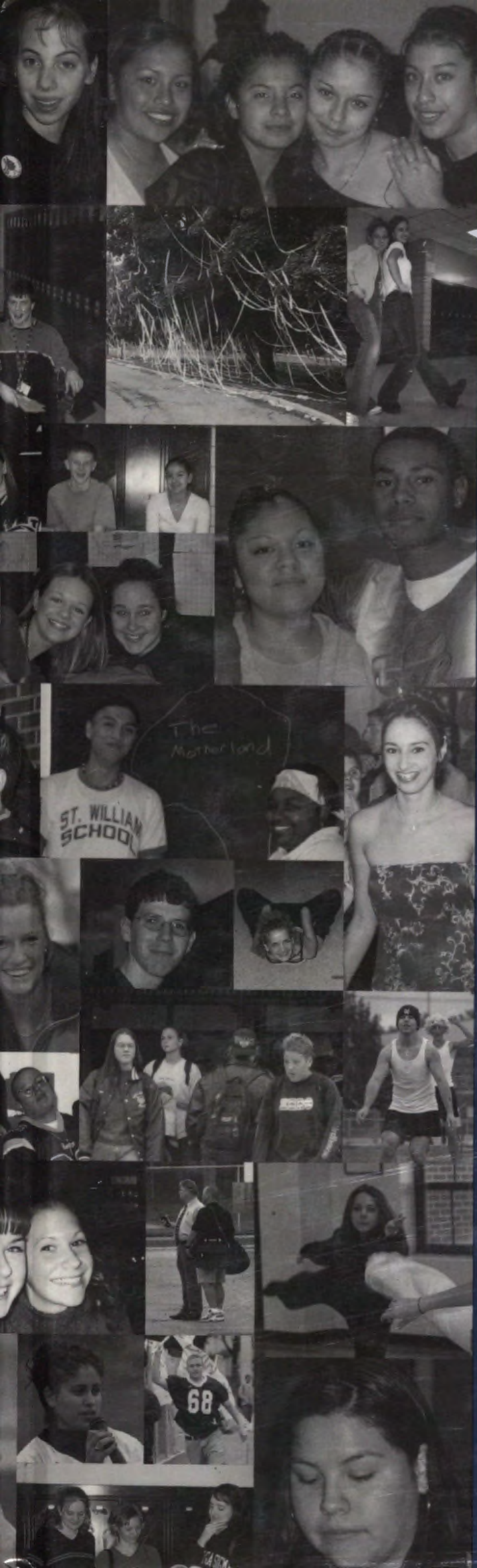




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You Ought to be in Pictures



Falling Leaves, Heightened Fear

What are your favorite things to do during the fall?

"Taking long walks in the park when the trees are colorful and the weather's nice."
-Nancy Luna (2004)

"What I really enjoy about the fall is when Halloween comes and I go trick-or-treating with all my friends."
-Miguel Herrera (2002)

What makes this school year's beginning unique?

"The IDs are gone. I hated wearing them around my neck."
-Jackie Bicek (2004)

"We got the security guard that looks like Sinbad."
-Hope Vock (2003)

"I'm finally getting good grades. The Chrysler Building survived in New York...it's a sign."
-Mike Sanchez (2003)

The picture perfect beginning of another year here at Community High School developed into something less pristine. While the time-less scramble for parking spots and hectic memorization of new schedules was present, so was a new kind of awareness. For the first time in a long time, the military draft was being mentioned in the hallways.

"I am saddened by what happened on September 11th, because innocent lives were taken. I am also scared on what will happen next, and how many more lives will be lost," said senior Rachel Noceda. The peace of our nation had been shattered, and the shards pierced every aspect of our lives, right down to our mail.

"Teachers who poll mail will now wear gloves, and kids can't get teachers' mail," said Mrs. Knutson.

Despite the changes, there were some moments of normality. Football games proceeded with the tailgating fans grilling, the poms dancing, the cheerleaders cheering, and the band playing. Sport events went on as scheduled until that fateful Tuesday, when time stood still.

Despite the numerous accomplishments students, teams, and teachers alike achieved, they were all dwarfed by the heroism and courage exemplified by the tireless rescue workers in New York. Soon, our attention also turned towards aid. Key Club's yearly blood drive took on a whole new meaning.

New math teacher Mr. Hayes' brother was stationed on one of the battleships sent out to the Middle East. Hayes came up with the idea of aiding those soldiers on call to fight by organizing a book drive.

The 2001/2002 school year seemed so exciting and no one knew what would happen. Now, the following year poses the same feelings: nerves and anticipation.

-Katy Kostal

What is your favorite thing that "falls"?

"I'm supposed to know this? Um, little kids always make me laugh when they fall."
-Pat Larson (2003)

"Snow."
-French/Spanish teacher Madame/Senora Fox

"Pants."
-Daisy Correa (2002)

Fall or Autumn? Which is better?

"Autumn, it sounds prettier."
-Rachel Kuna (2003)

"Autumn, it's harder to say and spell."
-Victoria Talbott (2002)

"Fall because autumn has too many syllables."
-Heather Coakley (2003)



Chris Gerber and Dan Diekmann turn into Jay and Silent Bob on Halloween.



Hope Vock, Heather Goorely, and Sarah Wood, junior poms, await their time to perform a "Top Gun" themed routine during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Darahlee DeLeon dances to Aaliyah with her friends during the variety show.

Top 10 Things People Love About Fall

1. Getting to see old friends again
2. Paying little kids to rake your yard so you don't have to do it
3. Trick-or-treating, regardless of age
4. The colors, oh the colors!
5. Homecoming
6. Halloween
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Backpack - CHECK
Pencils - CHECK
Paper - CHECK
Books - CHECK
Calculator - CHECK
Brain - back ordered



Junior Tony Reyes takes a break from doing leg lifts and pumping iron during his gym class. Is he lifting 25 lb. weights or 35 lb. weights?



Chris Sanzeri gets built as he works out in gym class. Go Chris! Wonder who can put up more, Tony or Chris? You be the judge!



Emily Biancalana, Jessica Cwiak, Betsy Drzal, and Rachel Horvath show their swim team spirit. Though Cwiak is a veteran of swimming, she switched to cross country this year, but it didn't stop her from supporting her friends.



Sophomore Marlene Uy takes a break from her hectic homework early one morning.

A Wildcat's Life

For most students, life consists of school, homework, and sleep. Those lucky enough to find time for extracurricular activities tend to exert even more effort than they knew they had.

Sports, clubs, and other activities are a few ways students fill the rest of their days. People who need money, either for their cars, college, or anything else that sparks their interest, hold up jobs. Popular places to work include coffee shops, department stores, restaurants, Central DuPage Hospital and even Ace Hardware in Winfield.

Once busy students fall asleep, it seems like another day is about to begin. Students are notorious for arriving at school before dawn to find parking spots and catch up on any unfinished homework. One can see students of all years sprawled in front of their lockers, furiously finishing their work.

From school to sports, from schoolwork to work (or a job), the life of a student spans across many horizons. Though life at Community High School is not all fun and games, we Wildcats can always squeeze in a little more fun!

- By Katy Kostal



Junior Melissa Heron, with her trademark dreadlocks, arrives at school.



Sophomore Tito Pedraza lounges in Commons.

L I F E



Mr. Marletta's 10th hour English Enriched class is caught off guard in the midst of a heated discussion.



Junior Ricardo Pasillas stops for a drink of water in the halls during a passing period.



Juniors Susan Lincoln, Kim Peterik, Karen Miller, and Lisa Linder gladly take a break from AP Physics.



Senior Matt Boes wanders the halls to take up time. Who really wants to get to class on time?



Senior Steve Knox relaxes in his own fold-up chair, a popular luxury among students.



Freshman Tony Perham & Sophomore Mike Turner get caught off guard after trying some of our "delicious" cafeteria



Junior Kristin Koltz and and Senior Mike Marvan talk about the new school year.



Junior Becki Hoffman hides from the camera as best as she can.

What's the most memorable thing that has happened to you during this school year?

"Definitely the personalities of the students, some you will never be able to forget!"
-Ms. Dunlap (gym teacher)

"My most memorable thing this year was...when my friends took a picture of me with all these girls. It was 'kinda nice'.
-Junior Alberto Allende (2003)

"I got beat down by Joanna Szyszycki In Commons."
-Junior Tony Reyes

"Guessing the right number in American History class. The teacher asked what percent of colonists were patriots & out of the blue I said 33% AND I WAS RIGHT!"



Senior Joey Park proves that good things come in small packages.



September 11, 2001

A NEW DAY OF INFAMY

"And now here's a special announcement from Dr. Jones..."

On the morning of September 11, 2001, during third hour announcements, Senior Nicole Patel unknowingly turned over the microphone to principal Dr. Jones. He proceeded to inform students of the events that shook the nation earlier that morning.

"Two planes have crashed into the World Trade Center in New York and one into the Pentagon. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in New York," said Jones.

The cunning, stealthy act by terrorists violated the security of America's borders. Hijacked Flights 11 and 175 crashed into World Trade Center Towers 1 and 2 at 7:48 am. and 8:05 am. respectively.

At 9:43 am., Flight 177 flew into the west wall of the Pentagon, collapsing one of the building's five sides.

Flight 93, bound for San Francisco, took a sharp turn south and headed for an unknown destination, but luckily, it

never made it. Passengers in the plane formed an alliance to take down the hijackers. Before acting, several passengers called family members and friends to say their last good-byes and to inform them of their plan. Passengers grouped together and took over the plane, but it cost them their lives. Through their deaths, numerous others, that would have died, survived. At 9:48 am. the plane crashed in rural Pennsylvania, with no survivors.

The World Trade Center Towers, built to withstand almost any imaginable scenario, collapsed due to the intense heat of the explosions. They fell on employees within in the towers, on rescue workers trying to help evacuate victims, and on the hopes of those praying for loved ones to escape. The inconceivable notion of passenger jets being substituted for bombs came true. In the course of a single day thousands died.

- Katy Kostal and Sarah Hammer



How should the United States respond to these acts of terrorism? Is war the answer?

What was your initial reaction after you knew what had occurred?

"Yes, Bush is itchin' for a war."
-Chris Gauldin (2003)

"Fight back, revenge."
-Jonathan Letticher (2005)

"Add more security in airports."
-Ruben Valenzuela (2004)

"I'd handle it the way the president is now."
-Krystal Muhlbarger (2003)

"It was a devastation to our entire country. We'll never forget what happened, where we were, or what our reaction was. We're all grieving for the victims and their families and at the same time, uniting as a country."
-Stella Calamia (2002)

"I was saddened by the deaths of so many innocent lives and was not sure about our future. I wonder how the small group of Islamic extremists had grown to hate us so much that they would do this to us."
-Ernesto Romeo (2003)

"Don't go to war, just get the group (responsibly)."
-Rimly Timko (2005)

"We should bomb the person who did it."
-John Stekmann (2004)

"I would call a meeting with all the special people that help the president and see what they would do."
-Kerri Power (2004)

"I feel very upset and disappointed that something like this can happen to us. With all the money we spend on security, we need to spend even more. We should be worrying about safety, not individual rights."
-Ryenne Hofmann (2002)

"It seemed like a really sick movie."
-Austin Monroe (2005)

"I was disappointed that they could be so inhuman to kill."
-Bridgett Geraghty (2005)



Osama Bin Laden is the person who the nation will remember as the suspected leader of September 11th's terrorists attacks. Even though not convicted as the root of the attacks, our nations officials and political leaders have accused him as so, and many Americans direct their anger and rage towards him.



The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses Tuesday, shortly after a hijacked plane crashes into it. Debris rains down over New York, the center of US trade. After the tragedy, the stock market remained closed for a number of days, only to reopen with a huge loss of points, altering the nation's economy.



World Trade Center's North Tower becomes a cloud of concrete, steel, ash, and office paper, raining down like confetti. As bystanders ran for their lives, they fled what would become the epicenter of the entire nation's hopes, thoughts, and prayers that somehow, in some way, good would result from this attack.



Firefighter Bob Beckwith receives a hug from President George W. Bush. They took a moment's break to smile at this photo, while standing on the burned-out remains of a New York Fire Department truck. Thousands of people have been reported missing, yet the smiles of these two men help keep hope alive.



Above: At this candlelight vigil held in the Brooklyn borough of New York on September 13, 2001, people prayed and sang in memory of Tuesday's victims.

Left: This deadly attack of the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 shook our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and prompted the evacuation of government buildings nationwide.

Below: The aftermath of the terrorist attacks resulted in the collapse of the World Trade Center's South Tower. In addition, the North Tower also collapsed that day.



Search and rescue operations at the site of the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York continues days after the incidents. This picture, taken on September 18, 2001, a week after the incidents, shows the high level of activity that remained as police officers, firefighters, and rescue aid workers try to clean up the mass destruction.

A New York firefighter wipes a tear from his face at the funeral of Capt. Walter Hynes. The emotion felt by the nation ensures that the victims will be remembered.



Lady Liberty stands tall against the backdrop of choking black clouds and the dust of the debris that resulted from the collapse of the World Trade Center.

Community High School's flag flew at half-staff, portraying our condolences, and national unity, all of which shone brighter now more than any other time.



This husband and wife embrace and say their good-byes before aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt prepares to leave on September 19, 2001.



WE-GO THROUGH MOVIES:

For a week, the whole student body got to feel like stars. Following the theme of "We-Go to Hollywood," each class adopted a movie title around which its parade float focused. These films included *The Wizard of Oz*, *Top Gun*, *Willie Wonka* and *the Chocolate Factory*, and *Jaws*.

Homecoming activities started early in the week with window painting on Main Street and were followed by several days of games and activities.

On Friday, hoards of students swarmed the football field for a pep assembly. The pomsquad performed a dance with the girls on the squad dressing up with respect to their classes. Different members of the fall sports and cheerleading squads participated in an egg toss. And there was even a challenge of strength with students and teachers competing in tug-of-war matches.

-Karen Garcia, Zayra Pedraza, and Missy



Jon Merrick braves uncharted waters by walking through the sophomore and junior sections during the pep assembly.



Homecoming Court candidates Aaron Troy and Jamie Nadolny sport American flags during the "Meet the Candidates" assembly.



Senior Joey Park shows off his signature moves during the dance competition of the pep assembly.



Senior Jeff Raun guards the opening to Senior Hall so Junior C.J. Wostratzky can't enter.



Freshman president Jeff Cisowski hangs a shark for the freshmen theme *Jaws*.

"The Munchkin eating contest was my favorite because it was funny watching all the representatives stuff their faces with doughnuts and then trying to swallow it down with or without milk."

-Freshman Meghan Dalton



Freshman Jon Crotty blows a bubble in the sophomore games during Homecoming Week.



Coach Owens, Craig Schuda, and Carlos Ramirez look on as Jon Lim shows his support of soccer.



Mr. Gimre puts on a mean face to scare the Social Studies team the Tug-Of-War.



The sophomore cheerleaders get into the spirit of Homecoming by wearing football jerseys and cheering in front of the students and faculty during the pep assembly.



The percussion section of the marching band waits patiently for their chance to put on a show.



WHOA! Tommy Newman flies through the air as one of the guy cheerleaders during their pep assembly dance.



Junior Heather Goorley tries to turn the corner as senior Meghan Young closes in to make the tackle. The seniors won both games, the second ending in overtime.



One can see the concentration on the faces of the Social Studies Tug-Of-War team as they go for the win. The Social Studies department finished out on top by defeating the Science, English, and Math departments.



Cheerleading captains Carla Marrero and Angie Rojas, talk to the crowd at the pep assembly with the Wildcat mascot played by senior Kristi Shilling.



An unidentified Wildcat player tackles the quarterback of the West Aurora Blackhawks.



Group huddle! The Wildcat football players discuss their strategies to win. Prior to this team embrace, the entire crowd paused for a moment of silence to remember the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

"I'm pretty sure we'll win this game because I heard West Aurora doesn't play well."

-Junior Josue Leon

Run, Corey, run! Corey Coleman dodges the defenders in an attempt to score a touchdown.

From left to right: Nicole Brown, Melanie Stone, Jamie Hall, and Courtney Mathias dance to the music of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory for part of the halftime show for the Homecoming game.



"(I enjoyed) laughing at all the kids who showed too much school spirit."

-Senior Arlene Smothers

We-Go to Hollywood 2001:

Saturday Night Fever

The stars shining bright in the sky. The cameras flashing under the twilight. The glitz and the glamour envelop each person under the lights. We're not in Kansas anymore.

Soon after the beginning of the We-Go to Hollywood Dance, the music paused, then started again. This repeated three more times before the music remained on for the rest of the night. Highlights of the night included a small group of kids showing off their glowstick skills near the drinking fountain, and a group of sophomores and juniors playing duck duck goose in the middle of the mass of dancers. One brave soul even attempted to crowd surf, but was quickly escorted down back to safety. At 9:45 p.m., the DJ reminded everyone to call home if needed and to be safe for the rest of the night. The attendees retired to their post-Homecoming plans with a brand new memory of a magical night as their souvenir.

-Sean Warren, Becky Dennis, Ryan Woodbury, and Erin Kirby



Heather Christiansen and Tad Netzel save the last dance for each other.

Sean McTighe and Kevin Mestek gives We-Go to Hollywood two thumbs up.



2001 Homecoming Court: Crystal Kirschke, Joseph Park, Vianet Acosta, King Alex Ortiz, Queen Jessica Strock, Brad Shelley, Jamie Nadolny, Matthew Weber, Angela Rojas, and Edward Abante.

Mr. Exner, who has created many artistic creations for the school in the past, took twenty hours to create the Homecoming mural. It hung in Commons for most of the year.





Gianna Piloni, Allison Rovtar, Crystal Kirschke, Pam Boyle, and Amanda Stone pose at the end of their dance routine. The theme was taken from movie, "The Wizard of Oz."

Amie Nadolny and Kim Garcia swing their flags according to their routine while Kim Alka and Vanessa Cortez play their piccoloes. Said Nadolny, "It's sad that I've had four years of good memories, and that this year's are my last."



Jared Hall throws a spiral to one of his open receivers down the field.

"The game went as expected: good game for the fans, and good game for the players," said Coach Stone.



Remember the Wildcats

Friday September 28th was the big game, and the sophomore and varsity football team shone like stars. The varsity team finally righted the ship that had been slowly sinking with a resounding 28-9 victory over West Aurora High School. The game began with a moment of silence for those who died during the tragedy in New York and Washington D.C. At the end of first quarter, the game was tied at 0-0, but by second quarter, the Wildcats managed to pull ahead, bringing the score to 7-0. During the halftimeshow, the Homecoming Court was presented and Alex Ortiz and Jessica Strock were officially crowned. Following the coronation, the band and colorguard presented their tribute to Aaron Copland. Soon after, the pom squad performed their routines, which were coordinated around their individual movie themes. The game (and the night) had a happy ending with a score of 28-9.

-Jason and Ryan Woodbury, Missy Boorsma, Erin Kirby and Becky Dennis

There's No Place Like West Chicago Homecoming!

"Homecoming is most ideal because it was a good time to hang out with my friends, and now I am broke."

-Sophomore Sal Rizzo



The crowd enjoys the 2001 Homecoming dance by throwing their arms in the air. "I can't believe all these people fit in commons!" said Emily Richert. "This is just crazy fun."

Front: Nicole Brown, Danielle Kuhn, Courtney Mathias, and Amanda Weier. Back: Alyssa Campagnoni, Melanie Stone, Elizabeth Jacques, Brooke Bachelor, Dianne Keck, and Shana Galto.



"(I am going to wear) a two-sided suit, one side is a girl and the other is me. That way, I can go with myself."

-Senior Billy Inch



"Homecoming 2001 was really fun and cool with all of us Seniors tear'n it up on the dance floor," said Tom Wojcicki

Jennifer Shanahan and Jennifer Gilbert share the joys of the dance through a hug.



Pawssible Stars

MORE Than You'd Expect

Within every school, many different individuals make up and define the atmosphere. Here at Community High School, outstanding students sit in each class and play on each sports team. Even though many unique students fill the hallways at the high school, the Yearbook staff could not recognize every one of them. This page highlights a few that deserve special recognition.

The select few were chosen by other students and teachers when asked, "Who would make an interesting student profile?" Through these recommendations, extraordinary people were discovered inside the walls of our school. The students chosen for this page represent the best of Community High School's student body and possess a wide range of talents ranging from

academic brilliance to athletic excellence.

Although many of the honorees have excelled in traditional categories, some students have started a category all their own. Freshmen Jeff Cisowski and Becky Bonarek, Sophomores Refe Tuma, and Kelly Williams, Juniors Mike Peters and Pat Baur, and Seniors Alex Ortiz, Sarah Bass, Jill Walter, and Harold Visser are a few of the students who represent the best qualities that exist within all four classes here at Community High School.

"Always Believe in Yourself! Always!"

-Jackie Vavrek
Class of 2004

-Melissa Boorsma
-Melissa Prusko



Honorable mentions from left to right: Sophomore Jackie Vavrek, Senior Jamie Nadolny, Freshman Brian Nadolny, and Sophomore Leticia Villa. (Not Pictured: Seniors Geoff Palka, Kristy Shilling, and Nelly Guerrero, and Sophomores Laura Baumrucker.)



Name: Jeff Cisowski
Class of 2005

"Ski's the Key" rang throughout the freshman halls during the Student Council elections. In the end, Jeff Cisowski beat out many other candidates for the title of Freshman Class President. Jeff is a member of FBLA and German Club. Next year he hopes to become more involved in German Club. He also plans to run for Student Council, and he would like to run for Sophomore Class President. Jeff was unable to play in any sports this year because he injured his knee. However, he says, "I'll be on my feet next year, and I'll be playing a sport." He looks forward to playing soccer and basketball for the high school.

Name: Becky Bonarek
Class of 2005

To make a great achievement, one must make sacrifices. That is exactly what Becky Bonarek did. Becky firmly believes that reading is an activity that adolescents underestimate. To change that perception, Becky began Community High School's Book Club this year. The club may be unofficial, but they meet twice a month. The club gives students a chance to interact with other students who share the same passion for reading and writing. Becky is also interested in music, arts, forensics, and softball. She aims higher in her goals for sophomore year by planning on joining Student Council, Key Club, VICA, and other activities. "I might be in the background, but at least I'm in the picture," she says.



"What is there to say about Jeff. There's too much stuff to talk about him," says Freshman Kari Dimas.

Name: Refe Tuma
Class of 2004

Refe's personality is as unique as his name. Within his two years at Community High School, he has contributed significantly to the school atmosphere. In addition to being an all around nice guy, Refe has shown his talents as a thespian and genius of common sense. He has performed in multiple school plays, and he joined band half way through this year. But this is where Refe's school interests end. If he could leave everyone he met with just one piece of advice, he would quote literary legend Mark Twain, "Don't let school get in the way of your education."

Name: Kelly Williams
Class of 2004

Grabbing fourth place at the regional ice-skating finals and missing a week of school, 15 year old Kelly Williams has continually shown her dedication to her ice skating ability. Kelly has been skating since she was five years old. "My mom signed me up for lessons, and I guess it just stuck with me," she says. Everyday, Kelly misses ninth and tenth hour to train and improve for her next competition. She is currently working on competing at the novice level for the next regional. Kelly also stands out because of her kind-hearted, fun-natured personality. Kelly is always there for her friends and is compassionate to all. Kelly is a good student, great athlete, and an even better friend.

"Becky has a lot of energy. She is very outgoing. She is very committed to all endeavors she takes," says English teacher Ms. Marchiando.



Refe Tuma "dares to speak that which is not spoken," says Junior Chris Jakubik.

"Kelly is always full of energy and a great friend to have," says Sophomore Jenna Pelej.



Name: Pat Baur
Class of 2003

With numerous extracurricular activities, Patrick Baur is a very active teenager. He is a 17 year old junior, and he participates in many athletic and academic activities. This is his third year as a member of the cross-country team. He runs year round and competes in various events. He was an honorable mention for All Conference for his cross-country abilities during his sophomore year. Pat does not just help our school athletics. His great intelligence also aids our academic areas. He has been a Mathlete for three years and frequently competes in their meets.

"Pat is the smartest man alive, but he has no common sense whatsoever," say Juniors Melissa Lund and Justin Hoshaw.

"This year I can't wait to go down state and hopefully win this time!" says Junior Pat Baur.

Name: Mike Peters
Class of 2003

Ranking third in the nation at North American Challenge for the year 2000, Mike Peters' hard work on ice paid off. His commitment to ice skating from an early age earned him not one but two international gold medals. Although he has faced ridicule for ice skating, he has overcome these hardships. Mike has a very hectic schedule. He takes honors classes, belongs to the band, works as a DJ, and practices for three to four hours a day. He cherishes any free time he has and looks forward to seeing his friends and to sleeping.



"He's a great skater and trumpet player," says Junior CJ Wostratzky.

"There was one time when I had to wear my skating tight to school in 7th grade. God, I'll never do THAT again!" - Mike Peters.



Name: Sarah Bass
Class of 2002

Sarah is not the traditional Community High School student. Having been homeschooled for part of her high school education, she chose to be a full time student at the high school for her senior year. Being a nontraditional student, however, did not prevent her from affecting the high school. In addition to being a member of the girls' basketball team and hosting a Spanish student, she has made an impression on the students and teachers here. But it is not just for Sarah's academic excellence that she will be remembered. Sarah is a person who has made a commitment to making this high school a better place for everyone.

"Sarah is a phenomenal writer who pushes herself to excel on all assignments," says one of Sarah's teachers.

"Don't take time for granted. Enjoy being a kid, and always strive to make a difference where ever you go," says Senior Sarah Bass.

Name: Alex Ortiz
Class of 2002

Alex Ortiz is an 18-year-old who does not wait for anything to come to him, but instead goes after what he wants. Being on the varsity soccer team since his freshman year has been the biggest accomplishment for him at Community High School. Music is also another big part in his life. Alex is a DJ, or, as he calls himself, a "Sonidero." After working for two years for a DJ company, he started his own sonido, which he calls Nuclear. He plays at clubs and parties all over and owns about 20,000 dollars worth of equipment and CDs. He sees himself doing this forever.



"I set goals and accomplish them," says Senior Alex Ortiz.

"Alex is a good soccer player and a good leader," says Junior Carlos Ramirez.



Name: Harold Visser
Class of 2002

Harold Visser will be remembered not only for his educational successes, but his community service and unique personality. As a member of the boys' cross country team, he was named Most Valuable Player this year. Receiving the Congress-Bundestag (German Parliament) Scholarship, Harold spent junior year in Germany. A committed Christian, he found life in Germany to be different from life in the US. Cigarette and alcohol use in Europe shocked him. But it didn't affect his sense of humor. During the 2001 Homecoming Assembly, Harold faced the crowd and said, "Heute trage ich keine Unterhosen" meaning "Today I'm not wearing any underwear."

"Harold always has a smile to share and is so friendly," says Junior Karen Miller.

"The only thing that makes running fun for me is friendships," says Senior Harold Visser

Name: Jill Wolter
Class of 2002

Jill Wolter is a busy 17-year-old senior. She works hard everyday to please as many people as possible. She is an excellent ice skater and practices everyday after school for two hours. She does all these things while going to school and leaving after 8th hour. "When I get (to practice), I warm-up, stretch, and then I start skating and working on routines for competition," says Jill, a self-described hard worker. "I was pleased with my performance, but I am always striving to do better and just to learn from the mistakes that I may have made."



"I know Jill works hard at school, and I have always been impressed at the fact that she can do so well and skate at the same time," says Senior Lisa Thomas.

"I am glad to be at such a great high school," says Senior Jill Wolter. "Everyone is really supportive and gets along well."





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Krystal Muhlberger
2003



Keri Sagan
2003



Dan Ballines
2003



Mike Masschelin
2002



Tommy Newman, Kael Rewers, &
Matt Boes 2002



Steve Knox
2002



Meghan Young
2002



Hillary Brown
2002



Sandra Vazquez
2004



B U T



R R E



Bruce Janek
2005



Bill Rocha, Jeff Raun, Matt Wilson
2002



Ben Keller
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Joey Park
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Katy Kostal
2003



Becky Dennis
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Kristi Schilling
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Megan Castelvechi
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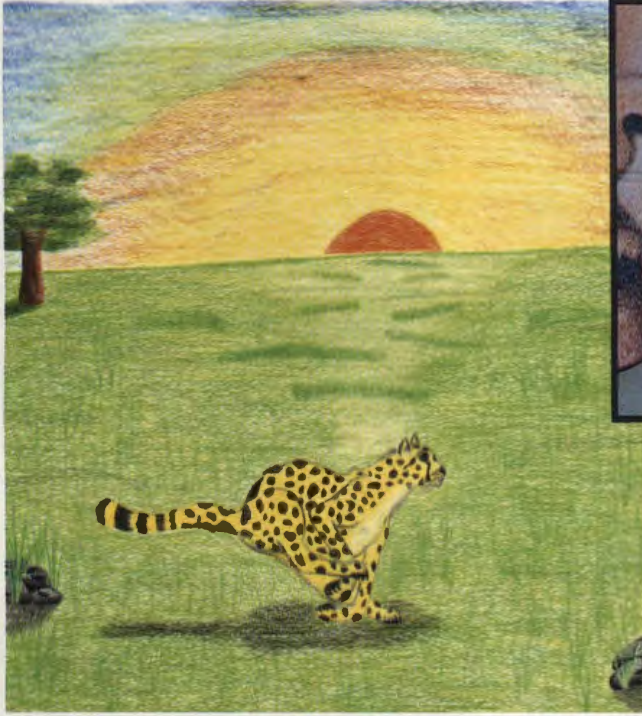
Joe Park, Jim Smolucha,
Matt Weber & Tom Wojcicki
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Making the Pictures

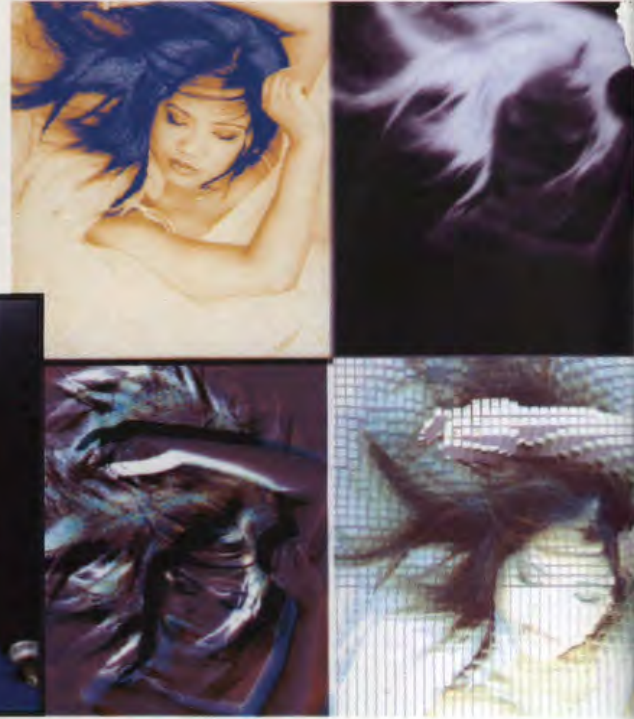
"Everyone discusses (my) art and pretends to understand, as if it were necessary to understand, when it is simply necessary to love." -Claude Monet



The name of this piece is *Cheetah on the Horizon*. The artwork was created by Junior Jim Oroni. "My inspiration for this piece is just nature. I like landscapes and sunsets, along with big cats, especially the cheetah," said Oroni.



This piece of artwork was created by senior, Truc Pham. It is a self portrait. Using a camera and a scanner, Truc was able to manipulate one picture into four different kinds. She created this picture for Mr. Exner's art class.



The picture below was drawn by Ed Abante, a senior. It is a picture of an Irish author, James Joyce, that appears on the cover of his novel, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*. Ed completed this piece in approximately seventy-five minutes.



Sean Deiter, a senior, expresses his patriotism through the above artwork of the Statue of Liberty. Sean is in Mr. Exner's class and used the same technique as Truc Pham.



Road Trip

European History Tour



Ms. Daneels and Ms. Willuweit take a break from traveling Europe. Has it been a long trip?

European History Tour Facts

- *Two weeks
- *Ms. Daneels and Ms. Willuweit were the adult chaperones
- *Visited
 - ~ Capri and Pompeii, Italy
 - ~ Florence and Rome, Italy
 - ~ Lucerne and Zurich, Switzerland
 - ~ Paris, France
 - ~ London, England

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Imagine visiting the astounding islands of Capri and Pompeii or the beautiful cities of Florence and Rome in Italy. Or picture the majestic mountains of the breathtaking Alps creeping up behind the picturesque towns Lucerne and Zurich, Switzerland.

Is this beginning to sound like a dream?

Well, actually it was an opportunity for those students at the high school that went on the unforgettable journey for two weeks.

During those two weeks, students traveled to many countries in Europe. Within the countries they visited, many events occurred, whether normal or just plain out of the ordinary. While in Rome, Michelle Cosco, Jamie Nadolny, and Jeremy Rose heard over the speakers that Angelina Jolie would be making a guest appearance to promote *Tombraver*. In the meantime, Michelle spotted Sporty Spice, and all three students ran for a block or so, chasing her down. All of this was caught on tape! When they had finally caught up to her, she signed a memento they had with them.

"Just to see the Colosseum and the Ruins made (Rome) come alive," said Ms. Willuweit. For all of the participants, the European History Tour made the dream become reality.

-Melissa Prusko



A group of the teens stop to pose in front of Le Centre Pompidu in Paris, France.



This town, in the heart of Switzerland, was one of the many stops the tour made during their two week journey.



The entire group enjoys the fine dining at a restaurant in Italy.



Brian Mehrman takes a little nap on a sidewalk in Rome, Italy.



Meghan Burlison, Javier Contreras, Jennifer Bieniasz, and Michelle Cosco pose with the guard at Canterbury.



Jill Grobe, Nicole Schar, Nicole Patel, Heather Prochnow, Nick Bernard, Jenny Bieniasz, Jennifer Taylor, Kari Schmidt, Lauren Migliorato, and Jackie Walters show off their tattoos in Rome.



At Lucerne in Switzerland, the mountains make for a beautiful picture.



What looks like a flawless painting is really a canal in Switzerland.



Noemi Rodriguez waits patiently after a picnic in Anncey.



Seven of the students from West Chicago and one of the French students, ironically wearing an American Eagle shirt, enjoy the beautiful weather in France.



While in France, the group visits the Palace of Versailles.



Beth Kipp and Katy Kostal love the cafes in Grenoble.



Joey Farelas is amazed at the luxurious bus accommodations.



Notre Dame on Easter Sunday is a great experience for the students.



Joey Farelas, Beth Kipp, Katy Kostal, B Inch and Vince Fernandez in Grenoble.

“I didn’t want to leave. I made so many good friends there!”
-Beth Kipp

(Never) Forget Paris

Or Grenoble, for that matter.

On March 19th twelve French students and Madame Appel flew for eight hours to the best experience of their lives. For two weeks they lived the lives of French students, spending ten days with host families in the city of Grenoble, and the rest in the wonderland of Paris.

“Staying with the host family was the experience of a lifetime for me,” said Junior Sean Warren.

While in France they attended some classes with their “correes” at Lycee Momet. In Paris they toured the city and were able to get up close and personal with the Eiffle Tower, Centre Pompidou, Notre Dame Ca-

thedral, the Louvre and the Royal Palace at Versailles with sprawling gardens.

“It was maxi chouette!” Junior Becky Dennis said of her trip.

The time flew by much too fast for the world travelers. Pretty soon it was April 2nd, and they boarded the plane home. Though the journey ended, the experience was something the world travelers will never forget.

“We will always have Paris! What a blast. Don’t ever forget how priceless and unique this thing was, how incredible and breathtaking some of the things were,” said Senior Bill Inch.

-Katy Kostal



Kirsten Stockhoff enjoys her first view of the Eiffle Tower.



Katy Kostal, Stephanie Neumann, and Bill Inch reminisce about their trip while in Versailles.



Sean Warren poses for a photo of him with his host family in Grenoble.

“Some people like rocks, some people like perfume, and some people like bathrooms.”
-Madame Marjorie Appel



Sean Warren, Becky Dennis, and Noemi Rodriguez are amazed at the size of the Chateau de Vizille.



