Row: Coach Arias, Jonathan Hernandez, Daniel Gonzalez, Bryan McDonald, Danny Ortega, Jose Salinas.

975 Athletes



Front Row: Blair Skarin, Jordan Long.  
Middle Row: John Kinsella, Coach Kempski,  
Coach Lasky, Robert Windisch. Back  
Row: Ryan Crawford, Zach Pazar,  
Kyle Martens, Steve Romanelli,  
Samuel Wais.

Varsity Golf  
Sectional Qualifiers:  
Robert Windisch,  
Blair Skarin,  
Kyle Martens,  
Steven Romanelli,  
Ryan Crawford.



Front Row: Nickolas Shurba, Connor Simmons.  
Middle Row: Bryce Flanagan, Anthony Temes,  
Austin Funderburk, Zach Michnick, Tyler  
Zbilski, James Scheck. Back Row: Coach  
Kempski, Brandon Danial, Alex Marano,  
Sean Fayfar, Jordan Gabriel,  
Timothy Kotche, Coach Lasky.

Freshman Golf



Front Row: Nadia Pelletier. Back Row: Olivia  
Rodriguez, Karlie Becker, Sarah Quealy,  
Coach Cain, Kim Kleczewski, Aubrie  
Sole, Jessica Bedard.

Varsity Golf  
Varsity  
Swimming  
State Qualifiers:  
Kelly Dunn,  
Caitlyn Madsen,  
Maria Sedjo,  
Ania Skorupski.>



Front Row: Caitlyn Madsen, Lea Molina, Meghan  
Ziffra. Second Row: Coach Parry, Maria Sedjo,  
Mikki Winn, Kelly Loftus, Kelli Lyne, Asst. Coach  
Delcid. Third Row: Caitlin MacDonald, Kelly  
Dunn, Ania Skorupski. Back Row: Chelsea  
Madsen, Alina Nunez, Tori Riban,  
Shawn Staton, Nicole Jacobsen,  
Amanda Winters.

Varsity Cross  
Country  
Sectional Runners:  
Tanya Starkey,  
Annette Eichenberger,  
Kelsey Sayner.



Clockwise From The Top: Emily Hahn, Alicia  
Waldschmidt, Kelsey Sayner, Leslhy Luna, Bree  
Ringe, Meghan Nichol, Lucy Fuentes, Diana  
Serio, Annette Eichenberger, Mayuri Parmar,  
Raelene Struckmeyer, Maria Barajas, Tanya  
Starkey, Emily Tennant, Maggie Tikka. Center  
Row: Asst. Coach Petmezaz, Head Coach Maxson,  
Amanda Weir.

Varsity Cross  
Country  
6th Place out of  
8 teams with 165  
points >



Front Row: Derrick Pietrobon, Gunnar Sterne,  
Mike Dovel, Mike Russo, Jorge Hernandez.  
Middle Row: Fidel Huerta, Evan Morgan, DJ  
Muzzy, Justin Bhardwaj, Brendon West-Hooper,  
Sahaj Shah. Back Row: Brent Smith, Alex Perez,  
Doug Mateas, Joe Serio, Coach McLeland, Zach  
McNeil, Nick Miller, Brian Mateas,  
Lucas Mackey.



Team Photos



Front Row: Manager **Blaine Flanagan**. Middle Row: **Katrina Beedle, Ashley Dunn, Julia Conard**, Coach **Hasty, Nicole Kuhlmann, Kathleen Fletcher, Emily Paschke**. Back Row: **Joslyn Meissner, Taylor Kutilek, Payton Bayless, Connie Tan, Elizabeth Gola, Katelyn Staiton, Kelli Grimm, Quin Gable**.

### Varsity Volleyball

0-2 GE 1-2  
2-0 GN 0-2  
0-2 NC 0-2  
0-2 NN 0-2  
1-2 WA 0-2  
1-2 WN 2-1  
0-2 WS 0-2

### Junior Varsity Volleyball

### Sophomore Volleyball

1-1 GE 1-2  
0-2 GN 2-1  
0-2 NC 0-2  
0-2 NN 0-2  
0-3 WA 0-2  
2-0 WN 0-2  
0-2 WS 0-2

### Freshman White Volleyball

### Freshmen Blue Volleyball

0-1 GE  
0-1 GN  
0-2 NC  
0-2 NN  
0-2 WA  
0-2 WN  
0-2 WS

### Varsity Tennis



Front Row: **Taylor Dash, Daryl DeLeon, Coach Morrone, Maira Garcia, Chloe Ellis**. Back Row: **Caitlyn Sekema, Katelyn Wright, Jessica Baidis, Madeline Warkins, Danielle McAvoy, Jennifer Konchar**.



Front Row: **Emily Warkins, Cassie Thill, Brenna MacDonald, Megan Taddeucci, Brenda Saucedo**. Middle Row: **Meghan Carnot, Jessica Wood, Katie Wiest, Carly Tubridy**. Back Row: **Angelica Lomibao, Coach Kavadas**.



Front Row: **Eileen Damsch, Megan Gossen, Renee Jeffery, Tylor Kuly, Megan Green, Frida Camargo, Danielle Pauling, Pamela Campos**. Middle Row: **Jessica Munoz, Alexis Brunelli, Anais Arias, Jamie Antczak, Danielle Keller, Georgia Henn, Kelsey Malan, Karena Lundquist, Sarah Ramirez, Leigh Martino, Stella Larson**. Back Row: **Madeline Urban, Jamie Roman, Coach Moeaki, Sadie Roberts, Rebecca Cisowski, Hannah Taylor, Shelby Copple, Edith Robles, Coach Toms, Dana Burgess**.



Front Row: **Krysta Youngberg, Jennifer Keilhack, Coach Michalek, Nicole Bowker, Christin LaCour**. Back Row: **Kaitlyn Anders, Taylor Ballek, Kayla Freund, Sarah Norton, Morgan Hlinka, Nathalie Lopez, Guoste Kisielute**.



Front Row: **Courtney Toman, Alison Place, Iliana Guzman, Rachel Pioch, Hannah Martin, Coach Gruber**. Back Row: **Connie Kim, Bianca Navjas, Hayley Gillespie, Daisy Pena, Zitlalic Valdivia**.





Front Row: Kevin Peterson, Ryan Karg, Tyler Griffith, Charles Jacques, Clark Hudmon. Back Row: Coach Lasky, Elijah Asani, Nicholas Henke, Casey Camp, Alex Robbins, Anthony Quarto, Blair Skarin, Michael Dylla, Jeffrey Robinson, Chad Driscoll, Coach Gimre.



Front Row: Zachary Bauler, Bryce Flanagan, Joshua Gimre, Brian Baidis, Alec Strachota. Second Row: Zackary Doell, Derek Evans, Reid Regalado, Nathan Sudnick, Justin Mundt, Justin Olson, Alexander Weier. Third Row: Eric Benney, Peter Eterno, Tyler Schoenwolf, Joe Loftus, Joseph Martin. Back Row: Coach Cleary, Timothy Almaraz, Dylan Hedmark, Kyle Martens, Alex Marano, Coach Sayner.



Front Row: Allison Miller, Jaclyn Coughlan, Allyssa Brinkman. Middle Row: Renee Cirone, Nicole Burlingame, Abbey Mastroianni, Marissa Caputo, Kimberly Busch, Janel Tomassoni, Sarah Berger. Back Row: Amber Weinmann, Christina Jonas, Elise Oppermann, Kelsey Skogsberg, Lanie Sikorski, Megan Ogorzalek.

### Varsity Basketball

- 0-1 GE 0-2
- 0-1 GN 0-2
- 0-1 NC 0-2
- 0-0 NN 0-1
- 0-1 WA 0-3
- 1-0 WN 0-2
- 1-0 WS 0-2

### Sophomore Basketball

### Freshman Basketball

- 0-1 GE
- 0-1 GN
- 0-1 NC
- 0-1 NN
- 0-1 WA
- 0-1 WN
- 0-1 WS

### Frosh/Soph Cheerleading

### Poms

### Varsity Cheerleading

6th place out of the 8 Dupage Valley Conference teams



Front Row: Reid Howington, Matthew Zajac, Robert Windisch. Middle Row: Sean Paler, Kyle Molskow, Evan Bernard, Aaron Becker. Back Row: Denis Mahmic, Matthew Peterson, Leo Bartyzel, RJ Kobriger, Coach Wheeler.



Front Row: Chandler Abrams, Stefanie Turzinski. Middle Row: Emily Villano, Tanya Arias, Kylie Hushion, Daniella Parducci, Lexis Sikorski, Breanna Kmiecik. Back Row: Deirdre Hofman, Rachel Johnson, Marianne Ulett, Alexa Jean, Chelsea Ruiz, Kristin Hendrickson, Alexis Micele.



Front Row: Ileana Tapanes, Sara Lim. Middle Row: Megan Zajac, Jamie Dash, April Fichter, Erica Lange, Alyssa Santelli, Ashley Jefferson, Molly Castelveccchi. Back Row: Alyssa Pierce, Stephanie Porter, Taylor Jaconis, Courtney Macko, Haley Goranson, Kaity Olson, Gina Stolzman, Lauren Pugh, Keegan Johnson.





## Varsity Basketball

0-2 GE 1-1  
 2-1 GN 2-0  
 0-2 NC 1-1  
 2-0 NN 1-1  
 1-1 WA 2-0  
 1-1 WN 2-0  
 2-0 WS 2-0



Front Row: Bria McWilliams, Meagan Radloff, Alezandria Tapanes, Sara Opel. Back Row: Kelsey Myers, Guoste Kisieliute, Sarah Norton, Amber Del Rio, Coach Rusin.

## Junior Varsity Basketball

### Freshman Basketball

0-2 GE  
 0-2 GN  
 0-2 NC  
 0-1 NN  
 1-0 WA  
 0-1 WN  
 0-1 WS

### Varsity Basketball Cheer

### Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleading

6th place out of the 8 DuPage Valley teams >

### Basketball Poms



Front Row: Rachael Venchus, Courtney Toman, Kelsey Sayner, Meghan Carnot. Middle Row: Jessica Quinn, Kristin Hendrickson, Emily Warkins. Back Row: Kristyn Pavnica, Cassie Thill, Brenna MacDonald, Coach Sullivan.



Front Row: April Fichter, Erica Lange, Ileana Tapanes, Sara Lim, Molly Cody, Alyssa Pierce, Brittany Parisi. Middle Row: Jamie Dash, Megan Zajac, Alexandra Eterno, Ashley Jefferson, Katie Olson, Molly Castelvechi. Back Row: Coach Rohrdanz, Stephanie Porter, Courtney Macko, Gina Stolzman, Haley Goranson, Keegan Johnson, Lauren Pugh, Alyssa Santelli.



Front Row: Juliet Santelli, Chandler Abrams, Stefanie Turzinski, Breanna Kmiecik. Second Row: Tanya Arias, Daniella Parducci, Deirdre Hofman, Rachael Johnson, Lexis Sikorski. Back Row: Kylie Hushion, Kristin Hendrickson, Alexa Jean, Chelsea Ruiz, Marianne Ulett, Alexis Micele.



Front Row: Elise Oppermann, Sarah Berger, Allyssa Brinkman, Renee Cirone, Kelsey Skogsborg, Marissa Caputo. Back Row: Nicole Burlingame, Lanie Sikorski, Amber Weinmann, Janel Tomassoni, Megan Ogorzalek, Jaclyn Coughlan, Kimberly Busch, Abbey Mastroianni, Christina Jonas.







### Varsity Soccer

GE 0-1  
 1-0 GN 0-1  
 NC 0-2  
 NN 0-2  
 WA 1-1  
 0-1 WN 0-2  
 0-1 WS 0-2

### Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Kelsey Myers, Sarah Opel, Stephanie Salinas, Olga Pena, Cristal Galvan, Kim Fester. Second Row: Chloe Ellis, Melanie Fischer, Anna Mercado, Bianca Navejas, Kristin Day. Third Row: Coach Gomez, Meagan Radloff, Kelsey Whittaker, Eridanni Santiago, Mary Rojas, Amber Del Rio, Rachel Thomas, Veronica Salazar, Roxana Martinez, Kari Granados, Jessica Quinn, Coach Vega.



Front Row: Alexander Almaraz, Eugenio Tirado, Mark Dean. Second Row: Erich Letzter, Blaine Flanagan, Ryan Krage, Anthony Hasbun. Third Row: Daniel Clark, Daniel Calabrese, Coach Hasty, Steven Romanelli, Leo Bartyzel.



### Junior Varsity Soccer

1-0 GE 1-4  
 0-1 GN 1-0  
 NC 0-2  
 NN 0-2  
 WA 2-0  
 0-1 WN 1-1  
 0-1 WS 0-2

### Junior Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Megan Gossen, Gaby Lopez, Jackie Selgado, Elizabeth Correa, Marielena Delgado, Mariela Mendoza, Kim Fester. Second Row: Kelsey Myers, Jessica Montoya, Lisbeth Garcia, Priscilla Guevara, Claudia Giron, Alyssa Brown. Third Row: Coach Hurtado, Cassie Thill, Liliana Villa, Kayla Freund, Kristyn Pavnica, Gaby Villa, Jennifer Amaro, Coach Allroth.



Front Row: Abe Garcia, Curtis Hajec, Cesar Gonzalez, Goy Garcia, Ivan Valdivia, Aldair Vega. Second Row: Liam Flaherty, Adrian Porcayo, Justin Malandrucolo, Coach Morrone, John Matalone, Luis Guzman, Rodger Plant.



### Freshman Soccer

1-1 GE 1-5  
 1-0 GN 1-1  
 NC 3-1  
 0-1 NN 2-2  
 WA 1-3  
 0-1 WN 2-2  
 1-0 WS 0-4

### Freshman Volleyball

Front Row: Laura Perez, Irene Casimiro, Susan Martinez, Laura Galvan, Pam Campos. Second Row: Sonya Padilla, Denise Esparza, Lizett Montenegro, Rachel Giron, Stephanie Jimenez, Claire Monroe. Third Row: Coach Slaughter, Alexxa Bessey, Brenda Vargas, Casey Arnold, Rachel Pioch, Alex Overman, Alondra Casimiro.



Front Row: Kevin Desfassiaux, Armando Leal, Brandon Danial, Eddie Fuentes, Franco Mastrolonardo. Second Row: Brian Baidis, Marcel Carrasco, Juan Guzman, Danny Ortega, Anthony Temes, Tony Lombardo. Third Row: Coach Kavadas, Robert Glenn, Dylan Two-Axe, Alex Marano, Joey Martin.





Front Row: John Wehr, Blair Skarin, Trevor Bodie, Manager Nicole Burlingame, Jordan Long, Nicholas Carnot, Matthew Matson, Alex Robbins. Middle Row: Cole Paler, Benjamin Orr, Daniel Michiels, Tyler Christ, Rhett Gunderson, James Jensen, Eulises Diaz, Jeff Robinson, Matthew Ackerman. Back Row: Coach Stott, Corey Freebern, Kevin Peterson, Charles Jacques, James Laiter, Ethan Burau, Coach Payne, Coach McCarthy.

### Varsity Baseball

2-1 GE 2-0  
 3-0 GN 1-1  
 0-2 NC 1-1  
 0-3 NN 1-1  
 WA 2-0  
 0-3 WN 2-0  
 1-2 WS 2-0

### Varsity Softball



Front Row: Anna Lane, Molly Monroe, Taylor Dash, Jamie Dash. Second Row: Courtney Macko, Kaity Olson, Elizabeth Bruce, Katrina Turzinski, Taylor Kutilek. Third Row: Coach Barron, Christine Rovtar, Alyson Taddeucci, Danielle McAvoy, Mary Connolly, Coach Johnson.

### Sophomore Baseball

0-3 GE 2-0  
 2-1 GN  
 1-2 NC 1-1  
 0-2 NN 0-2  
 1-3 WA 2-0  
 2-1 WN 2-0  
 1-2 WS 2-0

### Junior Varsity Softball



Front Row: Brittany Parisi, Mayra Monroy, Tarah Rayos, Rachael Venchus, Jessica Reed. Second Row: Valerie Forrest, Katie Wiest, Jessica Wood, Meghan Putnam, Rachel Johnson, Molly Atherton. Third Row: Coach Rayos, Jennifer Konchar, Stefanie Turzinski, Jennifer Goldsmith, Coach Bolton.

### Freshman Baseball

3-1 GE 2-0  
 1-5 GN 0-2  
 0-6 NC 0-2  
 0-5 NN 1-1  
 2-4 WA 2-0  
 0-6 WN 2-0  
 0-4 WS 1-1

### Freshman Softball



Front Row: Nicholas McAssey, Matthew Green, Alec Strachota, Zachary Bauler, Nicholas Driscoll, Marcus Delatorre. Second Row: Agnier Gonzalez, Ryan Davidson, Justin Huey, Reid Regalado, Vincent Santucci, Jose Calderon, Robert Ramos. Third Row: Sean Elfstrom, Ryan Sammons, Kevin Schwarz, Justin Mundt, Joshua Gimre, Zachary Abraham, Zackary Doell. Fourth Row: Coach Dalo, Coach Lukas, Erik Solis, Tim Almaraz, John Ragano, Joe Loftus, Tyler Schoenwolf, Coach Chisholm.