The group takes a quick picture of the Lac d'Annecy while on their way to the town of Annecy.



Kristina Wanous is ecstatic at the top of the Eiffel Tower.



Bill Inch escapes the tunnel descending down to Grenoble.



Ms. Branch gives the members a few pointers before the Fall performance commences.

The Majestic

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

Orchestra can be summarized in one word, successful. In her first year, Orchestra Director Ms. Branch discovered a significant difference in performance and student interaction from the beginning of the year to the end. "It was like night and day," replied Branch, describing the tremendous changes that occurred. "I believe that the future of West Chicago's orchestra looks bright with only one hesitation. One of the challenges is that there is only one Middle School that feeds into the program." Despite the small number of students that participate in Orchestra, they performed to their highest caliber in two separate concerts. The Orchestra introduced a new fundraiser where members of the Orchestra and Choir serenaded students' sweeties on Valentine's Day. In May, the Orchestra and the Choir took part in 'Music in the Parks,' a festival sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association.

-Erin Kirby



Senior Amanda Meiborg becomes one with her violin as the song reaches its climax.

"True music must repeat the thoughts and inspirations of the people & the time."

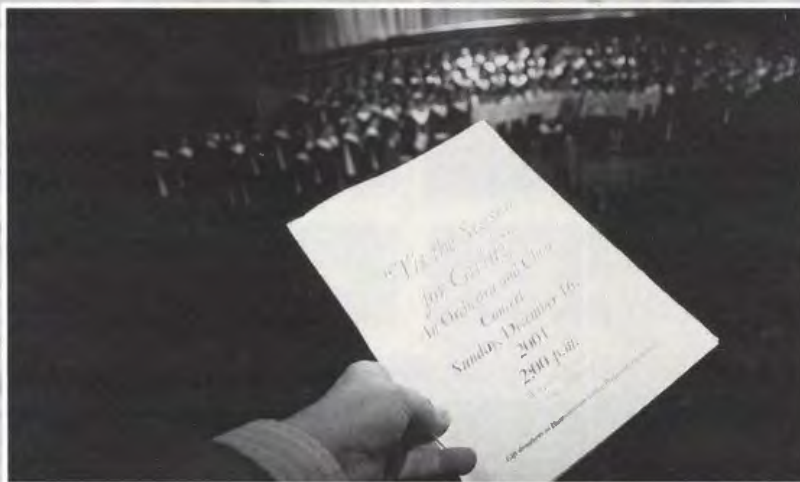
-George Gershwin

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

-Red Auerbach



Junior Brian Krieg stares intently at his music to insure a flawless obra maestra.



"Tis the Season for Giving" was one of the most successful concerts created by Orchestra in addition to Choir, bringing in a huge turnout of music lovers.



Senior Carly Anderson concentrates on her music to keep the beat.



The Orchestra prepares itself for another outstanding performance for their Fall Concert.



The violinists put their heart and soul into their beautiful playing in their program of "Tis the Season for Giving."

One Time, At Band Camp...

Most students have heard the songs from this year's field show, even if they couldn't recall the names. Aaron Copland's repertoire became the idea behind the 2001 show, entitled *Copland: A Musical Tribute*. It featured five selections from his America-based creations.

The challenges didn't stop on the field. In Concert Band, difficult pieces were selected to showcase the wide range of skill the band possessed. "Russian Christmas" was one of the most complicated.

Throughout the year, they played for multiple parades and school events, and the Jazz Band competed at festivals in Rolling Meadows and New Trier. They even performed at a gig at the restaurant Hackneys.

"A good memory from this year was the last

football game when we marched our halftime show in the mud and it was our best performance of the season," said Junior Alison Dahl.

"Playing cards in the freight elevator after jazz band was a good one," Sophomore Sam West said.

In June, the Band and Colorguard travelled down to Florida to perform in the Disney's Magic Music Days. They were selected to perform in three categories: parade, jazz band and concert band. Most bands invited are happy to be chosen for just one!

Finishing a stellar year by going to the happiest place on Earth puts the cherry on top of the cake.

-Katy Kostal



Jazz Band Front: Lauren Loek, Brett Palmer, Scott Storey, Joe Tumidalsky, Rick Camp, Brian Toms, Katie Taylor **Back:** Carly Anderson, Melissa Lund, Sam West, Hans Mosicke, Gabe Pinto, Brian Steere, Margot Reges, Nick Chillemi, Gilsa Valenzuela, Brian Becker, Mike Peters, Theresa McEvoy, Katy Kostal, Aaron Becker, Brandon Becker, Vocalist Amy Koltz.



Concert Band starts when marching season ends. Students can play other instruments depending on the need for certain kinds. Those students involved in fall activities that conflict with being in Marching Band can now participate.



Marching Band and Colorguard 2001 consists of band members and those interested in being members of Colorguard, who don't necessarily have to be in band. The 125 person Field Show, *Copland: A Musical Tribute*, had five separate songs.



Sophomore Nils Higdon goes crazy during one of the basketball games while playing in the pep band.



Drum Majors: Sam West, Melissa Lund, Katie Taylor. They served as mini-Mr. Gutters during marching season.



Mr. Guter conducts the band during their Winter Concert, the first of three during the year.

What are some band traditions?

"Calling the other teams names based on their hair at basketball games."

-Alison Dahl ('03)

"No Pants!"

-Nils Higdon ('04)

"Colonial after football games and concerts, and whipping the freshmen into shape in marching season."

-CJ Wostratzky ('03)

Were there any embarrassing moments this year that you'd like to recount?

"One was when Mr. Guter lifted his shirt up."

-Chris Soriano ('04)

"Holding out the last note when its the big cutoff at the end of a song."

-Pam Martin ('03)

Left: Senior Margot Reges plays at the Pep Rally during the first few minutes to pep up the crowd for Homecoming.





Junior Susan Lincoln carefully mans the cymbals during the annual Marching Band Showcase.



Senior Andy Hein gets a chance to sit while playing tuba in the Showcase, where the field show is played indoors.



Sophomore Brett Palmer attacks his tenor sax part during the Winter Band Concert. "Washington Post" March, "Irish Tune from Country Derry," "First Suite in Eb for Military Band," and "Nathan Hall Trilogy," were some selections.



Hans Moscicke, Bill Winter, Dan Millard, and Peter Mantz: a quad of percussionists, who play the quads (a type of drums) during marching season, pay close attention to the tempo for fear of missing their cue and dealing with the Wrath of Guter.

Picturesque

During the football season the Marching Band and Colorguard performed the field show, *Copland: A Musical Tribute*, written by Aaron Copland, one of America's greatest composers.

In keeping with the All-American theme, the colorguard went all out on costumes and flags, tying most of the colors to the American flag. The group wore a one piece costume with a

sparkling red top and blue crushed velvet bottoms. One of their main flags was a shimmery white with red, blue and silver confetti in the tubes. From the stands the girls shined as they spread throughout the field, spinning their flags under the lights. The wonderful sight of the sparkling flags and costumes made for a remarkable show, worth being seen by many.

-Sarah Hammer



Back: Sarah Gouskos, Erin Eberlein, Meredith Koch, Jessi Crockatt, Sarah Meyerholz, Merium Koch, Carri Wostratzky, Julie Polz Front: Kim Meyerholz, Ashley Edminson, Maggie Grossmayer, Heather Coakley, Jamie Nadolny, Sarah Hammer, Heather Edminson, Kim Garcia Banner Carriers: Katie Desik, Brianne Nadolny



Captains Sarah Hammer and Jamie Nadolny, and Assistant Captain Heather Coakley.



Freshman Merium Koch spins her flag to the music from the field show *Copland: A Musical Tribute*.



Sophomore Kim Garcia stands awaiting applause from the audience.

The Sound of Music

This year proved successful for the West Chicago Chamber Choir. Highlighted by a trip to Taufkerchen, Germany for ten days, choir members enjoyed singing and living with German families. "I had so much fun. My host family was really cool, and I especially liked my host brother Konstantine," said Senior Aaron Troy upon returning. They also sung in a competition in May at Six Flags Great America. After singing, the students were allowed to enjoy the rides at the park with choirs from different schools.

The Concert Choir had a successful year with the previously mentioned Music in the Parks and also with the applause of their fans after each concert. The Mixed Choir, comprised primarily of Freshmen and Sophomores, also consistently demonstrated their vocal abilities, and they will be a great asset to Community High School's music program in the future for the Concert Choir and Chamber Choir. The Girls' Ensemble could be heard practicing in the hallway and outside underneath the bleachers of Memorial Stadium before performing the National Anthem before football games, as well as for the beginning of each concert. Awesome job to all the choirs and may the applause never end.



Concert Choir Front: Mr. Ron Benner, Arianna Cortez, Kathleen Walker, Hilary Blanchard, Monaca Thomas, Rye Hofmann, Aaron Troy, Pablo Herrera, John Skala, Jim Oro, Tony Palombi, Michael Treachler, Colin York, Jen Rodriguez, Jamila Moore, Krysta Lundgren, Elizabeth Valdez, Christine Austin, Ms. Lisa Smith. **Row 2:** Shannon Mirmir, Suzy Smith, Erin Madden, Elizabeth Kipp, Margaret Schwartz, Jessica Varble, Daniel Godoy, Casimiro Ocampo, Stephen Knox, Brian Toms, Brandon Becker, Brittany Brown, Ar Demitropoulos, Vanessa Cortez, Copper Tuma, Darcie Jones. **Back:** Kristin Koltz, Dulce Vasquez, Amanda Koester, Sarah Assian, Rebecca Hoffman, Rebecca Duran, Susan Lincoln, Margaret Schwartz, Julie Volk, Kael Rewers, Luke Taylor, Joey Park, Tom Wojcicki, Stephen Slattery, Marc Szymoniak, Melissa Fisher, Amanda Morrison, Courtney Dorn, Amy Koltz.



Ms. Lisa Smith directs the sopranos during *Americana*, as sung by the Concert Choir.



Juniors Pablo Herrera and Margaret Schwartz pause for a beat while Senior Dan Godoy sings with the rest of the basses.



Junior Melissa Lund accompanies the choir in one of their many performances.



Senior Hilary Blanchard beautifies herself before a concert performance.

CHOIRS 2002



Above Left: Girls' Ensemble:
Front: Brooke Bachelor, Tami Kuta, Jenny Veguilla, Darcie Jones. **Row 2:** Suzy Smith, Jolene Whitlock, Jessica Warbiany, Copper Tuma. **Back:** Julie Volk, Hilary Blanchard, Peggy Werle, Jenny Buchman.

Above: Senior Aaron Troy explains to Ms. Lisa Smith and Sophomore Tami Kuta where his voice comes from.

Left: Senior Colin York sings his heart out at the Winter Concert.

Chamber Choir Brooke Bachelor, Aaron Troy, Elizabeth Valdez, Jessica Warbiany, Luke Taylor, Peggy Werle, Michael Treachler, Julie Volk, Darcie Jones, Kael Rewers, Tami Kuta, Dana Grant, Jenny Buchman, Pablo Herrera, Jim Oroni, Jenny Veguilla.

Women's Chorale **Front:** Elaine Lauver, Sarah Gouskos, Jenny Veguilla Shaila Shallcross, Seana Swaback, Sara Mendez, Julie McKee, Jenny Auchincloss, Christina Orda, Ashley Rawls, Jolene Whitlock, Jessica Warbiany, Dana Grant. **Back:** Mr. Ron Benner, Kristen Redden, Peggy Werle, Tami Kuta, Karla Leonard, Lena Gomez, Queri Perez, Amy Norman, Ashley Hannon, Rebecca Wilkening, Jenny Buchman, Brooke Bachelor, Leigh Hellman, Ms. Lisa Smith.



Sophomores Brooke Bachelor, Jenny Buchman, and Senior Suzy Smith smile for their awaiting audience.



Choir Director Lisa Smith gives the Mixed Choir their directions for their upcoming concert.



There Is Something About Thespians

The Thespians, a group of committed West Chicago actors, actresses and production crew members, spent the beginning of the 2001/2002 school year trying to raise money for their yearly outings. They hoped that the club would raise more money than they acquired the previous year. Though many of their fund-raising efforts proved fruitless, the group still managed to attend Theatre Fest, their favorite event.

Theatre Fest is an all-state event where thespians from all across Illinois come together to watch their peers perform. It was hosted by Illinois State University and next year the festival will be held at the University of Illinois--Champagne/Urbana.

More than two years had passed since West Chicago performed for

the annual event. Every Thespian looks forward to the festival. It creates a welcome break from the craziness of school and a chance to be surrounded by entertaining and even crazy actors and actresses. By interacting with these aspiring performers, the students have the opportunity to witness a broad diversity of talent from across Illinois.

To become a Thespian, a student must have performed or worked back stage for at least two productions throughout high school. At the end of the school year, Thespians review the students who are eligible to become new members and send them handmade theatre masks. The masks are to be worn all day by those who would like to accept the honor of Thespian.

-Nicole Patel



Front Row: Nicole Patel, Steve Knox, Copper Tuma Second Row Emy Krauspe, Julie Volk, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Margot Reges, Brian Skala Back Row: Katie Kammes, Maggie Grossmayer, Heather Coakley, Jeff Raun, Ms. Hafertepe, Chris Gerber.



Jeff Raun, one of the two male actors in the controversial play *The Children's Hour*, performs with Nicole Patel (left) and Katie Kammes.



Thespian Vice President Senior Copper Tuma talks on the phone in *The Children's Hour*.



Thespian President Senior Nicole Patel shows disappointment at the spreading rumors.



Thespian Secretary Senior Julie Volk dances during *The Fabulous Fable Factory*.



The ensemble from *The Fabulous Fable Factory* dance in the background. Thespian Senior Katie Kammes participates in the action in the middle back.



Thespian member Sophomore Emy Krauspe shows her emotional side during *The Children's Hour*.

FORENSICS 2002



Mr. Kellner happily hands out programs at Verbalbally Yours with a smile on his face.

Signed, Verbally Yours

As defined in Webster's dictionary, forensics means an argumentative exercise. All members of Forensics are very animated with their speech, and that is an exercise in itself.

At the 8th annual Verbalbally Yours at Conant High School, West Chicago's Forensics team performed exceptionally well. Students competed for eleven individual awards and five forensic members won: Julie Volk, Copper Tuma,

Nicole Patel, Katie Kammes, and Stephanie Neumann.

"FORENSICS IS SUPER ROCKIN'! I really love performing, plus you meet tons of awesome people. It gives you some great stories!" says Forensic Member Emy Krauspe. Being on forensics is very exciting and quite unpredictable. Good job!

~Melissa Prusko

Types of Forensic Speech

- ~Dramatic Duet Acting
- ~Dramatic Interpretation
- ~Extemporaneous Speaking
- ~Original Comedy
- ~Original Declamation
- ~Original Oratory
- ~Prose Reading
- ~Radio Speaking
- ~Special Occasion Speaking

Give 100%



Front: Emily Doll, Christine Austin, Margot Reges, Copper Tuma, Stephanie Neumann, Erin Linsenmeyer, and Bridget Geeraghty. Middle: Mike Doll, Katie Kammes, Heather Coakley, Nicole Patel, Dana Grant, and Sara Mendez. Back: Mr. Kellner (advisor), Dulce Vasquez, Emy Krauspe, Christine Harris, Julie Volk, Jeff Hansen, Becky Bonarek, and Dominique Scott.

Right: Stephanie Neumann does her stuff. Just look at her face.



Below: Stan Lemon "trapped" in a circle of his fellow Forensic members.



Express Yourself

The Fall Play

“The Children’s Hour”

Child’s Play

In an attempt to give more of West Chicago’s female thespians an opportunity to showcase their acting abilities, Ms. Hafertepe wisely chose “The Children’s Hour” for the fall production. The play, with 12 female roles and two male roles, was performed on three nights, November 8th, 9th, and 10th.

After an exhausting school day Ms. Hafertepe took time out of her busy schedule to spend numerous hours instructing and directing the cast and crew. “The Children’s Hour” addressed two increasingly controversial issues, homosexuality and suicide, and told a story of deceit and betrayal. The plot focuses on students who make up lies about their teachers. This causes the teachers a great amount of pain and drives them to take drastic measures to escape

the rumors surrounding their characters.

With a total of fourteen cast members, a lot of work needed to be done to pull all the details together. The two main stars of the play, Kathryn Kammes and Nicole Patel, played the teachers and owners of a boarding school where their students developed lies and rumors about their sexuality, thus closing down the school. Other stars included: Erin Henry, who played Mary the student responsible for the lies, Emy Krauspe, Laurie Lenertz, and Bridget Geraghty who starred as students who attended the boarding school. Jeff Raun acted as Patel’s fiancé, and Copper Tuma starred as Erin Henry’s grandmother.

—Ryan Woodbury and
Ryan Masschelin



Nicole Patel (Karen), Kathryn Kammes (Martha), and Jeff Raun (Dr. Card) confront Copper Tuma (Grandma) for spreading rumors.



Bridget Geraghty (Evelyn) is being blackmailed.



Erin Henry (Mary) asks Laurie Lenertz (Rosalie) about the bracelet she innocently stole. Laurie does not want to get into trouble.



Nicole Patel (Karen) punishes Erin Henry (Mary).

"There were only two guys in the play with 12 girls, which was awesome. I was also very impressed on how well we performed for a serious play."

-Jeff Raun
(Dr. Cardin)



Jeff Raun, Nicole Patel, Copper Tuma, and Kathryn Kammes all listen to the rumors that Erin Henry has about her teachers.

"During the whole time of the play, the other cast members are the people you spend most of your time with. I became really close with them."

-Emy Krauspe
(Peggy)

Emy Krauspe (Peggy) is a skeptical character as she stands in the sitting room of her boarding school. Said Krauspe, "I love acting in the plays. It is such a great experience for me."

"I do not like subversion or disloyalty in any form, and if I had ever seen any I would have considered it my duty to have reported it to the proper authorities. But to hurt innocent people, whom I knew many years ago, to save myself is, to me, inhuman and indecent and dishonorable. I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions."

(Lillian Hellman, 1952)

Laurie Lenertz (Rosalie) begs for mercy so that no one will find out about the bracelet she stole. She innocently took the bracelet from another girl in the same school. After stealing the bracelet, she fears being punished.



Jeff Raun (Dr. Joe Cardin) comforts his fiancée, Nicole Patel (Karen Wright). Nicole stands amazed and disgusted at the lies being spread. She was about to be married but rumors ruined the engagement.



Erin Henry lies to her grandmother about the sexuality of her school teachers. She is not happy with the school and does not want to attend anymore. She believes that if her grandmother realizes that the two women from the school are lesbians, she will not be forced to go to the school.



"I am pleased that we took the courage to present a play with material that many would consider controversial. We carried on Lillian Hellman's tradition during the McCarthy era."

-Ms. Hafertepe
(Director)

Dawn Barzoo, Bridget Geraghty, Laurie Lenertz, Dana Grant, Ashley Rawls, and Christine Hendron begin the play with the opening scene.



"The best part of performing the play was that we were allowed to do it. It's nice to know our school is so open-minded."

-Bridget Geraghty
(Evelyn)



Tony Perham defies gravity during the breakdance routine.



Susan Lincoln sings her heart out with Erin Madden as Meredith Koch, Natalie Chudoba, Theresa McEvoy, and Merium Koch dance along.



Julie Volk's strong voice and a cappella version of "Think of Me" sends shivers down spines.



Stephany Vasquez was one third of the trio including herself, Denise Gonzalez, and Alyssa Santiago. They brought some variety to the show, using scarves and Latin dance moves.

Wild Wild West

FBLA's yearly Variety Show began with a twist this year. The MCs became gamblin', fightin' varmints and all the acts were touched with Western style.

Alex Baker and Brian Nelson started by rounding up the first act of singers, Amy Koltz and Hilary Blanchard. They opened the show, and a slew of singing and dancing acts followed, including student bands "Blind Faith" and "Black Luster." Some brave soloists took the stage alone as well. Becky Wilkening sang, "How Do I Live," Javier Cruz belted out, "La Media Vuelta," and Julie Volk eloquently performed "Think of Me."

A few groups choreographed their own dances to eclectic music. A tribute to Aaliyah was performed, along with a dance accompaniment to Erin Madden and Susan Lincoln's version of "Right Kind of Wrong."

FBLA even had some intermission entertainment. The audience was invited to join in some Western karaoke. There's just no escaping "Achy Breaky Heart" in the Wild Wild West.

-Katy Kostal



Tom Aguirre plays the slow beginning to band Blind Faith's hard-rock anthem. Later, Ric Miner, Brad Sabathne and Adam Flores joined him onstage.



Refe Tuma and Carl Sauter performed Refe's own composition, "One More Scar."



The Girls' Ensemble proudly sang a harmonized version of our nation's National Anthem while wearing red, white, and blue.



MC Becca Duran chats with her fellow FBLA members while introducing the next act.



Hugo Saucedo and Zayra Pedraza dance to the beat of "Paloma" with two other dancers.



Steve Knox on vocals and Brian Toms on bass jam during Black Luster's performance of "Deranged." Aaron Becker played drums on the song.



Becky Wilkening courageously takes the stage alone to sing "How Do I Live."



Tom Wojcicki, the bass temptation, tries his best to be soulful. Along with Tom, Joe Park, Joe Caniano, Jon Lim, and Craig Schuda sang a medley of old Temptations tunes.

Which act was your favorite?

"It would definitely have to be Mr. Tuma and Mr. Sauter's routine. It was fantastic and deserves credit. In fact, it was the best act I have seen in a long time. And I'm not joking. I'm a serious guy."
-Peter Mantz (2004)

"The breakdancing was the best act because it was different and I break dance."
-Sebastian Nunez (2005)

"I would have to say the two bands were the best because they actually had talent."
-Arlene Smothers and Jenni Boyd (2002)



Javier Cruz "El Tigre" performs a song in Spanish, the fiery "La Media Vuelta," which means "the half turn" in English.



Brandon Becker plays lead guitar along with the rest of Black Luster.



Stephanie Smothers, Nisha Patel, Marlene Uy, Truc Pham, Darahlee de Leon and Kimpha Chau move to the music of Aaliyah in their tribute piece.



Two Variety Show veterans, Hilary Blanchard and Amy Koltz, perform a duet.

Challenge 2002:

The Insiders



Erin Kirby works diligently on her design for the funny body parts page.

Twelve new staff members, a new advisor, and new goals were the basis for the start of this year. With so many changes, the Yearbook staff wasn't quite ready for the challenges they would face in the upcoming year, but with help from experienced editors Jason Woodbury, Becky Dennis, and Sean Warren and assistant editors Erin Kirby, Sarah Hammer, and Katy Kostal, they succeeded.

Ms. Santella took over this year as the new advisor, and with her she brought many new expectations, challenges and goals for the staff, one of those being to meet their deadlines. Her dream became reality on November 30, 2001 when, for the first time in around twenty years, West Chicago Community

High School's Yearbook staff met a deadline. This pattern of prompt page completion continued throughout the school year and will hopefully continue in the years to come. The Challenge staff met their challenge.

Inspired by the Homecoming theme, We-Go to Hollywood, the staff decided on the theme of "You Ought to be in Pictures" (thought of by Mrs. Hammer, Sarah Hammer's mom). Not only does this theme reflect the Homecoming theme, but it also expresses the essence of a yearbook, a collection of pictures of students and events meant to capture the memories of a year.

-Sarah Hammer and
Becky Dennis



Meghan Young amuses the yearbook staff with her jokes.



Sean Warren, one of the three chief editors, returns this year to the staff for the third time.



The Challenge staff: Ms. Santella, Sandra Vazquez, Marissa Mendoza, Greg Prill, Sarah Hammer, Jason Woodbury, Ryan Woodbury, Row 2: Sean Warren, Katy Kostal, Liz Brouwer, Meghan Young, Erin Kirby, Ryan Masschelin. Front Row: Lilli Cassidy, Zayra Pedraza, Missy Boorsma, Melissa Prusko. Not Pictured: Becky Dennis, Karen Garcia.



Meghan Young's skeleton (the yearbook staff mascot) dances for the class.



The creators of the yearbook page (Becky Dennis and Sarah Hammer) take a break from working on the page.



Since Ms. Santella can never tell Jason and Ryan Woodbury apart, both respond as Ryan's name is called.



With the addition of a "Senior Memories" section, the yearbook now has more pages.



Ms. Santella sends Sandra Vazquez "back to the drawing board" to change an error within her copy.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

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Top Row: Anna Nubie, Michelle Loerzel, Rachel Rivera, Stephanie Bodane, Kyle Bullis Bottom Row: Suzanne Smith, Derek Koelsch, Lisa Borg, Marc Berry, Mary Beth Selby

The *Wildcat Chronicle* is the student newspaper of Community High School. In the 2001/2002 school year, the *Chronicle* staff reported on a wide range of topics including a feature on students' reactions to 9/11 and a story on the retirement of Dr. Jones.

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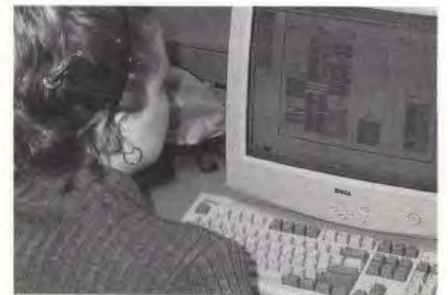
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"Mind's Eye" is Community High School's literary magazine. In this publication, students publish their poetry, prose, photography, artwork, and more to share with the entire school.

Wildcat Chronicle



Working hard at revising his article, Sam West strives to perfect his writing.



Stephanie Bodane begins to type her article.

Mind's Eye



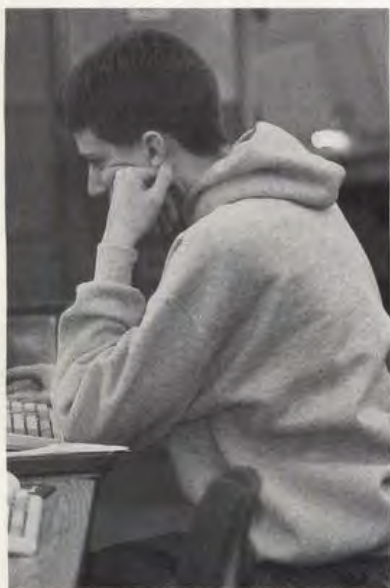
Matt Hofer and Margot Reges discuss artwork to be put in the magazine.



Melissa Stevens, and Kirsten Stockhoff vote for their favorite pictures.



Sabah Qureshi gets help with her math homework during ninth hour.



Greg Luebker waits to get some help on his upcoming paper.

Smart and Smarter

In an attempt to give students more access to computers and a quiet place to study, Community High School transformed the old study hall room into the Academic Skills Center (ASC). Here, students spent the school year writing essays, revising papers, getting help from teachers, and meeting for extracurricular activities. Both peer helpers and the math team used this room for their morning gatherings. Every day, the ASC opened up at 7:15 in the morning and closed at 4:30 in the afternoon, giving students numerous opportunities to excel academically.

Headed by Shannon Foy, an English and Reading teacher, and Barbi Mathews, a Mathematics and Computer Science teacher, the ASC proved to be a great place for students to get help on basically anything. When students were given major projects, the ASC was used a lot. During the first semester, a total of 135 students were assigned to the ASC during one of their hours. During the first quarter, 137 students were added to the program. But these were not the only students who used the center. The ASC welcomed any We-Go student who needed help.

Two teachers and three program assistants worked in the ASC daily. Shannon Foy and Barbi Mathews were the teachers in the center and Myrna Woodson, Barbara Horgan, and Kristen Klama were the program assistants. When teachers were not available, four tutors also helped out the students.

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the ASC for a numerous amount of reasons. "I enjoy the fact that I get to work one-on-one with the students," said Ms. Foy, adding that working one-on-one allowed for a better understanding of subject matter by the students.

-Sean Warren



Matt Waldow sits at the door of the ASC, making sure that everyone checks in.



Brad Bytof takes advantage of the ability to use computers in the Academic Skills Center.



Nathan Roberts, Patrick Baur, and Chris Gauldin use the Academic Skills Center for their morning math team practices. The math team practices every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:00.



Mrs. Trejo prods Oscar Ramirez on his school assignments. Mrs. Trejo is in the Academic Skills Center every once in a while in order to help students complete homework and finish essays.

Gothic/Horror Literature

Students and faculty agree: It's a Scream!



Students of the 9th hour Gothic Literature class listen to the opening remarks by Mrs. Minor. According to Minor, "my husband thinks it's hysterical that I teach the course because I'm such a wimp when it comes to watching scary movies."



The class is composed of only juniors and seniors. "The seminars are set up for juniors and seniors because these students have room in their schedules to choose options in their curriculum," says Minor.

The image of students reading a book by Stephen King or watching the original *Psycho* seems like something that would happen after school, doesn't it? Guess again. Both of these works were taught in the Gothic/Horror Literature seminar offered by the English Department.

Gothic Literature (offered every other year to Juniors and Seniors) has been taught by Mrs. Minor since its introduction to the curriculum in 1999. When asked her opinion of the seminar, Minor said, "When I first decided to pursue the idea of offering a seminar course, I tried to think, 'What kinds of literature do high school students like, but don't have the chance to learn about in the usual progression of English classes?' Horror came to mind right away, and after doing some of my own 'homework', I realized that Gothic had to be part of the course as well."

During the past school year, the number of students enrolled in the class increased from 63 in 1999 to 82 this year. And the popularity of the unusual course continued to spread. Rumors even surfaced that the class would be offered on an annual basis from now on. For the time being, however,

Minor said that she enjoys the class as it is. "The students seem taken back when I have them read a *Goosebumps* book the first week," she said, "and I chuckle watching a few startled students jump when we review the components of modern horror via *The Haunting*." According to Junior Pete Oelslager, who took the seminar first semester, the class was "awesome." While Oelslager felt some hesitation about the subject matter of the course, he said, "It was probably the best class I've taken this year."

While most students felt happy with the seminar, the opinion on the work load varied tremendously. Many students thought the assignments were relatively simple, yet an equal number of students said the amount of work turned out to be far more intense than they expected. Senior Jeff Raun said of the workload, "Pretty hard, small print, no pictures, more than 3 syllables in each word. It was hard work, but when I did it, it was interesting."

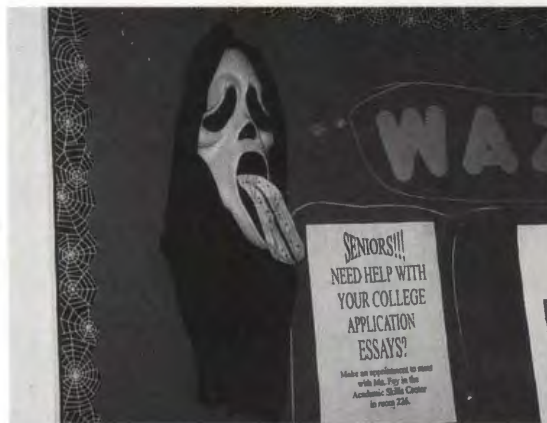
With the wide variety of pieces taught, everyone agrees this class shouldn't be missed.

-Becky Dennis

"Gothic Literature has a somberness, a darker more melancholy mood...it's a different perspective through which writers and artists share some of their deepest heartfelt emotions. Now, horror lit...that's a different animal." ~Mrs. Minor



Traditionally, students begin the seminar by reading an R.L. Stine book of their choice to discuss in class. Eventually, they choose any author in either the gothic or horror genre, about which they lead an "Author Talk."



This "Scream" mask, along with a *Dracula* movie poster, and numerous cobwebs are just a few of the many decorations that set the classroom apart from any other.



Sandy Edlund, Maggie Grossmayer, and Beth Deutech begin their dive into the depths of a topic too "horrific" for most schools to cover.



Flash

Photography

More than 250 students learned how to look at the world around them differently by joining one of the three levels of photography: beginning, intermediate, or advanced. Throughout these courses offered by the industrial arts department, the students teamed up with 35mm cameras and learned the art of snapping photographs.

After the first four weeks of class, the students worked independently to get their work done. Assignments included creating a self-portrait, a photograph of a door, and an advertisement. The students were assigned to the dark room on specific days and expected to develop their own photographs. Their only homework was to take pictures.

The 2001/2002 school year was the first time the advanced photography class

was offered at Community High School. Only students who completed Photography One and Two and who had the consent of their teacher were eligible to take the class. The students in this class wrote their own curriculum, which needed to be approved by Miss Dulkanys, the advanced photography teacher. The students set their own deadlines and were expected to meet them. These students usually chose a specific area to focus on, such as fine arts and portfolio production.

According to one of the photography teachers, Mrs. Rieger, the photography classes require dedicated and responsible students who can handle working by themselves.

-Melissa Boorsma and Sarah Hamme



Top Left: Photography teacher Mrs. Rieger looks intently at her class while giving instructions.

Left: Mrs. Rieger demonstrates to her class the different techniques to use while adding color to their black and white photos.

Right: Junior Dan Kaylor puts his feet up as he clicks the mouse to help Mrs. Rieger during class.



Sophomore Abby Rauseo takes extra care and concentration as she fixes her camera and gets it ready so she can take more photographs.



This is one of the many lab stations located in the photography lab where students develop and enlarge the pictures they have taken.



Top: Senior Dan Carncross finds an alternative and unique way to view the world around him differently by using a water bottle instead of his camera.

Right: Junior Alex Baker concentrates on "painting" his forehead while Mrs. Rieger explains to the class about staining glossy and pearl pictures.



MECHANICAL & TECHNICAL DRAWING

Draw!

Each year students want to learn how to express their artistic sides through drawing and drafting. In the Mechanical Drawing, Technical Drawing, and Architecture classes, Mr. Junkroski gives his students this opportunity and teaches them the basics of visualization, architecture, software, drawing, or anything else having to do with mechanical parts. In 2001/2002 academic year, students learned how to draw everyday machine parts. Some specific parts included: different kinds of gaskets, bearings, blocks, clamps, caps, anvils, wheels, and boxes.

Students of all grades attended these classes. "Any student who is interested in engineering, architectural building, interior design, drawing, or use of computers [can take this class]," said Junkroski. "[These students] can later pursue a degree around these areas in college."

These classes helped the students to visualize general objects around the home. Students who attended this class worked on projects in which they cut open a sectional object to see what it looks like inside and then sketched the object. After sketching it out, they drew the object neatly with rulers in sectional views. The last step was to put it in the Computer Aided-Drafting (CAD) program. Students turned in their drawings and received grades for their efforts.

Said Junkroski, "A drafting class allows a student to be creative and at the same time, learn new practical skills."

By taking these classes students received new knowledge about drawing that will help them with future careers.

-Ryan Woodbury

"My favorite part in Technical Drawing is when I get to use the Computer Aided-Drafting (CAD) program. It makes drawing more fun and a lot easier."

-David Bennett
Sophomore

"Any student who has an interest in a technical field, I encourage them to enroll in a drafting class since drawing is a basic part of any technical program."

-Mr. Junkroski
Teacher



Senior Cindy Warner enjoys her time at the computer as she designs her drawing by using the CAD program.



At the computer, Sophomore David Bennett waits patiently for the CAD program to show him the image that he created on the computer.

During a CAD drawing projection pictures of screws, Mr. Junkroski helps a student who struggles with drawing his picture on the computer.



While listening to good music, Armando Marin concentrates as he creates his picture of a screw by using the CAD program.



"If I could design or build anything with unlimited funds and a license, I would build a multimillion dollar mansion with a ten door garage."

-Jeff Cisowski
Freshman

"I really like attending this class. It is really fun, but challenges my ways of drawings. I always learn new things everyday and I have lots of fun."

-Mike Casey
Freshman

Ooh, Ah, You Wish You Were A Pom

Blowing away any competition at camp has been a sort of tradition for West Chicago Pom Pon squads. This year was no exception. They took first in the following divisions: skills routine, open routine, senior kick line, and duet (Heather Goorley and Linnea Caputi). Amanda Stone and Linnea Caputi were named All-Stars, Gianna Pigoni was named Miss Badgerette, and Gianna and the Poms' originality routine qualified for the Midwest competition.

They themed their Homecoming dances after the movies chosen for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. The Oompa-Loompa sopho-

mores preceded the leather jacket wearing juniors from *Top Gun*, followed by the seniors who dressed up as characters from *The Wizard of Oz*. The multiple costumes and variety of dance styles had the entire Homecoming crowd going wild.

The poms did more than just dance on the sidelines. For Valentine's Day they sold carnations. They also hosted their Poms Clinic for the young girls of the feeder communities, training soon to be poms for more successful summers at camp.

-Katy Kostal



Pom Pon Team: Front: Crystal Kirschke, Captain Amanda Stone Second Row: Heather Goorley, Sarah Wood, Linnea Caputi, Captain Allison Rovtar, Captain Gianna Pigoni Third Row: Courtney Mathias, Jamie Hall, Hope Vock, Melanie Stone, Jill Novak Back: Lisa Mar, Molly Knaak, Nicole Brown, Pam Boyle



Courtney Mathias, Jill Novak, and the rest of the Poms perform at the Homecoming game.



Pom Hope Vock effortlessly kicks to the sky.



Pep club members put up festive Homecoming decorations.



PEP CLUB

Football, basketball, wrestling, and soccer weren't the only sports recognized for their efforts. All around school during the fall, posters were covering the walls and decorations were placed on lockers.

Who could have accepted this daunting task of giving credit to the sports that are usually overlooked? Pep Club!

It consists of spirited students that want to bring attention to all the sports of the school, be they popular

or not quite mainstream.

Though cheerleaders and poms are members, students who aren't involved in either of those activities are also members.

So the next time you see a tennis player's locker wrapped in intricate signs, or a poster outside of commons calling attention to a home swim meet, you'll know who to thank for remembering the often overlooked athletes.

-Katy Kostal



The entire cheerleading squad bravely mounts as many girls as they can to impress the crowd and show off their skills at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

"Cheerleading went good. This season was very fun, I can't wait to do it next year!"

-Megan Castelvechhi (2004)

"We have, we did, and we will continue to whomp the competition!"

-Hope Vock (2003)

Captains
Varsity Football: Angela Rojas and Christina Wilbur
Soph. Football: Jorie Vlach & Kelly Williams
Soccer: Rachel Noceda
Wrestling: Julie Polz
Pom Pons: Allison Rovtar & Gianna Pigoni



Sophomore Football/Basketball: Cheerleaders:
Front: Tracy Macias, Megan Castelvechi, Lindsay Nash
Second Row: Fabiola Leal, Coach Patty Clifford, Brit-
 tany Boehm **Third Row:** Amanda Kvasnicka, Shaila
 Shallcross, Stephanie Geissman, Kelly Williams- Cap-
 tain, Megan Shane **Back:** Kirsten Goranson, Jorie Vlach-
 Captian, Tami Kuta, Bridgette Sanzeri.

BRING IT ON

The 2001-2002 cheerleading season began before most of us were ever thinking about school. At their UCA camp at Northern Illinois University, they earned the title of Most Improved.

"In the evaluations there were three levels; red, blue, and gold. We received all gold ribbons," junior basketball and football cheerleader Norah McAvoy said.

This year saw a brand new addition to the squad. Senior Kael Rewers became the first boy in West Chicago Community High School's history to be a member of any squad, helping out immensely with dismounts and preventing many possible injuries. The school couldn't get enough of when the girls would put him up in a mount!

Come rain or come shine, the cheerleaders were always out pepping up the crowds and working to increase school spirit.

-Katy Kostal, Greg Prill,
 and David Bennett

Wrestling and soccer cheerleader Heather Edminson is bravely put up into a mount during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Soccer/Wrestling: Front: Drew Martino, Marlene Correa, Ariana Robles, Shana Galto, Heather Edminson **Second Row:** Julie Polz, Jenn Zimmerman, Nina Slater, Stephanie Hicks **Back:** Rachel Noceda, Melissa Deutsch, Jenny Kammas, Heather Christiansen, Katie Leston, Jenna Pelej, Linsey Perez, Missy Boorsma, Adrianna Humphries



Varsity Football/Basketball Front: Norah McAvoy, Laura Wheeland **Second Row:** Kristen Mederich, Kelley Whitman, Nikki Schar, Carla Marreno, Angela Rojas, Margy Schwartz, Maggie Wdowiarz, Lauren Mroz **Back:** Patty Clifford, Sarah Assian, Kelly Siekmann, Megan Brandstedter, Kim Burkes, Anne Nosal, Kael Rewers, Aimee Beutke



Sophomores Shana Galto and Marlene Correa, soccer and wrestling cheerleaders, perform their routine in the Homecoming Pep Rally along with the rest of the cheerleading squads.



Fabiola Leal, Tami Kuta, Megan Shane, Pom Jamie Hall, Bridgette Sanzeri, Pom Melanie Stone, Kelly Williams, and Brittany Boehms sit back and enjoy the rest of the Homecoming festivities after they finish their routines.



Sophomore soccer and wrestling cheerleader Ariana Robles wants YOU to sit down and pay attention to the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Any Given Friday

The Wildcats' great start of the year surprised us all. Everyone expected the Wildcats to begin the football season as they have in years past with a losing streak. Instead, the Wildcats trampled the competition in the first two games of the year, and crowds filled Memorial Stadium. In fact, West Chicago's Varsity football team tripled the amount of victories they had the previous year.

According to Co-Captain Paul Elson, "every member of this year's varsity team contributed to our success. Not only was this year important to us, but it also proved to be a turning point for the Wildcats' football program."

Junior Tony Zumpano, voted the best wide receiver on the team, accumulated a total of 565 offensive yards. Senior Derek Boorsma, the starting nose guard, led the team with nine quarterback sacks and two defensive

fumble recoveries. According to Elson, Boorsma proved to be "a fast and quick defensive threat to the opponents' offensive lines."

Senior Running Back Corey Coleman rushed for a total of 630 offensive yards over the season. Coleman was responsible for gaining the most offensive yards on the team. Both Senior Left Guard Alex Kochick and Starting Center Elson were voted by the DuPage Valley Conference as honorable mentions for their performances on the field. Defensive Tackle Ric Miner had an outstanding season with his 35 tackles and his positive attitude.

The 2001 Wildcat Varsity Football Team gained the respect that they deserved, and they are now a force to be reckoned with in the DVC.

-Greg Prill and
Missy Boorsma



TEAMWORK

IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IF
NO ONE CARES WHO GETS THE CREDIT



Junior Wyatt Schuyler breaks through an open hole in the offensive.



Before the game, Senior Corey Coleman gets all taped up and ready to go.

"I think the football team surprised a lot of people. It's probably the best team we've had during my high school career."
-Senior Marc Berry

"This is a good team with great kids. I would go to war with these guys."
-Head Coach Bob Stone



The determination in his eyes and the mud on his uniform shows that Senior Derek Boorsma held nothing back from his opponents.



Senior Morris Barber looks for an escape route while Junior Wyatt Schuyler tries to help.



Junior Jared Hall sees a man wide open and attempts to throw the ball.



Front: Adam Pineda, Chris Kane, Danny Eckler, Eric Perez, Shane Welch, Nick Verzillo. Second: Dave Vann, Daniel Galvan, Frank Conforti, Micah Hitchcock, Tyreese Barber, Doug Sieder, Keil Fuchs. Third: Robert Medeiros, Ben Shelley, Asst Coach Clay Reagon, Asst Coach Scott Davidson, Head Frsh Coach Ward Rau, Asst Coach Mike Assaf, Julio Veluzquez, Hugo Saucedo, Dale Staton. Fourth: Keith Hund, Ian Holmes, Jake Bien, Mike Casey, Tony Sosa, Roy Bethel, Alberto Terrazas, Bill Myers, Adam Tancl, Mike Dieter. Fifth: Ryan Morris, David Frommert, Danny Liszka, Brad Kraft, Anthony McNerney, Brandon Kutilek, Mark Hansen, Mike Brzeczek, Andy Hamm. Sixth: Thomas Healy, Eric Franczowski, George Chiarito, Robert Conard, Dan Zieche, Kenny Tinnes, Jacob Bermudez, Erik Hernandez, Robert Lakics. Seventh: Matt VanGorkom, Vince Czernik, John Gaede, Eric Olson, Nick George, Dustin Saville, Bryan Loosli, Matt Rushton, Jon Hall. Eighth: Ryan Funderburk, Brad Murison, Chris Wiersbe, Kenny Leindecker, Nick Doncoes, Nick Gentile, Nick Lelito, Joel Castro, Austin Monroe. Not Pictured: Mike Avila, Ricky Eldridge, Juan Robles, Carlos Santillan.

OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L/T	CONFERENCE
PLAINFIELD	6-7	L	NON
BATAVIA	16-7	W	NON
GLENBARD EAST	0-27	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE N.	0-28	L	CONFERENCE
WHEATON WARR S.	0-35	L	CONFERENCE
WEST AURORA-Hmcm	21-14	W	CONFERENCE
WHEATON NORTH	0-28	L	CONFERENCE
GLENBARD NORTH	0-33	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE CENT.	0-42	L	CONFERENCE



Front: Mark Trygar, Rob Rhodes, Tyler Hempel. Second: Ryan Smith, Jason DeBolt, Pat Virnich, Assistant Coach Bill Bicker, Head Sophomore Coach Randy Zeitler, Brad Bytof, Mitch Coler, Brian Holt. Third: Elliott Tinnes, Steve Singer, Derek Koelsch, TJ Shanahan, Todd McComb, Brian Means, Matt Nonnie, Gerry Avalos. Fourth: Ryan Henning, Scott Campbell, Mike Smolucha, Tyler Piech, Eric Oglanian, Rob Casey, Jeff Raymond. Fifth: Joel Somers, Mark Tonchick, Mike Giese, Huli Davalos, Tim Murrey, Jason Jensen, Taylor Curran, Jon Daru. Sixth: Ryan Stuhr, Andy Denniger, Bob Hock, John George, Ryan McQueen, Mike Liszka, Bob McLaren. Seventh: Nic Fairbanks, Phil Buksa, Dan Harms, Jeff Gilbert, Kris Walski, Zac Hedger, Eric Radloff, Matt Kuhn.

OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L/T	CONFERENCE
PLAINFIELD	0-20	L	NON
BATAVIA	20-14	W	NON
GLENBARD EAST	0-26	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE N.	7-8	L	CONFERENCE
WHEATON WARR S.	0-21	L	CONFERENCE
WEST AURORA-Hmcm	39-13	W	CONFERENCE
WHEATON NORTH	6-23	L	CONFERENCE
GLENBARD NORTH	6-26	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE CENT.	13-28	L	CONFERENCE



Front: Tino Alfaro, Moises Garcia, Jason Worel, Joe Klingberg, Mike Olson, Matt Benson. Second: Brian Calabrese, Javier Saucedo, Mike Boland, Mike Martinez, Charlie Cloutier, Matt Russell, Bob Dieter, Matt Trygar. Third: Matt Kallas, Scott Sieder, Alex Kochick, Assistant Coach Jeff Ford, Assistant Coach Josh Chambers, Head Coach Bob Stone, Assistant Coach John Walters, Assistant Coach Greg Hansen, Morris Barber, Tyler Belding. Fourth: Kevin Franczowski, Josh Winquist, Jim O'Hara, Matt Wasielewski, James Thrasher, Lon Beutke, Emmanuel Vazquez, Brandon Baermann, Adam Wilkovich, Tom Cleveland. Fifth: Jason Gunther, Corey Coleman, Mark Hopkins, Paul Elson, Bill Rocha, Mike Nubie, Leo Garcia, Chris Holguin, Wyatt Schuyler. Sixth: Brad Shelley, Josh Kutilek, Mike Brown, Tony Zumpano, Crushon Evans, Tony Reyes, Aron Morris, Mike Merrion, Simon Blanco, Jacob Delort. Seventh: Dave Pater, Henry Somers, Errik Loosli, Kory Kendziora, Tim Jaffe, Ric Miner, Luis Cordero, Nate Williams, Adam Vann. Eighth: Chris Sanzeri, Brian Allison, Jared Hall, Pete Milauskas, Josh Bentham, Chris Norman, Matt Colley, Dan Kaylor, Roger Strike, Jim Rylowicz. Not Pictured: Derek Boorsma, Jason Anthony, Randy Soto.

OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L/T	CONFERENCE
PLAINFIELD	20-12	W	NON
BATAVIA	26-6	W	NON
GLENBARD EAST	14-21	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE N.	21-42	L	CONFERENCE
WHEATON WARR S.	25-38	L	CONFERENCE
WEST AURORA-Hmcm	28-9	W	CONFERENCE
WHEATON NORTH	35-14	L	CONFERENCE
GLENBARD NORTH	7-17	L	CONFERENCE
NAPERVILLE CENT.	9-42	L	CONFERENCE

"In the coming years, we need to continue the hard work that this senior class started." - Assistant Coach Josh Chambers

WILDCAT



FOOTBALL 2001



Jackie Vavrek shares some tips to win the next race.



Wildcat swimmers relax after a tough practice which began at unheard of hours of the morning. They hoped to gain much deserved recognition after a great deal of effort, practice and chlorine.



Jaime Sterne swims her butterfly lap.

D I V I N G

Remember those crazy girls often seen walking through the hallways during November of 2001, wearing anything from lime green "Hell Week" shirts to hot pink shirts, shorts, and leopard print tights? The ones with their hair in pigtails and "Go WeGo!" written in face paint? They were the Lady Wildcat swimmers, and their enthusiastic team spirit shone through in whatever they did, whether it was studying in school, practicing, or swimming at meets.

"Swimming is the hardest sort of fun," said Senior Laura Martin about her four years being on the team.

The swimmers were the hardest workers in the school, when it came to their "flexible" practice schedule. Arriving at 5 am every day, the girls swam, cross-trained, lifted weights, ran and did whatever was necessary for them to accomplish their goals. The girls worked harder than ever this year in their effort to achieve greatness and to earn the respect of their school.

Many new faces appeared on the team, which made team unity harder than in years past to accomplish. However, the girls overcame their differences and began to bond together to reach their team and individual goals.

Early in the season, the girls elected Alice Hultquist, Laura Martin, and Heather Prochnow

to be captains of the team. With their efforts, they brought the team together and made sure that the whole experience was enjoyable.

Helping the girls through the three-month season was yet another new face, Coach Bryan Artel. Through his hard work and dedication, the Lady Wildcat swimmers performed above and beyond their wildest expectations.

Some highlights from the season include placing second in the DVC, victoriously crushing the Naperville Central Redhawks in the process. The Junior Varsity girls finished their year successfully, while the Varsity team continued onto the Sectionals. Out of the twelve girls who competed at the meet, a total of four qualified for State. Sophomore Jackie Vavrek won the 50 and the 100-yard freestyle races and was also a part of the sectional champion 200 freestyle relay, consisting of Junior Emilie Biancalana, Senior Heather Prochnow, and Freshman Rachael Slattery. The four girls also qualified for the 400-yard freestyle relay, and Biancalana and Slattery qualified in their individual events as well. At the state meet, Vavrek placed second and sixth in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events respectively. It certainly proved to be a season that everyone will remember.

-The Girls' Swim Team

S W I M M I N G



"Our coach is more than just a coach to us. He is a role model, a parent figure... a friend," said Heather Prochnow of the new coach.



The Lady Wildcat swimmers have often been quoted repeating their favorite sayings: "We do it better in the water" and "Good, better, best, we never let it rest till your good is better, and your better is best."



Jackie Vavrek and Coach Bryan Artel joke during a meet. "The coach inspires us to work hard, day in and day out, no matter how much pain we were in," said one swimmer.



Rachel Horvath and Emily Biancalana encourage each other before the race.



Heather Prochnow swims her lap using the butterfly stroke. Later she went to State to represent Community High School.



Emily Biancalana prepares herself for her big race. She also went to state to participate in one of the many relays.



Front Row: Coach Artel, Julie Shah, Amanda Weier, Nicole Franz 2nd Row: Rachel Horvath, Jaime Sterne, Laura Martin, Kristina Sedjo, Heather Prochnow, Rachael McKenney 3rd Row: Rachel Rivera, Danielle Zirbes, Shelley Koch, Ashley Olson, Betsy Drzal, Laura Wilken Back Row: Alice Hultquist, Jackie Vavrek, Emily Biancalana, Leigh Hellman, Rachel Slattery, Keri Sagen, Melissa Sheme.



Front row: Courtney Voelz, Beth Gottlieb, Coach Culloton, Kate Rehbock, 2nd row: Katie Patnaude, Cory Coffman, Amy Infanger, Back row: Meredith Koch, Liliana Bieniek, Elyse Damsch.



Melissa Sheme takes advantage of her time to her self by listening to music and doing her homework. She has been a part of the swim team since her freshman year.



The team spends many hours per season together, doing everything from spending hours of time practicing to playing early morning tag in the hallways. Here, they stretch out so they don't injure themselves.



Jaime Sterne paces herself throughout her lap.



S O C C E R



WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM THE SOC- CER SEASON?

"Singing on the bus
on the way to
games."

-Craig Schuda

"Beating Naperville
Central."

-Raul Mendoza

"When I split my
head open during a
game."

-Daniel Ballines



The varsity team walks with confidence onto Memorial Field.



Goalie Jon Lim catches the ball stops a goal from taking place.



Raul Mendoza plays the ball extremely carefully to make a winning goal.



Brian Krieg makes his best effort to get the ball away from the opposing team.



Coach Steve Brugmann gives the players new advice for the second half of the game.

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS SEASON?

"That our record
doesn't show how
much talent we
have."

-Joey Park

"We played with all
our heart and we
enjoyed playing."

-Jaime Octaviano



Raul Mendoza and Craig Schuda congratulate Cesar Toledo after scoring a victorious goal.



Craig Schuda runs confidently with the ball to make a great pass to his teammates.



VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

FRONT ROW: Manager Vanessa Cortez, Ernesto Romo, Orlando Chavez, Jose Castellanos, Edgar Escobedo, Manager Arianna Cortez. **SECOND ROW:** Raul Mendoza, Jonathan Lim, Asst. Coach Steve Kimery, Head Varsity Coach Steve Brugmann, Head of Soccer Operations Bob Owens, Jeremy Jensen, Joseph Park. **THIRD ROW:** Adam Selcke, Scott McKee, Thomas Aguirre, Matthew Peterson, Ryan Masschelin, Juan Tecuatil, Vince Fernandez, Craig Schuda. **FOURTH ROW:** Mike Masschelin, Ismael Ferrer, Carlos Ramirez, Daniel Ballines, Jose Ricardo Herrera, Jaime Octaviano, Brian Krieg. **FIFTH ROW:** Gilbert Calleros, Kyle Wolfe, Brian Romanelli, Alex Ortiz, Cesar Toledo, Nick Bernard. **BACK ROW:** CJ Wostratzky, Daniel Callahan, Austen Fuchs, Daniel Garcia, Donnie Jackson, Mike Doll, Jason Woodbury.

"Our soccer coaches are the most committed coaches all around. And they always push you to do better." -Alex Ortiz

The Fast and the Ferocious...

A great season for the Wildcats

Working hard all season paid off for the Wildcat boys' varsity soccer team by making it to sectionals. Along with help of their Varsity Head Coach Steve Brugmann, Asst. Coaches Steve Kimery and Bob Owens, and their top two scorers, Craig Schuda and Raul Mendoza, the team completed the season with an overall record of 10-9-2.

After winning their first game at home against Elgin 3-0, they moved onto their second game at St. Charles. Unfortunately they did not have as much luck there as they did at home and lost 0-1. In one of their most memorable matches, the team beat Naperville Central 2-0. They also defeated Wheaton North in a 1-0 win and eventually placed fifth in the DVC. This team had a great combination of skills and intelligence which helped them on the field. The Senior Captains Craig Schuda, Alex Ortiz, and Mike Masschelin helped the Wildcats this season by offering experience and talent.

-Zayra Pedraza and Karen Garcia

Conference Record: 3-4
Overall Record: 10-9-2



SOPHOMORE SOCCER TEAM

FRONT ROW: Manny Escobedo, Stephen Ramirez, Coach Antonio Del Real, Fabian Perez, Justin Taylor. **SECOND ROW:** Kevin Acosta, Greg Callahan, Nestor Garcia, Christian Hernandez, Bruce Janek. **THIRD ROW:** Eden Vasquez, Joshua Jeter, James Sallis, Andy Kiger. **BACK ROW:** Houston Pineda, Derek Jensen, Ted Germand, Ryan Lange, Ryne Neltner.



FRESHMAN SOCCER TEAM

FRONT ROW: Jon Crotty, Coach Bob Owens, Renato Correa. **SECOND ROW:** Steve Bicek, Eddie Padilla, Chris Carrington, Dieter Rudolph, Irubiel Ferrer. **BACK ROW:** John Doeseckle, Ryan Woodbury, Luis Hernandez, Mauricio Garcia.



SOCCER



License to Kill



The girls' volleyball team proved they were not the doormat of the Dupage Valley Conference with a memorable season. Although they did not win each one of their games, the girls enjoyed the season. Lead by Senior Captains Julie Wiechert and Jenny Payton, the team placed sixth in the conference. Kristi Hasty served as the Head Coach of the Lady Wildcats and was assisted by Coach Murphy. The girls' team demonstrated a great deal of spirit throughout the season. They decorated each other's lockers before each game and gave each other pre game snacks to prepare for the game. They spent hours each weekday, except game days, after school getting ready for their competition and prey. In a very memorable September competition, West Chicago soundly defeated the Aurora Blackhawks in two out of three matches. The girls started out a little on the slow side, losing their first match to the hustling Blackhawks 8-15. When the second game came around, the Wildcats showed a lot more fire and made tracks over the visiting Blackhawks 15-5. The third game was the most exciting of them all. The Lady Wildcats started off nicely, maintaining a 6-4 lead and then moving it to 13-10 with the wild crowd cheering them on. A spike down by Junior Kelly McCarthy helped the Wildcats come back to tie the game, 14-15, but after they went down by one, 15-16, they came back to win the final game, 18-16. Finishing the season with an overall record of 12-24.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	win/loss
9/4	GN	WIN
9/6	NC	LOSS
9/13	GE	WIN
9/18	WA	WIN
9/20	WN	LOSS
9/25	WWS	LOSS
9/27	GN	LOSS
10/2	NC	LOSS
10/4	NN	LOSS
10/9	GE	WIN
10/11	WA	LOSS
10/15	NN	LOSS
10/16	WN	LOSS
10/18	WWS	LOSS

Conference Record 4-10

-Liz Brouwer and Meghan Young



Julie Wiechert



Meghan Michalek



Jenny Payton



Up: Jami Murphy runs through her teammates with a smile.



Left: Natalie Spelman bends over backwards to save the ball, to prevent a point from being scored. **Up:** Lisa Thomas spikes the ball into the faces of the Glenbard North players.



From Left to Right:

1. Meghan Michalek spikes the ball down HARD.
2. Natalie Spelman rocks out with her team.
3. Kelly McCarthy bumps the ball with style.
4. Lisa Thomas attempts to block the spike.
5. Coach Hasty concentrates on the game.

6. Jenny Payton shows her power.
7. Jamie Murphy prepares to serve.
8. Heather Koslow stretches to make the play.
9. Jill Kufta stands ready for anything that comes her way.
10. Joanna Szeszycki prepares for the hard hit.

11. Julie Weichert celebrates after an awesome play.
12. The team shows their Wildcat pride.

Runners of the Corn

Each varsity team member used the previous phrase as motivation when Coach Boves handed her a little piece of a cornstalk. This memento, gathered during an early bus ride, grew to have special significance to girls hoping to qualify for state.

"During the Eddington Invite, a bunch of us ran off into the cornfields and were just having fun for a while before awards, and we came back with souvenirs of corn. It's been kind of a tradition to bring home corn from any meet that has it since, and it's just bonded the entire team together," said senior team captain Erin Kirby.

In addition to these pieces of corn, the tight-knit group of 18 runners will remember the frequent pasta parties that helped to foster many friendships and a competitive spirit among the girls.

The monumental journey to the sectional meet began with miles put in over the summer by many of pre-season runners. The team's numbers ballooned compared to last year when there was barely a team. With competition in place not only for varsity spots but also on the frosh/soph level, it pushed the team up into the levels of competing with anybody who dared to cross a runner's path.

The team tied for first place in its first meet, with Junior Katy Kostal three-pointing her first place finish at the Kaneland season opener. The girls nabbed their own first place trophy at the Bartlett Invite, where Sophomore Bryce Wolfe pulled off first place honors in the Frosh/Soph race. At the Wauconda Invitational, the girls surprised everybody, even themselves, when they took 3rd. They once again placed third as a team at the Bonet Invite.

"The team really stepped it up this year. They

"The athletes' determination to reach their goals and their dedication to the team was impressive and inspirational."

-Coach Katerina Boves

raised their expectations and success was expected and achieved," said Boves.

The team was set to make an impressive showing at the DVC meet, but found itself cursed with bad luck. Despite their misleading 7th place finish, the team was within 10 points of the three teams that finished sixth through fourth. Though the meet didn't give them the results they wanted, Christy Adduci and Katy Kostal earned All-Conference honors in 11th and 12th place respectively, both coming in at 15:32.

For the first time since 1994, the Wildcats were poised to have an exceptional showing at regionals and hoped to advance to sectionals.

Regionals proved to be a triumph for the team, even though one runner, Kim Palka, was sidelined with fatigue. They finished second, advanced to the sectional meet, and placed their top five as 2nd, 3rd, 14th, 15th, and 31st. They had been setting records during the season, and now they were making history.

Sectionals proved to be just as unlucky as the conference meet. Within the first few steps, Erin Kirby fell, and the pack lost sight of each other. The team barely finished in 10th place, and knew they could have been downstate just as easily as the teams that advanced.

MVP went to Kayla Halsell, MVP went to Kostal, and the Rookie Award went to Christy Adduci. With just two graduating runners, the young team is dedicated to keep Wo-Go in the running for next year.

-Katy Kostal



Coach Katerina Boves laughs as one of her runners expresses amazement that she pulled off a competitive finish against two conference teams, Wheaton North and Glenbard North.



Front Row: Christy Adduci, Megan Andracki, Kelly Wdowiarz, Coach Katerina Boves, Zoe Churan, Carmen Saucedo, Zayra Pedraza. Second Row: Mary Beth Selby, Krystal Muhlberger, Jessica Wasielewski, Jessica Cwiak, Jenni Boyd, Kayla Halsell, Kristy Skogsberg. Back Row: Erin Kirby, Bryce Wolfe, Katy Kostal, Kim Palka, Lill Cassidy.

"My favorite moment was going to Great America because we're all crazy and had a great time."

-Jessica Cwiak (2003)

"The team doing so well at regionals and almost qualifying for state through sectionals was the highlight of the year."

-Mary Beth Selby (2004)

"Coach, you're such a granola girl."

-Jenni Boyd (2002)





Front Row: Tom Harwood, Frank Anderson, Coach Paul McLeland, Pat Baur, Kevin Duffy. Second Row: Ben Hensey, Ed Abante, Dan Dieckman, Richard Visser, Jason Becker. Back Row: Harold Visser, Ben Keller, Greg Moore, Derek Jense, Jason Threeram.



Coach Paul McLeland oversees a home meet at Reed Keppler Park. The boys raced against West Aurora and Naperville North.

We Ain't Goin' Nowhere, We Can't Be Stopped Now, 'Cuz It's "CC for Life"

A chorus of boys belted this refrain out prior to races on the bus rides to their meets. It not only pumped them up for a record-breaking, jaw-dropping season of unexpected triumph and achievement, it made this year's team one of the best in ability and in camaraderie.

With returning powerhouse Harold Visser leading the team (he spent last year in Germany) and a total of only two returning varsity runners, the boys expected to have a building season, with no big wins expected. Their success surprised everyone.

Under senior team captains Harold Visser and Ed Abante, they won six meets, including the season opener at Kaneland, the Crystal Lake Invite, the Bartlett Invite, and the Benet Academy Invitational. At Wauconda, the boys took 3rd as a team, and their most challenging meet, the Notre Dame Invite, proved to be their best. 10 out of 16 runners achieved personal bests, and the team took 10th out of 54 teams. The shocker was that each member of the team improved, and the newcomers to the varsity team ran away with fantastic performances. Senior Ben Keller and Freshman Tom Harwood ran with Harold Visser, Ed Abante and Junior Pat Baur to make up the unbreakable pack that was able to stay within an astounding 17 seconds of each other.

Along with hours spent practicing in the heat of the summer, the frigid temperatures of the morning, and the exhausting after school workouts, the team bonded together at pasta parties, excruciating post-meet workouts, and competitions.

"Anyone who says cross country is an individual sport has never been part of a pack before. When you're out there in the race, and you see your

"Playing football with the girls after DVC and Bartlett was fun - since we won."

-Rich Visser (2004)

"Cross country, the only real sport.

Everything else is just a game,"

-Billy Inch (2002)

"The funniest thing this year was when I heard Tom kicked his shoe off at the start of the Lisle race and ran without it for the whole thing - and he got a good place!"

-Kevin Duffy



"This was one of the most rewarding seasons of the 12 years I've coached,"

-Coach Paul McLeland

teammate, and remember that you've got six other guys out there giving it everything they've got, you know you can't let them or the team down. You just put your head down and go," Junior Pat Baur said.

That strong bond never shone brighter than at the Conference meet. Harold Visser, suffering from food poisoning, was barely able to push himself to the finish line for 15th place in 16:17. All-Conference finish his senior year. He couldn't have done it without Pat Baur, who pushed Harold toward his first All-Conference title in the last few steps. The boys placed 4th in the most competitive conference in the state, with Ben Keller also earning All-Conference honors with an 11th place finish in 16:12.

The ultimate challenge came when West Chicago raced at regionals. The Wildcats were able to qualify for sectionals, something they missed doing last year by quite a few places. At the sectional meet, the boys ran against the top two teams in the entire state, and West Chicago took 8th, just three places shy of going to state. With their success, the team proved themselves to be dedicated athletes.

The year saw new faces earning old trophies as MVP went to Senior Harold Visser, MIP went to Senior Billy Inch, and the Coach's Award was given to Senior Ben Keller. The boys' cross country team will certainly miss these seniors who helped make this year one to remember.

-Katy Kostal



Birdies, Bogeys, and Eagles, Oh My!

The girls' golf team at West Chicago looks ahead to next year after completing a season filled with many new memories

With a conference record of 0-5 and an overall record of 0-10-1, they did not meet some expectations, but the first goal of any sport definitely was met - they had fun and improved as the season progressed.

"We even had golf officers!" Senior Courtney Dorn said, the president of the golf team.

Dorn, who had the average lowest score, was voted the MVP for the 2001 season. MIP went to fellow Senior Jackie Walters, the team's Vice President. Treasurer

and Secretary were Seniors Jessica Strock and LeAnn Olson.

One highlight of the season occurred during the tournament against Wheaton North at St.

"It doesn't matter how well we play, as long as we look good doing it." - Courtney Dorn (2002)

Andrews, where each member of the team beat her lowest score.

The team's four graduating seniors will be missed, but the remaining West Chicago girl golfers will be back next season to drive away any competition.

-Katy Kostal



Front Row: (left to right) Michele Walters, Coach Mike Cain, Dana Yormark
Row: Mckenzie Maloney, LeAnn Olson, Jessica Varble, Jamie Klingberg
Back Row: Brittany Brown, Courtney Dorn, Jessica Strock, and Jackie Walters.



Jessica Strock uses her keen sense of alignment and refers back to her geometry skills to make sure that she sinks the put with no problem. Math teachers everywhere should be proud to see the collaboration of learning and sports.



Mckenzie Maloney grabs her ball out of the hole after she finishes the hole with a successful put.



Brittany Brown tries to clinch a low score and the vote for president next year with a single put.



Jackie Walters gives Jessica Strock some uplifting tips on her drive.



LeAnn Olson gracefully follows through on her swing.



Jessica Strock gives it her all on digging her ball out of the sandtrap.



Coach Mike Cain strikes a disturbing pose after eighteen holes.

Golf 2001: A Season

Moving Fore-ward



Front Row: (left to right) Joe Caniano, Dan Pazar, Matt Baumrucker, Jason Forbrook, Zach Deaton Back Row: (left to right) Head Varsity Coach Joe Schrom, Jeff Beeks, Greg Hodge, Mike Paschke, Jon Merrick, Sophomore Coach Eric Lasky Not Pictured: Robin Mildebrath.

This fall the golf teams of the DVC got something they didn't expect when the conference tournament rolled around.

Fierce swinging Wildcats!

"Baumrucker, he's a beast,"
-Jason Forbrook (2003)

The Wildcats drove, chipped, and putted their way to an overall 4th place finish.

They achieved an overall record of 5-5, with three of those wins being in the conference. Though the Frosh-Soph team lacked experience, they fared well and rolled with the punches.

Senior golf member Matt Baumrucker, the Tiger Woods of West Chicago, played like a pro. He was voted onto the DVC All-Conference team and MVP.

"The best memories were of practice. Doing what we want and telling jokes with each other," Senior Zach Deaton said.

The golf team said good-bye to their quartet of seniors at the end of the 2001 season. Joe Caniano, Matt Baumrucker, Jon Merrick, and Zach Deaton put in many tireless hours practicing and dedicating themselves to the team which has done more for golf at West Chicago than can be said.

-Katy Kostal



West Chicago's Head Varsity Coach Joe Schrom looks on as his team goes for the win.



MVP Matt Baumrucker sizes up his next shot, making sure every factor is perfectly contemplated.



Front Row: (left to right) Evan Skarin, Dan Polacek, Dan Bulleri, Austin Curran, Joe Staiton Back Row: (left to right) Head Varsity Coach Joe Schrom, Josh Hahn, Joe Harte, Tom Grove, Doug Boyd, Jamon Siefert, Sophomore Coach Eric Lasky.



Four year member of the golf team, Joe Caniano focuses on sinking his put.



Jon Merrick strikes a pose...or follows through after his drive.



Mike Paschke battles sun and summons stamina to complete a successful drive.



Dan Pazar prays that his ball goes back to its "home," a la Happy Gilmore.

on to Remember

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Always keep the ball inside the...

THIN WHITE LINE

The 2001 tennis season started with the introduction of Coach Tim Martin, a former Wildcat tennis player, to help the girls' Sophomore team with Coach Fred Toms. With all of the new faces and the few returning players, many of the Wildcats, even the novice tennis players, were forced to play on Varsity. Sometimes when players are forced to play at a more advanced level than they may be ready for, they don't do as well because they may not have the necessary skills to compete, especially in a conference like the DVC. The girls still played every match as tough as ever to

try for a West Chicago victory, even with a jumbled line-up that often changed match by match. The Lady Wildcats struggled this year despite the excellent play of Senior Reema Bajaj. New singles player Emily Ekstrom also played very well in her first year on the team, as did Freshman Katie McClintock playing second singles. The Varsity team finished with a record of 1-12 overall, 0-7 in the DVC, and the Sophomore team finished with a record of 1-12 overall, 0-7 in the DVC. Congratulations on a terrific season, Ladies.

~Jason Woodbury



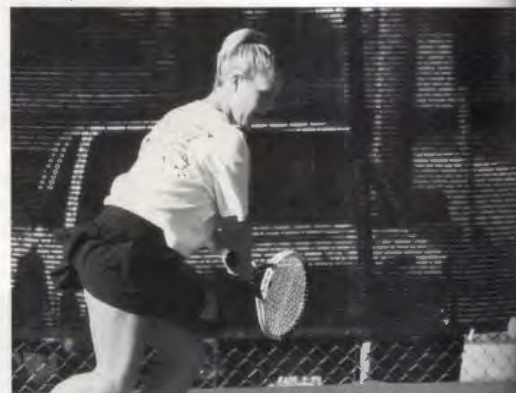
Front: Emily Ekstrom, Kim Liberg, Jessica Day, Ashley Peterson. **Row 2:** Emily Saviano, Je Morrison, Megan Keefe, Beth Toms, Michelle Macrilo, Vanessa Vergara, Kerri Power. **Row 3:** Jasmeen Castillo, Asst. Coach Fred Toms, Coach Sione Moeaki, Asst. Coach Tim Martin, Guerrero. **Row 4:** Krista Johnson, Cassidy Schuyler, Kim Peterik, Paige Karwoski, Le Czernik, Katie McClintock, Lauren Bertram. **Back:** Amanda Schwinn, Andrea John Michelle Howard, Catherine Iannello, Noorah Koila.