Front Row: Breanna Kmiecik, Safari Barton, Hayley Gillespie, Casey Christ, Meghan Carnot, Alexandra Hund. Second Row: Coach Dastyh, Allysan Terrel, Hayley Macko, Marianne Ulett, Chelsea Ruiz, Courtney Toman, Samantha Donovan.





### Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Brandon Rhodes, Bradley Cole, Darrek Sams, Benjamin Vanderle, Brandon Fischer, Joshua Caithamer, Austin Barber. Middle Row: Conor Zaputil, Tyler Zanolini, Stuart Sankovitch, Blake Zumpano, David Peace, Anthony Serrato, Brandon Cleek, Jeremy Piane. Back Row: Coach Pater, Kyle Martens, Mike Blanco, Scott Wheeland, Nathan Olson, Austin Martens, Coach Conner.



Blake Zumpano

### Varsity Badminton



Front Row: Linda Feltes. Second Row: Hanna Colliander, Jamie Roman, Lia Smith, Kimberly Kleczewski, Virginia Mason. Third Row: Coach Pulson, Mariela Kruthoff, Nicole Bridgeforth, Yesenia Geromino, Michaelene Winn, Coach Ochromowicz.



### Junior Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Brandon Ziki, Brian Molo, Justin Camerena, Michael Kwasnik, Mackenzie Biedeman. Middle Row: Sean Dywer, Christopher Bicek, Ty Murphy, Anthony Denicolo, Lucas Mackey, Zachary Chavez. Back Row: Daniel Singer, R.J. Kobriger, Coach Copher, Daniel King, Matthew Iannaco.



Virginia Mason

### Freshman Badminton



Front Row: Natalia Macias, Kristina Manibo, Daliadne Morejon, Evelyn Alanis, Alma Valerio. Second Row: Aubrie Sole, Stefany Hernandez, Kayla Grych, Olivia Rodriguez, Ashley Aparicio, Chelsie Torres. Third Row: Coach Ochromowicz, Megan Pietura, Janeleen Baptista, Adriana Sanroman, Manager David Perez.



### Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Michael Russo, Ron Obdin, Jose Padilla, Casey Powrozek, Karan Panchal, Ethan Woodbury. Second Row: Brett Adams, John McCormack, Jason Foreman, Coach Moeaki, Preston Hauptman, Zachary Pazar, Jozef Pavnica.



Jose Padilla

### Junior Varsity Badminton



Front Row: Karina Reyes, Katelyn Petrusaitis, Nicole Bowker, Jennifer Keilhack, Janeth Aguilar, Brenda Mendez, Marlene Rojas. Second Row: Desiree Geromini, Lizbet Cortes, Tanya Walz, Kimberly Mengel, Maria Perez. Third Row: Michelle Lopez, Alicia Murphy, Mehak Damani, Lamanda Moore, Sarah Houck, Michaelene Winn, Brianda Barrera, Katie Kuszynski, Casey Dennis, Devon Tuma, Elizabeth Berg, Coach Paulson, Namita Parikh, Brenda Mendez, Jenny Ballines, Kelly Nguyen.



Phil Lenertz



Maggie Polacek



Jesses Nichols



B. Mendoza



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Front Row: Robert Ramiar, Manager Jesica Ruffino, Manager Denise Ramos, Manager Monica Guzman, Manager Valentina Espinosa, Emerson Tryillo. Second Row: Coach Weigand, Coach Fitzenrider, Nate Schweitzer, Brendon West-Hooper, Christopher Pierce, George Hernandez, Brandon Danial, Coach Philips. Third Row: Jonny Padilla, Francisco Correa, Guillermo Galvan, Dan King, Daniel Martell, Michael Lopez, Calvin Holt. Fourth Row: Jon Clark, Jesse Short, Francisco Conde, Jesse Rogers, Julian Rojas, Luis Ramirez, Giovanni ..., Luis Perez, Carlos Vazquez, Luis Bucio, Luis Guzman, Vito Loiotile. Back Row: George Fortman, Nicholas Carnot, Jose Pasindo, Jon White, Michael Thiede, Edgar Sanchez, Preston Hauptman.

## Varsity Football

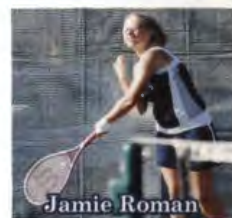


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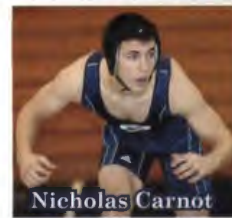
## Sophomore Football



Dorian Carrasco



Jamie Roman



Nicholas Carnot



Payton Bayless

## Varsity Wrestling



Jordan Long

## Freshman Football



Front Row: Roberto Canedo, Sean Paler, Kyle Molskow, Hayden Duriavich, Matthew Zajac, Brandon Fischer, Nathan Leffler, Jerrick Habecker, Jerry Fialka. Second Row: Zachary Vann, John Matalone, Daniel Schwab, Peter Conrad, Matthew Rayos, Roberto Guillen, Thanh Pham, Nikolas Kmiecik, Oscar Luna, Kevin Ly, George Asenov. Third Row: Francisco Conde, Daniel Ramirez, Brian Om, Darryl Thomas, Tommy Krone, Andrew Koettters, Vincent Latham, Jon Clark, Edwin Carlos, Christopher Phan, Giovanni Garcia, Coach Belding. Back Row: Coach Dalo, R.J. Kobriger, Nikko Williams, Joshua Stein, Luis Guzman, Charlie Cunningham, Austin Martens, Leo Bartyzel, Hunter Serrato, Ivan Kovanda, Tim Scarleski, Alexis Alvarado, Kevin Stolzman, Christian Simanonis, Anthony Nolazco, Bradley Wilson, Coach Winquist.



Front Row: Justin Olson, Brian Turnquist. Second Row: Isaias Vega, Zackary Doell, Alexandro Santillan, Alexander Weier, Zachary Chavez, Steven Karnosack, Ryan Sammons, Faizan Khan. Third Row: Larry Arnold, Brian Baidis, Jesse Rogers, Jeffery Martin, David Lawless, Anthony Venen, Juan Villicana, Justin Huey, Cesar Diaz, Alexander Johnson, Reno Benavides, Brandon Jackson, Guillermo Galvan. Fourth Row: Coach Schneider, Eric Benney, Kevin Desfassiaux, Austin Kassaros, Conor Overman, Adam Costa, Scott Strachota, Jeremy Soto, Franco Mastrolonardo, Brian Rubino, Matthew Green, Adam Jacobs. Back Row: Coach Pedersen, Joseph Martin, Nathan Sudnick, James Ogorzalek, Tyler Schoenwolf, John Ragano, Liam Flaherty, Joe Loftus, Daniel King, Justin Mundt, Jordan Werle, Robert Glenn, Aaron Colon, Coach Rau.





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Varsity Track  
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Front Row: Matthew Kubik, Gunnar Sterne, Fidel Huerta, Luis Rubio, DeJuan Muzzy, Evan Morgan. Second Row: Kevin Klouda, Alexander Pirela, Brian Mateas, Kyle Nichol, Jeffrey Foreman, Douglas Mateas, Tim Loftus, Deven Lopez, Brent Smith, Zachary Mowen. Third Row: Trenton Amey, Joel Viera, Coach McLeland, Coach Chiodo, Coach Mittman, Coach Belding, Coach Omie, Derrik Pietrobon, Sergio Cale. Back Row: Thomas Kaczmarczyk, Eder Gonzalez, Joseph Serio, Zachary McNeil, Nicholas Miller, Kenneth Levey, Michael Trevino, Gregory Berg.

Varsity Track  
 State Sectional Runners:  
 DeJuan Muzzy  
 Gunnar Sterne



Sarah Houck



Front Row: Federico Garcia, Jeffrey Pierpoint, Manager Michaelene Winn, Manager Maria Sedjo, Neil Hummer, Kyle Hunter. Second Row: Ashton Swinney, Cameron Swinney, Tyler Murphy, Rodney Nasir, Kevin Bicek, Evan Morgan, Fidel Huerta. Third Row: Dillon Hall, Evan Krotz, Lucas Mackey, Matthew Iannaco, David Peace, Anthony Nolzaco. Back Row: Justin Camerena, Thomas Kaczmarczyk, William Burke, Steven Balmer, Philip Lenertz, Thomas Hahs, Marcus Delatorre, Coach Parry.

Varsity Swimming

9th out of 18 at IHSA Sectional

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Front Row: James Scheck, David Duran, Conor Overman, Jesse Short, Roberto Campos, Justin Bhardwaj, Matt Kaczmarczyk, Thomas Kubik. Second Row: Michael Dovel, Louis Boers, Jon Hernandez, Guillermo Galvan, Jesse Rogers, Anthony Venen, Andrew Kruthoff, Todd Wigger, Brandon Jackson. Third Row: Coach Chiodo, Coach Belding, Brendon West-Hooper, Luis Medina, Mack Mowen, Evan Bernard, Brandon Ross, James Gehlhaar, Kyle Molskow, Coach Mittman, Coach McLeland. Back Row: Anthony Nolzaco, Nathan Sudnick, Alexander Perez, Brian Bennett, Robert Cuppini, Matthew Bannon, Dillon Krotz, Justin Olson, Victor Mendez, Robert Windisch.

Junior Varsity Track



Tyler Griffith



Leo Bartyzel



Kristina Terry



Lizbet Cortez



David Hillner



Team Photos

# Fearless Coaches

**With dedication and spirit, these coaches demonstrate what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty for their teams.**



**1 Busy Coach.** Being the business manager is a great amount of work itself, but Mr. McCarthy takes on the role of being the head baseball coach as well. McCarthy served as the business manager for the last four years and next year will be returning to teaching business classes and consumer education classes. "Coaching has its highs and lows. I have always had a passion for it. I'm not in it for the money. I do it for the kids," said McCarthy.



**15 Years of Coaching.** Working as a special education teacher, Mr. Wheeler has also been coaching basketball for 15 years. In high school, Wheeler returned to his old junior high and started coaching there, and it never left his system. "Athletics gives players the opportunity to learn life lessons. Being on a team is something that you will always remember and take with you. It gives good experiences to look back on when things get hard," said Wheeler, who coached the sophomore boys' basketball team.



**15 Seasons in the Playoffs.** After following his dad's footsteps by becoming a coach, Coach Chiodo spends his first year as a varsity football coach and a track coach. The competition and passion of the game influenced Chiodo to become a coach. "Something that I will always remember is seeing the guys who, with the help of athletics, go off to college and make something of themselves. The best thing you can do is to set goals and try to reach them," said Chiodo.



**1 Love for the Game.** Building a relationship with his players by teaching them not only tennis skills, but also life skills, Coach Moeaki shares his love for the game through coaching. "To motivate my team I just tell them to go out there and do their best. If they know they put 100% into their game, then they should be a winner no matter what. Winning isn't everything. Hard work is all I can ask for," said Moeaki. Other than being a coach, Moeaki was also a dean's assistant and a common figure in school.





**2 Children, 15 Years of Coaching.** Coaching both boys' and girls' volleyball for 15 years, Coach **Hasty** watches her players so that she can give them advice for improvement. While **Hasty** spent most of her time during the day thinking of game strategies and practice activities, **Hasty** also was a PE teacher for strength training and self defense. She spent countless hours giving motivation to her students and athletes as well as going home to her two children, **Lauren** and **Collin**. She also spent extra hours on organizing Volley for the Cure, a program to raise money for breast cancer.



**4 Years of Success.** Going from being a teacher to being the dean of students, Mrs. **Rusin** continues coaching girls' basketball for her fourth year. "In my first season coaching, we beat West Aurora. It was our first conference win, and we won by two. It was a close game the whole time. Everyone went crazy. It was like we had just won state. I will never forget it," said **Rusin**. Outside of school, **Rusin** was also a golfer and loved to spend time working outdoors.



**19 Years.** Other than being a full time dad to his four kids, Coach **Gimre** is a math teacher and has been coaching for the past 19 years. "I like to give the guys an idea of what they have accomplished and what they can do and to build on the past experiences to change things. I also like to build on past experiences to motivate them," said **Gimre**. When first starting out as a coach, **Gimre** was an assistant baseball coach and later became the varsity basketball coach.



Monica Montoya



Cody Hadley



Lyndsey Tan



Kevin Peterson



Dedicated Coaches

# 42 Weeks of Tasks

## With AP tests, ACTs, jobs, and sports, the Juniors manage to work toward Senior year.

Walking through Entrance A for the third time, the Class of 2010 knew what to expect for their junior year. Catching up with old friends, the junior class leisurely began their third year. Unfortunately, they had no idea of the challenges they were about to face.

During junior year, there were a series of obstacles, including the Junior Research Paper, ACTs, and AP tests. After only hearing rumors about the tests, the

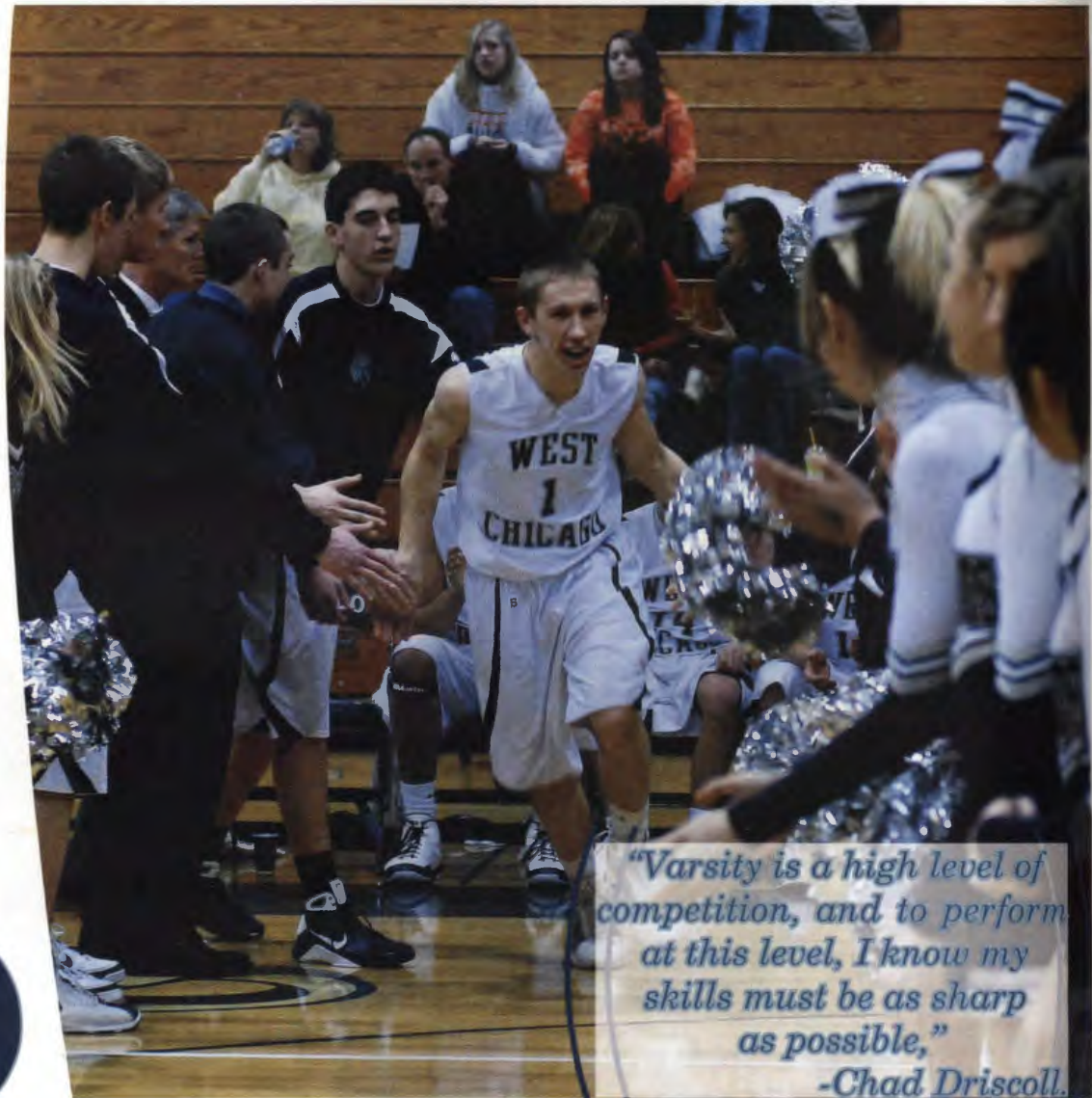
juniors studied harder and acted more responsibly to complete their work on time.

While junior year was full of tedious tasks, the new upperclassmen were able to participate in the Powder Puff game, even after walking away with a defeat. Other athletes competed on a varsity level, proving their dedication. "Playing on the varsity level helped improve my skills because I got to work with the seniors who have had an

extra year on varsity," said **Blake Zumpano**. And of course, for the juniors, Prom was a highlight of the year.

Although there were numerous ups and downs of junior year, each student realized that this year was paving the way for years to come. The Class of '10 grew in maturity as they worked towards senior year and the places they were going after graduation.

-Connie Tan



*"Varsity is a high level of competition, and to perform at this level, I know my skills must be as sharp as possible,"*

*-Chad Driscoll*



Reyna Salazar



Tanya Starkey



Kevin Peterson





**Two Passionate Players.** With only two juniors playing in the annual Students vs. Teachers basketball game, **Lamar Moore** proves that he wants the victory.