First doubles player Leanna Czernik awaits the ball to connect with her racquet for her killer backhand.



The team lines up for their introduction to their opponents as Coach Moeaki does the honors.



First singles player Emily Ekstrom lunges to drive a winner down the line.



Fourth singles player Kate McClintock returns the ball via backhand in her fourth singles match.



Second doubles player Melissa Heron smashes an overhead winner right by her opponents.



Second singles player Kim Peterik prepares to wallop a monster forehand in her second singles match.

Dude, Where's My Parking Space?

Although first period did not begin until 7:45 a.m. during the 2001/2002 school year, many juniors and seniors regularly woke up at five in the morning, more than two hours and forty minutes before the start of school. The early risers weren't simply eager to learn; they recognized the reality that parking spaces are a rare commodity at Community High School. As many students who drive know, arriving before 6:30 a.m. is a necessity if one hopes to find a parking spot that is not a half mile walk from school. According to Senior Lisa Thomas, many students feel frustrated by the lack of student parking and the excess of faculty parking. "I really don't like it that I have to come to school at 6:30 in the morning to get a spot in the front parking lot," said Thomas. "Sometimes I get here late, at around 7:35 and I find that the teachers' parking lot still has spaces empty. Also, spots for teachers by Lincoln School remain empty the whole day. I don't think that is very fair."



According to Junior Sean Warren, parking is rarely problem-free near Lincoln School. "We didn't arrive on time one morning, so we parked in Lincoln parking lot. Some huge SUV was parked next to us, and another one parked right behind us trapping us in. It was ridiculous," said Warren.



Everyday students come to school to find the front parking lot full. Scavenging for spots near the school proves to be a waste of time, forcing some students to park illegally.



"Parking? What parking? That is the problem with this school. There is no parking available ever, and it is very frustrating. I am always afraid that if I park too far away from the school that my car will get hit or scratched. I don't think that the school has enough parking for students, and I don't think that the faculty even understands what we have to deal with, in parking issues, on a daily basis."

-Jill Wolter, Senior

"I really don't like parking, especially in the winter. Spots in by Lincoln School are so close that most students cannot back out of his or her space."

-Errik Loosli, Junior

"The whole idea about being able to drive to school is so that you can sleep in and still be able to park. It can get vicious at 6 a.m. with only five spots left."

-Katy Kostal, Junior

"There is a major problem with parking. There is a problem because people in the community were upset because when students were allowed to park on the side streets. Students littered and loitered, and the people of the community then complained to City Officials. Parking was taken away [from students] and that has caused a problem for students this year."

-Officer Mike Zepeda



"No Parking" signs decorate the streets surrounding Community High School.



Following complaints from residents who live near Community High School, students were prohibited from parking in the area depicted above.



Winter Wonderland

CJ Wostratzky busts out his swimming skills in the pool.



On December and January days, when most West Chicagoans expect freezing wind and snow, there was sunshine. Old Man Winter got off to a slow start this year. Many students even worried that there might not be a white Christmas. How wrong we were!

The snow and cold weather came late and stayed later, making life just a little uncomfortable. If walking from Kerr McGee wasn't bad enough, now we had to trudge through a foot of snow. Luckily - well, depending on how one would look at it - we had just one snow day. Unfortunately, it consumed a row of parking spots for a whole week.

Eventually the snow began to melt...well, some of it. The sun *did* come out, and winter said good-bye. But not without overstaying its welcome and giving all of us a new appreciation for the weather forecasters when they predict anything close to 50 degrees.

-Katy Kostal

Two freshman girls, Alyssa Claude (34) and Erica Fatigato (12), talk after their basketball game.



Dan Fugazzotto and Heather Edmanson walk down the aisle during the Mock Wedding.



Mr. Gimre concentrates in his first season as varsity coach for the Wildcats.



Coach Wallner encourages her Lady Wildcats during a time out. This is her 16th season as varsity coach.

Senior Jason Woodbury enjoys a bottle of water before a basketball game.



Our 2002 Mr. Wildcat, Joey Park, holds a pose after his Michael Jackson routine.



Beginning last year with the Lady Wildcats success in the playoffs, the Wildcats hold hands on the three point arc during the National Anthem. Here, Meghan Young (34), Shaina Sullivan (23), and Lauren Johnston (32) stand in respect before the game starts.



Varsity wrestler Tyler Hempel wins after an exhausting match. Tyler had an exciting season with many wins.

10 Things People Love About Winter

10. Skiing
9. Sledding
8. Snowmen
7. Ice Fishing
6. Ice Skating
5. Snowballs
4. Snow Angels
3. Snow Boarding
2. Snow Blowing
1. Snow Days

What was the most exciting thing that you did over Winter Break?

- "I baked cookies with my mom and younger brothers."
-Steve Singer, 2004
- "I went to Wisconsin with my friends and snow boarded."
-Matt Wilson, 2002
- "I took the train to Chicago and I ice skated all day."
-Tori Jeffery, 2005
- "I opened presents and spent time with family out-of-state."
-Nick Pietrobon, 2005
- "I read with my two children over a nice cup of hot chocolate."
-Ms. Santella, English Teacher and Yearbook Advisor

10 Best Places To Go On Winter Break

10. California
9. Florida
8. Texas
7. Spain
6. Arizona
5. Hawaii
4. Jamaica
3. Virgin Islands
2. Mexico
1. Bahamas

Friday Night Fever



On Friday, February 22nd, the whole school took a break from the chaos of class for the Winter Informal Dance. It was held in Commons and featured DJ "Mystic" Mike Tawney, a regular West Chicago Dance DJ.

Along with the regular quick beats and slow songs, this year's Informal had many people trying their best to break dance without humiliating themselves. Sometimes the embarrassment was more fun than the dancing!

The attendance was hampered by the boys basketball game occurring at the same time, but during halftime, eager students rushed in to enjoy the second dance of the year. Unlike last year, no fire alarms went off to send the dance into the streets. Thankfully, this year's Informal went off without a hitch.

-Katy Kostal

Care to break dance?

Maybe break dancing isn't for everybody, but what else did you like about it?

"My favorite type of break dance is the one where you lean on one arm and push your legs into the air, what's that called? Coffee grinder? I'm not sure, I can do it though."

- Danny Liszka ('05)

"Oh, I don't know. I haven't been to any dances this whole year!"

-Maira Borjon ('05)



Freshman Mike Smeraglia refuses to dance with sophomore Aaron Becker. There's one problem with this situation.....

"My favorite break dance move would have to be the windmill."

-Tony Sosa ('05)

"They were fun. I wouldn't change anything about them."

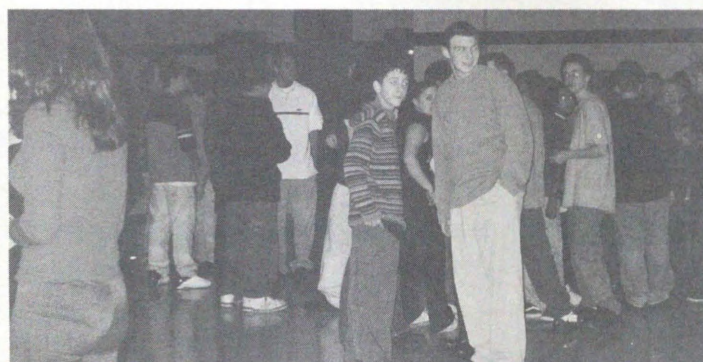
-Katie Desik ('05)



Senior DJ "Mystic" Mike lays down the beats.



Sophomore Brian Lillie gives the crowd a show.



Between songs, dancers chat and check each other out.

Coming into my Junior year, I had no idea what to expect. With my parents bugging me daily about college, I knew this year was going to be one to remember.

Spending two weeks in France made me realize that there is a lot more out there than I thought.

Throughout this year, I have made many new friends. To all these people, you know who you are. You guys are the greatest! And to those who I have known throughout my high school years, thanks a lot. I couldn't have done it without you!

-Sean Warren



Becky Dennis

"To teach us things with knowing, bring back what we've forgot, just do your best, we'll do the rest, and learn until our brains all rot."
-J.K. Rowling

So many memories flood my mind when I think about high school. I think about the fun I had playing soccer and tennis all four years, the good and the bad classes I had to take, and the teachers who helped me grow up. I think about all the friends I have made and the friends I had that I now know even better. I think about the two glorious weeks I spent last spring in Spain and the lifelong friends I made there. I finally think about how much I'm going to miss high school and how it seemed to go by so fast.

These pictures represent all of these thoughts and people. They come straight from me, Jason Matthew Woodbury.



Sean Warren

Live life to the fullest
so you don't regret it
later!

Junior year was a year for change. Most We-Go students dread this year because of tough classes, ACT's, and the all-encompassing Junior Research Paper. This year will be remembered, not because of the academic challenges, but because of the other events that occurred in my life.

This was a year for change. I pierced my eyebrow, changing me physically. I've lost close friends and gained others, changing me emotionally. And, after spending two weeks in France, I was more independent.

This was a year for change. I've changed in many ways since I entered WCCHS (the pictures to the left represent my 3 years at We-Go). And now with only one year left before I leave, I'm looking forward to what's to come because Junior year shoved me (and my peers) through the doors of maturity, preparing us for the future.

-Becky Dennis



Jason Woodbury

What lies ahead of
you and what lies
beneath you, is
nothing compared to
what lies within you.

EDITOR'S PAGE

Fame Found Center Stage

Got dance? It does a body good... In 2002, 30 girls proved they could dance.

Themed after the popular milk ads, this year's dance recital created and performed by the Dance Production class proceeded without a hitch.

Numerous practices secured the girls' confidence in their dances. On nights before finals, while every other student was burning the midnight oil studying at home, they were critiquing their leaps and perfecting their pirouettes.

This year saw an increase in the number of dancers in the class, partly be-

cause of the decision to allow freshmen to audition into the class.

Each girl was required to work with others in the class and put together two types of dances: a large and small group dance.

One crowd favorite this year was "Chorus Line." Ten girls dressed as different types of performers, all auditioning for a role. In this dance, Heather Goorley nervously wet her pants, and Crystal Kirschke battled with fellow ballerina Amanda Stone for the spotlight. Other favorites were the sophomore dance, "Stu-

pid Cupid", with guest dancer Jared Schneider, and "?!#&?\$", which was a mix of R&B and included choreography more complicated than calculus.

All dancers performed in "Finale" where songs which included the word "dance" were used. Pam Boyle, Lindsay Nash, and Caitlin Riermaier performed soloists. Jamie Nadolny and Jess Crockatt, Joanna Szeszycki and Lindsay Nash, and Amanda and Melanie Stone were the three duets that graced the stage.

-Katy Kost



Clockwise from top left: "Come on Over" gals, Lisa Martin and Molly Knaak. Sophomore dancers in their final pose. Jessi Crockatt furiously tries to untie her shoe. "Bongo" dancers Hope Vock, Molly Knaak, Joanna Szeszycki, Christina Wilbur, Amanda Stone, Crystal Kirschke, Aimee Paran and Allison Rovtar. "Chorus Line" had the audience rolling in the aisles. Jamie Nadolny smiles right after "Smooth Criminals" ends.



What dance was your favorite?
"Senior Dance because it all came together at the end."
-Allison Rovtar (2002)
"Love Shack because it was a feel good dance and everyone liked it and joined in behind the scenes."
-Molly Knaak (2004)

What was the most painful part of the class?
"After school practice."
-Crystal Kirschke (2002)
"Practice until 10 PM."
-Hope Vock (2003)
"Choreographing."
-Linnea Caputi (2002)

What types of dances would you like to see in the future?
"I don't care as long as it involves more guys!"
-Lindsay Nash (2004)
"I would like to see more of a variety of dances - modern, hip-hop, ballet, tap, etc."
-Lisa Martin (2004)



Dance Production Front: Monica Pecoraro, Kristin Nickelson, Lindsay Nash, Molly Knaak, Megan Brandstedter, Kristen Mederich, Jessi Crockatt, Crystal Kirschke. **2nd Row:** Caitlin Riermaier, Jill Novak, Lisa Martin, Christina Wilbur, Angela Rojas, Hope Vock, Tatiana Podstavkova, Amanda Stone, Linnea Caputi, Heather Goorley. **Back:** Norah McAvoy, Aimee Paran, Allison Rovtar, Kristi Hall, Katy Kostal, Michelle Ott, Paige Karwoski, Joanna Szeszycki, Pamela Boyle, Jamie Nadolny, and Melanie Stone. **Not pictured:** Gianna Pigoni.



Amanda Stone, en pointe, Lindsay Nash poses before during her duet with her tap solo, "Kick in the Head."

Clockwise from top left: Heather Goorley is caught in her "Love Shack" costume. Pamela Boyle and Christina Wilbur smile before "West Chi What!?" . Senior dancers: Christina Wilbur, Allison Rovtar, Aimee Paran, Angela Rojas, Crystal Kirschke, Pamela Boyle and Amanda Stone . Kristin Nickelson, Norah McAvoy, and Joanna Szeszycki pause between quick changes. Crystal Kirschke and Molly Knaak model "Flavor of the Weak" outfits. Linne Caputi and Gianna Pigoni just before "Senior Dance" takes the stage. Monaca Pecoraro and Kristen Mederich perform "Seduce Me". Hope Vock tackles Melanie Stone with a hug.



WINTER PLAY

THE FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY

THE ANNUAL WINTER PLAY TOOK ON A DIFFERENT STYLE THIS YEAR. INSTEAD OF THE NORMAL PLAY, THE CAST DECIDED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF MUSIC. THIS WAS A BIG TASK FOR THE CAST, BUT THEY WERE READY TO TAKE ON *THE FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY*, BY JOSEPH ROBINETTE WITH MUSIC BY THOMAS TIERNEY.

ON FEBRUARY 21, THE PLAY WAS FIRST PERFORMED FOR THE PUBLIC. IT STARRED MICHELLE GIBLIN('05) AS MONROE ON BOTH THURSDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS, AND KEVIN ROLOFF('05) AS MONROE ON FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THE CAST KEPT WORKING DILI-

GENTLY WITH PRACTICES EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL. THE DEDICATED STUDENTS WERE WILLING TO PUT IN THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE THIS PLAY THE BEST PERFORMANCE POSSIBLE.

THE CAST NEEDED TO WORK HARDER WITH THE EXTRA SINGING AND DANCING WITH THE DIRECTOR, MRS. ANNA AHONEN, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MS. MARY HAFERTEPE. IN THE END, THE SHOW WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL.

SEAN WARREN AND LILLI CASSIDY



ABOVE: CHRISTINE HENDRON('03), KEVIN ROLOFF('05), AND KATIE PATNAUDE('03) ACT OUT THE FABLE, *THE FARMER AND THE DONKEYS*.



TO THE RIGHT: JULIE EVANS('05), WHO PLAYS THE PART OF STRAUCEY THE STORYTELLER, TAKES CENTER STAGE AS SHE SINGS HER HEART OUT.

TO THE LEFT: KRISTIN KOLTZ('03), WHO PLAYS THE PART OF WANDA, AND KATIE KAMMES('02), A MEMBER OF THE ENSEMBLE, SEARCH FOR DIRECTIONS.



"OPENING NIGHT, I WAS SHAKING SO BAD MY FRIEND SAID THAT SHE HEARD MY FOOT THUMPING!"

-MICHELLE GIBLIN('05)

THE ACTORS DO AN EXCELLENT JOB PERFORMING A SCENE FROM THE WELL KNOWN FABLE, *THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE*.





REBECCA WILKENING('04) AND ELYSE DAMSCH('05)

FABLES INCLUDED IN THE PLAY:

- 1.THE COUNTRY MOUSE AND THE CITY MOUSE
- 2.THE DOG AND THE SHADOW
- 3.THE FARMER AND THE DON-KEYS
- 4.THE LION AND THE MOUSE
- 5.THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE
- 6.THE ANT AND THE GRASS HOPPER

"I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME! I LOVE ACTING. DOING THIS PLAY WAS FUN BECAUSE YOU HAD TO EXPRESS A LOT OF FEELING AND IT WAS JUST A LOT OF GOOFY STUFF."

-ANDY DAMERON('04)



CHRISTINE HENDRON('03), KRISTIN KOLTZ('03), AND KATIE KAMMES('02)



THE ENSEMBLE FREEZES DURING A SCENE.



MIKE GIESE('04) AND KATIE KAMMES('02)



JULIEN BENTER ('05)

MIKE GIESE('04), ANDY DAMERON('04), KEVIN ROLOFF('05), AND KATIE PATNAUDE('03) PERFORM, *THE LION AND THE MOUSE*.



TO THE LEFT: JESSE LORD('03) PETS HIS DOG.

"I HAD A LOT OF FUN BEING A PART OF THE PLAY."
-JULIEN BENTER ('05)

"THE BEST PART WAS MEETING NEW PEOPLE, AND HANGING OUT WITH MY OLD FRIENDS."

-KARI-ÁNE DIMAS('05)



Bilingual Department 2002



Mrs. McCarter makes sure everyone is getting good grades.

Since its beginning, the Bilingual Program has made a lot of progress and a huge difference in the high school experiences of people who come here from other countries. The program teaches students English and helps them to improve their grades. Students in this program move on and succeed in classes outside of the program. Teachers keep in touch with past students to motivate them and to make sure that they keep their grades up.

Students begin at the Welcome Center, a place where they learn the basic skills for high school. Prepared students then leave the Welcome Center and transfer out of Lincoln School and into the bilingual classrooms in another part of the school. These classes are taught like any other class, except that some are taught in Spanish, until they can move up to regular English classes.

-Zayra Pedraza and Karen Garcia



Uriel Medina and Ramiro Juarez pay attention to Mr. Poulterer while he teaches a new song.



Armando Labastida gets ready to start a worksheet with a partner.



Juan Sarellana takes a break from his Science experiment.



Said Mendoza finishes his History homework.



Jose Dillafuerte shows the two the flags that represent him and most of the students in the program.

QUE QUISIERAS QUE LA GENTE SUPIERA DEL PROGRAMA BILINGUE?

"Que el programa Bilingue da muchas oportunidades para aprender."

-Bibiana B.

"Muchos maestros me han alludado a progresar (Mark, McCarter, and Garcia) y me han apellado mucho."

-Cuit Beltran



Mr. Del Real's class in the Welcome Center listens carefully to his discussion of what qualities make real friends.



POR QUE CREEN QUE LAS CLASSES BILINGUES SON IMPORTANTES?

"Por que en este estado es importante para que te puedas comunicar."

-Guadalupe Ologue

"I guess it's cool because when you arrive and you don't speak English, they can help you."

-Rafael Ramirez

"Por el numero tan grande que existe en la comunidad latina."

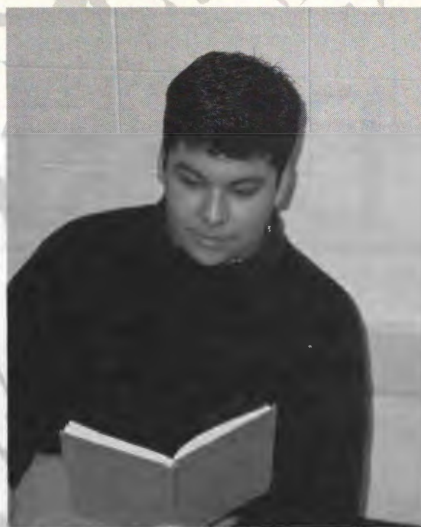
-Anonymous



Mr. Garcia teaches his History class a new lesson.



Ana Ceja stops at her locker on her way to her History class.



Raul Guzman completes his English homework.



Anna Maslowska uses her homework time wisely.



Mr. Montoya's class takes notes for their test.



Students pay attention to instructions in Science class before starting an experiment.



Mrs. McCarter's class finds time to share ideas for the yearbook.



Mr. Garcia's class shows how proud they feel about where they come from.

The Breakfast Clubs



French Club: Front: Berenice Leal, Gladys Proa, Michelle Cosco, Zayra Pedraza, Carmen Saucedo, Briana Jakubik, Alex Arnold. Row 2: Laura Martinez, Geraldine Colorado, Sean Warren, Keri Sagen, Evan Skarin, Ben Mancera, Hope Vock, Katy Kostal, Seyda Lavariega. Row 3: Claudia Alcantar, Melissa Resendiz, Simon Blanco, Melissa Prusko, Alondra Hernandez, Jose Martinez, Jessica Morrison. Back Row: Madame Appel, Javier Saucedo, Noemi Rodriguez, Yesenia Fernandez, Patricia Perez, Gabriela Solis, Sarah Hasse, Heather Coakley



German Club: Front: Phil Buksa, Dale Szul, Richard Visser, Hillary Brown. Row Two: Sarah Meyerholz, Tatiana Podstavko, Emy Krauspe, Andrea Johnson, Ian Rewers, Heather Lakic, Jessica Varble. Row Three: Harold Visser, Jeff Cisowski, Abigail Rauseo, Christine Austin, Amy Lichtfuss, Nicole Lederman, Kristin Hagen. Back Row: Eric Nelson, Katie Kammes, Dawn Barzso, Ham Colliander, Jason LeGear, Robert Lakics, Frau Strohm.



Spanish Club: Front: Jasmeen Castillio, Jessie Elson, Morgan Schar. Row Two: Mary-Megan Kalvig, Alison Dahl, Theresa McEvoy, Mike Smeraglia, Hilary Tennant, Nicole Franz. Back Row: Jennifer Mark, Kim Peterik, Katie Taylor, Elyse Barron, Melissa Johansen, Robert Gottlieb, Jessica Warbiany, Eric Gotkowski.



International Club: Front: Berenice Leal, Joey Park, Michelle Masschelin, Craig Schuda, Nicole Lederman. Back Row: Senior Bellis, Beca Duran, Amy Lichtfuss, Jessie Banwart, Meghan Young

The Experience of Different Cultures

With a variety of activities, the different groups of students from the four cultural clubs had an enjoyable year. The three groups of French, Spanish, and German club all had parties and experienced the different cultures that went along with their countries. The International Club consisted of a variety of countries and a variety of food! During the month of September, International Club member Andy Hein held an international feast at his house. Each member made a different food from a different place around the world. This allowed the students to find out how the food was made and, more importantly, how it tasted! Suzette Creperie helped the French Club have a taste of the French cuisine. Here the students got to try one of the most authentic French food, the crepe. At the Creperie, a variety of choices of crepe were available, but all of them tasted great. The Spanish Club tried a different kind of activity. One night they decided to watch *Toy Story* in Spanish. This movie allowed the students to learn a variety of words. Meanwhile, the German Club hosted the annual holiday party for all the clubs. All of the clubs invaded German Club member Emy Krauspe house.

Foreign Affairs



The French 1 commercial "Mentos" stars the fallen Jose Garcia and David Tirado as Jeff Gilbert looks on. This was one of the many zany ideas throughout French 1.

Foreign films got nothin' on West Chicago!

The French and German plays, performed annually, rose to new heights this spring. Hilarious, uproarious, and unpredictable, they entertained all who watched - though the audience probably didn't understand them!

The German Plays were required to use the word "Schwimringe," or "floaties," better known as love-handles. Many of their plays involved fat of all forms, including a parody of Jared the Subway Guy.

No such theme was required for the French Plays, but the same results were found. Parodies of many different television shows, talk shows, and well-known commercials (remember Eagle Man?) were presented.

"I would ... make them [the plays] later in the afternoon so that the parents can watch us perform too," Freshman Yesenia Fernandez said of her first experience in the French Plays.

By combining slapstick, violence, and outrageous costumes, the French and German plays were able to amuse the judges, the students, and - most importantly - the teachers once again.

-Katy Kostal and Ryan Masschelin



In a French 3 play called "Jacqueline et le tige d'haricot," a version of Jack and the Beanstalk, Amy Infanger warns crouching "Jacqueline," Carrie Gallimore, of the giant, played by Justin Hoshaw.



French 3's "J'adore Lucy" stars Abel Valdez as Ricky Ricardo, Carmen Saucedo as Fred Mertz, Gladys Proa as Lucy and Heather Coakley as Ethel.

"The French Plays are a good experience. They give you a fun way to learn the language."
-Jenni Boyd ('02)



In a French 2 play, "Becoming Dream," Lindsay Nash pretends to style Jenny Davero's hair as Kristen Mederich looks on anticipating her fate.



German 4's Paul Elson acts in his play, "Nur Sieben Minuten, Danke Frau, Vielen Dank," meaning "Only Seven Minutes, Thanks Frau, Thanks."



German 4 honor students Jenny Payton and Julie Wiechert acted as the announcers for the entire day of German Plays.



German 2 shows some wanna-be cheerleading as Karly Leonard and Amanda Kvasnika present their skit, "Bringt Es An," or "Bring It On."



FBLA: Dreams With Direction

The Future Business Leaders of America had an extremely successful year. Many students achieved awards at the conference and the state meet, with several invitations to the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

The members of FBLA raised the heads of many when they came home with a record number of awards for their outstanding achievements in their business areas.

The group also received recognition from the March of Dimes for their Annual Variety Show fundraiser, achieving 2nd place for the Most Creative Fundraising Idea and 1st place for Most Money Raised Per Capita.

The future looks bright for the members of FBLA. Greg Moore stated, "FBLA of West Chicago is reaching new heights!"

10th Place- Nick Bernard in Business Law; Nikki Franz in Parliamentary Procedure.

9th Place- Greg Hodge and Mike Paschke in Website Development.

8th Place- Beca Duran in Parliamentary Procedure.

7th Place- Heidi Colliander in Parliamentary Procedure.

6th Place- Mena Gentile in Word Processing 1.

5th Place- Mike Letts in FBLA Principles and Procedures, Matt Shambo in Who's Who in FBLA.

4th Place- Greg Moore and Jackie Batty in Emerging Business Issues.

3rd Place- Tatiana Podstavkova in Community Service Presentation, Nick Kuras in Computer Applications, Brianne Nadolny in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Hilary Blanchard in Parliamentary Procedure.

-Erin Kirby



Front Row: Mike Letts, Jeff Raymond, Sean Reynolds, Rob Casey, Jeff Cisowski, Dan Szul, Nick Kuras, Adam Jones; Second Row: Jeff Cordina, Brian Romanelli, Eric Musick, Paul Majchrowski, Nick Bernard, Greg Moore, Alex Baker, Matt Kallas, Chris Wostratzky, Aron Morris, Matt Shambo, Joe Klingberg, Greg Hodge, Mike Paschke; Last Row: Hilary Blanchard, Jennifer Tan, Beca Duran, Jackie Batty, Jennifer Schaefer, Cori Drake, Jamie Nadolny, Tatiana Podstavkova, Laura Martinez, Nikki Franz, Brianne Nadolny, Mena Gentile, Heidi Colliander, Christy Adduci.

How has FBLA prepared you for the future?

"You meet new people and it helps you participate in a formal work place."

-Joe Klingberg



President Matt Shambo ('03) wins the award for Who's Who in FBLA.



The Future Business Leaders of America showcase their record breaking amount of awards achieved this year.



Jamie Nadolny ('02) smiles with the trophy she won in the Interview competition.



The Parliamentary Procedure team is all smiles after their outstanding placement this year.



FBLA members enjoy the awards banquet after an exciting day of competition.

Look to the Future



Front Row: Javier Saucedo, Tnarri Kilgore, Carmen Saucedo, Zayra Pedraza, Pamela Martin, Lisa Martin, Hugo Saucedo; Second Row: Stella Calamia, Kate Melbourn, Jason York, Ed Abante, Chris Nelson, Brad Spata; Back Row: Mr. Junkroski, Elizabeth Czernik, Dariusz Szyszk, John Coulston, Adam Selcke, Mike McInerney, Stephanie Smothers, Alison Dahl, Brian Calabrese

How does USA-Skills VICA mold your future?

"It's a practical way to learn how to use your different skills and prepare for the future."

-Adam Selcke

USA Skills-VICA, or Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, prepares students for future careers in occupations such as sewing, child care, mechanical drawing, architectural drawing, and interior design to name a few.

This year the students put their skills to the test and participated in a statewide competition. In order to compete in the competition, the students qualified by taking an exam for their individual trade. The top twenty test takers in their area made it to the prestigious state event.

The students involved in the competition spent the year preparing for the big two day event. All in all the consensus was that the hard work was worth it because it

forced them to focus on something they really care about and will use in the future. When asked if he would recommend VICA to other students, Ed Abante replied, "MOST DEFINITELY, it gives you a chance to see how you would do against competition all across the state and even the nation." In addition to the work that was put in, they also took many good memories. Jason York recalled one of the many fun times that were shared this year. "My favorite memory was pouring half a bottle of Mr. Bubble in a whirlpool and watching the bubbles rise over Ed's and my faces and soar to an amazing height of four feet."

-Erin Kirby



The drawing competitors are hard at work to accomplish their hopefully phenomenal product.



USA Skills-VICA group settle for a picture before they head back home after a successful weekend of hard competition.



Stephanie Opel smiles gleefully after being announced as the winner in the sewing competition.



Jill Wolter receives a first place plaque for her preschool teaching competition.



This piece of wonderful photography was done by an aspiring photographer during the weekend of competition.

Key Club

Have you ever wondered what Key Club is or wondered what a key has to do with it? Well, here is your answer. Key Club is a community service organization that works in conjunction with the adult group Kiwanis. Ironically, neither Kiwanis or Key Club has anything to do with a key.

Being a member of the Key Club proves to be rewarding through the numerous service projects they sponsor. This year Key Club sponsored its annual blood drive, prairie path clean-up, and Kiwanis Halloween Parade, Chili Cook Off, and Fish Fry. Again this year Key Club held the fundraiser for the Heifer Project, which is a program that raises money for a third world country.

President Melissa Prusko, Vice-President Melissa Heron, Secretary Christine Austin, and Treasurer Pam Martin met every Wednesday morning to plan and organize projects for the school and the community. In addition to working hard for the school as officers, the club is part of an international Key Club. Every month the club sent in reports to the international Key Club informing them of the projects completed and number of members in the club.

-Melissa Prusko

Front: Tyler Hempel, Treasurer Pam Martin, Lindsay Nash, and Andrea Johnson. Back: Tom Grove, Laura Baumrucker, Vice-President Melissa Heron, and President Melissa Prusko. Not Pictured: Advisor, Mr. Rau (He's taking the picture), and Secretary Christine Austin.



Key Club projects for 2001/2002:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| *Humanitarian Service Project | *Heartland Blood Drive |
| *Kiwanis Halloween Parade | *Prairie Path Clean-up |
| *Kiwanis Chili Cook-off | *Heifer Project |

SADD projects for 2001/2002:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| *National Smoke-out Day | *Grim Reaper Day |
| *Red Ribbon Week | *Dating Violence |
| *Lights on for Life | *Seat belt Safety |



Front: President Rebekah Boyd, Secretary Jessica Boyd, and Vice-President Brittany Boehm. Middle: Linsey Perez, Melissa Prusko, Amy Norman, Katie-Lynn Melbourn, Nicole Kovacevic, and Julie Wiechert. Back: Javier Saucedo, Cori Drake, Jenny Payton, Laura Schaefer, Zayra Pedraza, Lisa Lindner, Ruchita Patel, Jennifer Taylor, and Lauren Mroz.

SADD

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is as a positive element here at We-Go High. The member goal is to get a message to their fellow students about the dangers of destructive decisions, a cause that is worth their time and effort. SADD, formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving has expanded to include other destructive decisions. While stopping drunk driving remains a major focal point of the club, today's society is proving there are other important issues that need to be prevented, and therefore they are focused on by the club.

SADD started the year by getting the word out right at Homecoming about making smart decisions. During lunch hours all that week SADD members tested their fellow peers on their knowledge of SADD, and its purposes.

President Rebekah Boyd, Vice-President Brittany Boehm and Secretary Jessica Boyd worked very hard and diligently to make SADD a success. A lot of effort was seen everything they did, like the pre-prom activities and Red Ribbon Week.

If your friends have been drinking, don't allow them to drive home. Only you will save them, but possibly those of many others as well.

-Melissa Prusko



Peer Helpers: Front: Natalie Chudoba, Nicole Patel, Jacki Walters, Stella Peduzzi, Simon Blanco, Keri Sagen, Sandra Rincon, Adrian Reyes Row 2: Dave Pater, Jeff Raun, Tim Jaffe, Brad Bytof, Hope Vock, Nathan Roberts, Brian Calabrese, Ms. Woodson Back: Peter Milauskos, Amy Lichtfuss, Craig Schuda, Melanie Stone, Fabiola Leal, William Rocha, Mike Masschelin, Jill Kufta.

Lean On Me

Where can students go when the pressures of school are getting to them, when they can't fix a huge problem all by themselves, when they have to settle something and need outside help?

Peer Listeners provide just such an outlet. They are accessible to the entire student body here at West Chicago. Much of the time, they help the incoming freshmen adjust to the intimidating task of entering high school. Other times they can be found helping kids deal with day to day problems like homework and stress

in the Academic Skills Center.

They're also trained to speak to kids on such topics as drugs prevention. Teens Against Tobacco Usage is one program in which Peer Listeners are involved. They travel to the feeder schools and speak out on the ill effects of smoking.

Whenever someone needs guidance and wanted to talk to one of his or her own peers, somebody who could understand, Peer Listeners are always eager to lend an ear.

-Katy Kostal

Let Me In!

How can you become a Peer Helper?
Here's a Play-By-Play Instruction Guide to get you on the track to helping out your fellow wildcats!

!GOOD LUCK!

How has
being a
Peer
Listener
changed
you?

"When I helped the freshmen, I learned to listen and be more helpful."

-Hope Vock ('03)

"It has made me a better person."

-Ryan Stuhr ('04)

STEP 1:

Desire & Begging

You crave. You burn. You pine to become a Peer Listener. You get recommendations from any teachers you can find and turn them in.

STEP 2:

Meet & Greet

Meet the advisor of Peer Listening, Ms. Woodson. Hope that she accepts your recommendation sheet and wait for an interview time to be set up.

STEP 3:

Interview With the Listeners

You go through the first interview with a Peer Listener and then meet with Ms. Woodson herself. NO PRES-SURE!

STEP 4:

Anticipation...

Now that you've gotten through the woods (Sorry Ms. Woodson), the Peer Listeners and the Advisor will decide if you meet their criteria.

Q

What is your favorite part of being a peer helper?

A

"The Power! The Power! "
-Simon Blanco ('03)



NO SMOKING

Searching For West Chicago's Chess and Math Teams

Checkmate

The chess team made it to state this year, with three of our students making the top ten in our state. Tyler Belding, Derek Smith, and Jarett Worth won top ten board prizes at the state competition. But it was a tough road to get to state.

The team practiced every Tuesday from 5:00-6:30 p.m. They traveled as far as Peoria to compete in the different matches. The season lasted from October until March. Overall, the team finished third in the DVC. In state, the team finished eleventh.



Front Row: Justin Doyle, Mike Buerger, Tom Macauley, Jason LeGear. Back Row: Tyler Belding, Patrick McCluskey, Derek Smith, Jarett Worth

Calculate This

With three new coaches for the West Chicago Math Team, the team had to look forward to a tough year. Adding to their difficulty, the team consisted of very few senior participants. At many of the meets, Juniors filled the places of the absent Seniors. But that did not make the true mathletes lose their faith.

For each meet, the team traveled hours to compete at different schools. After the long competition, the team would return home around 10:00 p.m. and be ready for the next day.



Mrs. Mathews reads off the competitor lists for the seniors as Kristy Shilling ('02) and Martha Mueller ('02) wait to see if they will be competing.

Karen Miller ('03) and Lisa Linder ('03) work on their calculus and trigonometry problems.



CJ Wostratzky ('03) tries the first problem in the candy-bar competition.



Melissa Prusko ('04) works on her geometry, trying to figure out the hypotenuse of the triangle.



Miron Demirovski ('05) waits for the bus to take the team to the competition.



Front Row: Mrs. Mathews, Josh Hartman, Robert Gott, Amanda Massih, Nathan Roberts, Mark Tonchick, Brian Miron Demirovski. Row Two: Mr. Hayes, Pamela Ma, Melissa Johansen, Martha Mueller, Kristy Shilling, Ra, Moguel, Sean Warren, Ruchita Patel, Ian Rewers, R, Maritote. Row Three: Mark Hopkins, Tom Grove, Callahan, Craig Schuda, Michael Masschelin, Jon Lim, Je, Warbiany, Theresa McEvoy, Kim Peterik, Katy Kostal, K, Miller, Lisa Lindner, Mike Doll, Joey Park, Ms. Slobod, Back Row: Ryan Masschelin, Amanda Weier, Tyler Hen, Shaila Shallcross, Alyssa Campagnoni, Melissa Prusko, Nelson, CJ Wostratzky, Pat Baur, Geoff Palka.

Math Team Motto:
The First Step is Admitting
You Have a Problem!!!



Little is ever said in the hallways about Scholastic Bowl. Quietly their members pass between the hallways without being noticed. That is, until a competition comes around. This year the team experienced success time after time, thanks to its dedicated members.

The Scholastic Bowl is set up just like a game show. The competitors weren't allowed to leave their rooms while the competition occurred, giving them a "stress under pressure" feeling. Well, the added pressure helped. They experienced a victorious season over the 2001/2002 school year.

"Scholastic Bowl is a lot like Jeopardy. They asked us questions, and each teams' members would buzz in to answer," said Junior Kristina Wanous.

"Practice was the best - we could hang-

out, ignore questions, and make fun of ourselves," she added.

The team's members are on their own during the competitions. History Teacher Mrs. Wilson acts as the advisor for the team.

Just like all the other clubs, Scholastic Bowl is faced with the issue of funds and the more hectic issue of fund raising.

"We decided to sell blowpops for the low, cheap, excellent price of 50 cents a pop and three for a dollar, to buy our new buzzer system," Sophomore David Bennett said.

-Katy Kostal



Coaches Sandra Wilson and Nick Caltagirone relax at Pal Joey's after a long season.



Emmanuel Duran goes into a hypnotic trance with a vision of the next victorious season.

SOME QUICK PEAKS INTO THE MINDS OF GENIUSES

**"That's a career-ending decision."
-Ms. Wilson**

"Can you read between the lines?"

**"That's a career-ending decision."
-Mr. C**

"Alexander Pope!"

What
were some of
your favorite memories
from this past year's season
of competition that you
won't soon forget?

Why?

"We
had a great
season and I can only
hope that next year will be
as fun."

-Emmanuel Duran
(04)

"Our
first competi-
tion, with Brad buzzing
in and yelling at the top of
his lungs"

-Kristina Wanous
(03)



Varsity: Left to Right: Erin Linsenmeyer, Kristina Wanous, Anthony DeLegge, Emmanuel Duran, Brad Spata, Leigh Hellman, Coach Sandra Wilson, Melissa Stevens.



Anthony DeLegge and Robert Gottlieb are voted M.V.P.

Student Council

Have you ever wondered how projects such as Pay It Forward and the Freshman Bake Sale have started? Or where the ideas came from? Answer: Community High's Student Council. The name says it all. Student Council is made up of just that: students. It's made of students, by students, and for students.

Honorary members, officers and the executive board make up the entire Student Council. Honorary members are those members in the class who are not officers, but still want to make a difference.

Council Member Emy Krauspe says, "I really like being in Student Council because it lets me have a part in a lot of different things happening around the school. It's cool to have a say about things like prom, fundraisers, and the school in general."

~Melissa Prusko



Front: Alex Serrato, Valerie Cirone, Joey Park, Tito Correa, Craig Schuda, Katy Cloutier, Jeff Cisowski, and Steve Ramirez. Second: Dylan Swanner, Jackie Gola, Nick Bernard, Heidi Colliander, Jessica Boyd, Christina Orda, Patrick Virnich, Emy Krauspe, Ashley Rodgers, Anna Nubie, and Rebecca Wilkening. Third: Mr. Zimmerman (advisor), Andrea Johnson, Jackie Vavrek, Jeff Hansen, Jeff Raun, Hilary Blanchard, Jamie Nadolny, Fabiola Leal, Kim Mueller, Alex Baker, Colleen Mathias, Lauren Migliorato, and Heather Prochnow. Back: Tony Reyes, Brian Romanelli, Ernesto Romo, Tysyn Wyman, Jon Lim, Mike Masschelin, CJ Wostratzky, Matt Shambo, and Maggie Wdowiarz.

Student Council Executive Board

- ~Matt Shambo
- ~Jeff Raun
- ~Mr. Zimmermann (advisor)
- ~Mike Masschelin
- ~CJ Wostratzky
- ~Jamie Nadolny
- ~Hilary Blanchard
- ~Lauren Migliorato
- ~Andrea Johnson



Freshman Class Officers: Tito Correa, Bruce Janek, Ms. Marchiando (advisor), and Jeff Cisowski.



Sophomore Class Officers: Jackie Vavrek, Kim Mueller, Fabiola Leal, and Rebecca Wilkening.



Junior Class Officers: Nick Bernard, Maggie Wdowiarz, and Matt Shambo.



Senior Class Officers: Jon Lim, Lauren Migliorato, Mike Masschelin, and Jamie Nadolny.

Technology Center of DuPage

TCD (Technology Center of DuPage), formally known as Davea, is one of the most successful programs that Community High School conducts. This program is offered to Juniors and Seniors only. TCD is a helpful way to learn and to get started in a career that someone is looking to study.

The TCD has a variety of different departments of education including Cosmetology, Nursing, Child Development, Auto Body, and other programs. These programs are useful in helping someone decide if this is the career that he/she would like to pursue.

TCD gives anyone an opportunity to earn a license to be able to work right after high school. This gives an advantage to people who decide against going to college.

"The advantages of going to TCD is meeting new friends and experiencing the work world."

-Brock Spaniol ('03)

"You learn a lot of new skills, how the real world is, and what it would take to make it."

-Corey Coleman ('02)

"You get to learn things for your future careers while you are still in high school."

-Christine Hendron ('03)



Students learn how to perfect makeup, nails, cutting and styling hair during Cosmetology class.



Great chefs come out of TCD after taking the Culinary Arts class.



Students in the Child Development class take time to play with the kids.

Enemy of

2001-2002 featured the 18th and 19th legislative sessions for the Government classes for the ninth year in a row. This simulation is conducted by students in the Government classes. The students simulate Congress by creating bills, having them passed through committees of other representatives, and debating these bills in the simulation. The majority of students in Government are seniors who need to pass this class in order to graduate. A handful of juniors also took the class.

These two sessions were almost the complete opposite when it came to their members. The first semester session had a Republican majority by more than 20 people. This means that the Speaker of the House was Republican and became the Chief Executive for the next session. The Speaker of the House for the 18th session was Courtney Dorn, and her Head Clerk was Brad Shelley. The Majority and Minority Floor Leaders were Geoff Palka and Nicole Patel respectively. Some of the bigger Republican bills had little trouble passing through the session. Bills like abolishing affirmative action and banning abortion passed through the session, where Democratic bills like prison reform and stopping Alaskan oil drilling didn't pass. The Republican major-

ity could be the explanation, although Patel and the rest of the Democrats put up an excellent fight.

The majority doesn't always pass all of their bills. In the 19th legislative session, the Democrats were in the majority, but the Republicans still passed the bills to abolish affirmative action and the fetal rights bill. The Speaker of the House for the second semester was Marc Berry and his Head Clerk was Dorn, who also doubled as the Chief Executive and was given the opportunity to veto bills she disapproved of. The Majority and Minority Floor Leaders were Harley Gardner and Aaron Troy respectively. Gardner and his Head Whip Jamie Nadolny did a fantastic job trying to put the Democratic view into the session. But they couldn't match the performance of Troy and his Head Whip Sarah Meyerholtz who passed the Republican bills and vetoed most of the Democrat bills. At the end of the 19th session, Mr. Arnold was awarded for his efforts, by a long applause from the representatives. This was Arnold's last year teaching Government and he will be missed by not only his students, but by the other Government teachers Ms. Daneels and Mr. Healy.

-Jason Woodbury

What was your favorite moment from the Government Simulations in 2002?

"I liked it when Jimmy Smolucha said that he would leave all his possessions to his baby that he got from his Contemporary Life class."

-Nick Carter(02)

"I liked the closing argument from Steve Knox for the Fetal Rights bill because that was an important reason why the bill passed."

-Erin Kirby(02)

How did the Government Simulation go for you and your party?

"I thought everything went well, except that I didn't have any yogurt on the stage. I was really hungry!"

-Marc Berry(02)

"I liked having control of the Republican Party, and I'm glad that we passed all of the bills that we wanted to pass."

-Geoff Palka(02)

"I thought that the simulation was okay, although I would have liked to see more Democratic bills passed in the session."

-Theresa Uy(02)

the State



Representative Peter Salinas speaks his mind about the Democratic standpoint.



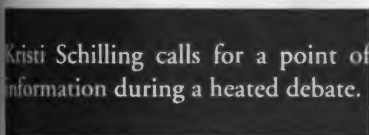
Angie Rojas agrees with the bill sponsors that abortion needs to be banned.



Jenni Boyd tries to explain the Republican view to the Democrats during the full session.



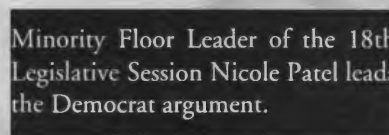
Jill Wolter gives her opening speech to convince the public to ban abortion.



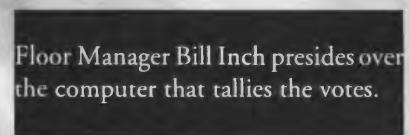
Kristi Schilling calls for a point of information during a heated debate.



Representative Matt Hofer calmly presents his bill for the Democratic Party.



Minority Floor Leader of the 18th Legislative Session Nicole Patel leads the Democrat argument.



Floor Manager Bill Inch presides over the computer that tallies the votes.



Speaker of the House Courtney Dorn and Head Clerk Brad Shelley smile while performing their duties.



Meghan Young and Liz Brouwer check their stocks for the stock market game during their off period.



HANDS ON



Senior Karen Garcia works at her after school job at Painters USA.

BTI (Business Technical Internship), CWT (Cooperate Work Training Program), and Home Maintenance are classes that students can take while they attend high school.

BTI and CWT are offered to Juniors and Seniors. These classes include Consumer Education and are mostly business related. BTI guides students towards a career by helping them find a job in the field of their choice. For CWT, students have to find their own job and set limits for themselves. These classes also prepare everyone for job interviews, resumes, and their rights as workers. Students receive a total of two credits for any of these classes (one for attending class and another one for working).

Home maintenance is a class that everybody can take. In this class, students learn how to construct and fix things around the house. This is a useful class to take if someone decides to go into a career which involves using these skills.

-Zayra Pedraza & Karen Garcia



Senior Josh Aramburu completes homework for BTI.



Senior Ana Tovar sets her things ready to go to work.



Junior LuAnne Kozlowski looks for information involving her job.



Sophomore Frankie Guerrero measures his boards before nailing them down.



Senior Sean Dieter hammers into the drywall.



Stella Calamia, Darahlee DeLeon, Miriam Garcia, Jeanine Macrito, Valeria Perez, Cindy Fernandez, Rocio Tena, Josh Aramburu, LuAnne Kozlowski, Stephanie Ly, Geraldine Colorado, Mauricio Perez, Tiffany Lillie, Mrs. Streicher, Traci Selga, Susy Roberg, Heather Leahy.



Seniors Valeria Perez, Rocio Tena, and Stella Calamia work on their BTI project.



Can't Hardly Wait

... to see what Wego can do!



The winner of messiest backpack award goes to Geoff Palka('02).

Who needs *The Guinness Book of Records* when we can set our own unique records here at Community High School? Talented students flood the hallways. We may not know it, but we can be passing the next record breaking bubble gum blower or the person that will be having the up-and-coming world's heaviest year old baby. Hey, it could actually happen. But just to tide you over until then, here are some crazy records from your own students from Community High School. Maybe in a few years, you'll see your own friends doing wild and nutty stunts on the hit show "Kipley's Believe it or Not"!

-Erin Kirby and Ryan Masschelin



Vianet Acosta('02) and Alex Ortiz('02) earn all school honors for being the longest running couple of six years.



Tom Wojcicki('02) works his way to a first place finish in the bubble gum blowing contest.



The team of Rob Jeffery('04) and Leo Baylor('04) and the team of Matt Timko('03) and Adam Kalkman('03) tie for first in the skittle toss, scoring an amazing thirty-nine tiles.



A Wildcat Senior pushes herself to the limit in the limbo competition.



Dan Millard('03) laughs in the face of defeat after a failed attempt to blow the largest bubble.



Leo Baylor('04) gives it his all during the Skittle Toss to begin the Spring Break morning games that day.

What Teens Want



Students in Love



Flirting Techniques

1. Calling out a person's name and then hiding
2. Hitting
3. Playing with your hair
4. Eye Contact
5. The "look"
6. Smiling
7. Winking
8. Giggling
9. Sweet talk
10. Teasing



Jim Campbell and Rachel Kuna sit and chat in the morning.

The Most Wanted

1. Baby, you are so sweet you put Hershey's outta business.
2. Excuse me, are you lost? Because Heaven is a long way from here.
3. If you were to stand up in front of a mirror and hold up 11 roses, you would see the 12 most beautiful things in the world.
4. Did someone just turn on the lights or did you just smile?



Crushon Evans gives all the ladies the "Look."

Is it hot in here or is it just you? Students each have different ways to express their feelings for other people. Whether they use cheesy pickup lines or classic flirting techniques, students have their own approach to meeting members of the opposite sex. These lines can be funny, obnoxious, lame, and sometimes even sweet.

-Liz Brouwer and Ryan Masschelin



Amy Koltz puckers up for that special gu

Lame Pick Up Lines

1. If you were a booger, I would pick you first.
2. Are you Jamaican, because Ja-mai-can me crazy?
3. Bond, James Bond
4. You are under arrest for stealing my heart.
5. I must be a chicken because I crossed the road to see you.
6. You must be tired because you have been running through my mind all day.



Steve Thomas just used a cheesy pickup line on Seana Swaback. She loved it!

The Ones Girls Want to Hear

1. You have something in your eye; oh never mind, it is just a sparkle.
2. You are the reason men fall in love.
3. Do you have a picture of your self because I want to tell Santa what I want for Christmas?
4. Do you have a quarter? I want to call my mom and tell her I just met the girl of my dreams.
5. My dad told me never to talk to a stranger. Can I have your name?

Anatomy of a Hockey Game

- ~pads - to protect from injury
- ~goalie - to protect your goal
- ~coach - to make a team successful and fun
- ~referee - to make sure the game goes fairly
- ~hockey stick - long stick used to score points
- ~the puck - black round object used to score points
- ~TEAMWORK - most important aspect of a team, it keeps it moving smoothly



Front: Mark Laabs, Justin Wicks, Brad Skeba, Jeff Lawson, and Brandon Herbert. Middle: Coach Jim Shaver, Kevin Shaver, Keving Nelson, Tom Adair, Tyler Piech, Kyle Wolfe, and Coach Jim Mederich. Back: Matt Baumrucker, Garrett Shaw, Eric Mederich, and Karl Brorson.

Hockey

What makes a good team?

~Diversity

-go to other places besides your school (perhaps Wheaton Academy like the hockey team) and meet new people

~Teamwork

-work together with the people on your team to make it successful

~Openmindedness

-keep your minds open, keep yourself open to NEW possibilities. How else did the hockey team start?

The Mighty Wildcats

They shoot - THEY SCORE!

Fifteen teenage boys from West Chicago and Wheaton Academy made history here at the high school. For the first year ever, Community High School students formed a hockey team with players from Wheaton Academy.

Not only is it remarkable and historical that they started a team, but they made it into the playoffs in their first year together. Their cohesiveness shows why

they made it to playoffs.

Community High School parent Nancy Baumrucker started the idea, but the team has taken her idea and made it their own.

Their hard work paid off. The team won the state tournament this season. Congratulations boys on making history!

~Melissa Prusko



Accept the CHALLENGE

no regrets



The Wildcats Within

The Wildcats Boys Basketball Season started off with a bang! The team was young, with only four seniors, one sophomore, and the rest juniors. They did exceptionally well with first time Varsity Head Coach Kevin Gimre. Junior Nick Michael's power helped West Chicago get both offensive and defensive rebounds and put the ball in the hoop. He showed great dedication to the sport by proving that even Sophomore B players last year are good enough to start on the Varsity level.

Senior Jimmy O'Hara led the Wildcats with the most points on the team. Matt Weber, also a senior, showed his talent late in the season by helping the Wildcats to the second round of Regionals. Junior John Weier's exceptional ball handling and ability to drive the ball inside the paint, was all that Coach Kevin Gimre needed to know that the team could perform when the pressure was on. Sophomore Lee Corning was a new member to the Boys' Varsity team. He was usually put in when the team was in a tight situation and needed points quickly. Corning didn't disappoint and nailed several last second shots. Great season Wildcats!

-Marissa Mendoza & Greg Prill



John Weier ('03) gets ready to put in the game winning basket.



Nick Michael ('03) concentrates as he waits to make sure he's made the basket.



Coach Kevin Gimre tries to inspire his team and get them focused and go for the win.



Jimmy O'Hara ('02) looks down court to see if he can make a pass to a waiting teammate.



Matt Coiley ('03) looks for a pass to steal and turn into something big.

Freshman A Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L
12/1	Glenbard North	51-49	W
12/3	West Aurora	44-38	W
12/8	Wheaton Warr S.	45-40	L
12/15	Naperville North	52-48	L
1/5	Wheaton North	46-40	W
1/7	Naperville Central	46-42	L
1/12	Glenbard East	51-44	W
1/19	West Aurora	48-39	L
1/26	Glenbard North	53-48	L
2/2	Naperville North	48-47	L
2/4	Wheaton Warr S.	66-63	L
2/9	Wheaton North	45-43	L
2/16	Naperville Central	58-41	L
2/18	Glenbard East	55-44	W

Sophomore A Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L
11/30	Glenbard North	58-57	W
12/7	Wheaton Warr S.	42-33	L
12/14	Naperville North	41-26	L
12/21	Naperville Central	48-35	L
1/4	Wheaton North	44-40	L
1/11	Glenbard East	60-49	L
1/18	West Aurora	50-41	W
1/25	Glenbard North	55-39	W
1/29	Wheaton Warr S.	47-37	W
2/1	Naperville North	45-36	L
2/8	Wheaton North	55-42	W
2/15	Naperville Central	44-34	L
2/16	Glenbard East	35-34	W
2/22	West Aurora	49-46	L

JV Basketball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L
12/1	Glenbard North	72-73	W
12/8	Wheaton Warr S.	46-40	L
12/15	Naperville North	42-33	W
1/5	Wheaton North	58-50	W
1/7	Naperville Central	65-61	L
1/12	Glenbard East	82-51	W
1/19	West Aurora	58-27	L
1/26	Glenbard North	56-53	L
2/2	Naperville North	63-57	W
2/4	Wheaton Warr S.	54-36	L
2/6	West Aurora	55-42	W
2/11	Wheaton North	44-34	L
2/16	Naperville Central	35-34	W
2/18	Glenbard East	49-46	L



Freshmen A Front Row: Greg Callahan, Sam Acosta, John Doeseckle, Jon Hall. Middle Row: Dustin Saville, Chris Carrington, Nick Lelito. Back Row: Nick Doncoes, Brian Reilly, Coach Tim Martin, Jeff Gilbert



Freshmen B Front Row: Jon Fisher, Jacob Walter, Carlos Santillan, Hugo Saucedo. Middle Row: Evan Skarin, David Vann, Austin Curran, Andrew Bass, Steve Bicek. Back Row: Coach Joe Schrom, Josiah Fisher, Nicholas Gentile, Kenneth Leindecker



Sophomore Front Row: Brad Bytof, Rob Jeffery, Doug Sieder, Dan Polacek. Middle Row: Tim Murrey, Austin Monroe, Leo Baylor, Ted Gernand, Eric Radloff. Back Row: Coach Dave Sayner, Phil Buksa, Greg Prill, Tom Grove, Doug Boyd, Jason Shreeram, Coach John Gallagher



Varsity Front Row: Crushon Evans, Jon Merrick, Jim O'Hara, John Weier, Dan Callahan. Middle Row: Matt Coiley, Lee Corning, Jason Adams, Jim Campbell, Matt Weber, Jared Hall. Back Row: Head Coach Kevin Gimre, Mike Paschke, Nick Michael, Matt Wilson, Coach Eric Lasky

<u>Varsity Basketball Results</u>			
Date	Opponent	Score	W/L
11/30	Glenbard North	64-56	L
12/7	Wheaton Warr S.	76-73	L
12/14	Naperville North	62-52	W
12/21	Naperville Central	70-64	L
1/4	Wheaton North	77-60	L
1/11	Glenbard East	56-63	L
1/18	West Aurora	82-49	L
1/25	Glenbard North	69-59	L

<u>Varsity Basketball Results</u>			
Date	Opponent	Score	W/L
1/29	Wheaton Warr S.	68-59	L
2/1	Naperville North	59-51	L
2/8	Wheaton North	65-51	L
2/15	Naperville Central	64-56	L
2/16	Glenbard East	68-59	W
2/22	West Aurora	80-41	L
2/26	Quarter Finals (Streamwood)	51-49	W
3/1	Regional Finals (Wheaton North)	62-54	L

"The most exciting game was against Streamwood. The Wildcats were down by 14 going into the fourth quarter before they pulled it together. Jim O'Hara ended up giving West Chicago the win by scoring at the buzzer."
-Coach Kevin Gimre

"My most exciting game was the sophomore B game against West Aurora. I got the most points that I have ever scored in a game and the most rebounds that I have gotten in a game. It was a suspenseful game because we only won by one."
-Greg Prill

Love and Basketball



From Left to Right:

1. Senior Lisa Thomas listens to her coach talk as she takes a break.
2. Sophomore Lauren Johnston drives through traffic.
3. Coach Wallner describes a play to her team.
4. Senior Jessica Strock shoots a jump shot.
5. Sophomore Shaina Sullivan concentrates on making her freethrow.
6. Junior Nicole Skala dribbles down the court.
7. Sophomore Lathie Norton lets her shot fly off her fingertips.
8. Senior Meghan Young dribbles over half court.

The Girls' Basketball Team accomplished the goal of team improvement this season. Although the team had a rough start this year, their effort was commendable. Holding a record of ten wins and nineteen losses, the girls were lead by Senior Captains Jessica Strock, Lisa Thomas, and Meghan Young. Other members of the team included Junior Nicole Skala, and Sophomores Lauren Johnston, Lathie Norton, and Shaina Sullivan. The Lady Wildcats were coached by Kim Wallner who was assisted by Heather Dunlap.

The girls started out in conference losing 5 out of 7 games, only beating Wheaton North High School and Glenbard East High School. They lost to Naperville North High School in double overtime in the first round by one. The second round of conference proved to be a big improvement for the Lady Wildcats. They defeated all of the teams except Glenbard North High School and the undefeated Naperville Central High School. The Glenbard North game was also lost during overtime and the team played hard the whole way. During the Naperville Central game, the Lady Wildcats went into halftime with a 25-25 tie before losing in the second half.

The team ended their season in a tough loss to Naperville North. Playing the Huskies for the fourth time, the squad played their hearts out. The game was tied with little time left and the Huskies had the ball. One of the Naperville North players was fouled with a remaining 3 seconds in regulation. After missing the first, the Huskies swished the second. Racing the clock, Lauren Johnston rolled the ball down to Meghan Young. She dribbled 4 times before her shot went off the back of the basketball hoop ending the Lady Wildcats season. The team may have lost this game, but they will always have that Lady Wildcat pride.

-Liz Brouwer and Meghan Young

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Score
12-6-01	GN	38-50
12-8-01	WWS	37-39
12-13-01	NN	44-45
1-3-02	WN	65-46
1-5-02	NC	39-69
1-10-02	GE	67-47
1-12-02	WA	43-53
1-17-02	GN	46-56
1-19-02	WWS	45-37
1-24-02	NN	49-25
1-26-02	WN	60-51
1-31-02	NC	48-74
2-2-02	GE	61-50
2-7-02	WA	52-41

Conference Record 7-7

"Our team really improved this season. They went from a record of 2-5 in the first round of conference to 5-2 in the second round. That is very difficult with such a young team, that only has one returning player."

-Coach Wallner

All Conference
Meghan Young
Special
Mention:
Shaina
Sullivan
(Sophomore)
Honorable
Mention:
Lauren
Johnston
(Sophomore)

All Area:
Meghan
Young
Honorable
Mention:
Shaina
Sullivan
Lauren
Johnston



The team gathers together before the game to get psyched up by team captain Jessica Strock, Lisa Thomas, and Meghan Young. Jessica Strock said, "Before every game we would slap our hands on the ground and shout intensity. I would also say that all 4 quarters were going to be awesome."



Varsity Left to Right: Front: Karly Leonard, Kristen Rocha, Magen Rogers, Kori Koeppen, Jessica Strock. **Middle:** Alyssa Campagnoni, Nicole Skala, Lynn Mielke, Lauren Johnston, Meghan Young, Kori Flagg. **Back:** Coach Heather Dunlap, Kailey Rohrdanz, Shaina Sullivan, Elizabeth Jacques, Lisa Thomas, Lathie Norton, Head Coach Kim Wallner.



Sophomores Left to Right: Front: Antonia Gonzalez, Jenny Veguilla, Alex Macalif, Yadira Perez. **Middle:** Kaitlyn McAvoy, Shelly Frantzen, Krista Johnson, Ashely Egert, Jenna Pelej. **Back:** Coach Jason Pick, Jessica Marquea, Megan Forbrook, Kim Rovtar.



Freshman Left to Right: Front: Peggy Saul, Connie Castillo, Tori Jeffery, Anna Fatigato, Amanda Wessman, Jessica Stentz. **Middle:** Amanda Gibson, Dana Yormark, Alyssa Claude, Sammi Kufita, Lindsay Pater, Sam Corriero, Jackie Gola. **Back:** Coach Jeanette Arroyo, Manager Kim Cracraft, Cassidy Schnuyler, Jamie Jirik, Dana Hernan, Drew Krecek, Ashley Saville, Coach Sadie Stark.



Nicole Skala shoots a basket during warm-ups. She shot a phenomenal 74 percent from the free throw line.



Lisa Thomas flies through the air to get the jump ball. She shared the Most Improved Player Award. She averaged 5 rebounds a game and had 15 blocked shots.



Lathie Norton unites with her team members before the game. She averaged 4 rebounds a game and had 98 rebounds over all.



Lauren Johnston soars back and forth between defenders. Only being a sophomore, she held a spectacular 44 field goal percentage while playing her heart out on the court.



Meghan Young gets low to play good defense. She was named Most Valuable Player and earned the senior Mental Toughness Xtra Effort award for the Lady Wildcats.



Left: Jessica Strock lead the team on the defensive end and was named Defensive player of the year.



Left: Shaina Sullivan goes up for a lay-up against a Glenbard North player. She averaged 9 points a game, had 29 blocked shots, and pulled down 130 rebounds.

W I L D C A T S I N



Coach Bryan Artel encourages his team as they prepare to take on the competition.



Junior Peter Oelslager heads toward the finish line.



Kurt Fenner, a senior, paces himself to be able to finish his race with a winning time.



CJ Wostratzky, a junior, tries to recieve the best time he possibly can by giving over 100%.



Front Row: Peter Oelslager, Brian Mehrman, Drew Weigand, Jim Oroni, Matt Marvan, Erik Nelson, Hans Colliander Middle Row: Manager Casey Connolly, Lon Beutke, Bill Rocha, Dan Murphy, Chris Nelson, Joel Somers, Alex Wemple, Ben Keller, Manager Heather Prochnow Back Row: Head Coach Bryan Artel, Steve VanderNaalt, Jeff Lesniak, C.J. Wostratzky, Kevin Mestek, Matt Beifuss, Steve Slattery, Henry Somers, Kurt Fenner, Coach Joyce D'Arcy.

The West Chicago Boys' Team dove back into success this year by breaking several school records and even sent several swimmers to the state competition.

Coach Bryan Artel and the three team captains, Steve VanderNaalt, Chris Nelson, and Ben Keller, headed the team. Despite some key losses from the previous year, the boys set out to make this season one of the best. "We came into the season with goals, and we worked towards them everyday," said Senior Kurt Fenner. Thanks to the addition of many new freshmen and the return of several upper-class swimmers, the Wildcat season proved to be a success.

The boys had an impressive season with many highlights, including: a first place finish in the Lyons' invite, second place in the Wildcat Relays invite, and second place in the sectional meet. The boys' team also had an outstanding dual meet record with seven wins and one loss.

The boys continued their success into the

THE WATER



Ben Keller prepares to dive in the water and win the race by finishing his laps in good time.



Before Matt Beifuss prepares to dive in, he watches and waits patiently for his team mates to finish their laps.



Steve Slattery adjusts his goggles before his next race. He shows confidence that his time was good enough to beat his competition.



Steve Vander Naalt awaits his turn in the water as he keeps track of the number of laps his team mate completes.

post season sending five swimmers to the state meet, including Steve VanderNaalt, Kurt Fenner, Chris Nelson, Billy Rocha, and Henry Somers. They competed in seven out of the eleven events. The events were the 200 yard medley relay, the 200 yard freestyle, the 50 yard freestyle, the 100 yard freestyle, the 200 yard freestyle relay, the 100 yard breaststroke and the 100 yard backstroke. The 200 yard medley team consisted of Steve Vander Naalt, Kurt Fenner, Henry Somers, and Billy Rocha, placed 7th at the state meet, and set a new school record.

Even though the team once again lost many key swimmers, the future for the boys' swim team looks as good as ever. With a little hard work and a lot of dedication, the program should continue to be successful in the years to come.

-Ben Keller



During parent night, Kevin Mestek gives his mom a huge hug of gratitude.



Henry Somers takes a break from swimming to spend time with his dad.

WILDCAT WRESTLING

"Right before I'm about to start my match. I am very nervous, but anxious. As soon as the whistle blows, I have no feeling. It's such a rush."

-Matt Spence
(Freshman)

"With so many wrestlers with little to no experience, it was fun to watch their vast improvements throughout the course of the season."

-Coach Michael Assaf



Freshmen Front: Eric Perez, Chris Kane, Stephany Vasquez, Tony Sosa, Dale Staton. **Middle:** Alejandro Lopez, Mike Dieter, Matt Spence, Jonathan Kurtz, Eric Gotowski, Robert Conard. **Back:** Coach Bob Hein, Coach Mike Assaf, Matt Rushton, Brad Murison, Joel Castro, Manager Erika Kane, Head Coach Marty Molina.



Varsity and J.V. Front: Gerardo Avalos, Bobby Dieter, Fabian Cruz, Tyler Hempel, Daniel Galvan, Heather Edminson, Manager Erika Kane. **Middle:** Josh Winkvist, Matt Benson, Josh Jeter, Elliot Tinnies, Randy Soto, Derek Koelsch. **Back:** Coach Mike Assaf, Gus Detrick, Nate Williams, Tino Alfaro, Derek Boorsma, Mike McInerney, Head Coach Marty Molina, Coach Bob Hein.



With great exhaustion, Freshman Adam Pineda tries to pin his man.



Sophomore Mike McInerney makes his opponent struggle to get up.

This year's wrestling season dared each individual to strive for a higher level of competitiveness and strength. As much as Wrestling is a team sport, it is also an individual sport. Said Freshman Dale Staton, "I really didn't care how the team did. I only cared on how well I wrestled in order to work on certain areas to improve my game."

The team started the season with high hopes and a willingness to work hard. Even though practices would be hard some days, everyone still went all out. If wrestlers were over weight, they would show their dedication by losing the extra pounds. Even if it meant to run around the fieldhouse in sweats and a winter jacket, while wearing gloves and a winter cap, a wrestler would try it.

-Ryan Woodbury &
Lilli Cassidy



First Year Head Coach Marty Molina guides a small group of determined wrestlers through a match.



Senior Gus Detrick crushes his opponent to win a match.

WestChicagopoly

Fall

GO

Collect Lunch Money

First Day of School. Forget Locker Combination. Go to Attendance Office.

Go to the Pep Assembly. Go to Homecoming.

Freshmen, get lost on the 4th floor. Go back to START.

Go to the Fall Play. Get kicked out for throwing candy wrappers.

ISS

A.K.A. SSC

Seniors, go directly to college. Do not look back.



Gas is on the right. Brake is on the left. Enjoy Driver's Ed, Sophomores!

Get a sun burn. Next time put on sunscreen. Go back 1 space!



Enjoy Winter Break. Go on vacation to the Bahamas.

Go on vacation. FUN IN THE SUN!



You're late to school (6:00). Park at Kerr-McGee. Move back 2 spaces.

Get a summer job for only \$5.25 an hour.



Go to a basketball game. Win the "Split the Pot" Raffle.

Move up to a higher grade!

Get a rose from a secret admirer.

Go to ISS. Do not pass GO. Do not collect lunch money!

Go to Prom. Lose \$400.

Go to Mr. Wildcat Contest and cheer for the sexy guys.

Flirt in chemistry class and get asked to prom. Move ahead 2 spaces.

Juniors get perfect scores on ACTS. Move ahead 2 spaces.

Get a front lot parking spot!

Spring

Winter



Spring Forward

Greg Prill shows his passionate side by hugging a baby, given out in the Contemporary life class.



Birds singing, flowers blooming, cool air blowing... sounds like spring huh? Not at Community High School. This year, spring seemed to be skipped entirely, moving from the snowy days after spring break to the 83 degree weather a few weeks later. But students didn't mind too much; it allowed them the opportunity to wear their sandals. From wedges, flipflops, thongs, and mules, everyone seemed to be sporting summer apparel.

And they sported this apparel to the many different events that took place towards the end of the year. Students attended the girls' softball games, hoping for another fabulous year. They attended the spring musical, and the jazz band's rousing Jazz Night. They attended the French plays and the National Honor Society Induction night. And then, they threw away their flip flops, and donned heels and dress shoes to create memories at prom and to walk down the aisle towards Dr. Jones to receive their diplomas.

-Becky Dennis

John Weier contributes to the baseball team's unforgettable season.



What did you do over Spring Break?

"I went to state for chess and dominated a bunch of nerds."

~Tyler Belding

"I spent every night at either the bowling alley or Steak and Shake."

~Lisa Calabrese

"I ran track practices and sat on my butt."

~Mike Doll



What did you do over spring break?

"I worked on my junior research paper. Yuck!"

~Karen Miller

"I got into a car accident so I had wished I was in school rather than going to the hospital."

~Nicki Klingberg

"Not much."

~Stephanie Hicks



Michelle Davis is one of the many who have begun their future career with the TCD program offered.



Where is the only place to go to dissect many kinds of animals? Mrs. Oliver-Tucci's human anatomy class! Towards the end of every year, the students get to dissect sheep brains, cow eyes, pig uterus, and every part of the cat imaginable.



Jason Adams and Maggie Wdowiarz smile in the hallway one day.

Top Ten Things People Love About Spring:

10. Flowers
9. Love
8. Lack of winter jacket
7. Birds
6. Freshly cut grass
5. Spring break
4. Sandals
3. Prom
2. Short shorts
1. End of the year!

Top Ten Best Ways To Ask Someone to Prom:

10. Kneel in the hallway, with flowers in hand
9. Write "Will you go to prom with me" on the board during a German class
8. Use letter magnets on someone's car
7. Spell the question out using paper cups in the fence links during a softball game
6. During the ACT's, put a banner up across Lincoln hallway
5. Write it on a car with chalk, and leave flowers in the car
4. Send teddy bear through the school mail, asking if she would go
3. Have a dean send a referral slip, and then surprise her with the question
2. Use spaghetti to spell out the question
1. Just go up and ask

Top 10 Classes Students Will Miss the Least:

10. Western Civ
9. World Studies
8. AP Physics
7. American Studies
6. Health
5. Chemistry
4. Biology
3. Yearbook
2. Math in general
1. All of them

Save The Last Dance

Prom Took Our Breath Away

The average female buys her dress for prom at least 6 months before the dance. She plans her hair style for the night 2 months in advance. And, with one whole month left to go before the dance arrives, the decision who her "dream date" will be. Sounds unbelievable? Not at Community High School.