**Three Touchdowns Away From Victory.** Playing against the senior class in the Powder Puff game brings out the competitiveness in **Eridanny Orozco** and **Ana Flores**. After their defeat, the determined Junior Class remained proud of their comeback in the second half.



**One Heart of Dedication.** After catching the pass, **Nathan Olson** hustles down the field to make a touchdown. "The game against Glenbard East was legendary and I will always remember how well we played as a team. My friends, and even parents, in the stands were going crazy," said **Olson**.



**First Rotation.** Tossing the ball into the air, **Danielle McAvoy** hopes to serve an ace on Naperville Central. All the excitement and cheering in the crowd allowed the girls to play with passion.



**Four Half Time Shows.** With only four home football games, **Kathryn Pusateri** amazes the crowd by moving her colorful flags to the beat with the marching band.



**365 Days of Speech.** Although Speech team only lasts five months, **David Garcia** uses the communication skills he learned in his everyday life. "It's in 20/20 retrospective that we realize that the greatest leaders in the world have been the greatest speakers," said **Garcia**.



Amy Raloff



Anna Duran



David Garcia



Lamar Moore

# Minimum Wage

"My favorite part of working at Taco Bell/KFC are Fridays after basketball games because people I know come in and the crew I work with is awesome."

**-James Washington**

"I like working at Turtle Splash because we're like one big family and we joke around with each other a lot."

**-Rebecca Howe**

"I will always remember my first day at Bowling Green Sports Center because I was new and did not want to make a mistake right away and start off badly."

**- Joshua Hyslop**



**12 Dollars, 72 Cents.** Exhibiting his work ethic, Jacob Wucka happily gives a waiting customer her purchases. "My favorite part of working at Jewel is the 5% employee discount. It really comes in handy when I need to buy some last minute items," said Wucka.

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Olivia Acevedo  
Ana Acosta  
Ana-Lilia Acosta  
Brett Adams  
Jetzabel Aguilar  
Elizabeth Alcantara



Luis Alfaro  
Erik Anderson  
Jamie Antczak  
Jaclyn Antis  
Cynthia Arellano  
Molly Atherton-Wrzesinski  
Rebekah Babis



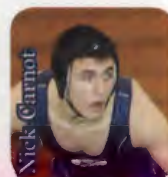
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Sean Bennett  
Kelly Bertling  
Cynthia Blanco  
Chad Bobik  
Michael Boegelein



Jenna Bossle  
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  
 Jose Carlos



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 Nicholas Carnot  
 Erica Carrasco  
 Jorge Carrasco  
 Erika Carrillo  
 Miguel Carrillo  
 Anna Casimiro



Sergio Castro  
 Tegan Cejna  
 Daniel Cielo  
 Peter Ciolino  
 Brandon Cleek  
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 Alexander Colon



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 Magali Correa  
 Maria Correa  
 Martin Correa  
 Arnold Cortes  
 Lizbet Cortes



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 Miguel Cortez  
 Jaclyn ACoughlan  
 Alyssa Crisostomo  
 Viviana Cuautle  
 Matthew Cuomo  
 Eileen Damsch



Taylor Dash  
 Daryl De Leon  
 Jose Delgado  
 Gabriel Del Muro  
 Jessica Demas  
 Haley Demitropoulos  
 Kelly Demitropoulos



William Devore  
 Eulises Diaz  
 Julia Dimas  
 Kerry Doremus  
 Patrick Drane  
 Chad Driscoll  
 Steven Duda



Ashley Dunn  
 Anna Duran  
 Annette Eichenberger  
 Kristin Elliott  
 Dakota Enders  
 Sandra Escalante  
 Jessica Espinoza



Juniors

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# Citing Sources

"The Junior Research Project is something I have been stressing out about since freshman year! I have heard about how tough this assignment is and how much work is needed to get an A."

**-Ron Obdin**

"I narrowed my topics down from 43 to three. Then it was between germ warfare, Ebola, and heavy metal. It was a tough decision."

**-Matthew Thomas**

"Along with our eight to ten page paper, we are expected to prepare at least 50 notecards in a two month period. Talk about a stressful year!"

**-Bradley Fugate**



**Two Long Months.** Staying organized is the key to getting a good grade on the JRP, according to Megan Ogorzalek. "Beginning the JRP was intimidating," said Ogorzalek. "But keeping up with the work and keeping track of sources helped me be successful."

Nicholas Evans  
Ashley Faestel  
Lisa Fayfar  
Alejandra Ferreyra  
Ryan Fitzenreider  
Michael Fletcher  
Ana Flores



Elizabeth Fortner  
Jesse Frasco  
Tasha French  
Brad Fugate  
Uriel Fulmer  
Quin Gable  
Matthew Gagnier



Maria Galeana  
Alejandro Gallegos  
Jonathan Gallegos  
Aquilino Galvan  
Daisy Garcia  
David Garcia  
Diana Garcia



Gregory Garcia  
Jessica Garcia  
Joana Garcia  
Maira Garcia  
Mariela Garcia  
Rene Garcia  
Richard Garcia



Silvia Mendez Garcia  
Gerald Gaughan  
Erin Gebhardt  
Lindsey Gehrke  
Angela Gentile  
Bradley Gerwin  
Daniel Gilbert





Sean Gilhooly  
Benito Gomez  
Nancy Gomez  
Rosaura Gomez  
Omar Gonzalez  
Nathan Gorski  
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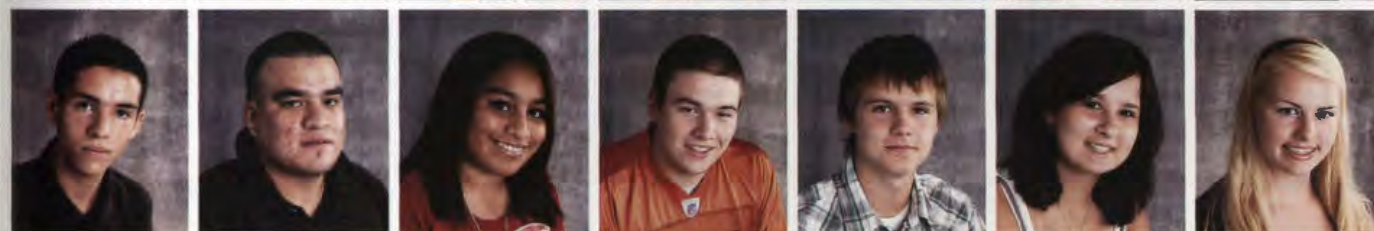
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Kurt Johnson  
Thomas Kaczmarczyk



Ryan Karg  
Jessica Kassanits  
Sean Keefe  
Shawn Kelly  
Stephanie Kelly  
Kelsey King  
Kelli Koehring

# AP Test Prep

"I feel confident that I will be prepared enough to do pretty well on the test. I am not too scared, because I can take it again next year if I don't get the test score I want this year."

**-Jessica Kassanits**

"I am so tired of preparing for the AP Test, I would honestly rather be home sick with influenza than continue to write more practice essays for even one more class period."

**-Amanda Rathe**

"I am actually kind of excited about the test as a whole, but I really do not want to receive a bad grade, so I guess I'm kind of scared for that."

**-Deven Lopez**



**One Essay A Week.** To prepare for the writing portion of the AP English Test, Zachary McNeil practices writing an essay. In AP English classes, students reviewed writing strategies and techniques to help them write more well-structured essays.

Kathryn Kolman  
Roman Kopytko  
Natalya Kovalchuk  
Andrew Kovalev  
Evan Krotz  
Mariela Kruthoff  
Matthew Kubik



Stephanie Kuecker  
Matthew Kuly  
Gary Kurowski  
Taylor Kutilek  
Sara Kwasnik  
Erica Lange  
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Erich Letzter  
Caroline Leuer  
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Carrie Liszka



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Saul Lomeli  
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Caitlyn Madsen  
Tiffany Mais  
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 John Neuman  
 Nicole Nielson  
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 Karan Panchal  
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 Stefanie Pauling  
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 David Perez  
 Diana Perez  
 Juan Perez



Luis Perez  
 Luis Fernando Perez  
 Maria Perez  
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 Rodolfo Perez  
 Kevin Peterson



# Best Advice

"People have been telling me not to mess around and to do what I'm told. It sounds boring, but from my experience, in the long run, you'll walk away with a lot more."

**-Tyler Griffith**

"People told me to dress in what's in 'style' so I'm not considered the weirdo. That was probably the worst advice I've ever gotten. My advice would be to wear what makes you, you."

**-Tegan Ballotti**

"My friend told me that texting during school was easy to get away with, but I ended up getting my phone taken away. My advice: don't text during school."

**-David Padilla**



**One student's advice.** Before high school started, most students receive advice for their high school experience. "The advice that I got was that I should cherish the time I have and to have fun because you'll never have another experience like it," said Tegan Cejna.

Alyssa Pierce  
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Mitchell Przybyla  
Kathryn Pusateri  
Patrick Quealy  
Jennifer Ramirez  
Daisy Ramon



Denise Ramos  
Joseph Ramos  
Amanda Rathe  
Amy Ratliff  
Jordan Rehak  
Araceli Resendiz  
Brandon Rhodes



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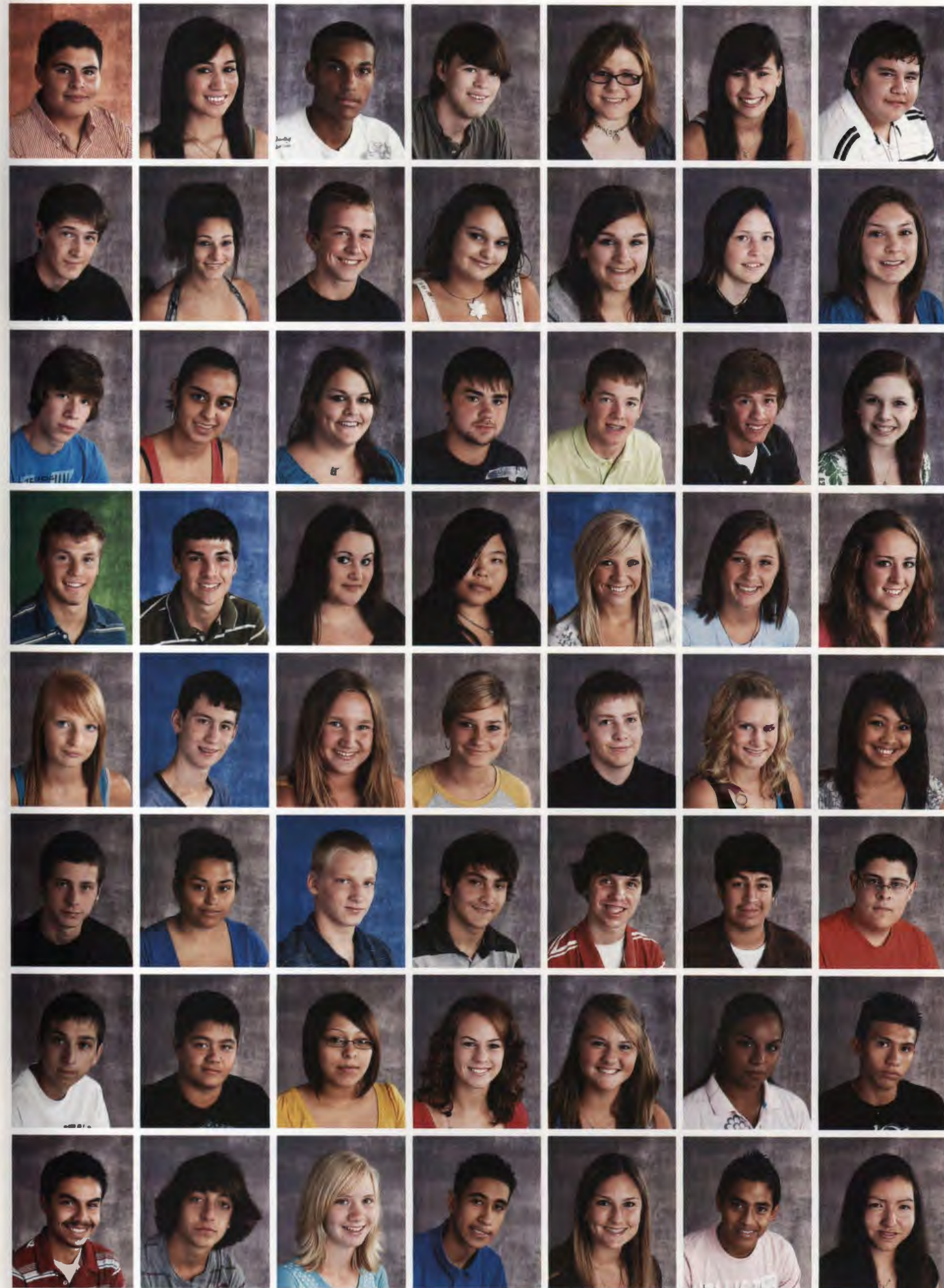
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# ACT Crunch Time

"There was a girl in my room who finished her test early and fell asleep. She started making weird noises so the teacher in the room had to talk to her twice."

**-Collin Wiersema**

"While I was taking one test, someone in the room had a stuffy nose. It was disgusting and it made it hard to concentrate."

**-Danielle McAvoy**

"During the middle of the test, a girl wanted to copy one of my answers. I wouldn't give it to her so she threw a pencil at me."

**- Antonio Tristino**



**Five Sections.** An overview of every subject, the ACT challenges those who choose to take it. "I was worried because I need a good score to get into certain colleges. I know it's important to do my best on the ACT," said **Jessica Baidis**.

Alejandra Vega  
Gabriela Villa  
Madeline Warkins  
James Washington  
China Wehr  
John Wehr  
Amber Weinmann



Colin West-Hooper  
Scott Wheeland  
Jonathan White  
Collin Wiersema  
Amanda Winters  
Cassandra Witzke  
Kyle Wolf



Anthony Wondolkowski  
Shaun Worthy  
Jacob Wucka  
Nadia Yang  
Michael Zawistowski  
Jennifer Zinser  
Blake Zumpano



Tyler Austgen & Anthony Wondolkowski



Natalie Pearson





**Two Years of Varsity Experience.** Attempting to use his fancy footwork to get past his opponent, **Dorian Carrasco** uses his second year of varsity experience as an advantage against the opposing team. **Carrasco's** foot skills came in handy throughout the entire season when he played the offensive position.



**17 Years of Dancing.** While dancing to the song "I'll Be" by Edwin McCain, **Alyssa Santelli** and **Molly Cody** perform in the annual Dance Production performance. Other dances that **Santelli** was included in were The Junior Dance, The Quartet, The Duo, Opening, and Finale.

**Two Teams, One Rivalry.** During the Powder Puff game, **Elizabeth Cortez** catches the ball after running the play 32 Dive. **Cortez** was one of the few players that both played offense and defense during the intense game. Unfortunately the juniors lost all bragging rights when the seniors won the game.

**His Fourth Production.** While performing in the second act of the winter play, *Mrs. McThing*, **Anthony Wondolkowski**, criticizes co-actor **Joseph Wais**. Other performances that **Wondolkowski** participated in are *All in the Timing*, *Grease*, and *The Glass Cup*.



Dedicated Juniors

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Diana Martinez



James Egert & Craig Epps



Fabiola Perez



Ms. Santella & Jordan Long



Anna Skorupski



Patrick Taylor & Nick Tedeschi



Kathleen Mason



Caitlin Shiga & Julia Shuliga



Hector Garcia



I. Sanchez, M. Schramer & S. Smith



Olisab Guevara



Natalie Wierenga & Dana Williams



Sarah Kimball



Bansri Thakkar, Anna Treudt & Matthew Thomas



Shawn Kiser



Maggie Polacsek



Anthony Quasio



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# How Do You Measure... Success?

9 boys competed to win the 2009 title of Mr. Wildcat, but only 1 succeeded.

48 Seniors accepted special scholarships or awards.

31 girls rehearsed for over 232 hours to perfect every step of their Dance Production routines.

437 students graduated as part of the Class of 2009 and 423 walked across the stage in Bishop Gym on June 7th to accept their diplomas.

139 students were inducted in to NHS, 60 Juniors and 79 Seniors.

200 Seniors were recognized at Senior Honors Night.

67 Seniors received Prairie State Achievement Awards.

80 students were involved in FLNHS.

501 students attended prom on May 1st at the Empress, 84 of them brought guests from other schools.

45 graduating Seniors were a part of Bilingual NHS.

48 Seniors were voted for 24 Senior Superlatives by their 459 classmates.

57 Seniors were recognized as Illinois State Scholars at Senior Honors Night.

-Molly Pfeifer



Rewards  
Opening

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# Showcasing the talents of 23 performers, FBLA's annual Variety Show brings laughter and smiles to audiences.

When the auditorium doors opened, the audience filed in with excitement in their hearts. Butterflies filled the stomachs of the 23 people who were about to show off their various talents to the public. With the auditorium packed for both show times on November 20th, the audience quietly took their seats and patiently waited for the first act to start as the lights dimmed and the curtains opened.

FBLA hosted the show and spent many hours watching people audition. The FBLA members spent a long time preparing for the show, including the theme, "A Journey to the Wild, Wild West."

According to FBLA President and Emcee, **Rebecca Cisowski**, the show was the

best the school has seen in years. "As the director of the Variety Show, it is always fun to see the final show. We had a lot of great acts this year, and the show was a success," said **Cisowski**.

*"The Variety Show was awesome. It was definitely the best one I've been to."*

**Kelsey King** opened the evening with an Irish jig, the opposite of **Darryl Thomas's** style of dance: break dancing. One of the most memorable moments occurred when **Benny Orzo**, one of the school's security guards,

sang opera, a performance that many audience members called impressive. **Jozef Pavnica** and **Jason Foreman** did a **John Mayer** and **Jason Mraz** tribute. The last act in the show consisted of **Brendan McCormack**, **Jack McCormack**, **Jozef Pavnica**, and **Joseph Wais**, also known as **Business Casual**.

As the curtains closed, the audience rose from their seats satisfied. With many returning acts and a few new ones, the Variety Show was a huge hit. "The Variety Show this year was awesome. It was definitely the best one I've been to. I can't wait until next year's show," said **Daryl de Leon**, a spectator of the show.

*-Alexis Brunelli*

2 Times, 1 Show



**Double Whammy.** Not only a member of **Business Casual**, but also a pianist of three years, **Joseph Wais** shows off his piano-playing skills, impersonates **Elton John**, and sings one of his melodies. "I really enjoy performing. It is so much fun and playing on stage just feels so natural," said **Wais**.



**4 Years.** Hitting a high note, **Erica Smith** sings "Got Me Going Crazy" by the **Jonas Brothers**. "I've been in choir for four years but I've always loved to sing. Obviously I feel nervous at first, but being on stage is amazing," said **Smith**.

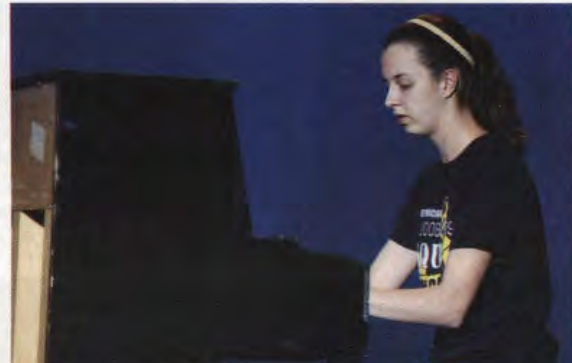
**2 New Players.** As the lead guitarist of the band, **Business Casual**, **Brendan McCormack** rocks the show along with his fellow musicians. Also, two new members joined the band from the performance last year: **Jozef Pavnica** and **Joseph Wais**.





**One New Band.** For one month, Bassist **Thomas Hahs** and Drummer **Steven Balmer** have played in the punk-rock band Down Flow. Along with three college boys, the band played three head-banging songs at the Variety Show. "I have always loved music and performing, and being on stage is amazing. It is such an awesome feeling. It gives me a natural high. It's better than anything else in the world," said **Hahs**.

**One Guitar Hero.** Playing a soft melody, **Colin Hale** shows off his skills on his two-year old acoustic guitar. "The second song I created accidentally after about a year of playing. The night of the performance, somebody approached me and recommended the name 'Waves,' which is currently the name of the song," said **Hale**.



**SS Keys.** Swiftly moving her hands across the piano, **Alexis Hosticka** plays music by Mozart. "I'm used to performing because I've had so many recitals, but there's always a new kind of nervousness when I go on stage," said **Hosticka**.

**One Song.** Singing **Jordin Sparks'** "One Step at a Time," **Precious Dannug** sings her heart out. "I get nervous before performing, but when I step into the spotlight, it makes me more comfortable," said **Dannug**.



# These nine seniors didn't simply entertain the audience. They captured the crowd with the true talents of the Class of 2009.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, your "not-so-average" pageant showcased its version of talent, formal wear and . . . boys? Yes, nine of the senior boys battled it out on the stage for the title of Mr. Wildcat. The evening began with a group dance number followed by an individual strut across the catwalk where the boys modeled their Spring Break wear. The contestants needed to bring their A-games as their teachers sat in the audience and judged their efforts. **Brian Skrzypczak** started the spectacle off with a pow as he performed as a karate master who could break boards from head to toe. Following was **Rhett Gunderson** with a dance number, singing and dancing from **Alexander Puetz**,

a drumming solo from **John McCormack**, a guitar and singing tribute to the Plain White Tees from **Marco Favela** and a

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rap to *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* by **Alex Pirela**. There was also a comedic little person dance from **Ivan Desfassiaux**, an evolution of dancing by **David Peace**, and a crowd pleasing medley of

songs sung by **Jozef Pavnica**. The contestants later participated in a question portion of the contest where we heard about being an assistant to **Mr. Martino** for a day, the current economic crisis, and going back in time. In the end, **Pavnica** won the heart of the judges and the crown. **Mr. Kempiski**, one of the night's judges, felt proud of the boys when the night was over. "Every Mr. Wildcat contestant should be proud. To stand up in front of your peers and perform represents more than just talent. It shows the other students in the school what it means to be a Wildcat," said **Kempiski**.

-Megan Zajac

Alpha Casts



**5 Whops.** Dancing takes a lot of skill and effort, but **Rhett Gunderson** dances his heart out to amuse the group before him. "It was a lot more eventful than I planned. The guys rocked and it was the best Mr. Wildcat any West Chicago male put forth," said **Gunderson**.



**Six Decades.** With music like "Bye, Bye, Bye," "Jump Around," and "The Twist," **David Peace** shows the dance moves of many genres. "Mr. Wildcat was possibly the most fun I've had all four years. Dancing on stage was even better," said **Peace**.

**1, 2, 3, 4.** Strumming his guitar and serenading the crowd, **Marco Favela** sang to the Plain White Tees' "1,2,3,4." With his soulful talent, he inspired the crowd with his performance. "I had a lot of fun. It was one of the best things I have done. Even though I didn't win, it was all worth it in the end. It was a great experience," said **Favela**.



**8 Wishful Stars.** Singing "Girl on TV" by LFO with his two backup dancers, **Alexander Puetz** is a stunning performer with a great talent. "Mr. Wildcat was a historic event. Working with all the guys was a blast. This could have been the best Mr. Wildcat ever and it was definitely one of my top high school memories," said **Puetz**.







**2009 Winner.** With the right attitude and much confidence, **Jozef Pavnica** takes to the stage as a true Wildcat. With his guitar in hand, **Pavnica** sang into the hearts of the spectators. He attracted the viewers by singing songs like "Umbrella," "A Whole New World," "With You," and "I'm Yours," which was performed for all ages. Gaining the votes of the judges and all the screaming fans, **Pavnica** was put straight through to the top. "I loved having fun and practicing with the guys, all of them were amazing. I had a ton of fun, especially with the talent portion, and I was totally surprised when I won!" added **Pavnica**.

**90's Theme Song.** Bringing memories from the past with a very unique act, **Alexander Pirela** raps to the well known show, *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. "Mr. Wildcat rocked. I'm so glad I decided to do it. It was awesome and was definitely one of the best things I've ever done," said **Pirela**.



**2 Sets of Drums.** Playing to his own beat on two sets of drums, **John McCormack** captures the mind of the audience. "Mr. Wildcat was an absolute riot. I loved working with the guys, modeling, and presenting my talent. I'll remember it forever," said **McCormack**.



**One Exclusive Act.** With a very unique talent brought to the stage, **Ivan Desfassiaux** lights up the faces of all audience members with smiles and laughter. "With all of our different types of talents, we brought a new atmosphere to the show. It worked out perfectly. And I was shocked I came in second. Mr. Wildcat was great," said **Desfassiaux**.



**4 Broken Boards.** With the help of **Andrew Bowker**, **Brian Skrzypczak** amuses the crowd by snapping board after board. "Mr. Wildcat was an epic event. Our diverse group of guys came together, putting on an awesome show. I could not have asked for it to go any better. It is my most cherished high school memory, by far," said **Skrzypczak**.



Mr. Wildcat

# To put on the annual Dance Production show, the dancers spend their time choreographing, practicing, and perfecting the dances.

As the maroon velvet curtains slowly opened on a Saturday night in January, the distinctive beats of the “**So You Think You Can Dance**” theme song blasted. The 30 dancers started off the show with a bang, as displayed by the opening dance, choreographed by **Rachel Molinaro**. With 27 dances in the 2009 Dance Production Show, “**Stop, Drop, and Dance**,” it was full of variety and talent. Dance styles ranged from hip-hop to lyrical to Irish Jig.

The dancers had multiple practices after school and during winter break in addition to practicing every day in class.

However, the performance would not have come together without the help of tech crew. They controlled the elaborate lights and

*“We had a lot of new ideas which translated into terrific dances.”*

all the music cuts. The effects of the lights made the dances even more impressive. “We had a lot of new ideas which translated into terrific dances. One of my favorite dances was Hide and Seek, choreographed by **Renee Cirone** and **Danielle Pacelli**. I love how

the dancers have used the pauses in the music in the choreography, their use of levels and the contrasting movements,” said Advisor **Mrs. Zmrhal**.

An outstanding dance for the annual show was Senior Dance, choreographed by **Abbey Mastrianni** and **Carissa Gouskos**. “My favorite dance was definitely Senior Dance, because it’s completely different from any other dance, and I also happen to be very fond of the choreographers,” said **Molly Cody**.

*-Amber Weinmann and Megan Ogorzalek*

**2 Ducts.** At the beginning of her duet with **Molly Cody**, **Alyssa Santelli** starts off the dance with grace. The duo performed a lyrical routine to the song “Slow Me Down” by **Emmy Rossum**. The dance not only consisted of lyrical moves, but it also showed off their tumbling expertise, displayed by **Capezios** and **Aerials**.



**1 Dramatic Ending.** Before the big finale, **Rachel Molinaro** performs a lyrical solo to the song “Hometown Glory” by **Adele**. “I can interpret this song in so many ways but what I felt was that timid and uncertain feeling that comes with leaving your hometown to start a new journey,” said **Molinaro**.

7.905 Minutes





**7 Deadly Dancers.** Once the lights dim and the music starts, the dancers prepare to tell a story. Choreographers **Renee Cirone** and **Danielle Pacelli** told their vision of the song "Hide and Seek" by **Imogen Heap** through every passionate move. "When I originally heard this song, it was like I was watching the dance in my head. The story told itself because the music was so emotional. It was scary to perform something so personal," said **Pacelli**.

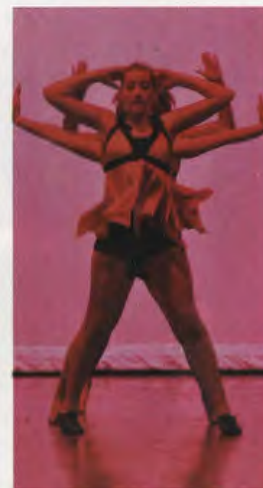


**85 Feathers.** While performing a dance to M.I.A.'s "Sunshowers" with close friend **Molly Cody**, **Renee Cirone** brings out her inner bird. "We really wanted to do something fun and crazy, and since there were bird chirps in the song we decided we'd put on some feathers and act like birds," said **Cirone**.



**2 Flipping Friends.** As **Keegan Johnson** and **Alexis Micele** take their places on the stage, the two prepare to wow the crowd with a duet of chairs. **Micele** and **Johnson** displayed dance skills as well as gymnastic skills as they danced to a mix of songs. The two stunned the crowd with their dramatic hip-hop and tumbling expertise.

**5 Sassy Juniors.** As the signature beats of "Just Dance" by **Lady Gaga** echoes through the auditorium, the Junior Dance begins. The Junior Dance, choreographed by **Erica Lange**, **Allyssa Brinkman**, and **Kelsey King**, contained sixteen dancers. Of all the dances, it was one of the more challenging to choreograph and learn due to the high number of dancers included.



**8 Fresh Dancers.** During the freshman dance, **Juliet Santelli**, **Alexis Micele**, and **Lexis Sikorski** arrange themselves so it appears as if they are one person. Throughout their mixed songs, the girls' synchronized dance moves and artistic abilities expressed **Santelli's**, **Micele's**, and **Sikorski's** individual skills.



Dance  
Production

# 460 Sparkling Smiles



Natalie Stewart



Louie Diaz



E. Asani & K. Lehman



Taylor Dash



A. Rathe & M. Carnot



Miguel Amaro



B. Clook & E. Tennant



M. Fischer and Date



**One Match Made in Heaven.** Two hours into the dance Leslie Filpo and Michael Garcia take a rest after showing off their moves on the floor. "I had a really good time with my date at prom. It will be a time that I will never forget," said Garcia.



**Two Crowns.** After anxiously waiting for the results since the spring sports pep assembly, all 10 of the Prom court nominees are brought to the center of the dance floor along with the royalty from last year. Only a few more minutes passed before the crowns were placed on Alyssa Pierce and Michael Bryant's heads. "It's an awesome feeling to be Prom King. I thought it was cool to just be nominated, but to actually win was amazing and it is something I will never forget," said Bryant.

## On Prom night, Juniors and Seniors do not want to miss a moment of the festivities.

On a remarkable May 1st Prom evening, thousands of flashing cameras, hundreds of colorful corsages, numerous garters, and thousands of bobby pins holding the girls' hair together all captured the excitement of the big night. "As we were driving towards prom, all we could think about was how much fun we were going to have," said Kim Busch.

As the students began entering the elegantly decorated Empress in Addison, the excitement of the night to come filled the air. All the girls and boys continued to their tables and saw the

many colored balloons. "It was a great night to be a Wildcat," said Ms. Santella.

After much anticipation, Alyssa Pierce and Michael Bryant were crowned king and queen. "Don't

*"It was a great night to be a Wildcat."*

Wanna Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith began to play, and the newly crowned queen and king took the center of the dance floor to have their first dance as king and queen. Not soon after, the rest of the prom-goers walked on the

floor and had the time of their lives. "Prom was amazing! I am sad that this is my last year to go, but I finally got Mrs. Rusin to admit we were BFFs! That made the night unforgettable," said Carly Abraham.

The dancing ended, and the night continued with festivities on the Odyssey boat at Navy Pier. The students were entertained with hip-hop dancers, music and photo booths.

From the photos to the Odyssey, all the prom-goers and even the chaperones made memories that will last them all a lifetime.

-Virginia Mason and Molly Pfeifer

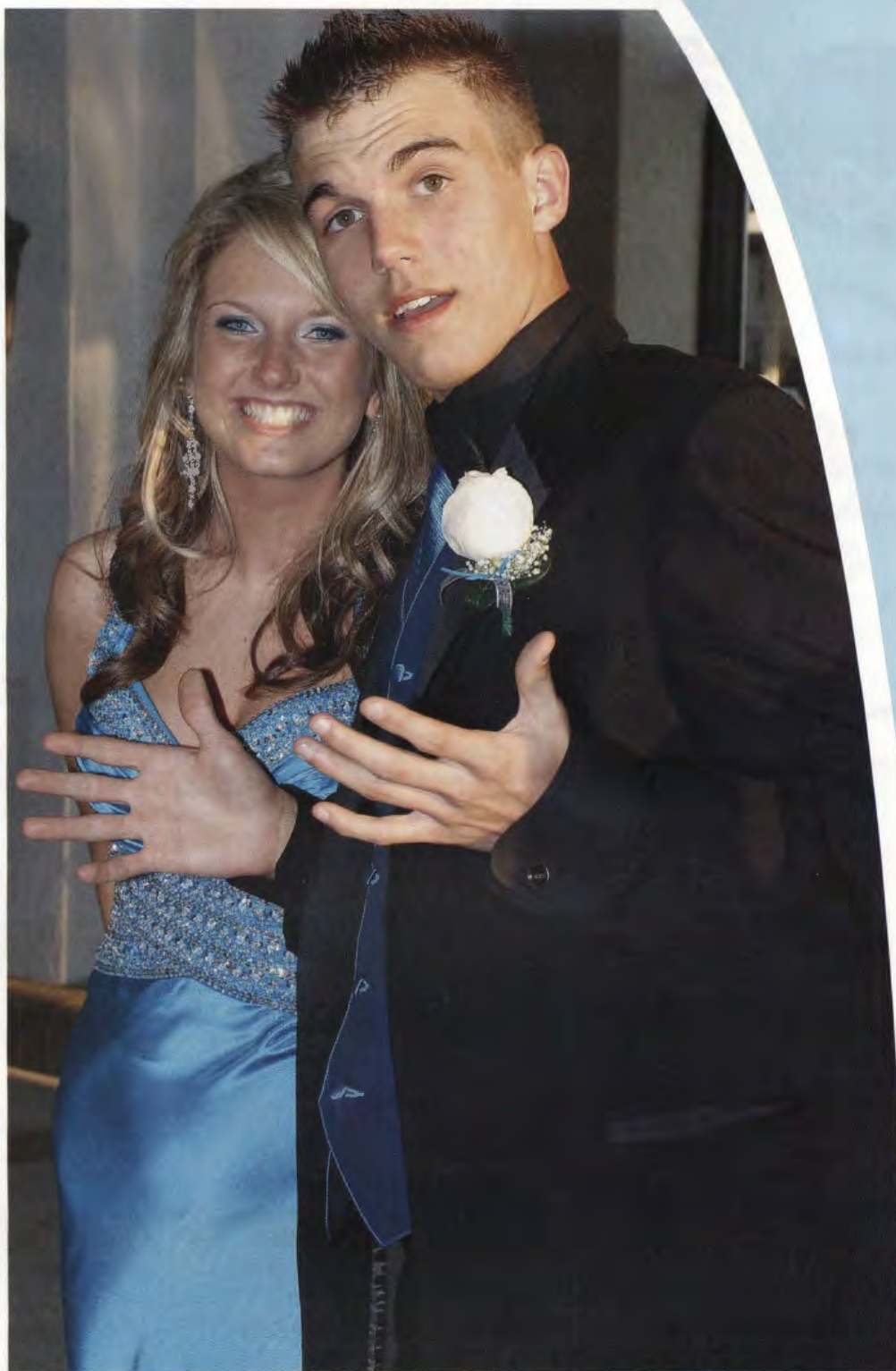




**The Last Dance.** As Bibiana Valenzuela and Miguel Herrera dance to the last song at Prom, they share a memory that neither one will ever forget. "I was excited to share my Senior Prom with my boyfriend. It was great to go with someone so special," said Valenzuela.