As school wrapped up, and seniors began to see their freedom quickly coming, only one thing remained on everyone's mind: prom. Ah, yes, the final (and let's not kid ourselves...most important) dance of the year began to come up in conversations all around the school. From throughout the halls to within classrooms, every junior and senior seemed to have caught prom fever. Then, on April 29th, it began: the tickets went on sale. The tickets (a heavy silver landscape picture frame) went like mad, and as the last day of the sale ended, the prom was just about sold out.

May 23rd brought the students attending prom an assembly, focusing on the dangers of drunk driving and poor choices. It was then that the prom-geeks voted for Prom King and Queen. But finally, the big night came. On May 24th, students ended school at 1 p.m., to allow those attending time to get ready. Many girls wished to last minute having appointments and parties, and guys made their cars shine. At 6:30 p.m., the Caribbe was transformed into an event fit for movie stars, as juniors and seniors began to file into the building two by two (or, group by group), looking their best in beautiful gowns and sexy tuxes. They took their seats in the designated places and ate the meal they chose (either chicken or pasta). Quickly, the real fun began when dinner ended, and everyone started dancing. Halfway through the night, Joe Klingberg and Finnee Beuthe were announced prom king and queen. The magical night ended like prom always does, with the last slow song, "Take My Breath Away", chosen earlier in the year. After prom, many students chose to attend All Night Long (held at Bowling Green), while some chose to have their own parties. One thing was for certain: Prom 2002 was safe, exciting, and most importantly, fun.

-Becky Dennis



Joe Klingberg ('03) and Finnee Beuthe ('03) are crowned King and Queen of Prom 2002.



The gentlemen of the Prom Court wait anxiously for the coronation of the Prom King.



The Caribbe dance floor fills with elegantly dressed students eating a little less than elegant.



Dance Jones ('02) and Chris Jakubik ('03) make their night magical during the last dance.



Luke Dean ('03) and guest Stephanie have a great time on the dance floor. But, wait! Dean, "All Night Long" was even better.



Students bust their moves on the dance floor in hopes of being caught in a picture.



Jimmy Smolucha ('02) and Matt Infelise ('02) start their way into Prom and then prepare to capture the moment with a few pictures.



Shannon Mazzuca ('03), Jennifer Shanahan ('02), and a friend blow bubbles to add to the magical atmosphere.

Preparation List For Guys



Simon Blanco ('03) introduces underclassman Brooke Bachelor ('04) to the prom scene.



What is the most important part of prom? Choosing picture packages, of course!

Preparation List For Girls

1. Get out of school
2. Panic
3. Go tanning
4. Pick up boutonniere
5. Buy last minute makeup
6. Buy nylons
7. Attend nail appointment
8. Shower
9. Wash, condition, blowdry hair (or attend hair appointment).
10. Shave legs
11. Brush teeth
12. Floss teeth
13. Gab with friends
14. Take pictures with friends
15. Pluck eyebrows
16. Panic
17. Do makeup
18. Apply perfume
19. Practice smiling
20. Put on jewelry
21. Put on dress
22. Put on shoes
23. Pack purse
24. Take pictures with family
25. Take pictures with date
26. Leave for dance
27. Get lost
28. Yell at date
29. Panic
30. Arrive at Carlisle
31. Make grand entrance
32. Breathe sigh of relief



After a night of dancing, Kelley Whitman and a guest take a break from the mayhem.



Prom 2002





Mr. Wildcat

A night of laughter, fun,
and memories



Nine of West Chicago's Senior guys all had one thing on their mind the night of March 8, 2002: being crowned Mr. Wildcat.

Walking down the aisle with their escorts, all of them would have made great Mr. Wildcats, but in the end only one would be lucky enough to actually wear the crown.

Tyler Belding, Matt Boes, Joe Caniano, Matt Infelise, Justin LaPrall, Joey Park, Jimmy Smolucha, Matt Weber, and Josh Wilde all participated in various competitions, that, in the end, determined who would win. The competitions challenged many different areas, from dress to talent to intellect.

All nine contestants did extremely well in the competitions. The talent competition included many various types of talent, from singing "That's Amore!" and "Devil With A Blue Dress On", to dancing, to even portraying Aladdin and Abu. "I was worried people might not like my Aladdin song, but I was happy to see everyone was diggin' Aladdin and Abu once the song started. It went over a lot better then I expected," said Mr. Wildcat contestant Matt Weber. Even the occasional in-

struments were incorporated by Jimmy Smolucha, Justin LaPrall, and Josh Wilde.

As the night came to a close, only one question remained on everyone's minds, "Who will the lucky one be?" All nine contestants stood anxiously awaiting the moment at which they would find out who won, while 2000-2001 Mr. Wildcat Tim Yormark spoke to the crowd. When Tim was done, he walked over to the contestants and crowned Joey Park as 2001-2002 Mr. Wildcat. Standing shocked, Joey Park received his crown, his sash, and his gifts from the Senior Cheerleading squad. The other contestants congratulated him and laughed along.

The night as a whole will be unforgettable and most memorable to the Seniors who were involved in the Ninth Annual Mr. Wildcat competition. And it would not have been possible without the efforts of Mrs. Clifford and the Senior Cheerleaders.

The night was full of fun, laughter, and many new memories.

~Melissa Prusko



Left: Justin LaPrall, Matt Infelise, Matt Boes, Jimmy Smolucha, Tyler Belding, and Joey Park look and listen to family memories shared by relatives.

Right: Matt Weber, Joe Caniano, and Josh Wilde laugh as they listen to an anecdote about one of their fellow contestants and nervously await the crowning.



Above: 2000-2001 Mr Wildcat Tim Yormark with Kristi Schilling.

Below: Tyler Belding, Matt Boes, Joe Caniano, and Matt Infelise are all smiles while they wait for results.



MCs Ed Abante and Kristi Schilling do a great job at keeping the crowd going.

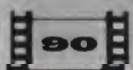


Aladdin (Matt Weber) and Abu (Matt Boes) entertain the crowd with various Aladdin songs.



“The best part of the whole experience was the reaction from the crowd. It showed us that our months of practice didn't go unnoticed and made us want to do it again. Now we are going to travel and compete in Karaoke. Seriously. - Justin LaPrall”

“I had an awesome time practicing in the auditorium with all my friends.” - 2001-2002 Mr. Wildcat Joey Park.





"Drum roll please!"

While Tim Yormark talked to the audience, everyone awaited the coronation. Standing on stage, none of the nine contestants knew who could possibly win. Each was probably thinking, "I could win, but naw." Joey Park was crowned Mr. Wildcat. The expression on his face told the story of how he felt. The other contestants congratulated Joey while he was handed his crown and his Mr. Wildcat sash.



2001-2002 Mr. Wildcat Joey Park dances for the audience.

"Before the curtains opened, I was really nervous, but after it all started, I had a lot of fun."
 -2001-2002 Mr. Wildcat Joey Park



Above: Tyler Belding sings the blues.
 Below: Josh Wilde struts his stuff.



Above: Matt Infelise rides his bike.
 Below: Joe Caniano swoons the crowd with his Italian ballads.



"As soon as the curtain opened for the intros, I started to freak out, but once we got into the talents, I kinda cooled out for the rest of the night."
 -Matt Weber

Jimmy Smolucha wows the crowd with his violin talent.



"The night as a whole is one of my best memories from high school."

-Matt Weber

"This was probably my most memorable high school memory ever!"
 -2001-2002 Mr. Wildcat Joey Park

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF THE PLAY?

"THE FEELING YOU GET AFTER ALL YOUR HARD WORK THAT YOU'VE FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING. IT'S A FEELING THAT IS INDESCRIBABLE, BUT IT IS ALWAYS ONE OF THE MOST LASTING MEMORIES."

-JULIE VOLK (2002)

On May 16, 17, and 18, thirty-one students transformed back into the little children they once were. And four were lucky enough to experience the life of a dog. The original musical of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* only called for a total of six characters, but here at West Chicago, we do not keep things small. With the help of Mary Hafertepe, Lisa Smith, Christine Mack, and Anne Branch, the cast and crew changed the old auditorium into a colorful, cartoon-like world.

The musical focused on one day out of the life of Charlie Brown, played by Tony Palombi ('02). Throughout the day, Charlie's moods varied from depressed to happy as he received psychiatric help from Lucy Van Pelt, played by Copper Tuma ('02). Charlie attended glee club rehearsal which was led by the musician of the group, Schroeder, Ed Abante ('02). Charlie also interacted with Lucy's brother Linus, Jonathan Hall ('05), his sister Sally, Jessica Stentz ('05), and his supper-loving dog Snoopy, Sean Warren ('03).

Because of the large cast, many different roles were added in to the show. The new student at Charlie's school, Fredia, was played by Emily Krauspe ('04). Snoopy's friend Woodstock, Katie Kammes ('02), and also Snoopy's relatives Spike, Steve Knox ('02), Andy, Jesse Lord ('03), and Olaf, Mike Giese ('04), were also added to the score. Also, Peppermint Patty, Kristin Koltz ('03), and her sidekick Marcie, Nicole Patel ('02), were added. The musical was a huge success at West Chicago, selling out both the Friday and Saturday shows.

-Sean Warren

YOU'RE A



Hilary Blanchard, Sean McTighe, Dana Grant, and Steve Knox patiently listen to Schroeder singing about Beethoven.



Linus introduces Charlie to Fredia with her naturally curly hair.



Sally loves her childhood life while jumping rope. Right now her life does not "seem so futile."



Anne Branch directs the pit orchestra for the musical.



Charlie tries to rally up the team right before their big game with the encouraging words, "There may not be a million to one chance, but I'm sure there's a billion to one chance!"



"What's the answer to number three?" Marcie asks Peppermint Patty.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SONG AND WHY?

"BOOK REPORT BECAUSE WE PUT THE MOST WORK ON IT AND IT ALWAYS GOT A BIG LAUGH FROM THE AUDIENCE"-PEGGY WERLE (2004)

"SUPPERTIME. IT ALWAYS MADE ME DANCE AROUND BACKSTAGE AND WAS FUN IN GENERAL."

-SARA MENDEZ (2004)

"HAPPINESS BECAUSE IT MADE ME CRY THE LAST NIGHT BECAUSE I WILL MISS THE PEOPLE SO MUCH"

-CHRISTINE HENDRON (2003)

CHARLIE

GOOD MAN,

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SCENE IN THE PLAY? WHY?

"WHEN SPIKE (STEVE KNOX) WAS TALKING TO THE ROCK AND THE CACTUS. THE AUDIENCE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE SCENE WAS ABOUT. IT WAS SOOO FUNNY."-ANDY DAMERON (2004)

"I LIKED THE QUEEN LUCY MELODRAMA. I MEAN, WHAT LITTLE GIRL DOESN'T DREAM OF BEING A QUEEN?"-COPPER TUMA (2002)



Schroeder plays his piano as Lucy sings about her love for him.



Charlie looks in his mailbox, hoping for a valentine from the red-headed girl.



Woodstock mischievously perches on Snoopy's stomach while he sings about his wonderful life.



The gang listens to Linus as he dreams about everyone having his own blanket.



Sally and Snoopy make the best of their day by chasing rabbits.



Schroeder directs the group at glee club rehearsal.

WHAT ONE THING ARE YOU GOING TO MISS ABOUT THE PLAY?

"BEING CALLED A SCHMUCK..."

-ED ABANTE (2002)

"ALL THE SENIORS AND THE FACT THAT I HAD TO BE A TENOR. EMY AND LATHIE! TENOR LOVE!"

-KRISTIN KOLTZ (2003)

"BEING ABLE TO SEE EVERYONE."

-MIKE GIESE (2004)

BROWN



Amy Lichtfuss ('03) and Jacki Vavrek ('04) listen attentively to the speaker.

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled."
-Plutarch

The Elite Few

Where the best of the best come together...

On March 5, 2002 and April 30, 2002, the students of West Chicago were inducted into the Foreign and Academic National Honor Societies. The students were accepted into the societies based on their academic achievements.

The number of inductees that were introduced into the societies outnumbered last year's total by forty-nine new members. The juniors and seniors this year were acknowledged with a speech from the principal, Dr. Alan Jones. The students were initiated by the foreign language teachers and National Honor Society advisor Ms. Daneels.

Current inductee members spoke about their experiences and

how being apart of the society has affected them. "I can put my honor on applications," said Jason Woodbury ('02).

The highlight of the evening had to have been the lighting of the Eternal Light of Knowledge. This act set the tone for the rest of the ceremony. It symbolized the transition of becoming a member of something great, an elite group of students who devote their lives to hard work, leadership, and the to the service of others.

Melissa Prusko ('04) stated, "It was exciting to be able to speak our oath in French, even if it did not as smoothly as it should have,"

-Erin Kirby



Principal Alan Jones comes to the final stretch of his memorable speech.

"Being inducted was a great experience that I worked hard for."

-Ryan Masschelin

Spanish National Honor Society



Front Row: Sam West, Carl Sauter, Michael Liszka, Justin Taylor, Brett Palmer; Second Row: Rachael McKenney, Amanda Weier, Shaina Sullivan, Alethea Norton, Dana Grant, Christine Harris, Brooke Bachelor, Nina Slater; Back Row: Jenna Pelej, Krista Johnson, Jorie Vlach, Courtney Mathias, Heather Goorley, Kim Rovtar, Katie Walker, Hillary Lim, Alyssa Campagnoni, Kristen Rocha, Janine Loewe, Marlene Uy, Jessica Warbiany. Not Pictured: Sandy Edlund and Andrew Kiger.

German National Honor Society



Front Row: Jeanne Poe, Sarah Altergott, Amy Lichtfuss, Ernesto Romo, Jacki Vavrek, Erik Nelson, Lisa Martin, Sarah Meyerhag; Back Row: Carrie Savaglio, Emy Krauspe, Brian Means, Ryan Masschelin, Phil Buksa, Dan Harms, Tom Grove, Jesse Lord, Jason Becker, Steve Butt, Tyler Belding and Mike Masschelin. Not Pictured: Luke Dean and Roger Strike.

French National Honor Society

Front Row: Marjorie Appel, Judith Reza, Jennifer Buchman, Mena Gentile, Tim Dupree, Zerrin Bulut; Back Row: Leigh Hellman, Erin Linsenmeyer, Daliana Vargas, Adriana Vargas, Ruben Valenzuela, Melissa Prusko, and Sarah Hasse. Not Pictured: Ellen Briggs and Kirsten Chase.



A Few Good Students

Every exit is an entry to somewhere else...

Michael McKenney ('04) happily receives her certificate of recognition.

"It was an honor to be considered and accepted into National Honor Society."
-Sarah Hammer



A former student speaks about the importance of foreign language in life.

"It's not that I am so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

-Albert Einstein

National Honor Society



Ash Assian ('03) graciously accepts her certificate of recognition.



The new National Honor Society inductees are recognized for their academic achievements.



Alex Baker ('03) happily receives his honor of becoming a part of NHS.

The inductees listen attentively to the speakers before the completion of the ceremony.



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Casting aside the surprise finish last year as 4th in Illinois, West Chicago's Varsity team achieved something it lacked last season, a respectable winning record that proved their overall dominance. The Varsity team only lost a total of eight games during the 2002 season, and remarkably the team won over 30 games in the regular season. They captured the DVC title in a nail-biting match against Naperville Central and went on to win their regional and sectional rounds. They qualified for the state tournament as well. In the state tournament, the Wildcats fought hard, but unfortunately lost in the first round to Lake Forest. All-Conference first team members are the best players in the area, and West Chicago's team had two members named; Pepperdine-bound Andy Hein, one of the top 50 players in the nation, and Shane Olson earned the honors.

2002 proved to be a learning year for the freshmen and JV, winning only 4 games and capturing a 9-12 final record respectively. These young players will be looked upon to keep the winning tradition alive in the years to come. In the words of Coach Hasty, "We had a great season!"

-David Bennett & Katy Kostal



Varsity Front: Jon Lim, Bob Nagel, Tom Newman **Row 2:** Rob Mildebrat, Brian Romanelli, Shane Olson, Matt Boes **Back:** Coach Rebecca Talavera, Patrick Norton, Andy Hein, Tysyn Wyman, Head Coach Kris Hasty

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORES
Elgin Larkin	W	15-10, 15-9
Mundelein	W	10-15, 15-5, 15-9
Hoffman Est.	W	15-5, 12-15, 15,13
Oak-Park RF	W	15-7, 15-11
New Trier	L	11-15, 15-12, 11-15
Mundelein	L	4-15, 14-11, 6-15
West Aurora	W	15-9, 15-7
Glenbard E.	W	10-15, 15-12, 15-11
Wheaton No.	L	9-15, 15-13, 7-15
W. Warr. So.	L	9-15, 16-18
Naper. North	L	15-4, 5-15, 5-15
Glenbard No.	W	15-10, 15-5
Stagg	L	8-15, 6-15
Downers GN	W	15-10, 15-6
Homewood Fl.	L	9-15, 16-14, 11-15
Willowbrook	W	15-9, 15-11
New Trier	L	10-15, 12-15



Head Coach Kris Hasty and Coach Rebecca Talavera silently contemplate their next line of defense to win the game.

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORES
Naper. Central	W	15-10, 15-8
West Aurora	W	15-4, 15-2
Glenbard East	W	15-9, 15-10
Wheaton No.	W	15-10, 15-10
St. Charles	W	15-10, 20-18
Addison Tr.	W	15-5, 15-0
Glendbard No.	W	15-4, 15-5
St. Edwards	W	15-1, 15-2
Fenton	W	15-0, 15-3
W. Warr. So.	W	15-11, 15-9
Naper. North	W	15-13, 15-9
Hinsdale	W	15-6, 15-12
Eisenhower	W	15-4, 15-5
Willowbrook	W	15-7, 15-5
Glenbard E.	W	15-6, 15-7
Naper. Central	W	15-8, 15-13



Junior Varsity Front: Tom Aguirre, Brian Calabrese, David Aguirre, Brian Means, **Row 2:** Pablo Herrera, Guillermo Perez, Justin Pineda, Derek Jensen, CJ Wostratzky **Row 3:** Steve Thomas, Nikes Patel **Back:** Coach Rebecca Talavera, Doug Boyd, Jim Campbell, Chris Vlasovich, Zack Flagg, Head Coach Kris Hasty, Manager Jenny Tan



Freshman Front: Justin Horwitz, Jon Crotty, Carlos Santillan **Row 2:** Julio Velazquez, Adam Pineda, Adam Mosley, Hugo Saucedo **Row 3:** Jon Bien, Tom Walsh **Back:** Jon Kurtz, Matt Rushton, Jesmar Rangel, Ma Van Gorkom, Dieter Rudolph, Coach Christine Schrom



From Top Left To Bottom Right: 1) Matt Boes 2) Patrick Norton 3) Andy Hein 4) Shane Olson 5) Shane Olson & Andy Hein 6) Patrick Norton 7) Shane Olson 8) Tom Newman 9) Head Coach Kris Hasty 10) Tom Newman 11,12) The Varsity Team 13) Patrick Norton 14) Head Coach Kris Hasty 15) Shane Olson 16) Varsity Team lined up for the National Anthem 17) Andy Hein 18) Matt Boes 19) Tysyn Wyman & Andy Hein 20) Asst. Coach Stephen Brugmann, Matt Boes, Bob Nagel, Patrick Norton, Robby Mildebrath 21) Shane Olson

Catch Me If You Can

2002 was a year of strength for the West Chicago Girls' Soccer teams and the best season ever!

Many underclassmen played up one level, and those who remained stepped up to the ball, took aim, and scored!!

The season began strong with many Wildcat victories and the streak carried through the season.

Towards the end of the year, the girls played Glenbard East and

won 2-1 in overtime. The girls made great plays during the game.

The girls practiced many hard hours before and after school. Their practice paid off and was seen during their games in the season. Varsity soccer player Hillary Lim had this to say about her team, "It's a great group of girls and we all get along pretty well, we made it a fun season."

~Melissa Prusko



Above: The girls take a water break while their other teammates take a try at playing their opponents.

Right: The girls run hard down the field after a teammate just scored!



Sophomore Ashley Laslowski attempts to get the ball away from the other team.



Below: Hillary Lim heads the ball away from her opponent.



Above: Amy Lichtfuss(2003), Hillary Lim(2004), Shana Galto(2004), and Mary Beth Stoltz(2003) listen closely as Coach Del Real gives instructions. Left: Frantically shouting, Mary Beth Stoltz(2003) alerts her team that she is open for the pass.

"We've had one of our best seasons in awhile and next year is going to be even better!" ~Hillary Lim(2004)



Laura Glibertson looks for an open teammate to pass the ball.



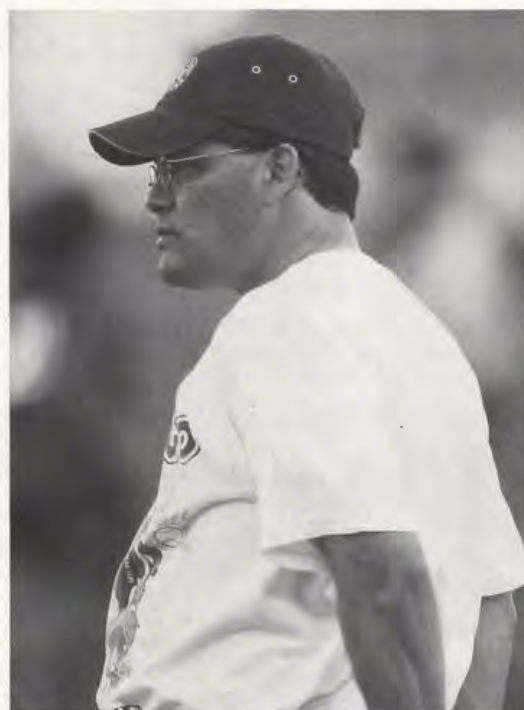
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Freshman Sammi Kuftha kicks the ball to her teammates. Look at that form.



Senior Jackie Prena prepares to pass the ball to one of her teammates.



Coach Del Real looks on and ponders how the girls should score their next goal.

Give 100%



Front: Jackie Prena and Arlana Robles. Second: Stephanie Schwabe, Lena Gomez, Arianna Cortez, Lindsey Wonsowski, Juana Montalvo, Laura Gilbertson, Rachel Kuna, Alyssa Campagnoni, Vanessa Cortez, and Letticia Cruz. Back: Gilberto Calleros, Tami Kuta, Ashely Laslowski, Hillary Lim, Amy Lichtfuss, Mary Beth Stotz, Shana Galto, Ashley Mazzola, Sammi Kuftha, Mary Harms, Mandi Wessman, Courtney Voelz, and Donnie Jackson.



Coach Del Real looks on in anticipation as his girls play a hard game.

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Left: Mandi Wessman goes to kick the ball away from her competitors, but where's the ball?

Below: The girls bring it in with smiles after a well played game that ended with a Wildcat victory. Good Job, Girls!





Surveying her jump is Rachel Slattery ('05), a Varsity pole vault record holder at 8'9".

Training for the 2002 Track and Field season began long before the first gunshot was fired. Distance runners trained through winter, sprinters participated in speed camps, and new members were recruited everyday before the first day of practice. All the preparation paid off.

The Wildcats dominated the home scene in indoor track meets and found success as they went on the road by taking second at the Fenton Invite, bettering their score from last year by 60 points. The girls truly arrived when they stunned the conference at the Indoor DVC meet. They placed 5th on the Varsity level. With dedicated members, the team continued its campaign of success into the outdoor season.

The girls accumulated awards, personal bests, and records along the way to a 7th place finish at the outdoor DVC meet, missing 6th by one point.

Sophomores Lauren Anders, Laura Baumrucker, Christy Adduci and Kim Palka set the following records: Anders broke the Fresh-Soph 100 m hurdles record. Baumrucker ran to a new Indoor Conference record and Varsity record in the 200 m and 100 m. She earned a meet record at the Raider Invite in the 400 m, and set the Varsity medley relay record with Anders, Jessica Cwiak, and Aimee Beutke. Adduci broke the



Using her strength, Hillary Brown ('02) vaults herself over the bar.

Fresh-Soph mile record while Palka set the Frosh-Soph 800 m record. Freshmen Rachel Slattery and Megan Forbrook raised the bar - Forbrook tied the Frosh-Soph high jump record and Slattery set the Varsity pole vault record. Anders and Junior Katy Kostal took the Varsity 300 m hurdles record and the Raider Invite 3200 meet record respectively.

"My favorite meet was any home meet because I knew the track and I wasn't nervous," freshman Katie Ulin said of her track experience.

The team was sidelined with illness and injuries, but sectionals proved to be just a stepping stone to state. Jessica Cwiak, Aimee Beutke, Lauren Anders, and Laura Baumrucker qualified in the medley relay, Baumrucker won the 400 to qualify ultimately earning 7th place in state, and Rachel Slattery went down in pole vault. -Katy Kostal



Amy Infanger ('03) smiles after her victorious jump vs. Naperville North and West Aurora.



Laura Baumrucker ('04) receives the baton from Jessica Cwiak ('03) in the 800 m medley relay.



Varsity Front: Laura Tan, Amanda Weier, Megan Andracki, Kelly Wdowiarz, Nicole Chudoba, Christy Adduci, Alyssa Giliberto, Hilary Tennant Row 2: Coach Barbara Holmes, Lauren Anders, Rachel Horvath, Team Captain Erin Kirby, Nikki Franz, Maricarmen Osorio, Michelle Loerzel, Team Captain Hillary Brown, Head Coach Katerina Boves Row 3: Coach Catherine Jaeger, Katie Ulin, Kim Palka, Team Captain Katy Kostal, Kristy Skogsberg, Rachael McKenney, Heather Prochnow, Krystal Muhlberger, Dominique Scott, Kayla Halsall Row 4: Team Captain Jessica Cwiak, Madeline Foote, Jeanine Macrito, Aimee Beutke, Amanda Morrison, Anna Nubie, Ashley Rodgers, Rachel Rivera, Missi Sheme, Laura Baumrucker Back: Lynn Mielke, Kelly Karbach, Betsy Drzal, Yola Szyzsko, Melissa Deutsch, Rachel Slattery, Emily Biancalana, Megan Forbrook, Drew Kreck



Thrower Dominique Scott ('03) warms up for the discus after she "shot her put" in the shotput throw.



Drew Kreck ('05) launches herself into the air then decides to take a little jog.



Showing perfect form is Alyssa Giliberto ('05).



Christy Adduci ('04) excels in the 100 and mile.



Distance runners Kelly Wdowiarz ('05), Katy Kostal ('03), Kim Palka ('04) and Erin Kirby ('02) at DVC.



"The funniest thing that happened was at a windy meet at Glenbard East the team set up our tent on a hill. The wind blew it over and broke it."
-Lynn Mielke ('03)

"If you join the track team, expect to run (rain, snow) and sing a lot. We tend to run after the guys on hot days. Not with them."
-Kelly Wdowiarz ('05)

"I'm so glad I decided to run track last spring instead of play soccer. I met a lot of amazing people."
-Kim Palka ('04)

"The funniest thing that happened was practicing handoffs with Rachael McKenney with our 'grabby hands handoffs'."
-Melissa Deutsch ('03)

"The most embarrassing thing that happened was at our home meet. Coach called for me over the intercom. I ran to the line and almost missed my race!"
-Kayla Halsall ('03)

"There is no shoulda, coulda, or woulda. Because if you shoulda and coulda, you woulda."
-Christy Adduci ('04)



Front: Eddie Escobedo, Captain Joe Park, Vince Fernandez, Kris Donovan, Javier Saucedo
Row 2: Head Coach Paul McLeland, Jon Ortiz, Wyatt Schuyler, Pat Baur, Tyler Belding, Ben Keller,
Randy Zeitler Row 3: Coach Matt Doll, Team Captain Mike Nubie, Team Captain Joe
Caniano, Team Captain Tom Wojcicki, Emmanuel Vasquez, Adam Vann, Greg Moore Row 4: Dan
Baur, Mark Foote, Derek Jensen, Nick Bernard, Lon Beutke, Dan Dieckmann Back: Dan Bajor,
Corey Coleman, Jake DeLort, Chris Sanzeri, Mike Doll, Bill Inch, Justin Hoshaw, Tom Macauley

"This was a great year of strength, unity, and success. We had the best finish in
conference in years. Our record for this year was amazing - we dominated every
invitational. This is the best way to end your senior year."

-Team Captain Tom Wojcicki ('02)



Front: Eric Perez, Frank Anderson, Manny Escobedo, Kevin Duffy, Sean Battersby, Tyreese Barber,
Mark Trygar Row 2: Jacob Bermudez, John Doeseckle, Mike Casey, Jason Debolt, Jeff Hansen, Tom
Wood, Eric Hernandez, Anthony McNerney, Elliott Tinnes, Head Coach Paul McLeland Row 3: Coach
Matt Zeitler, Greg Callahan, Josiah Fisher, Andrew Bass, Erik Nelson, Mitch Coler, Ryan Henning, Brad Bytof,
Tinnes, Coach Matt Doll Row 4: Rob Casey, Mike Smolucha, Jeff Raymond, Andy Kiger, Joe Harte, Scott
Campbell, Jim Dieckmann, Tim Murrey, Jeff Gilbert Row 5: Mike Savegnago, Scott Storey, Joel Somers, Mike
McCaft, Alex Wemple, John Jennings, Chris Carrington, Emmanuel Camargo Back: Zac Hedger, Nick
Kuhn, Jason Becker, Rich Visser



Distance runner Mike Smolucha ('04) celebrates his
win after battling tendonitis.

"Fall down seven times; stand up eight."

-Pat Baur ('03)



TOP: Joe Caniano, Mike Nubie, Joe Park and Tom
Wojcicki as sophomores. BOTTOM: The same little
boys as all grown up and now all are Senior Captains.

Without Limits

Through teamwork and desire
(and grilling) this year has shown
what Boys' Track and Field at West
Chicago can truly accomplish.

Busting onto the scene with no
mercy during the indoor season
helped the team attain a 3rd place tie
in the conference meet.

"My favorite meet had to be the
DVC Indoor Invitational. Indoor
meets are always exciting because
everything is happening at once in
the fieldhouse; it's like a three-ring
circus," Junior distance runner Pat
Baur said. "It's just that the level of
energy from both the crowd and the
athletes was huge, and it felt great to
be a part of that experience."

"My favorite part about track and
field was practicing relay handoffs
while the rest of the team ran," Sen-
ior Joe Caniano said.

With Caniano (sprints), Lon
Beutke (sprints), Corey Coleman
(long and triple jump) and Wyatt
Schuyler (throws) qualifying for the
Illinois Prep Top Times State Meet

down at University of Illinois, no one
could deny the talent of this year's ath-
letes.

They boys performed with ease at
invitationals, taking home first place at
the Glenbard South Raider Invitational
with almost every one going home with
a medal that day. They also earned 2nd
place at both the Geneva Invite and the
Crystal Lake Central Invitational.

At the outdoor conference meet the
team placed 3rd, this time sharing the
spotlight with no one. It's one of the
highest finishes West Chicago has ever
achieved. The sectional meet was the
true measure of the team's abilities. Lon
Beutke and Wyatt Schuyler qualified in
the 400 m and shotput respectively, with
the 4x100 m relay with Joe Caniano, Joe
Park, Joe Klingberg and Beutke, pulled
off a state qualification. They capped off
the year with 11th place finishes by
Schuyler and the 4x100 m.

-Katy Kostal



Corey Coleman ('02) mentally
prepares before competing in the
long and triple jumps.



Jason Becker ('04) strides out before
running down the home stretch in his
4x800 m relay.



Andy Kiger ('04) powerfully surges ahead of the
Glenbard North competition.

"We can...We will."

-Joe Caniano ('02)

A League All Their Own

Stepping up to the plate with a positive attitude, the girls showed grit and determination throughout a challenging season.

Left: Megan Llorens ('02) works on her swing as she times her bat with the pitcher.



Middle: The girls get their spirits pumped up by calling for a huddle between innings



Right: First Baseman Jessica Krueger ('03) gets ready for the next defensive play.



The Lady Wildcat softball team faced a challenging season this spring. After last year's impressive performance with all three levels winning the DuPage Valley Conference title, the Wildcats faced several formidable opponents on the softball field, and they rose to the challenges of their competitors.

Although the Varsity team struggled with the competition and did not win the DVC title, they were still on the prowl with a conference record of 3-10. On the other hand, the J.V. squad did an outstanding job. They ended up winning conference with only one loss and earned a record of 12-1. The freshman girls finished the season with an overall record of 7-6.

The three teams all together did their best and had winning games to show for it. All the levels were matched up with the best athletes in state and, although not all of the levels won the title, they were always a force to be reckoned with on the field. All in all, they had a ball.

-Marissa Mendoza and Sandra Vazquez



The team pauses for some words of inspiration and encouragement from their coaches.



Left: Kelly McCarthy ('03) waits for the call from her catcher to strike out her next opponent.



Middle: Casey Connolly ('02) gets ready to bat as she keeps an eye on the ball being pitched to her.



Right: Heather Mosteller ('03) catches a fly ball and needs to decide how to get the runner out.





Freshman Girls: Row 1(sitting): Katherine Cloutier, Valerie Cirone, Heidi Colliander, Becky Bonarek, Jennifer Robertson.
Row 2: Kaitlyn McAvoy, Jaclyn Gola, Danielle Freebern, Chelsea Deitz, Lauren Krage, Jill Walkoe.
Row 3: Freshman Coach Heather Dunlap, Dana Hernan, Tilia Detrick, Bridget Rood, Julie Evans, Corrine Coffman.



Junior Varsity Girls: Row 1(sitting): Megan Castelveccchi, Tanya Hisey, Brandi Bodie, Kristin Borsodi.
Row 2: Emily Ekstrom, Alyssa Claude, Peggy Saul, Marissa Mendoza, Kailey Rohrdanz, Manager Kristy Boorsma.
Row 3: JV Coach Laurie Davidson, Carolyn Wostratzky, Kristine Joy, Cori Koeppen, Krista Johnson, Kim Rovtar, Coach Tom Cheehy.



Coach Maloney looks for inspiration from one of her players to make the bats come alive.



Varsity: Row 1(sitting): Liz Brouwer, Martha Mueller, Suzanne Smith, Heather Bien. Row 2: Kelly McCarthy, Kristi Nickelson, Casey Connolly, Heather Mosteller, Rebecca Hoffman. Row 3: Megan Llorens, Sarah Bernklau, Katie Walker, Jessica Krueger. Row 4: Lindsay Paulsen, Elyse Barron, Head Coach Jim Schaudt, Coach Kim Maloney, Coach Fred Ruiz, Heather Barron, Brandi Ruiz.



Head Coach Jim Schaudt offers encouragement to the players from the sidelines.



Far Left: Kailey Rohrdanz ('04) does a great job getting her body in front of the ball to get the wild pitch out of the dirt.



Left: Kristi Nickelson ('03), Sarah Bernklau ('03), Martha Mueller ('02) and Casey Connolly ('02) warm up before the game.

Baseball



Varsity Baseball: Front Row: Matt Peterson, Andy Obrochta, Scott Sieder, John Weier, Aron Morris. 2nd Row: Brad Bolton, Josh Kutilek, Matt Shambo, Derek Ekstrom, Sean Zieche, James Smolucha. 3rd Row: Dan Deutsch, Paul Majchrowski, Dan Kaylor, Dave Pater, Rich Miller. 4th Row: Head Coach John Walters, Asst. Coach Hugh Stott, Nick Buscemi, Travis Stauffer, Nick Carter, Kevin Franckowiak, Asst. Coach Michael Hanson.



Sophomore Baseball: Front Row: TJ Shanahan, Frank Guerrero, Justin Taylor, James Sallis. 2nd Row: Andrew Hish, Mike Liszka, Jason Jensen, John George, Sean Reynolds. 3rd Row: Ted Gernand, Houston Pineda, Andrew Denniger, Jason Shreeram. 4th Row: Dan Harms, Asst. Coach Bill Bicker, Head Sophomore Coach Eric Lasky, Tom Grove.