**3OH!3.** Although Michelle Memoli and her date are heartbroken that their final school dance is almost over, they don't let that bring them down as "Don't Trust Me" by 3OH!3 filled the room. "Each year Prom marks a special moment in the lives of juniors and seniors, and this year was no exception," said Mr. Kempfi, adding that Prom 2009 was a night few will ever forget.



**One Million Memories.** As life long friends, Ashley Jefferson and Sean Tubridy decide to celebrate their special night together. The Prom represented the ending of their senior year, and they wanted to spend it together. "It was my first time going to Prom and I am really glad I saved it for my senior year. It was a once in a lifetime experience," said Jefferson.



**Two Months of Searching.** Two months before Prom even takes place Gina Stolzman's quest begins. She was determined to find the perfect dress for her last prom and refused to make any exceptions. After looking top to bottom in more than four dress stores, she finally spotted it, the dress she had been searching for. "When I saw my dress I knew it was made for me. It was everything I had been looking for and I could not believe it was finally in front of me," said Stolzman. Not only did she have a beautiful dress, but she also had an amazing night with her date Blake Zumpano. "Prom was great not only because of the dancing and the decorations, but because it was one of the last moments I shared with my best friends in high school. It was a night that I will remember for the rest of my life," said Stolzman.



# These students have more than high grades. Working with other organizations, both in and out of school, they give back to the community.

National Honor Society, is a club for academically focused juniors and seniors. The students must apply to become members and maintain a GPA higher than 3.0. In addition to keeping their grades up, members have to be involved with their community.

Seventy-five members were inducted in November 2008. To continue in the club the following year, the required number of service hours was increased to 25 hours from the previous 15 hours. A limited amount of members traveled to Alabama over Spring Break to

work with Habitat for Humanity. They restored and rebuilt homes destroyed during Hurricane

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Katrina. Many viewed these service hours as a way to contribute to the community. “It was an opportunity for the students to give back to the community, whether it was the school or the greater community

by using what they learned,” said **Dr. Cheng**.

Four students were chosen to take leadership roles for their senior year. President **Caitlin Shiga**, Vice-President **Jessica Bergmann**, and Secretary **Anna Treudt** helped **Ms. Mallon** manage NHS. “NHS allows me to surround myself with some of the most dedicated and intelligent students. Also, NHS encourages me to give back to the community and practice my leadership skill,” said **Caitlin MacDonald**.

- Joslyn Meissner

# 25 Service Hours



### Multiple Projects.

Receiving her certificate into NHS, **Lisette Dominguez** is thrilled. “This outstanding recognition shows me that my teachers recognize my achievements. I appreciate their support. To be in NHS is to be a role model,” said **Dominguez**.



### Another Hour.

Shaking **Mrs. Mallon's** hand, **Chad Driscoll** becomes a part of NHS. “I got most of my hours by looking for opportunities around the school such as the Booster Club,” said **Driscoll**.



**301 Eligible Students.** More than 120 students with high grades apply to be in NHS, but only 75 are chosen. To become a member, a student needed to participate in both extracurricular and volunteer activities. “NHS promotes volunteering. I participated in Relay for Life as a way to get hours and to support a wonderful cause,” said **Hannah Taylor**.





**Nine German Students.** Speaking to the newest members of the German Honor Society, **Tim Loftus** inducts the students. He inspired students to keep working hard. **Loftus's** dedication to German gave him a chance to go further into studying for something he enjoys. "My dedication in German has given me a scholarship, where I can begin to start my future," said **Loftus**.

80 Honored Scholars

**One Spanish Honor.** Being called up to stand up with other Spanish speakers, **Neil Hummer** is named as one of the students that have done well and worked hard in Spanish.



**One Last Oath to Keep.** Standing at the podium, **Donna Quiroz** and **Krupscaya Stevens** recite the French oath to their many classmates. The oath was a promise to be dedicated to continue learning the French language and culture.



**With a love of language and culture, these honor students dedicate themselves to see and learn about a new world.**

The Foreign Language National Honor Society, or FLNHS, is filled with students who were dedicated to learning one of three languages. The students learning German, Spanish, and French were inducted after being in the course for at least three years and having an average of a 3.0 GPA. In April, more than 80 students were honored for their hard work.

Among the exceptional students, **Tim Loftus** and **Anna Treudt** both received scholarships for \$17,000 a year. "I worked hard and it paid off. It

was a huge cut on my tuition and it saved me a lot of money for college," said **Treudt**. In order to qualify, she watched a German film and afterwards told the story in her own words. Then, she met with a German professor, whom she spoke German with during a 15 minute interview.

**Loftus** received the Liedloff Scholarship to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. "I knew of people who applied for the scholarship and I felt I didn't get it. I was shocked when I learned I had won," said **Loftus**. He wrote a letter of application

and turned in two recommendations. **Mrs. Strohm** and **Ms. Daneels** wrote of his leadership and hard work. "I'm impressed with his German skills, but also his motivation and ability to achieve goals," said **Strohm**.

**Katelyn Casey**, who studied both French and Spanish in high school, received the Outstanding Achievement Award. "I was proud of myself for doing well in something I love. I had a smile on my face when I found out in the announcements that I received the award," said **Casey**. -*Kristina Oum*



Marlene Rojas



David Peace



Scott Schoeller



# Coming from different countries, these students have excelled at learning English as their second language.

## A Group of Honorees

Helping speakers who are fluent in Spanish and Chinese, the English as a Second Language Bilingual National Honor Society, or ESL Bilingual NHS, recognizes students and adults alike who are serious about learning a whole new culture.

The ceremony, which took place on May 27th, acknowledged these individuals for their efforts and dedication to the English language.

Giving a speech to the

inductees, District 94 staff member **Benny Orozco** and student **Angelica Perez** started the night. Their speeches, primarily in English, welcomed those entering the ESL Bilingual NHS. Afterwards, **Mrs. Stefancic**, the head of the ESL Bilingual NHS, presented the awards to her students. Among the awards, two students were recognized as the bilingual students of the year. **Benito Gomez** and **Liliana Perez** were acknowledged for showing the most improvement

throughout the year and received won the prestigious award.

During the ceremony, **Raquel Rojas** and **Angelica Perez** were given the Amelia Diaz Allmart Scholarship for having been the most productive students in their class. "Receiving this scholarship meant a lot to me. This is going to help me go to the college of my choice for next year," said **Rojas**.

*-Kimberly Mengel and Courtney Nesemeier*

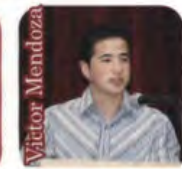


**Four Hours Of Honor.** Showing off their awards, **Benito Gomez** and **Liliana Perez** share their knowledge and excitement with friends and family in Commons during the dancing party after the ceremony



**60 Minutes of Dancing.** Celebrating her achievements with her sibling, **Angelica Perez** smiles with joy while she engages in dancing with her fellow ESL Bilingual NHS members.

**15 Second of Fame.** Standing in front of the whole auditorium, the bilingual students, including **Yihao Chen**, receive a round of applause for their achievements. "This past year with the kids in bilingual NHS has been extraordinary. They worked so hard to learn English and I am so proud of their success this year. It's amazing what kids can learn when they try," said **Mrs. Stefancic**.





**Enlisting in the military is not a simple decision, but these four men have made the emotional choice to become soldiers.**



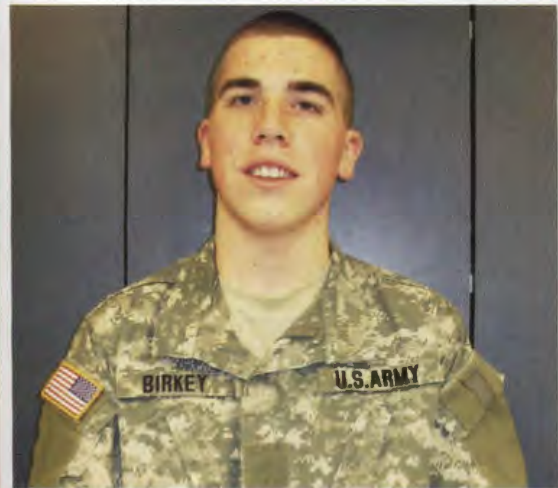
*Patriotic Leaders*



**Eight Years of Hoping.** Since fourth grade, Bill Burke has aspired to be a member of the Army. When Burke realized his dream for helping the country, he decided he wanted to become a helicopter pilot. "I was inspired by my two grandfathers, who were in the Navy, and two uncles, who were in the Army," said Burke. Burke had already been given an initial rank position in the Army and a duty assignment which brought his dream of keeping our country safe to life.



**One Life Long Dream.** Being in the Army represents more than just a chance to defend our country for Cody Hadley. After enlisting, Hadley wanted to see different cultures and receive a new outlook on life. "Since I was a little boy, being in the Army has been one of my dreams. When most kids wanted to be firefighters, I wanted to become a soldier," said Hadley, who added that he wants to become an Army Police Officer and follow in the footsteps of his grandfathers.



**Two Inspiring Relatives.** The death of Jonathan Birkey's relative in the Vietnam War and his uncle's devotion to the Air Force fuels Birkey's decision to join the Army. "I liked the idea of serving the country that has given me so much. I think every healthy man should spend some time fighting for this country," said Birkey, who aspires to be a combat medic and eagerly awaits to experience the culture, strength and brotherhood associated with the Army.



**Nine Weeks of Basic Training.** The uniforms and confidence are the main aspects of the military that Mauricio Garcia thinks about when he describes the Army. Although he dreamed of being in the Army since he was in middle school, the opportunity finally seemed right during his junior year of high school. "I wanted to join the Army in order to better myself. I got into some trouble my junior year and I wanted to learn discipline through the military," said Garcia.



# 20.5 Credits to Exit

As freshmen, we wandered through the halls. Now, we reminisce on the journey that we traveled together.

We had the chance to be leaders and that is what we were. We acquired the challenges that others let pass by. We motivated one another to progress through life. Aiming higher than ever before, we achieved our dream. The Class of 2009 made it to Graduation Day.

To walk across the stage in Bishop Gym as senior year ended was an honor. Moving the tassel from one side of our caps to the other means we have

reached a new segment in our lives. Now, the future is what we look forward to.

We have sat back, looking in admiration at those above us, waiting for our time to shine. Young adults full of energy, life, and ambitions, we have grown up dodging failure.

We are the elite young men and women driven towards perfection. We have distorted what it means to be normal reaching above and beyond the stars

to do so.

We are the winners, we are the dreamers, we are the successors, and we are the future. We opposed rejection and accepted the privilege of being at the top!

We gaze back to reminisce on memories. Enduring the here and now only to press forward for a superior future, we are the Seniors of 2009, and we did it. Congratulations!

-Ashley Jefferson



"After graduation, I get to leave high school with friendships and lots of memories that'll never fade."

-Dylan Stewart





**7 Periods Not 8.** Being a senior has its benefits, especially when a student has early dismissal. **Ashley McNerney** grabbed her homework before leaving school for the day.



**Pink Times 8.** Focused on something off in the distance, **Joslyn Meissner, Katrina Beedle, and Nicole Kuhlmann** sit outside enjoying the sunshine. "Off periods rock. I use to watch the seniors a couple of years ago and say to myself that I need to be outside enjoying the weather too! Now I can and I do," said **Kuhlmann**.



**Wiskers.** At times, Senior year can be intense, but **Katarzyna Grabiec** and **Navy Neang** find time to have fun. "I really like this year. I've gotten involved and created friendships I hope last a lifetime. Senior year rocks," said **Neang**.



**Double Vision.** About to stretch for Dance Tech, **Brenda Almanza** sees her past four years and all of her accomplishments. "All I can say is that I'm glad I made it through this year," said **Almanza**.



**Channel 4 News.** As **Ron Burgundy** from Anchorman, **David Peace** walks the halls shouting, "News team...Assemble!" **Peace** showed that even Seniors could stay classy.



**Zero Thorns.** Glowing with joy, **Diana Martinez** laughs as she grabs the roses given to her earlier that day. "Senior year has had its ups and downs, but the gifts I've received this year made my journey much better," said **Martinez** as she started giggling.



Senior Opening

# Weird Numbers

"I have never had to buy an ID. Whenever I don't have mine, I always just check one out or if it already is checked out, I check out one of my twin's."

- Virginia Mason

"I've probably painted myself 20 times, if you add them all up from the last four years."

- Stuart Sankovitch

"I have a whole drawer full of just Wildcat wear. Half are from cheerleading, some are normal Wildcat shirts, and the rest are from softball and volleyball. It comes out to around 35 shirts."

- Jamie Dash

I had several tardy passes, and freshman year alone I had four. Then I received a ton more when they switched passing periods to only five minutes."

- Samantha Curatola



**Two Stylish Feet.** Sitting on her front porch with her collections of shoes, Anna Treudt confesses that she doesn't even wear most of them. "I have 43 pairs of shoes and I just can't stop myself from buying them," said Treudt.

Carly Abraham



Carly Abraham

Morgan Abrams



M. Abrams

Erin Ackermann



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Brenda Almanza



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Kevin Antonio



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Jimmy Aramburu



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Anais Arias



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Elijah Asani



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Oscar Avila



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Jesse Baker



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Michelle Blackman

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Trevor Bodie

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Drew Bowker

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Thomas Boyd

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Jake Bradley

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Tara Breinig

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Danielle Brown

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Sally Brown

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Sarah Brown

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Ethan Burau

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Garrett Burden

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Dana Burgess

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William Burke

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Jaime Cabrera

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Danny Calabrese

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# In Five Years...

"I will not be married. My career will take up too much of my time to have a serious relationship. I will be dating a 23-year-old boxer brief model."

- **Amanda Huey**

"I will lead cutting edge technology as a mechanical engineer. I may also knit professionally. Time will tell."

- **John McCormack**

"I am going to have about three or four kids. I could change my mind since I have not experienced the pain of childbirth, so I will probably lower the number."

- **Virginia Mason**

"I hope to be just starting my life. I plan to live on my own and experience true independence for a while before I even consider settling down."

- **Jordan Long**



**20 Years Younger.** Age doesn't matter when it comes to Mr. Jennings, since he's a child at heart. Taking his classrooms on adventurous educational experiences, Jennings took teaching to a new level. "Mr. Jennings is a true role model and an inspiration. He led me to make the decision on becoming a teacher. One day I'd love for a student to say the same about me," said Blaine Flanagan.

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| Colleen Carvajal |  | Katelyn Casey    |  | Carly Casper |  | Tyler Christ    |  | Renee Cirone  |  | Rebecca Cisowski |  |
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Mary Jane Clabots



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Daniel Clark

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David Clark

David Clark



Molly Cody

Molly Cody



Gilda Conforti

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Abigail Contreras

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Melissa Conway

Melissa Conway



Elizabeth Correa

Elizabeth Correa



Isabel Correa

Isabel Correa



Ryan Crawford

Ryan Crawford



Sarah Crivello

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Brendan Crotty

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Dana Cruz

Dana Cruz



Samantha Curatola

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Kevin Curda

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Ali Damani

Ali Damani



Jamie Dash

Jamie Dash



Kristin Day

Kristin Day



Ethan Dean

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Mark Dean

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Robert Delegge

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George Demos

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Casey Dennis

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Kelsey Denson

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Lisette Dominguez

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Rogelio Garcia



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Mathew Gebis



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George Fortman



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Corey Freebern



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Jessica Freeman



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Amanda French



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Mayra Gallegos



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Cristal Galvan



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Linda Feltes



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Miriam Fernandez



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Melanie Fischer



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Blaine Flanagan



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Jason Foreman



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Lynette Forrest



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James Egert



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Craig Epps



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Rocio Estrada



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Alexandra Eterno



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Kelly Farrell



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Marco Favela



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Jason Foreman



Lia Smith



Michael Della



Katrina Beedle





Timothy Griffith



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Rhett Gunderson



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Nicholas Henke



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Lauran Hon



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Ashley Jefferson



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Megan Green



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Melissa Guillen



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William Heinze



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Calvin Holt



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Taylor Jaconis



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Katarzyna Grabiec



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Preston Hauptman



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David Hiltner



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Dianna Gouskos



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Joseph Grotto



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Eric Hasselberger



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Carissa Gouskos



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Cody Hadley



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Marcos Hernandez



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Clark Hudmon



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Eder Gonzalez



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Kelli Grimm



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Jesse Hacker



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Alberto Hernandez



*Alberto Hernandez*

Mitchell Householder



*Mitchell Householder*



# Ingredients for Success

"It's a successful day getting past the security guards at Entrance A without having my ID."