Freshman baseball: Dan Eckler, Bill Myers, Jon Leitherer, Mark Hansen, Austin Curran, Evan Skarin. 2nd Row: Brandon Kutilek, Mike Hanrahan, Ryan Morris, Ryan Zieche, Vince Czernik, Mike Brzeczek, Dan Zieche. 3rd Row: Ryan Woodbury, Chris Hinojosa, Dan Liszka, Steven Bicek. 4th Row: Head Coach Joe Schrom, Manager Jeff Linsenmeyer, Dustin Saville, John Gaede, Nick Lelito, Austin Monroe, Eric Olson, Mike Infanger, Coach Clay Reagan, Asst. Coach Ted Barzso.

Major League IV: Wildcat Baseball

"Going to practice every morning at 5:00 am was the one thing that I will remember throughout my years," said Varsity baseball player Jimmy Smolucha ('02). He and 19 other players woke up early every morning in order to practice before school. The practice helped the Varsity team work hard to achieve an overall record of 9 and 16. The sophomores did a little better with a record of 18 and 6.

Sophomore Coach Eric Lasky stated, "My most memorable game this year was against Naperville Central. We finally defeated them. It felt really good after last year, when they swept us both games." Varsity Coach John Walters, offering a different view on his favorite game, said, "My favorite was against Glenbard East when we barely beat them 2-1!" Though this year the team did not do as well as last year's team, it was a year of many great accomplishments.



Andy Obrochta, the pitcher for the Varsity team, flings a pitch toward the plate. Andy is a senior and has been on the team for all four years of high school.



Junior Scott Sieder calls time out to get the signs from the third base coach.

Wildcats
take the
field!



Sophomore Dan Harms watches the ball to see what his next move will be.

Deuces Wild TENNIS

Rebuilding has finally ceased for West
ago's Boys' Tennis Team. This year saw a
in the number of players and in the number of
The Wildcats opened up their season with
victories in a row (easily blowing out last
year's record.) Not only did the Wildcats improve
fully, ten excited freshmen joined the team
(an improvement from last year's two.) The
men did well with a record of 4-15, consider-
that all of these students have never played the
before. The Wildcats will look upon these
men in years to come to lead the team.

According to Assistant Varsity Coach Tim
Martin, "The team did extremely well this year
compared to last year. We really stepped it up in
tournaments, and we hope for success in years
to come."

In the tournaments this season, the doubles
team of Mike and Ryan Massschelin placed second
in the St. Charles East tournament playing second
doubles, and they also took second place at the
Glenbard North Quad. Geoff Palka and Jason
Woodbury, the second doubles team, took first
place along with first singles Matt Neumann.

In the DuPage Valley Conference tournament,
Ryan Massschelin won third place after a straight
set win against the third seed, Naperville North.
However, the sectionals at Schaumburg were not
very successful. Geoff Palka and Jason Woodbury
advanced to the second round but did not make it
any further. Matt Neumann was seeded fourth in
the singles and won his first match.

-Jason Woodbury and Ryan Massschelin



Front row: Michael Kuzmicz, Jason Forbrook, Matt Simon, Jeff Burgess, Michael Weiss. Second row: Matt Neumann, Jeff Lesniak, Mike Marvan, Julien Benter, Eric Gotkowski, Brian Holt. Third row: Marc Berry, Eduardo Padilla, Mike Massschelin, Jeff Cisowski, Ryan Massschelin, Cesar Nunez. Fourth row: Coach Moeaki, Coach Martin, Austen Fuchs, Nick Grue, Geoff Palka, Jason Woodbury, Scott McKee, Coach Lemberg-Finn.



Senior Matt Neumann talks with Coach Tim Martin during a break in the action.



Senior Mike Massschelin whacks the ball for a winner in varsity competition.



Sophomore Ryan Massschelin has a blast on the court between points.



Sophomore Brian Holt strokes the ball back to his opponent.



Senior Mike Marvan swings at the ball with his transparent tennis racket.



Senior Marc Berry shows perfect form while serving to his opponent during a match.



Senior Jason Woodbury attempts to intimidate the other team during warm-ups.



Freshman Eric Gotkowski shows his "cool" side out on the tennis courts.

Varsity Records

Matt Neumann	7-14	Jason Woodbury	7-15
Mike Massschelin	8-15	Mike Marvan	4-15
Ryan Massschelin	16-8	Geoff Palka	7-14
Brian Holt	7-10	Jason Forbrook	6-11
Eric Gotkowski	8-14	Austen Fuchs	1-16

BADMINTON

Badminton is an incredibly fast game of endurance and racket-eye coordination. One blink, and the birdie will hit the ground.

This year's team managed to control their blinking, so to speak, and did very well. As a team, they ended the season with 6 wins and 7 losses.

Just by watching one match, it was apparent to even the laziest (blinking) eye that the team was working hard.

Christine Austin ('02) qualified for the State Tournament at the end of the season, capping off her final year as a birdie-bashing Wildcat. She competed May 11th at New Trier in Winnetka.

"In the first game, I played against the girl that eventually won state, so I had my work cut out for me," Austin said of her experience competing at state.

At the end of their season, the team came up with an ingenious way of earning some extra money. For \$2, students and faculty challenged a team member to a game. If the challengers won, they received their money back. If the challengers lost, the team kept the cash. Needless to say, the extra dough helped!

-Katy Kostal and David Bennett



Melissa Heron ('03) and Christine Austin ('02) listen for valuable advice to help them in their big match.



Varsity Girls Badminton; Row 1: Alison Dahl, Sarah Swatsworth, Melissa Heron, Nisha Patel Row 2: Stephanie Smothers, Liz Brosseau, Sarah Altergott, Row 3: Assist. Coach Jodi Donovan, Kate Gutierrez, Christine Austin, Sandy Edlund, Head Coach Corrie Gilgallon



WOW! Fawn Montag ('03), a JV player, serves perfectly.



Alison Dahl ('03) digs down deep, doesn't blink, and prepares to return the birdie before it hits the floor.



West Chicago Superstars

*Sometimes small efforts
make the biggest
difference.*

Couldn't Have Done It Without You...

Every year, we at the *Challenge* staff struggle to create an above average book for you, the Community High School student body. For the most part, we succeed in our tasks. But, sometimes even we need a little help. And this year we received it in a major way.

First off, Student Council gave us \$200.00 to use towards new cameras. Without these cameras, the book would have had fewer

pictures! Thanks for the donation.

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-Challenge Staff 2002

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In Memory Of Houston Pineda

*Lord, take my hand.
Help me understand
What is life
And where do I stand.*

*Lord, hold my soul.
Help me know
Why we die
And where we'll go.*

*Lord, fill my mind
With courage to try
To go on with life
And not lay down and die.*

*Lord, tell my heart
Things are fine.
Let me know
That it's time to fly.*

*Lord, help my friends
So they understand death.
Help them move on
Now that a loved one is gone.*

*Lord, help us know
You watch us grow.
You help us live with love
Even when our life on earth is done.*

~Jessica Myers



~WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH~

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Gail Aronoff

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Michael Assaf
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Sarah Bellis
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Melissa Bortnick
Katerina Boves
Anne Branch
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John Walters
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 Sandra Wilson
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 Tammie Zegar
 Mike Zepeda
 Gwendolyn
 Zimmermann
 Helen Zmrhal



Above: Mr. Gimre relaxes after a long hard day.



Above: Mrs. Minor gets into the Halloween spirit.



Above: Mr. Assaf takes a break from teaching.

Below: Mr. Arnold enjoys his last year at Community High School.



Below: Mr. Poulterer teaches his class a new song.



Below: Ms. Kairys cheers for the Social Studies staff.



The Talented Dr. Jones



Jones poses with a cheerleading trophy won in



Jones speaks at the French Language National Honor Society induction in 1986.

Class of 1992 student happily receives her diploma from Dr. Jones.

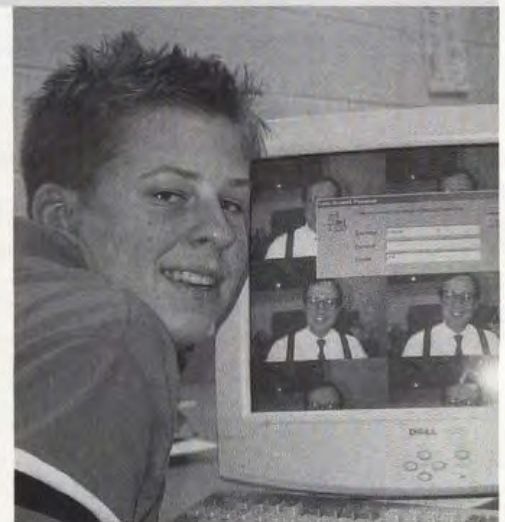


Since 1985, West Chicago Community High School has been run by one man and his favorite pair of blue and red striped suspenders. Dr. Alan Jones has been the commander-in-chief of District 94 for the last 17 years. Dr. Jones loved being the principal of this school for many reasons. He loved teaching, and being the principal brought excitement and action to his life. Jones stated that he first became interested in the job when he was working as an Assistant Principal at Bremen High School. Upon watching his superior run the school, he developed some new ideas he wanted to try and a yearning to run the school better.

Upon arriving at Community High School in 1985, Jones was a little worried about the curriculum at this school. According to Jones he felt he needed to advance it and not fall into the fad of having ability groups and weighted grades. He felt that the focus should be on education and not on the concept of what this can do for "me," the student. He wanted a community school feeling, and getting rid of the selfish focus was the first step. During his tenure at this school, Jones believes the best things he has done include passing the referendum to get the new addition built, getting the blue ribbon award for educational excellence in 1993, and winning one of the five Hispanic Magazine excellent school awards in 1994. When asked if he felt comfortable leaving the school in Mr. Highland's hands, he replied, "Oh yes. I think Mr. Highland is very qualified." He said that Mr. Highland understands the students, the faculty, and the culture of the school. He knows how to make tough decisions and has the experience to make good decisions. Of the staff he has worked with, Jones said that Mr. Arnold has been the most enjoyable with whom to work. Arnold has kept him young with all of his new ideas. Arnold is reflective on his own teaching, and Jones has tried to match Arnold's excitement and behavior around the school. It will take time for Jones to relax after he retires, but he plans to travel with his wife and to teach some classes at area universities. In 15 years, Dr. Jones thinks that Community High School will be thriving because "we have nowhere to go, but to get better and better." Thank you for your years of service for the school, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

-Jason Woodbury

The Girls' Basketball team presents their plaque to Dr. Jones in 1986.



Sophomore Ryan Masschelin smiles as he sees his favorite principal on the computer.



Dr. Jones delivers the commencement speech for the Class of 1995.

The foreign language students listen attentively to their principal's words.



The Little Rascals

The Freshmen

EVERYONE SEEMS TO THINK THAT FRESHMAN YEAR IS NERVEWRACKING BECAUSE IT IS SO FULL OF FIRSTS. FRESHMEN MUST SURVIVE THEIR FIRST YEAR AT HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR FIRST FORMAL DANCE, AND THEIR FIRST SET OF FINALS. HOWEVER, AFTER A COUPLE OF DAYS, THE CLASS OF 2005 FIGURED OUT THAT THE ROOMS IN THE FOUR HUNDREDS ARE NOT ON THE FOURTH FLOOR (DESPITE WHAT THE UPPERCLASSMEN MAY HAVE TOLD THEM).

AS HIGH SCHOOL BECAME THEIR SECOND HOME THROUGH EXTRA HOMEWORK, SPORTS, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS, THE FRESHMEN LEARNED

MORE AND MORE ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM. BEING FRESHMEN, WE ALL FOUND OUR OWN WAY OF ADJUSTING TO HIGH SCHOOL.

"MY FIRST REACTION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS THAT IT SMELLED NICE..." SAID BILL MYERS. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE FRESHMEN'S FIRST REACTIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS THAT IT IS BIG. ON THE OTHER HAND, AFTER A COUPLE DAYS OF RUNNING THROUGH THE HALLWAYS, EVEN THAT BELIEF WAS PROVEN WRONG.

-RYAN WOODBURY
& LILLI CASSIDY



Shane Welch and Sinead Walsh try not to think too hard as they finish their homework in Commons.

Connie Castillo and Tania Dorsey have some fun as they laugh around in Commons.

What are you looking forward to in your future years at the high school?

How did Freshmen handle finals?

"Parties, girls, and sports."

-Austin Curran

"Having fun." -Silvina Perez

"Hanging out with my friends and getting good grades for college." -Josh

"Finals...you mean I was supposed to take them?"

-Chelsea Dietz

"I didn't like them. They were too long."

-Victor Garcia



Sara Kalkman, Bridget Geraghty, and Emily Timko are ready for another day of school.

What are the best ways to escape security guards?

What is the best part about being a Freshman?

"RUN!!" -Kari Dimas

"Go through the other doors"

-Michelle Giblin

"Flirt with them!" -Ian Rowers

"You got to meet new people."

-Nick Doncoos

"Saying you didn't know where to go, or you don't understand when you really do."

-Tania Dorsey

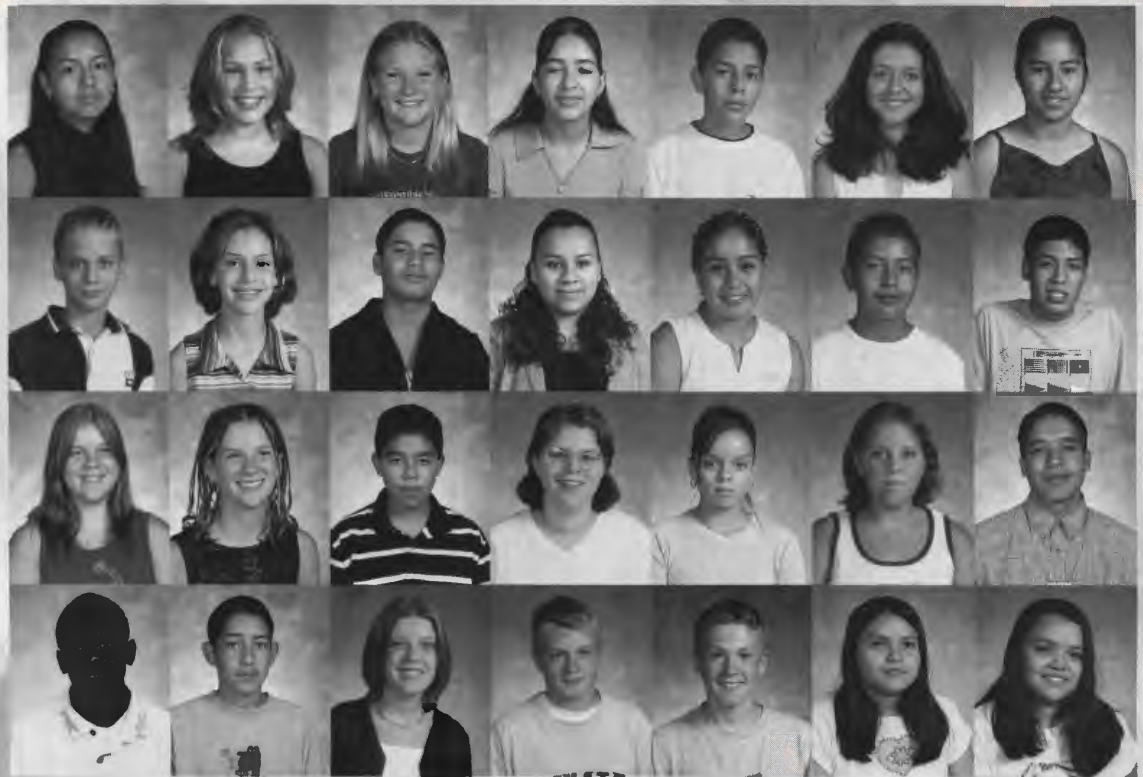
Freshmen in 2002

Leticia Acosta
 Marissa Adams
 Carissa Adamson
 Patricia Alcantar
 Gildardo Allende
 Denise Almaraz
 Melissa Alvarado

Frank Anderson
 Megan Andracki
 Julio Anicua
 Hayde Antonio
 Evelyn Arias
 Jose Arias
 Josimar Arias

Barbara Armstrong
 Alexandra Arnold
 Jesse Avalos
 Heather Ballek
 Estefania Ballines
 Shayla Balo
 Felipe Barajas

Tyreese Barber
 Jose Bautista
 Rachel Bednar
 Luke Belding
 Matthew Belding
 Maria Benitez
 Maria Benitez



Below: Tony Perham leans against the wall trying to catch his breath after hard gym class.



Above: Katie Desik gets off the bus for her first day at the high school.



Julien Benter
 Jacob Bermudez
 Andria Bernard
 Lauren Bertram
 Kristen Betts
 Steven Bicek
 Jacob Bien

Jennifer Birkey
 Joseph Blackburn
 Angelica Blanco
 Christopher Bodane
 Brandi Bodie
 Kathryn Boland
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Rebecca Bonarek
 Maira Borjon
 Valentin Borjon
 John Borkowicz
 Kristin Borsodi
 Jessica Boyd
 Ingrid Briseno

Michael Brzeczek
 Melissa Buckles-Haley
 Jeffrey Burgess
 Glen Cadwallader
 Gregory Callahan
 Brenda Calleros
 Dulce Camacho



Above: Tori Jeffery gets help on her homework while drinking a Coke in Commons.



Above: During his study period, Cesar Nunez finishes his homework.



Above: Austin Curran hangs out with his friends before first hour.

M Lidia Camacho
Alonso Camargo
Alexander Carpenter

Glovany Carrillo
Christopher Carrington
Jessica Carter
Mike Casey
Lillian Cassidy
Elizabeth Castellanos
Astrid Castillo

Connie Castillo
Leslie Castillo-Warning
Carmen Castro
Noe Castro
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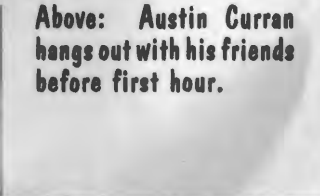
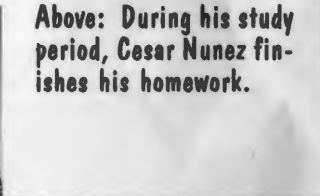
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Cole Coats
Corrine Coffman
Heidi Colliander
Robert Conard
Hugo Conde

Frank Conforti
Andrew Correa
Renato Correa
Sandra Correa
Samantha Corriero
Deborah Corson
Fany Cortez

Kim Cracraft
Jonathan Crotty
Lucia Cruz
Jose Cuevas
Sandra Cuiriz
Austin Curran
Vincent Czernik

Meghan Dalton
Elyse Damsch
Allison Danes
Chelsea Deitz
Alejandro Delgado
Fidel Delgado
Miron Demirovski

Katie Desik
Tilia Detrick
Alex Dieckmann
James Dieckmann
Michael Dieter
Bernadette Dimas
Kari-Ane Dimas





John Doeseckle
Emily Doll
Nickolas Doncoes
Daniel Doremus
Tania Dorsey
Daniel Eckler
Ashley Egert

Ricky Eldridge
Jessie Elson
Julie Evans
Erica Fatigato
Yesenia Fernandez
Irubiel Ferrer
Amanda Fischer

Jon Fisher
Josiah Fisher
Alyssa Flores
Mariana Flores
Rigoberto Flores
Madeline Foote
Megan Forbrook

Eric Franckowiak
Nicole Franz
Danielle Freebern
David Frommert
Keil Fuchs
John Gaede
Patrick Galeano

Erin Gallimore
Daniel Galvan
Cristina Garcia
Mauricio Garcia
Stephanie Garcia
Yazmin Garcia
Maria Garfias

Joseph Gehrett
Emily Gehrke
Giovanni Gentile
Nicholas Gentile
Nickolas George
Bridget Geraghty
Kelsey Gerber

Abigail Gerwin
Michelle Giblin
Amanda Gibson
Jeffrey Gilbert
Alyssa Giliberto
Elyse Glunt
Jaclyn Gola

Corinne Golzer
Griselda Gomez
David Gonzalez
Denise Gonzalez
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Melissa Gonzalez
Elaine Goodwin



Above: Tania Dorsey laughs at a joke that Jonathan Gitty doesn't think is that funny.



Above: During the Homecoming pep-rally, Freshmen try to build a pyramid to show class spirit.



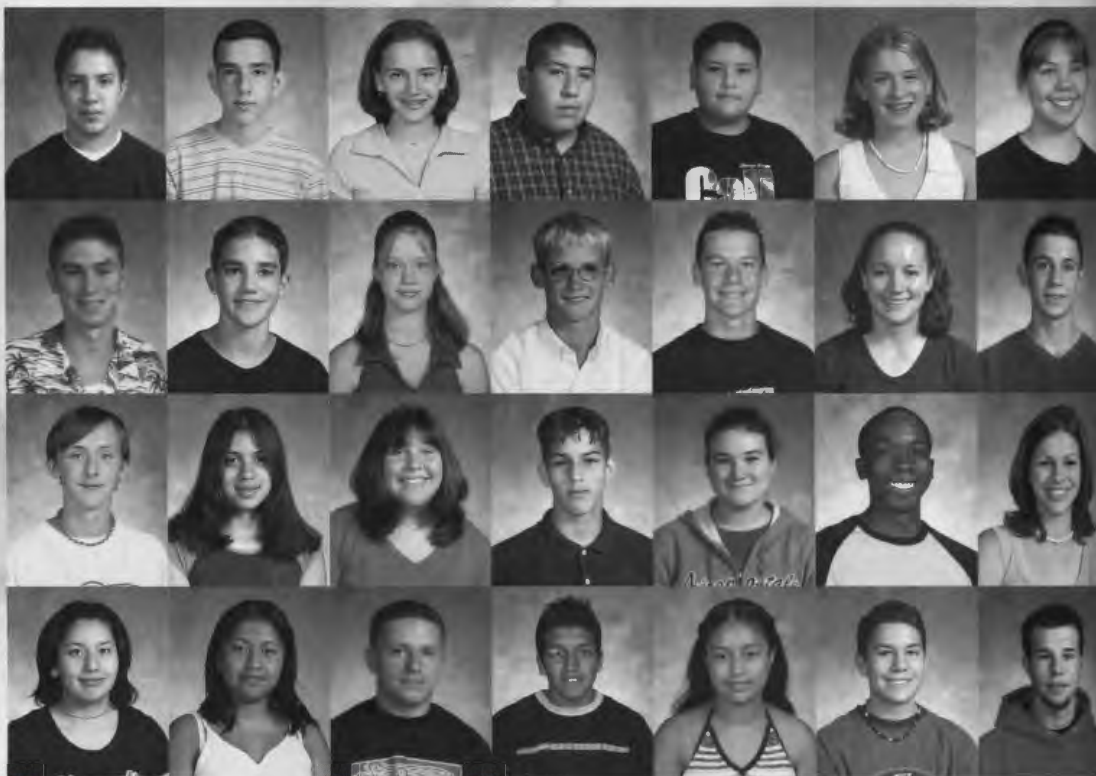
Above: During his free time, Ian Rewers gets a chance to relax and draw.

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Robert J. Gottlieb
Ashley Griskell
Diego Guerrero
Octavio Guerrero
Laura Hahn
Allison Haley

Jonathan Hall
Andrew Hamm
Kristie Hammock
Michael Hanrahan
Mark Hansen
Mary Harms
Joseph Harte

Thomas Harwood
Summer Hassan
Sheila Hasselberger
Thomas Healy
Kyle Heiden
Donald Henning
Dana Hernan

Alondra Hernandez
Cristina Hernandez
Erik Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Nahomy Hernandez
Christopher Hinojosa
Andrew Hish



Above: Alex Carpenter, John Kurtz, Ryan Woodbury, Stephany Vasquez, and Frank Anderson chill in the cafeteria during lunch.



Above: While working hard on his homework, Bill Myers takes a second express himself.

Micah Hitchcock



Ian Holmes
Justin Horwitz
Michael Howard
Michelle Howard
Gerardo Huerta
Andrea Huntzicker
Ivan Ishkov
Briana Jakubik
Bruce Janek
Tori Jeffery
John Jennings
Derek Jensen
Jamie Jirik
Melissa Johansen

Jared Johnson
Adam Jones
Ramiro Juarez
Sara Kalkman
Christopher Kane
Erika Kane
Jocelyn Karbach





John Karnoscak Jr
Megan Keefe
Jonathan Kimber
Rebecca Kimber
Alexa Kipp
Samantha Kleczewski
Jamie Klingberg

Nicole Klingberg
Merium Koch
Gary Koester
Lauren Koontz
Ashley Kovacevic
Tracey Kowalczyk
Brad Kraft

Lauren Krage
Drew-Anne Krecek
Michelle Krueger
Matt Kucera
Sammi Kufta
Sarah Kuna
Nicholas Kuras

Brandon Kutilek
Olga Labra
Robert Lakics
Ryan Lange
Vicki Lawn
Nicole Leber
Jason Legear



Above: Lauren Krage, Mike Smeraglia, and friend race up the stairs to catch their next class



Above: Jonathan Crotty and Brandon Kutilek take a break from their homework to draw on a folder.



Jonathan Leitherer



Nicholas Lelito
Katelyn Lenertz
Lisa Lentz
Jeffrey Lesniak
Kim Liberg
Michael Liddicoatt
Timothy Lillie

Jeffrey Linsenmeyer
Daniel Liszka
Gabriella Llanos
Bryan Loosli
Adriana Lopez
Alejandro Lopez
Maria Lopez

Victor Lopez
Joshua Lundquist
Kevin MaCorkel
Michelle Macrito
Matthew Mahoney
Angela Mahr
Jose Mancera

Freshman Year



Above: Francesca Lorusso smiles for the camera and shows her We-Go spirit.



Above: Erica Fatigato finally gets to go to her locker in between classes.

What is your dream car?

"A 2002 Subaru Impreza"
-Alex Carpenter

"A 1971 Plymouth Barracuda convertible"
-Ryan Woodbury

"A 2002 Pontiac Grand Am"
-George Chiarito

"A Porsche Boxter convertible"
-Corrine Coffman

"A 1994 T-top Camaro"
-Lilli Cassidy

Kenneth Marcellis



Travis Marcrum
Jessica Martinez



Matthew Marvan
Amanda Massih
Paula Mazzola



Christina Mazzone
Kaitlyn McAvoy
Katherine McClintock
Adam McMahan



Anthony McNerney
Robert Medeiros
Dolores Melgoza
Brisa Mendez
Daniel Meyers



Jessica Minelli
Fernando Mondragon
Austin Monroe
Almadelia Montenegro
Jorge Morales
Ryan Morris



Adam Mosley
Guadalupe Munoz
Maria Munoz
Sergio Munoz
Bradley Murison
Keith Murrell
Jill Musick



William Myers
Brienne Nadolny
Amy Natale
Adam Neal
Heather Nehmer
Tiffany Nitti
Cesar Nunez
Michael Oleksiak



Class of 2005



Ashley Olson



Eric Olson
Arizbe Ortiz



Linda Ortiz
Maricarmen Osorio
Amit Patel



Ashish Patel
Lindsay Pater
Lana Paulsen
Marisa Pavone



Cassandra Peletis
Armando Perez
Carlos Perez
Cristina Perez
Eric Perez



Fabian Perez
Francisco Perez
Maria Perez
Nancy Perez
Patricia Perez
Silvina Perez



Victor Perez
Anthony Perham
Ashley Peterson
Larry Petrie
Nicholas Pietrobon
Kathryn Podschwit
P. Martin Pollman



Gregory Powell
Shawn Przybyla
Jose Quiroz
Oscar Ramirez
Brandon Randall
Rhian Randall
Ashley Rawls
Arturo Recendez

What is your favorite part of high school so far?

"Having more free time"
-Tim Ritchie

"All the different people"
-Gaby Llanos

"I get to see my friends in Commons all the time"
-Briana Jakubik

"Meeting new people"
-Carri Wostratzky



Above: George Chiarito seems to be having fun at the Freshman Mixer.



Above: Nick Doncoes tries his best at his homework.

Kate Rehbock
 Brian Reilly
 Ian Rewers
 Jessie Rewers
 Joshua Reyes
 Emily Richert



Kimmy Riehm
 Caitlin Riermaier
 Timothy Ritchie
 Jennifer Robertson
 Jessica Robertson
 Juan Robles
 Dante Rodriguez
 Yajaira Rodriguez



Kevin Roloff
 Susan Rolseth
 Rosa Romero
 Bridget Rood
 Dieter Rudolph
 Matthew Rushton



Mallory Russo
 Sarah Rysell
 Angelica Salazar
 Adrienne Sanchez



Jose Sanchez
 Alyssa Santiago
 Carlos Santillan
 Paola Sarellana



Hugo Saucedo
 Margaret Saul
 Matthew Sauter
 Emily Saviano



Ashley Saville
 Dustin Saville
 Cassidy Schuyler
 Amanda Schwinn



John Schwinn
 Julie Shah
 Vipah Shah
 Charlott Sharp
 Ben Shelley
 Douglas Sieder



Jamon Siefert
 Matthew Simon
 Diane Sitts
 Evan Skarin
 Michael Smeraglia
 Daniel Smith
 Gabriela Solis
 Jhanvi Soni



Anthony Sosa
 Jenna Spaniol
 Josef Staiton
 Dale Staton
 Anthony Stearn
 Jessica Stentz





Jaime Sterne
Matthew Stout
Javier Suarez
Dale Szul
Laura Tan
Adam Tanel
Antonio Tena
Rachel Termunde
Mitchel Thomson
Emily Timko
Kenneth Tinnes
David Tirado
Bethany Toms
Shannon Treachler
Amanda Tumidalsky
Mary Turnquist



Katie Ulin
Timothy Valaski



Jorge Valdez
Veronica Valles



Matthew Van Gorkom
David Vann
Stephany Vasquez
Julio Velazquez
Rosemarie Venen
Vanessa Vergara
Nick Verzillo
Jose Villafuerte
Courtney Voelz
Jill Walkoe
Sinead Walsh
Thomas Walsh
Jacob Walter
Michele Walters
Jessica Wasielewski
Kelly Wdowiarz



Andrew Weigand
Darin Weimer



Michael Weiss
Amanda Wessman



Christopher Wiersbe
Christopher Wiersema
Tom Wingstedt
Ryan Woodbury
Carolyn Wostratzky
Dana Yormark
Jennifer Young
Ana Zacatzi
Elizabeth Zeyen
Robert Zeyen
Lauren Zibera
Dan Zieche
Jim Zizzo



R E V E N G E



Lindsay Nash gives the impression she is a sweetie, but look at that smile closer. See anything?

We're back this year, and not taking anything from anybody! We want revenge! We know what it is like to be freshmen: being told to take the elevator to the fourth floor, being insulted and teased and even chased out of Senior Hall. We cannot take our revenge out on the upperclassmen or the Freshmen, but we can, however, send a message that will not be forgotten.

Things have changed this year. For one, we have earned the right to rule the road. The dues are paid, and

now it's time for the benefits.

There were many things that may have been funny to do last year as a freshman, but in the end it wasn't worth it. So, to be nice, if you have to think twice about doing something to an upperclassmen, chances are you shouldn't do it.

Note: Upperclassmen who feel you are better than everyone else, test us and see the results will be positively **SOPHOMORE!**

-Melissa Boorsma and
Melissa Prusko



Amanda Weier can't help but smile. Absolutely no revenge plans are on her mind. (We think.)



Left: Julie Polz may look innocent enough, but test her and see her innocence will be no more.

Right: Tim Murrey, Tom Grove, and Tyler Piech flex their muscles. And look at those faces, they mean business.



"It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ...," Ryan Stuhr. He has spotted something off in the distance that seems to interest him.



Left: Sophomores Linsey Perez, Nick Fairbanks, and Lindsay Nash show just how cool they really are.

Below: Bill Winter concentrates hard on everything that he does, whether it be school or band.



We Can Do it!

S O P H O M O R E S

O F T H E



"We don't need to prove it. We know we are the best."

"Revenge is sweet, especially when there is a chocolate shortage."

- Leigh Hellman



"We already have because we chose not to prove it. We believe we are to ourselves, therefore we are."

- Sarah Swatswroth



We need to prove this now, "so we don't get walked on as we move up the chain."

"They (the upperclassmen) think they are so better when they were in the same situation the year before."

- Anonymous



"There are a lot of Freshmen that think they are all that. They talk the talk, but can't walk the walk...Seniors are O.K. We need to prove we are the best with a three man sack race."

- Ben Hoshaw

Why do sophomores need to prove they are the best?



"I'm tired of being treated like nothing. Juniors and Seniors were Sophomores once too."

- Becki Best



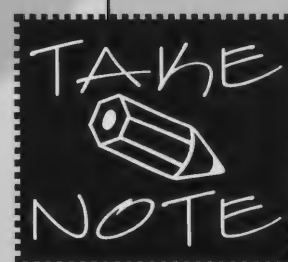
"To be honest, I think Pokemon are way cooler!"

- Sean Reynolds



"We shouldn't have been treated unfairly."

- Tom Burke



"I think it is unfair upper classmates feel like they have the right to pick on lower classmates. That is not fair."

- Kevin Hansen

M O R E S

**You Think We Can
We KNOW We CAN!**

Alberto Acosta
Nicole Adams
Christina Adduci
David Aguirre
Blanca Alanis
Julieta Alegria
Lucia Alfaro
Edward Alvarez
Lauren Anders
Jason Anthony
Diego Aramburu
Joshua Armstrong
Arturo Arvizu
Jonathan Aube
Jennifer Auchincloss
Gerardo Avalos
Brooke Bachelor
Jennifer Baker
Crystal Ballines
Elizabeth Barrera
Dawn Barzso
Sean Battersby
Laura Baumrucker
Aaron Becker



Ashley Spindler stares blindly into the camera.

Shaina Sullivan leads the Sophomores during the tug-of-war competition at the Homecoming pep rally.



John Grue plays the saxophone during the Homecoming varsity game.

Fabiola Leal, Jake Keeley and Ryan Smith finish up their homework in Commons before classes start.



Jason Becker
Jeff Beideman
David Bennett
Crystal Bermudez
Noe Bernardino
Becki Best
Jaclyn Bicek
Liliana Bieniek
Michelle Blanco
Brittany Boehm
Kristy Boorsma
Melissa Boorsma
Lisa Borg
Bibiana Borjon
Douglas Boyd
Jacob Brandstedter
Jonathan Brandt
Ellen Briggs
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Cari Brown
Nicole Brown
Isaiah Buado
Jennifer Buchman
Jonathan Buczak
Phil Buksa
Daniel Bulleri
Thomas Burke
Brad Bytof
Misael Caballero
Cesar Cabral
Ramon Calamia
Gilberto Calleros
Alyssa Campagnoni
Scott Campbell
Andres Cantu
Elisa Carlos
Crystal Casares





Robert Casey
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Cristal Ceja
Rebecca Chairez
Sandy Chan
Kirsten Chase
Richard Chmelik
Leah Christiansen
David Chronowski
Michael Chronowski
Timothy Clairmont
Mitchell Coler
Ericka Coletti
Sarah Contreras
Angela Cordero
Lee Corning
Alejandro Correa
Marlene Correa
Teresa Correa
Valentin Correa
Lucia Cortes
Luz Cortes
Jovany Cortez
Leticia Cortez



Michalek looks amazed
the new formula just given
him in his math class.

Linsey Perez and Lena
Gomez share a special mo-
ment for the Yearbook.



Fabiola Leal practices her
cheers while at a home bas-
ketball game.

Robert Jeffery shows
off his basketball skills
in the middle of his gym
class.