- **Griselda Sanchez**

"It's a successful day when you get enough sleep to actually stay awake in class."

- **Dana Burgess**

"The way you achieve success at West Chicago is by figuring out which teachers are your pals and which are your superiors."

- **Courtney Nesemeier**

"You know that your day was successful when you side track your teacher by having the whole class go off topic."

- **Monika Parker**



**Four Bars.** With a new electronics rule set in place, many students find difficulty in conversing with their peers. Others attempt to avoid the rule throughout the school year. "My day is successful when I don't get caught texting by my teachers," said Sarah Biccharella.

James Jensen



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Lindsey Johnston



*Lindsey A. Johnston*

Daniel Kemnitz



*Dan Kemnitz*

Sarah Kimball



*Sarah Kimball*

Jonathan Kinsella



*Jonathan Kinsella*

Shawn Kiser



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Kimberly Kleczewski



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Kevin Klouda



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Nathan Kopecky



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Jaclyn Kostel



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Kristen Kotche



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Ryan Krage



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Jonathan Krystinak



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Douglas Kulie



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Coralyn Kutzner



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Emily Laffey



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James Laiter



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Nathan Laka



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Danna Quiroz



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Tim Loftus



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Diana Martinez



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Antonella Mastrodonardo



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Ana Mendez



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Aryn Lively



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Virginia Mason



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Sian Malan



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Anna Lane



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Jordan Long



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Courtney Macko



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Mayra Martinez



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Brian Mateas



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Seniors

John Nickelson



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Karina Nicolas



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Adriana Noceda



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Erica Nystrom



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Kyle Obright



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Richard Om



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Allison Navadomskis



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Kasi Navadomskis



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Navy Neang



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Miles Nelson



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Courtney Nesemeier



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Kyle Nichol



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Vianey Morales



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Jacqueline Morgan



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Zachary Mowen



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Christen Mungo



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Ty Murphy



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Tyler Murray



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Rachel Molinaro



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Sarah Molo



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Ivan Mondragon



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Monica Montoya



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Lamanda Moore



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Sam Mercaldo



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Miguel Padilla

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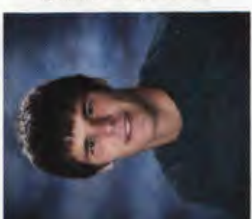
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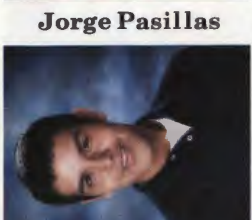
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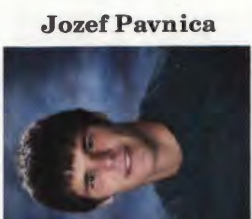
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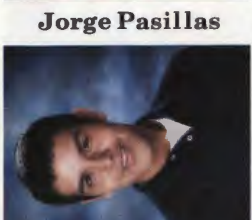
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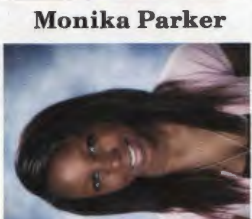
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Anthony Quarto

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Donna Quiroz

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*Naila Perez*



Jose Perez Jr.

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Christopher Pierce

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Alexander Pirela

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*Margaret Polacek*



Molly Pfeifer

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Edgar Ramirez

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Cody Reif

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Majica Rivera

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Matthew Rizzo

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Sadie Roberts

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Kevin Curda



Sara Smolucha



Jordan Long



A. Mastroianni



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# Remember When...

Mrs. Burchaki said there were 27 letters in the alphabet...Seniors were victorious in the Homecoming Pep Assembly games.. Mrs. Freund in the Attendance Office gave you an excused tardy pass... the Squad started the "Blue Power!" battle cry...The varsity football team beat West Aurora during the last home football game... Clark Hudmor, Drew Bowker, and Alexander Pirela called for Game Time during the Homecoming Pep Assembly.. Blaine Flanagan hit the ceiling tile in Senior Hall before Game Time.... Kathryn Bell scored a touchdown after an interception at the Annual Powder Puff Game, beating the Juniors.. Mr. Govertsen wore the turkey suit...you could finally park in Senior Lot... Mrs. Rusin became Dean...you could leave school early.. Ashley Jefferson danced with her father at Senior Night... the Powder Puff girls had their own Game Time... Mr. Highland shaved his mustache...we all met Dr. Cheng on We-Go Through the Tube...Let's Get Physical won the Dodgeball Tournament... we had three days off of school from the March 2008 threat...we all bought our first Squad shirts Sophomore year...Taco Bell and McDonald's became your new lunchtime destination for off-campus lunches...



**4 Wheels of Freedom.** During a work session in the senior Government course, Lisette Dominguez recalls a few of her cherished memories. "I remember getting my license. I finally became independent from my friends and family," said Dominguez.

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| Raquel Rojas   | Jamie Roman      |                |                   | Kaitlyn Rosin | Christine Rovtar |
| Curtis Salazar | Griselda Sanchez | Ismael Sanchez | Stuart Sankovitch | Michael Scott | Kyle Seidler     |
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| Curtis Salazar |                  |                |                   | Michael Scott | Kyle Seidler     |
| Eric Selcke    | Joseph Serio     | Priya Shah     | Caitlin Shiga     | Julia Shuliga | Kyle Sikorski    |
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Rory Stewart



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Ileana Tapanes



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Bansri Thakkar



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Tom Ulin



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Glen Staffeldt



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Patrick Stremel



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Sean Tubridy



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Sarah Zaidi



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Megan Zajac



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Lauren Zenawick



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Wesley Zinser



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# Last Words

"Work hard your first three years of high school so you can slack off your senior year."

- **Jonathan Kinsella**

"Thinking about going to college and where I wanted to go motivated me the most to do well in high school."

- **Zachary Pazar**

"My best memories of high school have come from getting into various shenanigans with my friends."

- **Hanna Colliander**

"If you ever have Mr. Rice as a chemistry teacher, ask him to tell you the story of the midget on the leash."

- **Joseph Serio**



Aj Romanello



Molly Cody



Alexander Pivch



Marissa Carter



"Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. High school is about having fun and meeting people who will be your friends forever."

- **Kelli Grimm**

"You should not believe everything that you are told by people. Also, you should try to hang out with different people because it will make high school a lot more enjoyable."

- **Yesenia Geromini**

"Do not take it easy. Always work hard and take advantage of easy assignments and extra credit. Also always use your planner. It's a life saver."

- **Brian Skrzypczak**

"The changes are numerous. I've gone from being shy to the biggest social butterfly. Now, in my senior year, I'm full of school spirit, and it's the best feeling ever."

- **Shannon Cassello**

"Watch your back and don't talk back to Seniors."

- **James Egert**

"My parents, friends and the thoughts of college motivated me the most. My parents are always on me about homework and studying. My friends helped with making life easier outside of school."

- **Corey Freebern**

"I've grown up realizing people change and so do I. Taking time out of my day to concern myself with others won't put me any closer to my dream. Remember yourself before others."

- **Ashley Jefferson**

"My siblings motivated me the most through high school. They really messed up in school, and I learned from that. I had four sisters everyday telling me to keep my grades up."

- **Alex Pirela**

"My best memories of high school would have to be spending time in the Squad and cheering our football team on. There is nothing more exhilarating than getting everyone riled up."

- **Emily Breitreitz**

"Enjoy the four years you have in high school, take chances and have a good time. You don't want to look back and regret not doing anything."

- **Margaret Polacek**

"Enjoy your years in high school. Time goes past too fast and then you have to be an adult. So enjoy the time you have"

- **Courtney Nesemeier**

"Don't take a second for granted and enjoy every minute, because high school is the best time of your life and these four years go by way too fast."

- **Molly Pfeifer**

"Professor Eric Lasky motivated me throughout high school. He was the best golf coach to me. I am going to nominate him for man of the year."

- **Jason Foreman**

"One of my favorite memories was Operation Cloverfield. The Class of '09 worked together to construct a prank on the Senior Class of '08."

- **Amanda Huey**

"Do everything you can in high school because four years go by fast and you're never going to see a lot of people once you graduate."

- **Pedro Perez**

"Don't be scared of the upperclassmen. They just try to be intimidating. And keep school a main priority. Don't start to slack. It'll benefit you later on."

- **Megan Zajac**

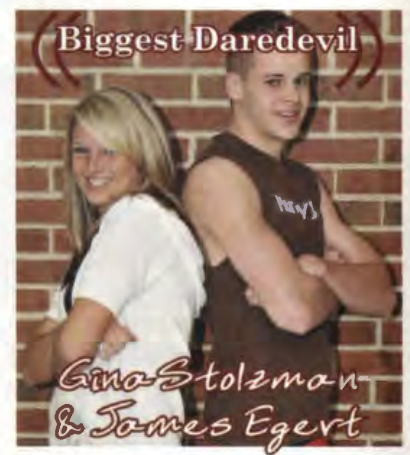


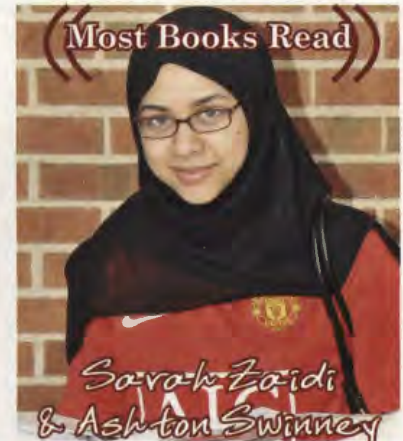
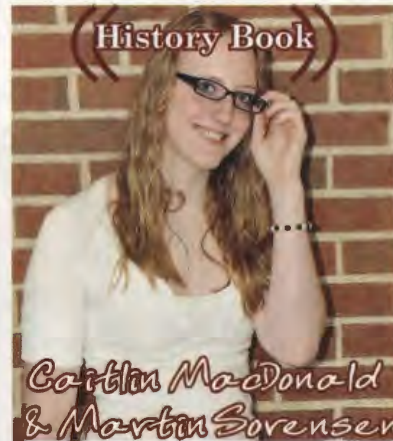
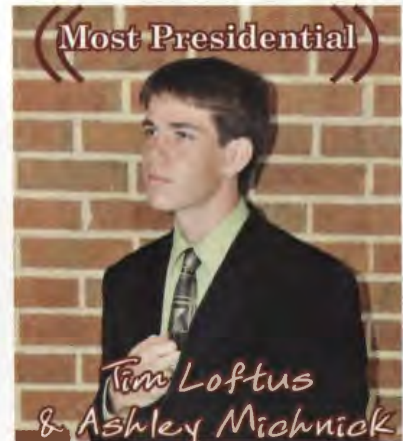
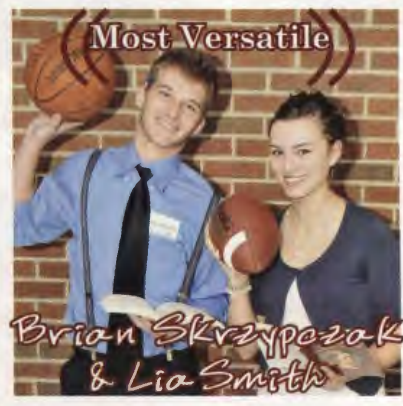
**Girls Game Time Chant.** Just as senior boys do before every football game, the girls decide to have a Game Time of their own. "Everyone was screaming so loud! It was even better since juniors tried to do their own in math hall," said **Carly Abraham**. With victory under their football belts, the senior girls did a final game time chant, claiming their bragging rights for the rest of the year.



After four years of high school, Seniors are finally acknowledged by their peers for their unforgettable qualities.

*4 Years to Grow*





Senior  
Superlatives

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# As the final diploma is awarded, the Class of 2009 roars with excitement.

437 Caps in the Air

The eight semesters, over fifty final exams, four Homecoming football games, two fantastic Proms, countless homework assignments, and an endless number of pages of notes all led up to the final destination for 437 Seniors: Graduation.

On a sunny day in June, the Senior class entered Bishop Gym one last time in order to walk across the stage and experience the final event of high school. As the students received their diplomas from **Dr. Cheng**, the principal, and **Mr. Jensen**, the West Chicago School Board President, every Senior's eyes filled with tears. Each student realized that this day was the closing of a big part of life.

For **Ryan Crawford** graduation wasn't just a ceremony, but a major step toward becoming an adult. "Graduation was a moment of recognition for all the work my fellow classmates and I have accomplished

over the past four years in high school. The presence of the staff and parents made the ceremony memorable and something I will never forget," said **Crawford**.

Through laughter and memories of the past years, **Mr.**

*"Life is a gift of incomparable worth. We have all been given a gift of immeasurable value. What are you going to do with the gift you have been given?"*

**Jennings** delivered an inspirational speech of the importance of high school and of the journey ahead. "Life is a gift of incomparable worth. We have all been given a gift of immeasurable value. What are you going to do with the gift you have been given?" said **Jennings**.

With a speech by classmate **Ashley Jefferson**, the

Seniors reflected on the choices they've made. "We've heard time after time to make 'it' count. That 'it' is putting away childish things to accomplish greatness. It's demonstrating maturity, showing others exactly how far we've come. That 'it' is the dedication we've expressed in making it this far today. Let's make 'it' count one more time," said **Jefferson**. The memories established in high school will be cherished forever and serve as a way to grow for the obstacles ahead.

With the memories of the past four years ruminating through the Seniors' heads, they anxiously threw their caps into the air. The new West Chicago alumni walked out of Bishop Gym and into the sunlight illuminating their future.

-Virginia Mason & Courtney Nesemeier



**One Proud Student.** As Amy Volk makes her way up to **Dr. Cheng**, each person in the audience can see the smile that illuminates her face. The accomplishment of finishing high school represented the beginning of a successful life.



**5 Dollars.** Beginning his speech by collecting a debt from **Ethan Burau**, **Mr. Jennings** recalls memories of the Class of '09. "You were given the gift of life, but gifts are best when they are shared. How will you share your gift?" said **Jennings**.



**7 Revisions.** Tweaking her speech to perfection, **Ashley Jefferson** spends days prepping for graduation. "I told myself last year I wanted the opportunity to give the speech. I was happy and nervous to give the farewell speech," said **Jefferson**.



St. Bichenella



Ty Griffith



Nicole Jacobsen



William Burke



**437 Estatic Seniors.** As the Class of 2009 shuffles into Bishop Gym, each student thinks of the feeling that will overcome him or her when they are finally free of high school. After waiting over an hour, the students realized that they had now become the alumni of the Class of 2009. As **Dr. Moses Cheng** introduces the graduating class, the students rose with excitement, flinging their caps into the air. "I was hit in the head with four caps at graduation, but I threw my cap just like everyone else did. There was something thrilling about knowing that I finally did it. I finally graduated. The cap was going to be thrown off. There was no way it was staying on," said **Virginia Mason**.



**2:00 Commencement Time.** As the parents and relatives watch their sons and daughters enter Bishop Gym, the room fills with the noise of clapping and cheering. The excitement of the big day buzzed from the parents in the stands to the students on the floor. All the students stood with carnations as they waited for the clock to strike 2:00 p.m. and for the ceremony to begin. The ceremony represented the end of high school, but also the beginning of a journey.

**The Extraordinary Student.**

The achievement of Valedictorian commemorates the hard work and dedication that **Ashley Michnick** exhibited over her four years of high school. "I have been working towards being Valedictorian for so long. I am so happy I finally succeeded!" added **Michnick**. Walking off the stage with her acknowledged accomplishments, **Michnick** thought of her hard work paying off.



**One Glistening Smile.**

As **Craig Epps** makes his way up to the stage, he shakes hands with **Mrs. Rusin**. The accomplishment of finishing four years of high school, **Epps** received a congratulations by **Rusin** and made the moment even that much more special. The staff and students celebrated the special ceremony together and finished the year right.



Karin Fisher



Gregory Vodicka



Gregory Vodicka

## On a warm June evening, the best and the brightest of the Class of 2009 celebrate four years of achievements.

People say high school flies by. Yet, for some students, these four years of memories are also filled with hard work and a desire for success. On the Friday night before Commencement, Senior Honors Night recognized these selective students.

The night of June 5 opened with **Dr. Cheng**, announcing the valedictorian, **Ashley Michnick**, and the salutatorian, **Jozef Pavnica**. Presenters then announced such awards as Citizenship Award, Academic Merit Awards, Illinois State Scholars and a variety of attendance awards. **Joseph Serio** was honored for attending every single day of his

high school career.

Even in a group of such dedicated students, there are those that rise above

*"I am so grateful for all my teachers because they have been there for me there through all of it."*

their classmates.

**Mr. Larson** announced those students receiving the award for Outstanding Individual Merit. These honorees included: **Katrina Beedle**, **Melissa Conway**, **Kelsey Davis**,

**Mitchell Householder**, **Ryan Krage**, **Emily Laffey**, **Alexander Pirela**, **Caitlin Shiga**, **Lia Smith** and **Rafael Vasquez**.

As the Class of 2009 proved, not everyone suffered from "senioritis." For those few that push beyond mediocrity, the time comes when those textbooks and endless nights become worth it. "I am so grateful for all my teachers because they have been there for me through all of it," said **Michnick**.

*-Ashley Jefferson, and Virginia Mason*



**1 Unexpected Award.** It's one thing when you know what award you're receiving, but the Lions Club scholarship surprised **Jessica Bergmann**. "I was overwhelmed, but I can't complain at all," said **Bergmann**.



**Post 6791.** The Veterans' Educational Scholarship goes out to 13 students. **Rhett Gunderson** received one of those awards. "I was excited and relieved to know that I did my part in some way in order to get the award," said **Gunderson**.



**4th in the Family.** From home school to high school, **Rachel Bass** strives to beat all the expectations previously set. "I know my family expected me to achieve greatness, but I did all the hard work because I wanted to," said **Bass**.



J. McCormack



Linda Feltes



Elijah Asani



Dana Cruz



**200 Exemplary Students.** At the beginning of Senior Honors Night, **Dave Hiltner, Sara Lim, Chelsea Wilbur, Chrissy Rovtar, Lizzie Gola, Taylor Turner** and **Mitchell Householder** stand for the National Anthem. On this evening, the stage filled with students receiving awards including the American Legion Scholarship, the Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Citizenship Award, and the Houston J. Pineda Memorial Scholarship. "It's a night I'll always remember," said **Hiltner**.



**6 Advanced Placement Classes.** At the end of his four years, **Jozef Pavnica** receives many recognitions and awards. Pavnica balanced his schedule to participate in activities ranging from the Economics Team to being a Captain of the Boys' Varsity Tennis team and illustrated his versatility. "I was told I shouldn't limit myself, so I didn't. High School is only one chapter of your life, so why not take advantage of all the opportunities you can handle?" said **Pavnica**.

**Two Hours South.**

Throughout four years of high school, **Caitlin Shiga** participates in Orchestra, and for that **Shiga** receives the National School Orchestra Award by her teacher, **Mr. Govertsen**. The end of high school signified a time of celebration, but soon **Shiga** will travel south to Illinois Wesleyan University.



**1 out of 12.**

With 3 years of perfect attendance, it's no surprise that **Nicholas Henke** is one of the twelve students that received Highest Honors. "I worked hard. Even when I didn't want to go to school, I still went. I made the grades and pressed forward to get exactly where I am today, I'm glad I accomplished so much in four years," said **Henke**.



William Ribben



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John Kinsella



Claire Jennings and Mr. Jennings



Ms. Aronoff, Ms. Wallner & Ms. Bridges



Mr. Pederson



Ms. Junkroski



Mr. Engel



Mr. Dock



Mr. Johnson & Victor E. Wildcat



Ms. Daneels



Mr. Larson



Ms. Cobbett



Ms. Brennan



Ms. Rozanski



Mr. Maxson



Ms. Fikis



Mr. Kling



Mr. Mullaney



Ms. Ranney



Dr. Cheng



Ms. Holubetz



# How Do You Measure... Guidance?

132 teachers lecturing students about skills needed for the future.

241 staff members roaming the halls of a building that has become their second home.

1 German teacher tutoring her students to broaden their cultural experience.

86 electives opening up students minds to new ideas.

17 math teachers solving essential equations for students to use later in life.

9 AP classes grading papers all year long.

15 science teachers conducting experiments left and right.

15 history teachers enlightening students about the world's past.

15 PE teachers encouraging their students to live a healthier lifestyle.

18 English teachers brainstorming new creative writing assignments.

6 Spanish teachers submerging their students in culture.

2 art teachers inspiring their students to color the world.

2 librarians shushing students in the LRC.

2 French teachers educating their students about life in France.

*-Maggie Blaack and Molly Pfeifer*



# 242 Eager Educators

## With more than 2200 students, these teachers do more than grade papers. They change lives.

More than 200 faculty members showed intelligence, patience and a sense of humor on a daily basis as they instructed about 2,200 students throughout the school year. "Working in the ASC, I get the privilege of interacting with teachers from all departments, so I get the chance to see the wide variety of teaching tactics," said Mrs. Vondrak.

At the beginning of the year, teachers made it easier for the freshmen to

adapt to high school life by giving them an overview of what goes on during school. The teachers put the freshmen into groups and helped them calm their jitters. "The teachers who were a part of We-Go in with Pride definitely helped out the freshmen make the transition into high school. They also helped make the unknowns become known and it changed their minds about high school," said Mr. Engel.

Two of the major

events included the Volley for the Cure game, run by Ms. Hasty and the girls' volleyball team, and the anti drug operation, Snowball, run by Ms. Culbertson, Mrs. Winquist, and Ms. Thielberg. But whether teachers were running a special program or supervising Commons, students agreed that they made a difference at We-Go.

-Amber Weinmann



*"The Faculty is a great group of committed professionals dedicated to helping each student learn,"*  
-Dr. Cheng





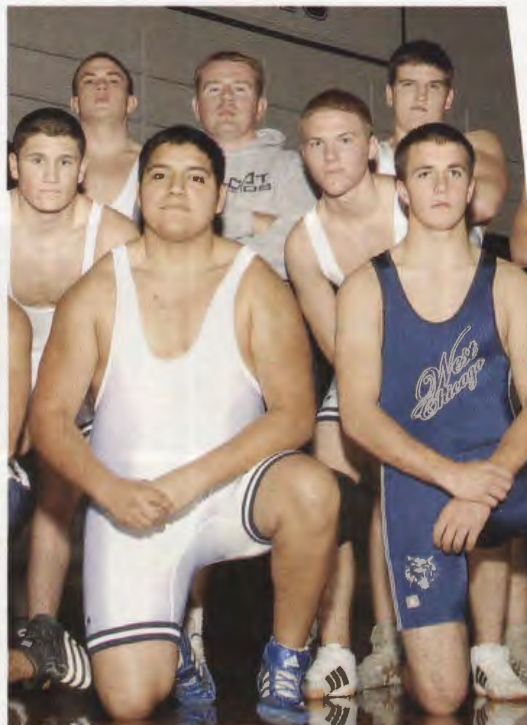
**Parade.** While walking in the Homecoming parade with the other foreign language staff Mrs. Govertsen smiles to the little kids as she enthusiastically hands out candy.



**4 Who Make A Difference.** Even the little events make a huge difference in the fight against breast cancer. Ms. Kavadas played a big part in that fight during the Volley for the Cure game by supporting those who have survived. The event was full of raffles, performances, and cancer survivor recognition.



**Drifts.** While participating in the teachers vs. students basketball game at the winter sports pep assembly, Mr. Dalo dribbles his way to the basketball hoop. Dalo put in the extra effort in the attempt to defeat the students. The teachers went into the event hoping to leave with a victory.



**1 Mentor.** Surrounded by his athletes, Mr. Philips stares down the opponents of their challenging match. "Philips couldn't stress enough how the harder you practice the more it would pay off in a match," said Nick Carnot.



**Dedicated Teacher.** In the midst of discussing the literary magazine, "Mind's Eye," Mrs. Wood throws out some creative ideas with the help of the two editors and staff.



**7 Coaches.** Each varsity coach watches the football players run their plays on the field with great intensity. Coach Chiodo took on the task as the new head varsity football coach and taught them new tactics and prepared them even more for every game.



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Opening

# My Dog Ate My Excuse

"Once a student threw up on his homework, but he offered to bring it in."

**-Mr. Reagan**

"To get out of trouble a student once came to my office and tried to tell me that he didn't know it was inappropriate to have a teacher see him undress."

**-Mr. Martino**

"A student was late because he pierced his own ear during passing period and was bleeding everywhere."

**- Mrs. Wood**



**27 Saturday Schools.** Making sure students are on their best behavior, Mrs. Woodson sorts through the excuses, giving Saturday schools when appropriate. "A student said he spilled something on his bed and had to dry his sheets before school," said Woodson.

Aaron Albright  
Elizabeth Allroth  
Gail Aronoff  
William Bautista  
Cynthia Bedford  
Sarah Bellis  
Nancy Blume



Eric Bodwell  
Linda Brandt  
Maura Bridges  
Blair Brown  
Suzanne Burchacki  
Nicholas Caltagirone  
Rosalinda Campos



Jane Cannata  
Moses Cheng  
Hal Chiodo  
John Chisholm  
Susan Cisek  
Kevin Cleary  
Patricia Clifford



Andrea Cobbett  
Geraldine Colorado  
Michael Conroy  
Valerie Cook  
Timothy Courtney  
Christopher Covino  
Jennifer Culbertson



Nicholas Dalo  
Mary Daneels  
Tara Deleon  
Megan Dulkyns  
Donna Durbin  
Gavin Engel  
David Exner





Candace Fikis  
 Amy Gibson  
 Kevin Gimre  
 Ildemaro Godinho  
 Heather Goebel  
 Stephen Govertsen  
 Margaret Haas



Mary Hafertepe  
 Gregory Hansen  
 Judith Harwood  
 Kristi Hasty  
 Aaron Hayes  
 Jill Holubetz  
 Kristen Isacson



Beth Jones  
 Susan Junkroski  
 Mary-Megan Kalvig  
 Pamela Kavadas  
 Nicholas Kempiski  
 Louis Kermend  
 Jason Kling



Richard Kost  
 Michael Koulos  
 Patti Kozlowski  
 Laura Kuehn  
 Barbara Laimins  
 Bradley Larson  
 Donna Leahy



Terry Lemberg-Finn  
 Christopher Lukas  
 Henry Maher  
 Peter Martino  
 Robert Maxson  
 Daniel McCarthy  
 Marianne Melvin



Eduardo Montoya  
 Douglas Mullaney  
 Peggy Peach  
 Brandon Pedersen  
 George Petmezias  
 Lynn Peto  
 James Philips



Monica Piszczek  
 Sharon Ramey  
 Sandra Ramos  
 Ward Rau  
 Austin Reagan  
 James Rice  
 Leroy Rieck



Jane Rodziewicz  
 Mary Roley  
 Krysta Rozanski  
 Annette Rubino  
 Whitney Rusin  
 Lucinda Sanders  
 Patricia Santella



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# Years of Dedication

"I'm planning to go out on a school night without having papers to grade and without having an alarm go off at five a.m."

**-Terry Strohm**

"I will miss watching students discover that they can find the answer using problem solving and logic."

**-Annette Rubino**

"The best years at Community High School were the years I was the Director of the Welcome Center. I'll also remember the years that my children attended this high school."

**-Miguel Arroyo**



**34 Years.** West Chicago's only German teacher retires this year after 34 years of teaching. Out of those years, Ms. Strohm spent 33 of them teaching German. "Every year has been a good one with its own unique rewards and challenges," said Strohm.

Kristin Schaefer  
Sandra Scheuller  
Michael Schneider  
Susan Siegfried  
Jean Steerup  
Janelle Stefancic  
Terry Strohm



Marc Taylor  
Kirsten Vondrak  
Kimberly Wallner  
Vivian Walsh  
Brian Wheeler  
Lisa Willuweit  
Katie Wood



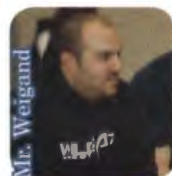
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Donald Zabelin  
Tammie Zegar  
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Navy Neang and Ms. Santella



Abraham Guzman and Mr. Dock



Mr. Weigand



Ms. Fikis



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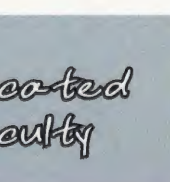
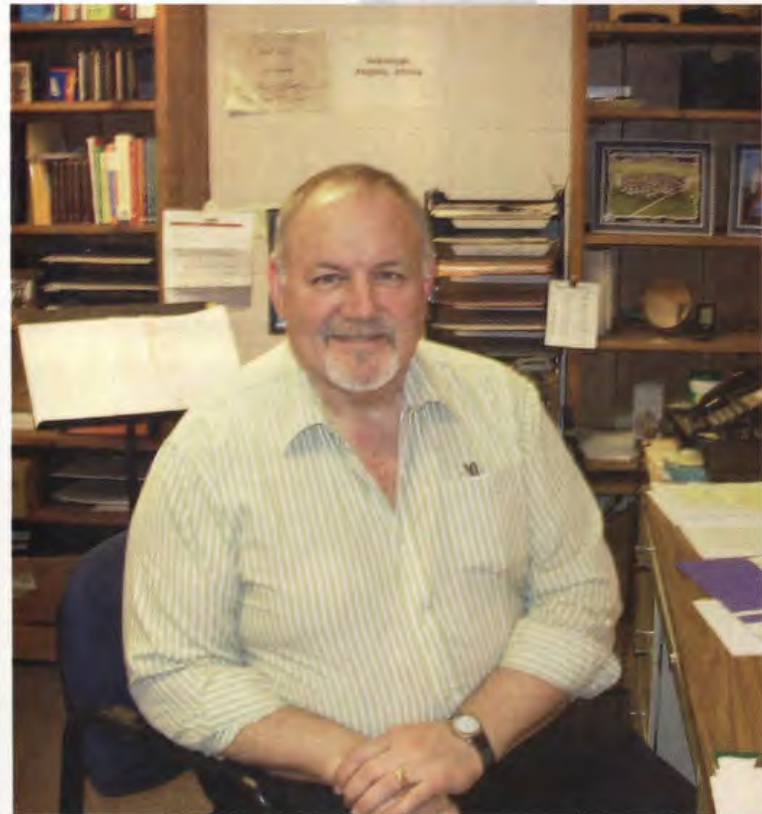
**24 years and Counting.** After teaching Spanish for 24 years, **Ms. Junkroski** has a routine that never grows old. With numerous classes, **Junkroski** adapted to the students. "No class is the same. They're kids with different personalities, so it's never teaching the same material," said **Junkroski**.



**53 Performances with Weyrauch.** With 27 years of experience at We-Go, **Ms. Hafertepe** teaches English, while directing musicals and plays. "No number could capture the level of satisfaction, fulfillment and warm memories that I gained inside Weyrauch Memorial Auditorium," said **Hafertepe**.

**12 years.** Keeping his school day open for students, **Mr. Rau** does his work after school. In the evenings he worked as the freshman football coach and ran Key Club. "My favorite part of Key Club is when kids volunteer for the community and find it more rewarding than they expected," said **Rau**.

**1 Cover.** As a teacher of the nationally recognized Government Simulation, **Ms. Daneels** earns a spot on the cover of Cable Classroom. "During our sessions we've received awards, a magazine cover and visits from legislators, and now ten schools in the nation are copying the simulation," said **Daneels**.



*Dedicated Faculty*

As the Senior Class embarks on the next chapter of their lives, their parents remember them fondly. The growth of these students and support from their families prepares them for their futures.

455 Proud Families



**Tara Bretnig**

Once a **princess**, always a **princess...**

Dear **Tara**,

We knew on November 11, 1990 at 10:35 p.m. that someone very **special** had just come into our lives, and you have been proving it to us ever since! You are a spectacular young **woman** with a **brilliant** future just waiting for you. Go and get it! Remember that being "successful" isn't measured by your career. It's measured by your **character**, your personal **integrity**, the **respect** you have for yourself and others, your **compassion**, your ability to **forgive** with grace and your ability to **love** well and accept **love** from others. Tara, you are a **success** already! We are so proud of you. And **we love you** very much.

**Congratulations, Baby!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Amanda Huey**

Dear **Amanda**,

We are so **proud** of the child you were and the woman you have **become**. We can't wait to see what's next for you. You always make the **right** choices and good things are bound to happen.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Justin

Dear **Courtney**,  
What a great leap from such a **chunky monkey** to **beautiful** and all grown up. Way to overlook the obstacles and plow **forward** to your **future**. It brings a tear to the eye. We are extremely **proud** of you!

Love,  
Dad, Rita, Connor and Morgan



**Courtney Nesemeier**



**Molly Pfeffer**

Dear **Molly Dolly**,

From little **darling** to all grown! The years **flew** by in a blink. I am so **proud** of you!  
Love,  
Mom  
P.S. "Girls just wanna have fun!"





Dear Clark,  
 We've watched you grow from a jolly baby to a confident young man and we have enjoyed every single day! We wish the same success and happiness you enjoyed in high school at the next stage of your life.

All our love,  
 Mom, Dad, Jim, and Rick



**Clark Hudmon**

Dear Joslyn,

We are so proud of you and all your hard work and accomplishments. You always give your best and make us laugh and smile. Good luck in college and we will miss you so much!

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Jordan,  
 Mackenzie, and Ashley



**Joslyn Meissner**



**Katelyn Casey**

Dear Katelyn,  
 Your smile brings sunshine to all of our lives. We are so proud of the beautiful girl you have become. We love you,  
 Katiboo!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Robert Pafhr**

Dear Robert,  
 We are so proud of you and the young man you have grown into! Remember to always follow your dreams and reach for the stars! You can do anything you set your mind to—be happy and successful in your choices.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Oksana, Smokie, and Bandit

Dear Lauran,  
 We respect your future choices and will always be here to support and guide you on your journey.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Lauran Hon**

Dear Wheezer,  
 I am so proud of you in everything you do! Remember always I love you with all my heart!!  
 Love,  
 Mom



**Lisa Giordano**



**Margaret Polacek**

Dear Margaret,  
 Wow, four years have blown by so fast and now it's time for graduation and college. We are all so proud of the wonderful young lady you have become. Enjoy college and remember you can do anything you want.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Dan, and Tim



**Megan Zajac**

Dear Megan,  
 As you move on to college, always know you have our complete love and support in all you do. You are remarkable in every way and we are so very proud of you.  
 Lots of Love,  
 Dad, Mom, and Matt



Dear **Alex**,  
 Very well done. You were once a helpless baby but even then we knew you had **strength and determination** to always see you through.  
**Congratulations.** We are very **proud** of you.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Alex Lima**

Dear **Anna**,  
 You are one **determined** young woman. We are **confident** that you will **accomplish** anything you want to do in life.  
 We pray that you realize your **dreams**.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Anna Lane**



Dear **Christopher**,  
**Congratulations!** We are so **proud** of you! **Good luck** in college.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Alyssa, and Mallory

**Christopher Pierce**



Dear **Christine**,  
 Seems like yesterday you graduated from kindergarten! We are so **proud** of you. **Follow your dreams.** They'll take you where you're meant to go.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Allison, and Kim

**Christine Rovtar**

Dear **Carly**,  
 From your first day of kindergarten through high school, we have been so **proud** of you. We are wishing you much **love, success, and happiness** in your college years.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Kirsten, Ben, and Zachary



**Carly Abraham**

Dear "bugga-boo" **Chelsey**,  
 Having a daughter like you means having someone to be **proud** of, someone to be **thankful** for, and someone very **special** to love. Wishing you a lifetime of **success** in everything, through all the days, of the years that lie ahead of you.  
 Love,  
 Your Momma



**Chelsey Wilbur**



**Anna Treudt**

Dear **Anna**,  
 You were a **delightful** little girl and we have so many **fun memories** of you. Time has passed so fast and now you're already heading for **college**. We've always been **proud** of you.  
 Love ya honey!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Brian Mateas**

Dear **Brian**,  
**Congratulations!** We are so **proud** of you. Your **determination** in academics and athletics has proved what you are capable of doing. May you have a **bright future**. Enjoy your time at Eastern Illinois University.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



Curtiss Salazar



Diana Martinez



Brandon Fischer



Brittany Parisi

Dear **Cody**,

Never lose your **compassionate heart, honesty, and wonderful characteristics.** Let these traits be your guide. We are so lucky to have you to **love, laugh, and grow up** with.

Be safe on your journeys and **live life** to the fullest.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Cody Hadley**

Dear **Cody**,

We are very **proud** of you and we wish you the **best of luck** as you start your **journey** into the next chapter of your life.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Cody Reiff**

Dear **Cole**,

The years have passed by so fast and we can't **believe** you are going off to college already. We are so **proud** of you and **proud** to call you **our son.** We wish you all the **best** in everything you do and may all your **hopes** and **dreams** come true.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Cole Paler**

Dear **Coralyn**,

Yesterday was kindergarten. Tomorrow is high school **graduation.** How did it go by so quickly?

Hopefully you will enjoy **college** as much as you did high school. We **love** you very much. **Good luck** next year!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Coralyn Kutzner**

Dear **Courtney**,

You have **always** been the **light** of my life. I'm sure you will go out and make the world a **brighter** place.

**Congratulations!**

Love,  
Mom



**Courtney Barrie**

Dear **Courtney**,

It's hard to believe you're **graduating** already! We're so **proud** of the young woman you've become. **Study hard, play hard, and dream big!**

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Morgan, Haley, and Brazil



**Courtney Macko**

Dear **Dana**,

Look what the Lord has done!!! I know your father is **smiling** upon you from heaven. You have grown into a **beautiful** young lady and will be **successful** in life!

Love,  
Mom and Jana



**Dana Williams**

Dear **David**,

**Congratulations** on all of your **accomplishments.**

We have always been so **proud** of you and wish you the best in all you do. **Live your dreams. Live strong.**

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Brian



**David Lustro**



Dear David,  
 To our "visionary" son:  
 we're so proud of you, Mr.  
**32!** Keep looking up,  
 and we know you'll find  
 your place and soar!  
**Congratulations.**  
 Love,  
 Dad and Mom



**David Eble**

Dear Douglas,  
 Watching you grow into  
 the man you have become  
 has been our greatest joy.  
 Wishing you the best in  
 college and beyond.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Douglas Kullie**



**Douglas Mateas**

Dear Douglas,  
**Congratulations!** We are so  
**proud** of all you achieved in  
 high school. You  
 amazed us with your  
**commitment** to your  
 athletics and achieved **great**  
 results. We wish  
 you the **best** in the future.  
**Good luck** at  
 Eastern Illinois University.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Emily Breifkretz**

Dear Emily,  
 You have worked hard to  
 get where you are today. We  
 are proud of your  
 accomplishment – but more  
 than anything else proud of  
 the way you accomplished  
 it, with hard work and  
**dedication.** You are  
 absolutely ready for the  
 next big step!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

Dear Emily,  
 We are so proud of you and  
 your accomplishments in  
 high school! We wish you  
 the very best in your future  
 ventures. **Congratulations!**  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Emily Laffey**

Dear Ethan,  
 You've grown into a fine,  
 young man. You bring  
 much joy to our hearts.  
 We're so proud of your  
 accomplishments. We will  
 always support you.  
 The world is yours, son.  
 Go out and grab it! **We love**  
**you** so much.  
 Love,  
 Dad and Mom



**Ethan Woodbury**



**Eric Selcke**

Dear Eric,  
 We are so proud of you!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Eric Hasselbenger**

Dear Eric,  
 You did it! You have  
 worked hard to get here  
 and we are proud of you.  
 Your future holds great  
 things, so enjoy it!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



Korenn Freyling



Anthony Hasbun



Victoria Lawler



David Clark

Dear **Jamie**,

Good luck to a **bright** future. Set your goals high, stay focused, and follow your **dreams**. You are a beautiful, independent girl.

We know if you set your mind on what you want, you'll capture your **dreams**.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Taylor,  
and Torie



**Jamie Dash**

Dear **Kathryn**,

Whatever you do and wherever you go, take that beautiful **smile** with you and you'll be a star.

**Congratulations**, cowboy **Katie!** We love you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Kathryn Bell**



**Jessica Bedard**

Dear **Jessica**,

From day one, we knew you were a **special** soul. Your **kindness** and **compassion** make the world a better place. Stay true to yourself.

You make us **proud!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Joseph Serio**

Dear **Joseph**,

We are **proud** of your outstanding academic, athletic, and volunteering **accomplishments**.

With commitment and leadership, you will **excel**.

As the journey continues, may God bless upon you.

You are number **ONE!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Dear **Jonathan**,

Over the river & through the woods...it's been so good!

It's been a **highlight** in our lives to take part in your **journey**. From our little "**manny**" to young man—we're proud! We look forward to your next steps across the bridge.

God bless you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Jonathan Kinsella**

Dear **Kaitlyn**,

Graduation is not the end, but rather the **beginning** of your **future**. We are very **proud** of you and your accomplishments in high school.

**Congratulations!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Kaitlyn Rosin**



**Jamie Roman**

Dear **Jamie**,

You have made us so **proud** of your high school **achievements**. You are a beautiful person and we know your college days will be just as **successful**.

We love you very much.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Kelsey Denson**

Dear **Kelsey**,

Our **beautiful** girl, we are so proud of you! Remember you can do **anything** you want with enough hard work! **Congratulations!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Elizabeth Reyes



Kyle Wolf



Carlin Kiel

Dear **Brian**,  
 We have watched you grow up to be a **fine** young man and we wish you nothing but the **best** in the years to come. We hope you know how **proud** we are of you!

Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Brian Skrzypczak**

Dear **Kristen**,  
 We've been **blessed** to watch you **grow** into the **amazing** young woman you are today. We're so **proud** of all your **accomplishments**. The future is yours. Good luck and continued **success** in college and beyond.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Tim and Katie



**Kristen Kotche**



**Kyle Nichol**

Dear **Kyle**,  
**Congratulations** on your high school **accomplishments**. Keep **striving** in college and in all that you do. We're **proud** of you!

Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Kyle Obright**

Dear **Kyle**,  
 Since the day you were born, you have continued making us **proud** of the person you have become. Now it's the time to go out in the world and **achieve** your goal!

Love,  
 Mom and Dad

Dear **Kyle**,  
 Way to go, Buddy. As Beepa would say, "You're the **best** one." Your **love** for the Lord, kind **heart**, and strong character make you the **great** person you are. We are so **proud** of you and your **success**. Col. 3:23

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ryan, Lanie, and Lexis



**Kyle Sikorski**

Dear **Leigh**,  
 Time goes by so quickly—one day it's kindergarten, the next day—college. We are very **proud** of you and the choices you've made. Our **love** and **support** is with you always!

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Drew



**Leigh Martino**



**Melissa Guffen**

Dear **Melissa**,  
 We are so **proud** of you, Melissa. You did it, you **finished** high school. Wow, you are a **smart** and **sweet** cookie. We wish you the **best** in college and beyond.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ozzy, Vanessa, Alex, and Tito



**Lanie Sikorski**

Dear **Lanie**,  
 As Beepa would say, "You are the **best** one"—You have **accomplished** so much, most importantly, your Christ centered walk has made you the **loving**, **caring**, and **sweet** girl you are. We are so **proud** of you! Col. 3:23

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ryan, Kyle, and Lexis



Dear Marie,

**Dream big.** Be true to yourself and God. **Believe** in yourself. You will go far!

We are **proud** of you and **love** you so very much! We wish you much **happiness!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Marie Besore**

Dear Monica,

You made it! We are so **proud** of all you have **accomplished.** Wow, time really does fly. You have become such a **beautiful,** young woman. Keep it up!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jessi



**Monica Montoya**



**Griselda Sanchez**

Dear Griselda,

Siempre **soñamos** tener una hija, tu papi y yo, y le damos **gracias** a Dios por ella. Como tú sabes eres la **consentida** de tus hermanos. Sigue siendo siempre como hasta hoy **positiva.**

Love,  
Tu familia



**Michelle Blackman**

Dear Michelle,

You grew up so fast, and have become a **beautiful** young lady. We are so **proud** of all that you have **accomplished,** and know that your future will be **bright!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Dear Linda,

Our "little pumpkin" has grown into a **lovely** lady! We are very proud of your **accomplishments.** We wish you great **success** in college. **Congrats!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Linda Feltes**

Dear Michael,

It's hard to **believe** that four years of high school have gone by. Now you're off to **WIU.** We are so **proud** of you and your **accomplishments.** We wish you health, **happiness,** and **success.**

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Lauren



**Michael Dylla**



**Matthew Rizzo**

Dear Matthew,

Your **achievements** during the past four years should give you great **pride.** May God continue to **bless** you as you begin your future. Your family will always be here to support you. We wish you **success** and **happiness** in your future.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Elizabeth Cola**

Dear Elizabeth,

It is time to move on! **Congratulations** on your **accomplishments.** We wish you the best at **U of I** and beyond.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jackie



Dear **Rachel**,  
 Make your own kind  
 of **music**, dance to your  
 own special **song**.  
 Congratulations!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Rachel Molinaro**

Dear **Nicholas**,  
 Congratulations! We are  
 very **proud** of you. Reach  
 for the **stars**, your hard  
 work and drive will take  
 you **far**! Good luck in  
 college. **WE LOVE YOU!**  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Nicholas Miller**



**Patrick Stremel**

Dear **Patrick**,  
 We are so **proud** of you.  
 Your future is very  
**bright** like your **smile**.  
 The Hawkeyes are in  
 for more than they  
 bargained for.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Maggie



**Preston Hauptman**

Dear **Preston**,  
 We love you. You epitomize  
 what a Wildcat should be: a  
**warrior, athlete, student,**  
**friend, and inspiration.**  
 You will carry **far** in life.  
 God bless you. Thank you  
 for what you have given to  
 us; great **memories** of you  
**growing and maturing**  
 into a thoughtful man.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad

Dear **Rhett**,  
 Your love of life and sense  
 of **humor** will carry you far!  
 Keep up the enthusiasm  
 and **positive** energy.  
**Smile**, work hard, and  
 keep on swinging!  
 We are **proud** of you!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Rhett Gunderson**

Dear **Nicholas**,  
 Our little boy is all **grown**  
 up! We are so **proud**  
 of you. We love you and **wish**  
 you the **best**.  
 Congratulations!  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Nicholas Bosch**



**Natalie Wierenga**

Dear **Natalie**,  
 We love you Natalie.  
 You have brought us **joy**  
 every day. Continue to be a  
**joy** to those around you!  
 Make my joy complete..."  
 Philippians 2:1-4. We wish  
 you God's blessing in all  
 you do. **Congratulations!**  
 Love,  
 Your Loving Family



**Patrick Taylor**

Dear **Patrick**,  
 Every day of our life you  
 have brought us deep **joy**,  
**love and pride**. You are  
 our bridge to the future,  
 legacy and hope. We could  
 not **love** you more or be  
 more proud of you.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad and Kaitlin





Dear **Richard**,  
We are so **proud** of you and  
your **accomplishments**  
in high school! We wish  
you the best in college and  
beyond. **Congratulations!**

Love,  
Mom and Brian



**Richard Om**

Dear **Ryan**,  
As you reach the **milestone**,  
we congratulate you and  
ask God to bless all of your  
**future** endeavors. Your  
life ahead will be **exciting**  
and challenging. May you  
embrace it with **wisdom**,  
**wonder**, and **enthusiasm**.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Ryan Krage**



**Samuel Wats**

Dear **Samuel**,  
You have become a man of  
**strength** and **conviction**.  
Always believe in yourself  
and **trust** your instincts.

We are so very proud of  
you, and we **love** you more  
everyday.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Joe, Sarah,  
and Dave



**Steven Romanelli**

Dear **Steven**,  
**Congratulations**, Steven!  
May your next **journey** be  
filled with **happiness** and  
**success!** We love you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and the brahs

Dear **Talia**,  
Congratulations! Thank you  
for all that you are. Your **joy**  
and **energy** are infectious!

You are an **amazing** big  
sister and a great **blessing**  
to mom and dad. Always put  
God first and think outside  
the box...

you'll do **mighty** things.

Love,  
The Bangert Bunch



**Talia Bangert**

Dear **Sean**,  
We are so **proud** of you.  
Congratulations! You are an  
**energetic**, **talented**, and  
remarkably **determined**  
person. You will go far in  
life. We **wish** you the best.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Carly, Elena,  
and Mr. Wiener dog



**Sean Tubridy**



**Sarah Bicchinnella**

Dear **Sarah**,  
We are so **proud** of you!  
Congratulations on  
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**luck** in starting a new part  
of your life.

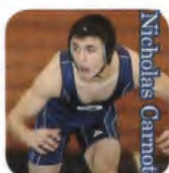
Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Sara Lim**

Dear **Sara**,  
We are so **proud** of all that  
you have **accomplished**.  
The best years are still to  
come. We will always be  
with you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Nicholas Carnot**



**Maria Barajas**



**Anthony Soliven**

Dear **Katrina**,  
 We wish you all the **best** in **college** and your future **endeavors**. We're all very proud of you! Keep **smiling** and keep the **faith!**  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Stef, and Alex



**Katrina Tuzinski**

Dear **Zach**,  
 We are so **proud** of you. We **wish** you the best in college and **forever**.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Mack



**Zachary Mowen**



**Trevor Bodie**

Dear **Trevor**,  
 We are so **proud** of you and can't wait to see what's in store! Way to keep your **eye** on the ball.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Taylor Turner**

Dear **Taylor**,  
 We are so **proud** of you! You have become a **beautiful** young woman! Follow your **dreams!** We know you will become **successful** because you always do your best!  
**Congratulations!**  
 We love you.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Nick

Dear **Zak**,  
 From a little cowboy to a **graduate**—what a ride it's been! **Congratulations!** You've **grown** into a **smart** and caring man. We wish you **success** and happiness. Dream **BIG**, take every opportunity, and have some **FUN** along the way.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Payton, Nick, Keaton, and Shaye



**Zakary Bayless**

Dear **Mikki**,  
 You can't go to **college**, you can't leave home—we **love** you too much. In our **hearts** you will remain forever **young**.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



**Michaelene Winn**



**Virginia and Kathleen Mason**

Dear **Virginia** and **Kathleen**,  
 Many of you know by now that **Virg** stole all the **nourishment** available from their mom during the pregnancy. It really wasn't her fault, but we all believe that's why **Virg** eats so much and **Kathleen** hoards food all day. Whether in New York City, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, or Paris they have an infectious **smile** that's second to none and invites others with open arms. You bring so much **happiness** and **joy** to all who have the pleasure of knowing you. **Congratulations** to our girls.  
 Love,  
 Mom and Dad



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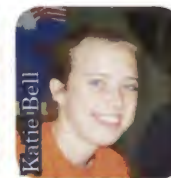
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# Challenge

In our four years at Community High School, we entered the building as brand new freshmen looking forward to the years ahead, matured into sophomores and drove down our own paths, worked through our junior year JRPs and ACTs, and finally earned the right to say we were seniors as we took our place in Senior Hall.

Through all the days spent in class, we counted the minutes until graduation. Every moment was measured by all the little things we did each day. Every minute spent, every lesson learned, every game won, every picture shot, and every step taken transformed the time we spent together into lasting memories.

Our best memories were made within these walls. From the Game Time chant in Senior Hall to just talking to our friends in class, we will always have our place in this school, and we will forever be West Chicago Wildcats.



**1,000,000 Memories.** During the Homecoming Powder Puff game, where the senior girls play against the junior girls, **Kevin Marano** is hoisted on the shoulders of his fellow senior male cheerleaders. **Marano** was congratulated because he just asked **Lindsey Gehrke** to the Homecoming dance, and she said yes. "Well first of all I was in a woman's cheerleading uniform performing in the half-time show, and secondly I was being carried by a group of male cheerleaders. It all made a great night," said **Marano**.