Fabian Cruz
Leticia Cruz
Taylor Curran
Andy Dameron
Jonathan Daru
Matthew Davidson
Amy Davis
Kiel Day
Brandon Deam
Jason Debolt
Sandra Delgado
Andrew Denniger
Lisa Diaz
David Dieter
Lindsey Doerr
Christopher Dolen
Karl Gene Donovan
Justin Doyle
Kevin Duffy
Timothy Dupree
Emmanuel Duran
Faviola Duran
Ashley Edminson
Emily Ekstrom
Leny Escobedo
Peter Espinoza
Nicholas Fairbanks
Zachary Farber
Kiel Farjeat
Dominic Fatigato
Danielle Ferrari
Zachary Flagg
Ana Ceja
Alberto Flores
Ariell Flores
Rocio Flores
Raul Florian
Jorge Fong

Joshua Foster
Krysta Fox
Deya Franco
Michele Frantzen
Maria Gallegos



Shana Galto
Ariadna Galvan
Sandra Galvan
Jesus Garcia



Kimberly Garcia
Liliana Garcia
Lorena Garcia
Miriam Garcia
Nestor Garcia
David Garduno



Stephanie Geissman
Mena Gentile
Edward Gernand
Michael Giese
Darlena Gomez
Antonia Gonzalez



Kirsten Goranson
Sarah Gouskos
Dana Grant
Amanda Groppi
Tom Grove
John Grue
Nicholas Grue



Edward Guerrero
Frank Guerrero
Maura Guerrero
Ramon Guerrero
Joel Guerrero
Kathryn Gutierrez
Abel Guzman
Raul Guzman
Joshuah Hahn
Jamie Hall



Matthew Hancock
Chase Hanlock
Ashley Hannon
Jeffrey Hansen
Kevin Hansen
Daniel Harms
Monica Haros
Christine Harris
Brian Harvey
Sarah Hasse
Heather Hayes
Zachary Hedger
Leigh Hellman



Tyler Hempel
Ryan Henning
Brandon Herbert
Christian Hernandez
Nuvia Hernandez
Esteban Herrera



Nancy Herrera
Samantha Herrera
Stephanie Hicks
Nils Higdon



Who is your favorite
teacher and why?

"I liked Mr. Fickau because
I liked putting my chair on
the yellow dottos!"

-Shelley Frantzen

"Mr. Zimmermann, he
teaches things from a dif-
ferent point of view."

-Huli Davalos



Tanya Hisey
Elizabeth Hlotke
Bob Hock
Kathryn Hodge
James Hofmann

Brian Holt
Elisabeth Hoskinson
Donnie Jackson
Emma Jacob

Elizabeth Jacques
Robert Jeffery
Jason Jensen
Joshua Jeter
Enrique Jimenez
Andrea Johnson

Krista Johnson
Kristine Joy
Ana Jurado
Mark Kaczmarczyk
Kelly Karbach
Shejipe Kashtanjeva
Dianne Keck
Jacob Keeley
John Kennedy
Andrew Kiger
Lisa Kimber
Molly Knaak
Katie Knoll
Derek Koelsch
Cori Koeppen
Katelyn Kovac
Christina Kowalczyk
Emily Krauspe
Brian Kreml
Tami Kuta
Amanda Kvasnicka
Allyson Laloggia
Dustin Lamczyk
Amanda Lane
Ashley Lasiowski
Seyda Lavariega
Jeff Lawson
Fabiola Leal
Stan Lemon
Karla Leonard
Melissa Lesus
Michael Letts
Brian Lillie
Hillary Lim
Erin Linsenmeyer
Michael Liszka

Lauren Loek
Michelle Loerzel
Janine Loewe
Fabiola Lopez
Jose Lopez
Gregory Luebker

Nancy Luna
Blanca Macias
Tracy Macias
Kenneth Mackay
Hillary Maloney

Having easier classes and
less homework!"

-Sandy Chan

"Looking at pretty girls ev-
eryday."

-Tim Murrey

What was your favorite
part of your Sophomore
year?

Benjamin Mancera
Peter Mantz
Monica Maris
Roger Maritote
Lisa Martin
Nicholas Martinello
Jorge Martinez
Jessica Mascarella

Ryan Masschelin
Courtney Mathias
Patric Matysiewski
Todd McComb
Monica McGinnis
Michael McInerney
Julie McKee
Rachael McKenney

James McKinlay
Robert McLaren

Ryan McQueen
Katie-Lynn Melbourn

Julie Memoli
Griselda Mendez
Sara Mendez
Marissa Mendoza
Alejandra Mercado
Alexandra Metcalf
Kimberli Meyerholz
Ronald Michalek

Matthew Mikes
Megan Millard
Ryan Mims
Juana Montalvo
Christine Moody
Freddie Moore
Saul Morales
Judy Moreno

Jessica Morrison
Kimberly Mueller

Claudia Munoz
Sandra Munoz

Timothy Murrey
Lindsay Nash
Erik Nelson
Ryan Nelson
Ryne Neltner
Stephanie Neumann
Kevin Nichols
Jose Nieves

Matthew Nonnie
Amy Norman
Alethea Norton
Steven Nota
Jill Novak
Anna Nubie
Casimiro Ocampo
James O'Connor



Do you have any advice
for the freshmen of this
year?

"Don't worry, you have to
start growing sooner or
later.."

-Bill Winter

"Learn to walk in the halls
without stopping in the
middle."

-Christine Harris



Jose Olague
Noe Olague
Christina Orda
Mark Orseno
Nancy Ortega
Jessica Ortiz
Delia Padilla
Kim Palka

Brett Palmer
Nikesh Patel
Tito Pedraza
Jenna Pelej
Alberto Perez
Azucena Perez
Guillermo Perez
Israel Perez

Jose Perez
Liliana Perez
Linsey Perez
Nathan Perez

Tyler Piech
Jillian Pinder
Houston Pineda
Gabriel Pinto

Daniel Polacek
Julie Polz
Kerri Power
Gregory Prill

Melissa Prusko
Nicole Puccetti
Jeffrey Puetz
Eric Radloff

Beth Rakow
Adrian Ramirez
Nancy Ramirez
Zylvia Ramos

Abigail Rauseo
Jeffrey Raymond
Kristen Redden
Bradley Rehms

Melissa Resendiz
Sean Reynolds
Judith Reza
Robert Rhodes
Amanda Ritchie
Rachel Rivera
Salvatore Rizzo
Ariana Robles

Kristen Rocha
Ashley Rodgers
Kailey Rohrdanz
Jose Romero
Reise Romero
Allyssa Rosalez
Kim Rovtar
Maria Rubio

Let the good times roll."
-Alex Wemple

"Live your life to the fullest."
-Arturo Ferrer

What is your favorite
quote?

Asalia Ruiz
Jaqueline Ruiz
Joseo Salinas
James Sallis
Michael Sanchez
Jacob Santiago
Bridgette Sanzeri
Juan Sarellana

Carl Sauter
Carrie Savaglio
Michael Savegnago
Morgan Schar
Jared Schneider
Paul Schwabe
Stephanie Schwabe
Lindsay Scott

Mary Selby
Shaila Shallcross
Thomas Shanahan
Megan Shane

William Shipp
Jason Shreeram
John Siekmann
Adam Sierocuk

Stephen Singer
Brian Skala
Kristin Skogsberg
Tracy Slaga

Nina Slater
Jason Slusar
Ryan Smith
Michael Smolucha

Stephanie Smothers
Eduardo Solis
Esther Solis
Christopher Soriano

Ashley Spindler
Chase Stearn
William Sticksel
Melanie Stone

Scott Storey
Ryan Stuhr
Kristine Sullivan
Shaina Sullivan
Seana Swaback
Sarah Swatsworth
Yolanta Szyszko
Jennifer Tan

Justin Taylor
Steven Thomas
Elliott Tinnes
Amanda Tollas
Ryan Tomassoni
Mark Tonchick
Mark Trygar
Refe Tuma



What is your most
memorable moment of
Sophomore year?

"9/11.
that!"

I will never forget
-Jessica Morrison

"Everything. Sophomore
year is a lot better than
Freshman year."
-Jackie Bice



Marlene Uy
Ruben Valenzuela
Adriana Vargas
Alma Vargas

Jorge Vargas
Jacqueline Vavrek
Carlos Vazquez
Eden Vazquez

Mayra Vazquez
Sandra Vazquez
Ulises Vazquez
Jennifer Vegailla

Leticia Villa
Jose Villafuerte
Patrick Virmich
Richard Visser
Chris Volpe
Kristin Voss
Arthur Waldow
Kristopher Walski

Jessica Warbiany
Kenneth Wasiqi
Amanda Weier
Alexander Wemple
Margaret Werle
Samuel West
Jolene Whitlock
Rebecca Wilkening

Raina William
Kelly Williams

Bill Winter
Kristin Wolfe

Jarett Worth
Salome Yigzaw

Luis Zacatzi
Renato Zagal

Julie Zimmermann
Danielle Zirbes

"I love jammin' to the music."

-Emily Ekstrom

"Lunch. All my friends are in there and we have a blast."

-Marissa Mendoza

What is your favorite class and why?

2003: The High School Odyssey



Kim Peterik, Susan Lincoln, Leann Bertram, and Theresa McEvoy revert back to freshman year by blocking the hallways leading into Commons.

"The worst thing that has ever happened to me was tearing both ACLs, one right after the other."
-Karl Flagg

What do you think is the worst thing that has ever happened to you? How about the best?

In addition to vying for parking spots every morning, Juniors at Community High School face a variety of obstacles during their senior school year, especially when it comes to their English classes. "You should pick a very popular author for your research paper if you're in AP English," said Jessica York, speaking from experience.

How true! Nights spent studying for harder classes and researching for hours became new pastimes. As the shock of work began to fade, the frightening realization of our future came into sight. College? Work? Military? All these questions floated through our heads. After September 11, many of us began to rethink our future.

Junior year proved to be more than hard work and future contemplation. Finally, we could drive to school - at 6:00 am. We could be called upperclassmen! Unfortunately, we often felt too tired to take advantage of the honor. And we finally received our reward for our hours of work...the Prom. On the Friday Memorial Day week-end, we had a chance to let our hair down a bit or up - and we celebrated the end of the school year. We finally looked back at our junior year and felt proud.

-Katy Kostal and Sarah Hamann



Lauren Kirby begins her junior research paper in the LRC.



Simon Blanco and Erin Madden present some of the best of the class of 2003.



Rebeca Duran, exhausted from thinking about trigonometry, chooses daydreaming over math class.



Dan Deutsch pulls with all his might along with other juniors to a landslide victory over every class and all of the teachers.



Junior cheerleaders crowd the sidelines during the Homecoming Pep Rally as they scream for their class in the Tug-of-War contest.



Amy Infanger, the ultimate student-athlete, keeps her head up despite three AP classes each day.



Jason Adams
Carlos Aguilar
Thomas Aguirre
Ricardo Albarado
Alberto Allende

"The best thing? Mr. Zeitler's class. Best class ever! Banana pants, the Ruthrider, and the Back Rub Club!"

-Theresa McEvoy



Paige Karwoski, student driver, can barely form words before 6:15 am.



Julio Allende
Brian Allison
Sarah Altergott
Nicolas Alvarez
Thomas Amos



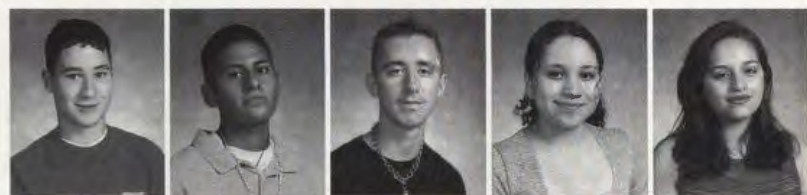
From the looks of things, Joe Tumidalsky just might made in his saxophone for this guitar.

Maria Andrade
Jose Apolonio
Erica Arevalo
Sarah Assian
Katherine Baginski



"The worst thing that's ever happened was having to wear IDs for 2 years." -Meredith Koch

Alexander Baker
Daniel Ballines
Kyle Balo
Maria Barajas
Guadalupe Barrera



Elyse Barron
Heather Barron
Jackie Batty
James Bauler
Patrick Baur
Matthew Benson
Joshua Bentham
Nicholas Bernard
Sarah Bernklau
LeAnn Bertram
Aimee Beutke
Emily Biancalana
Heather Bien
Jennifer Bieniasz
Christy Birkey
Simon Blanco
Stephanie Bodane
Michael Boland
Rachel Borsodi
Heather Brach
Daniel Brenner
Elizabeth Brosseau
Brittany Brown
Christopher Brown
Stacey Butkovich
Stephen Butt
Brian Calabrese
Daniel Callahan
Emmanuel Camargo
Fernando Camargo
Jim Campbell
Urias Carmona
Magdalena Carrasco
Claudia Carrillo
Phillip Carter
Jose Castellanos
Jasmeen Castillo
Marisol Castillo
Mercedes Castro

"Being sick and missing, like, 14 days of school." -Nikki Schar

Reynalda Celaya
 Sean Chapman
 Daisy Chavez
 Orlando Chavez
 Rossangela Chavez
 Angelica Chiarito
 Nicholas Chillemi
 Natalie Chudoba
 Jenni Cieslewski
 Joseph Cinquegrani
 Heather Cirone
 Thomas Cleveland
 Charlie Cloutier
 Heather Coakley
 Katy Cocciemiglio
 Matthew Coiley
 Hans Colliander
 Geraldine Colorado
 Melissa Colson
 Chris Contreras
 Jeffrey Cordina
 Claudia Cortes-Reyes
 Rafael Cortez
 Jessi Crockatt



"How early do I get here for a parking spot? I walk. I leave at 7:00 am if y'all care!"

-Sandy Edlund

"I get here at 7:30, Kerr McGee. There've been occasions when spaces are left out front. Maybe if someone put cones in a space no one would park there. I should try that."

-Melissa Deutsch

"I have 1st hour off and I'd rather sleep than park close so I park at Kerr McGee."

-Jessi Crockatt



Jessica York and Kim Peterik take a break from eating breakfast before classes begin. Hey, when you're here before most of the teachers, what else is there to do?



Christopher Crotty
 Javier Cruz
 Marco Cruz

Jessica Ann Cwiak
 LeAnna Czernik
 Alison Renee Dahl

Victoria Daru
 Girolama Davero
 Carmine D'Aversa



Jessica Myers looks over submissions for "The Mind's Eye".



Melissa Davis
 Michelle Davis
 Jessica Day
 Luke Dean
 Juan Delgado

Jacob Delort
 Jaclyn Demes
 Amy Demitropoulos
 Rebecca Dennis
 Daniel Deutsch

Melissa Deutsch
 Michael Doll
 Cheryl Drenth
 Elizabeth Drzak
 Patrick Duffy



"I got to school at 6:00 am for a spot. Near the end of the year I'm lucky to get a spot in front. We need more



Rebeca Duran
Sandra Edlund
Heli Escalante
Nicolas Espinal
Andrew Fairbairn
Joey Farelis
Heather Ferguson
Vicente Fernandez
Ismael Ferrer
Kori Flagg
Meagan Flood
Mark Foote
Jason Forbrook
Joshua Frederick
Ryan Freeman
Jessica Gallardo
Carrie Gallimore
Rojelio Galvan
Danny Garcia
Dario Garcia
Esperanza Garcia
Hilda Garcia
Jessica Garcia
Jose Garcia

"Hm, if I had a car...I might be able to answer...but I don't."

-Patrick Baur
One of many car-less juniors

"I haven't been blessed with a car yet, but I own a Schwinn and I get up around 5:00 am and start riding. I get to school around 6:03, at 6:07 the bike rack gets packed."
Anonymous

"I have to drive some people from around my neighborhood, but I still get here at 6:20."

-Adam Kalkman

Juans Garcia
Maria Garcia
Maria Garcia



Rodolfo Garcia
Sergio Garcia
Xochitl Garcia



Christopher Gauldin
Katie Gehrke
Laura Gilbertsen



Choirbirds Sarah Assian, Amy Demitropoulos, Jessica Varble and Mallory Stenslik sing the National Anthem prior to the Homecoming game.



Brian Goldbach
Adam Gonzales
Ruth Gonzalez
Heather Goorley
Cristina Granados

Leticia Granados
Jared Hall
Kayla Halsall
Sarah Hammer
Joshua Hartman

Rebecca Hedberg
Christine Hendron
Erin Henry
Benjamin Hensey
Kenny Henson



"My first time driving to school I parked at Kerr McGee - and I left my lights on." - Stephanie Bodano

Oh la la, it's Daisy Correa, who was on this year's trip to France.

Avelino Hernandez
 Doraimys Hernandez
 Edward Hernandez
 Melissa Heron
 Pablo Herrera
 Matthew Hiltner
 Greg Hodge
 Rebecca Hoffman
 Rachel Horvath
 Justin Hoshaw
 Lyndsey Hudson
 Catherine Iannello
 Katia Ishkov
 Christopher Jakubik
 Derek Jensen
 Jeremy Jensen
 Adam Kalkman
 Matthew Kallas
 Jennifer Kammes
 Joshua Kane
 Kyle Kanter
 Olga Karamysheva
 Paige Karwoski
 Daniel Kaylor
 Joshua Keeley
 Joseph Kelly
 Aaron Kenny
 Samantha Kimber
 Elizabeth Kipp
 Lauren Kirby
 Joseph Klingberg
 Meredith Koch
 Amanda Koester
 Noorah Koita
 Kristin Koltz
 Heather Koslow
 Katy Kostal
 Nicole Kovacevic
 Luanne Kozlowski
 Brian Krieg
 Jessica Krueger
 Brittney Ksepka
 Jill Kufta
 Rachel Kuna
 Mark Laabs
 Imelda Landeros
 Patrick Larson
 Elaine S Lauver
 Dana Lawrence
 Heather Leahy
 Nicole Lederman
 Jeff Lenertz
 Josue Leon
 Bret Leonhardt
 Jessica Lesniak
 Katie Leston



Melissa Deutsch psyches herself up for a meet by wearing team apparel.





Amy Lichtfuss
 Erica Liepins
 Susan Lincoln
 Lisa Lindner
 Tyler Link
 Michael Lombardo
 Errik Loosli
 Jesse Lord
 Krysta Lundgren
 Christiana Lundquist
 Jeanine Macrito
 Erin Madden
 Paul Majchrowski
 McKenzie Maloney
 Salvatore Mangialomini
 Liliana Mariano
 Jennifer Mark
 Pamela Martin
 Jaime Martinez
 Lauren Martinez
 Michael Martinez
 Andres Martinez
 Drew Martino
 Anna Maslowska
 Andrew Massih
 Jose Mata
 Colleen Mathias
 Ashley Mazzola
 Shannon Mazzuca
 Norah McAvoy
 Kelly McCarthy
 Theresa McEvoy
 Scott McKee
 Ashlee McLeod
 Kristen Mederich
 Ruben Medina
 Nicole Melone
 Gloria Mendez
 Miguel Mendoza
 Said Mendoza
 Nicholas Michael
 Lynn Mielke
 Daniel Millard
 Karen Miller
 Cori Miner
 Dominique Mitchell
 Rachel Moguel
 Fawn Montag
 Marco Montenegro
 Greg Moore
 Angelica Moreno
 Diana Moreno
 Aron Morris
 Amanda Morrison
 Hans Mosricke
 Heather Mosteller



Kristin Koltz proves that "Homecoming" doesn't have to mean "dress"!

Lauren Mroz
 Krystal Muhlberger
 Alma Munguia
 Jazmin Munguia
 Carlos Munoz
 Juan Munoz
 Marina Munoz
 David Murison
 Jami Murphy
 Erich Musick
 Jessica Myers
 Robert Nagel
 Brian Nelson
 Christian Nelson
 Quang Nguyen
 Kristin Nickelson
 Carlos Nieves
 Anne Nosal
 Joseph Nunez
 Jaime Octaviano
 Peter Oelslager
 James Oroni
 Tannia Ortiz
 Steve Padilla
 Michael Paschke
 Ricardo Pasillas
 Ruchita Patel
 Katherine Patnaude
 Lindsay Paulsen
 Jose Perez
 Queri Perez
 Veronica Perez
 Kimberley Peterik
 Michael Peters
 Matthew Peterson
 Andrew Photopulos
 Jason Pillion
 Edward Pineda
 Justin Pineda
 Amanda Posada



If you wrote yourself a letter freshman year and opened it now, how would you be different?

"I was so different then I thought I was so cool because I was an individual. Now I think I'm a freak because I'm an individual." -Jessica Moyers

Gladys Proa
 Rosa Ragano
 Cipriano Ramirez
 Daniel Ranallo
 Nicholas Reardon
 Andrew Reinhardt
 Tony Reyes
 Ariana Rivera
 Carlos Rivier
 Nathaniel Roberts
 Esmeralda Robles
 Samuel Robles
 Jhovani Rodriguez
 Noemi Rodriguez
 Magen Rogers
 Brian Romanelli
 Ernesto Romo
 Ana Rosal
 Jeremy Rose
 Courtney Rubin
 Brandi Ruiz
 Matthew Russell
 Jim Rylowicz
 Bradley Sabathne
 Keri Sagen
 Dora Salazar
 Steven Salinas
 Danny Samudio
 Francisco Sanchez
 Betsy Santana
 Lourdes Santana
 Christopher Sanzeri
 Carmen Saucedo
 Adam Scardamaglia
 Heather Schadeberg
 Jennifer Schaefer
 Nicole Schar
 Logan Schrage
 Wyatt Schuyler
 Margaret Schwartz



"I would look at it and say how stupid I was back then!" -Jenni Cieslewski "Definitely the hair." -Hope Vock



Elyse Schwinn
 Traci Selga
 Alex Serrato
 Isabel Serriteno
 Kendall Sharon
 Melissa Sheme
 Scott Sieder
 Kelly Siekmann
 Nicole Skala
 Derek Smith
 Gwenith Smith
 Hector Solano
 Raul Solis
 Daisy Sotelo
 Jessica Soto
 Donald Spaniol
 Justin Steck
 Brian Steere
 Mallory Stenslik
 Jackie Stentz
 Dustin Stern
 Melissa Stevens
 Kirsten Stockhoff
 Kayla Stoinski
 Marybeth Stotz
 Greg Stranski
 Nicole Strayve
 Roger Strike
 Lidia Suarez
 Gina Svehla
 Dylan Swanner
 Brittany Swantek
 Joanna Szeszycki
 Victoria Talbott
 Katie Taylor
 Juan Tecuati
 Yuritzi Tellez
 Monaca Thomas
 Brandon Thompson
 Matthew Timko

"I have realized that high school isn't so bad. It's just not school. It's sports, friends, and opportunity." -Nathan Roberts

"Do not take the ACT Prep class because all you need to do is buy the book!" -Lauren Kirby



Michael Treachler
 Pomona Trevino
 David Triplett
 Gabrielle Tufano
 Joseph Tumidalsky
 Abel Valdez
 Elizabeth Valdez
 Omar Valenzuela
 Adam Vann
 Jessica Varble
 Michael Vargas
 Dulce Vasquez
 Emmanuel Vazquez
 Elizabeth Vera
 Christopher Vlasvich
 Hope Vock
 Kathryn Walker
 Kristina Wanous
 Sean Warren
 Margaret Wdowiarz
 John Weier
 Michelle Weiss
 Jennifer Wessman
 Laura Wheeland
 Kyle Whitaker
 Kelley Whitman
 Adam Wilkovich
 Steven Wingstedt
 Lindsey Wonsowski
 Nicole Wood
 Sarah Wood
 Craig Wostratzky
 Tysyn Wyman
 Jesse Yang
 Jody Yednock
 Jessica York
 Sandra Zamora
 Jennifer Zimmerman
 Anthony Zumpano

"I would definitely be more mature." -Heather Mosteller "I'm hotter and taller." -Matt Colley



Chris Gauldin and Sean Warren sit through the zero hour bell. Ah, the horrors of parking!



Calculator games hypnotize Mike Peters.



Carmen Saucedo stocks her sport locker on the first day of school.



Jessica Cwiak and Aimee Beutke cheer on the boys basketball team to a victory over Streamwood.



How can anyone not smile after seeing Brian Steere's hair?



Jessica Varble smiles at the sight!

What's the best or worst vacation you've been on?

**"A Caribbean cruise with 30 of my relatives. My grandpa paid for it all and gave his grandkids \$200 spending cash."
-Jason Adams**



Dustin Stern shows off a new look he planned formonths.



CJ Wostratzky and Adam Vann enjoy the gift of a substitute teacher in AP Physics by chatting away 3rd hour.



Drew Martino, Heather Goorley and Marybeth Stotz aren't smushing together for a picture, 7th hour lunch is just crowded!



Steve Salinas dozes in the middle of psychology. It's 10th hour, who can blame him? Besides Mr. Arnold...



With Koch, one of Jessi Crockatt's friends, helps her class-
celebrate her seventeenth birthday.



Brian Romanelli tries to beat the
bell and skip out of class early.



Nick Chillemi gets in a few chap-
ters of *Billy Budd* before class.



Mike Doll challenges fellow mathletes with his
answer during a Thursday morning practice.



McAvoy shows spirit,
age and strength.



Nick Bernard plays teacher by
taking attendance.



"The best was when my parents surprised me with a trip to Disney World for my 17th birthday, and the worst was when my great aunt sent me a sugar cube corsage for my 16th birthday, 'Sweet 16'." - Lynn Mielke

What's the best or worst gift you've ever
received?



Whiley jumps in as the chocolate center of the Dan Pazar,
Paschke, Jami Murphy, and Kristi Nickelson sandwich.



Physics buddies Mike Paschke and Roger Strike demonstrate their
superhero capabilities.



The junior float's *Top Gun* theme shows touching patriotism considering
the tragic events of 2001.



Erich Musick contemplates the properties of lenses
while waiting for his physics test to begin.

"The best is a trip to Spain next year." - CJ Wostratzky

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Lupe Montalvo and Fidelia Alvarado find a moment to hug.



Jon Lim shows his love for soccer.



Nick Carter takes a nap in Economics class.



C. Marrero, J. Wolter, C. Jefferson, J. Banwart, & Meghan Young enjoy English class.



Meghan Michalek, Jackie Walters, Jessica Strock, LeAnn Olson, Courtney Dorn, Jackie Prena, and the rest of the senior class show some school spirit.



Jimmy Smolucha exercises his muscles.



Nelly Guerrero plays tennis on a sunny day.



Cori Drake and Shannon Battersby hang out at the Homecoming football game.



Fabiola Correa and Valeria Perez rest before class.



Heather Edminson and Kristine Zeffield enjoy themselves in the locker room.



Rogelio Costilla, Jose Mata, and Esteban Mendoza joke around lunchtime in Commons.

"It is a mistake to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time."

-Mike Brown





Edward Abante

Dianet Acosta

Brooke Adams

Rosario Aguilar

Ana Alanis

Claudia Alcantar



Diego Alfaro

Juventino Alfaro

Carly Anderson

Javier Antonino

Joshua Arambae

Fernando Arellano



Tom Armstrong

Jamie Arnold

Christine Austin

Brandon Baermann

Reema Bajaj

Daniel Bajor



John Baker

Kyle Baker

Jim Ballek

Jessica Barwart

Janine Barajas

Morris Barber



Andrew Barton



Shannon Battelsby



*Matthew
Baumrucker*



Brandon Becker



Tyler Belding



Edgar Benitez



Marc Berry



Steven Berry



Joshua Besch



Don Beutke



Hilary Blanchard



Matthew Blette



Brandi Boers



Matthew Boes



Bradley Bolton



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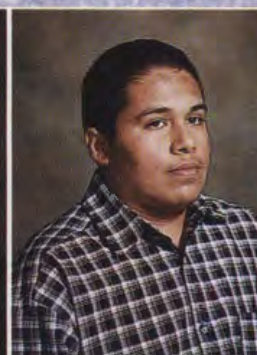
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Mike Brown

Kimberly Burkes

Nicholas Buscemi

Lisa Calabrese



Stella Calamia

Joseph Caniano

Linnea Caputi

Roberto Carlos

Daniel Carnicross

Salvador Carrasco



Nicholas Carter

Julia Ceja

Kimpha Chau

Heather Christiansen

Zoe Churan

Kevin Cieslewski



Anthony Ciolino

Timothy Coffman

Corey Coleman

Casey Connolly

John Contreras

Arisbeth Correa



Fabiola Correa



Arianna Cortez



Vanessa Cortez



Michelle Cosco



Rogelio Costilla



Johnathan Coulston



Tiffany Cunnally



Elizabeth Czernik



Erika Dauber



Danielle Davis



Zachary Deaton



Anthony DeLegge



Darahlee DeLeon



Lisa DeReadt



Augustus Detrick



Elizabeth Deutsch



Rebecca Deutsch



Daniel Dieckmann



Robert Dieter



Sean Dieter



Thomas Doeseckle



Kristofor Donovan



Courtney Dorn



Corinne Drake



Erin Eberlein

Heather Edminson

Derek Ekstrom

Paul Elson

Edgar Escobedo

Sandra Espinol



Christina Feistamel

Kurt Fenner

Marcos Fernandez

Jesse Fink

Melissa Fisher

Samantha Fisher



Kevin Franckowiak

Kathryn Frantzen

Austen Fuchs

Daniel Fugazzotto

Antonio Gallégo

Alma Garcia



Ana Garcia

Moises Garcia

Rosal Garcia

Harley Gardner

Joana Garfias

Ruby Garfias



Kimberly Gargula



Christopher Geiber



Jennifer Gilbert



Daniel Godoy



Heather Goranson



Jill Grobe



*Margaret
Grossmayer*



Juana Guerrero



Nelly Guerrero



Vanessa Gutten



Jason Gunther



Vanessa Guzman



Sarah Gwynne



Kristi Hall



Christopher Hansen



Alicia Hatcher



Daniel Heath



Andrew Hein



Daniel Hlotke



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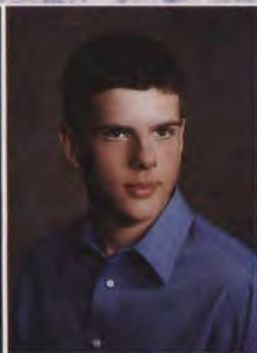
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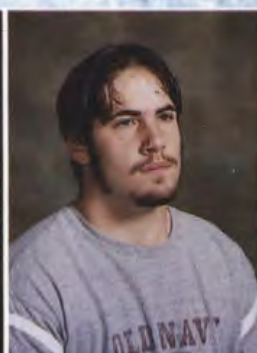
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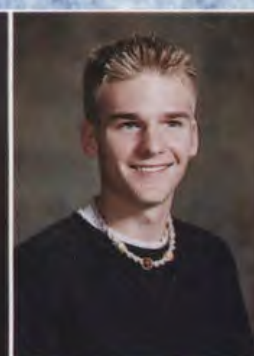
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Matthew Waterman

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Logan Wilkening

Nathan Williams

Matthew Wilson

Joshua Winqvist

Thomas Wojcicki

Kyle Wolfe



Jill Wolter

Jason Woodbury

Jason Worel

Candice Yanke

Colin York

Jason York





Meghan Young

Kristine Zeffield

Stephen Knox

Tony Palombi

Brian Loms

And I Quote...

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions." (Mark Twain) Vanessa Guzman

"If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump with them, I'd be at the bottom to catch them." Sandra Rincon

"Do or do not. There is no 'try'." (Yoda) Cody Melbourne

The Years

So much has happened, so many memories shared. Most of it was happy, but some made us scared. Classes and teachers, passes and books, some became couples, some had old news. Some became heroes, some had to lose. Friends were made, and lives were saved. Hearts were broken, some words left unspoken. But through it all, we somehow faced our fear, and as a whole we became stronger and stood tall!

"Yesterday is history - Tomorrow is a mystery - Today is a gift." Berenice Leal

"Don't you hate pants?" Justin LaPrall

"Life happens while we're making plans," (Phil Jackson) Stacey Pacini

"Everyone is different, therefore everybody is the same." Jessica Loftus

Anonymous

"Life moves pretty fast: If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." (Ferris Bueller) Tony Palombi

"I find the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." (Thomas Jefferson) Bill Rocha

"My best memory was meeting friends that I will have forever." Joshua Winquist

"You are what you are when no one is looking." Martha Mueller

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." (Jimi Hendrix) Pam Boyle

"Cherish your friends and family, for they will be there for you when you need them the most." Reema Bajaj

SENIOR SURVEYS!

Remember those surveys that each one of you completed about your high school years? All those questions about the activities in which you participated and the sports you played? The information collected from your answers appears below and on the next few pages. The Yearbook staff compiled the information you submitted and organized it alphabetically.

If you belonged to a club Freshman year, a 1 appears next to the club. A 2 signifies Sophomore year, a 3 Junior year, and, of course, a 4 Senior year. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us!

Edward Abante-Boys Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country Captain 3, 4; VICA 2, 3, 4; VICA Representative 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 2; Indoor Track 1, 3; Outdoor Track 1, 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Art Club 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Math Team 2, 3; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Brooke Adams-Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Yearbook 2; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Claudia Alcantar-French Club 2, 3, 4; French National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Performance/Effort in Mathematics Award 1, 2.

Early Anderson-Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Jazz Band 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 4; German National Honor Society 2, 3, 4.

Javier Antonino-Cross Country 1, 2; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2; Indoor Track 1, 2; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Diving 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 4.

Jamie Arnold-Volleyball 1.

Reema Bajaj-Girls' Tennis 4; Debate 4; Spanish Tutoring 4; National Honor Society 4.

Dan Bajor-Soccer 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; VICA 1; National Honor Society 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

John Baker-Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Technology Crew 3, 4; Fall Play Crew 4; Winter Play Crew 3, 4; Spring Musical Crew 3, 4.

Jessica Banwart-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; International Club 4; Soccer Captain 3, 4; Prom Committee 3.

Matt Baumrucker-Hockey 1, 3, 4; Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; All Conference Golf 2, 3, 4; All Star Hockey 1, 3, 4; Boys Golf Player of the Year 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf All Area Team 3, 4.

Marc Berry-Beginning Choir 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 3, 4; Wildcat Chronicle 2, 3, 4; Wildcat Chronicle Sports Editor 4.

Brad Bolton-Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 3, 4.

Derek Boorsma-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Indoor Track 2.

Jennifer Boyd-Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Excellence in Math Award 1, 2, 3; French Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Tutoring 4.

Pam Boyle-Dance Production 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Choir 2; Poms 4; Pep Club 4; Prom Court 3; Powder Puff 3, 4.

Rebekah Boyd-SADD 1, 2, 4; President of SADD 4; Prom Committee 3; Excellence in Math Award 1; Honor Roll 3, 4.

Elizabeth Brouwer-Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Powder Puff 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Challenge 4.

Hillary Brown-Hockey 1; Diving 2, 3; Indoor Track 2, 3, 4; Outdoor Track 2, 3, 4; German Club 3, 4; Pep Club 2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Mike Brown-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Guys Ensemble 1; The Squad

2, 3, 4; Powder Puff Coach 3, 4; Big Boy Basketball 4; High Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 2; Academic All Conference 4.

Nick Buscemi-Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lisa Calabrese-High Honor Roll 1, 2; Honor Roll 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; SADD 2; Spanish Club 1, 2; Student Council 2, 3; Junior Class Treasurer 3; Fall Play Crew 1, 2; Winter Play Crew 1, 2; Dance Production Crew 1; Challenge Staff 2.

Stella Calamia-High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, 4; Excellence in Math Award 1, 3; Perfect Attendance 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; VICA 4; Family and Consumer Science Night 4.

Joe Caniano-Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 2, 3, 4; Scholastic Bowl 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Squad Member/Creator 2, 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Exchange Student to Spain 3; Variety Show 3, 4; International Club 4.

Linnea Caputi-Volleyball 1; Basketball 1, 2; Track and Field 1, 2, 3; Poms 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4.

Nick Carter-Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Team 4; High Honor Roll 3; Squad Member 3, 4; Master of the Grill 4.

Heather Christiansen-Challenge 1; Softball 1; Powder Puff football 3, 4; Soccer Cheerleader 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 3, 4.

Fabiola Correa-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 2; French Club 2.

Vanessa Cortez-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer Manager 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2, 3.

Tiffany Cunnally-Horticulture Club 3, 4; Wellness Committee 4.

Elizabeth Czernik-Horticulture Club 3, 4; Key Club 3; VICA 4; Vice President Horticulture Club 4.

Erika Dauber-German Club 1.

Danielle Davis-Volleyball 1; Volleyball Manager 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Performance in Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4.

Augustus Detrick-Football 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2.

Elizabeth Deutsch-Orchestra 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1; Pep Club 1; Thespians 2, 3, 4; Musical 1, 2; Literary Magazine 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dan Dieckmann-Track and Field 3, 4; Cross Country 4.

Erica Dilanjan-Fall Play 2, 3, 4.

Corinne Drake-Basketball 1, 2; Volleyball 1; National Honor Society 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; SADD 4; FBLA 4.

Heather Edminson-Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Color Guard 1, 2, 3, 4; Diving 2; Soccer Cheerleading 3, 4; Wrestling Manager 2; Wrestling 4; Soccer 2, 3, 4.

Paul Elson-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Edgar Escobedo-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kurt Fenner-Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; German Club 1, 2; FBLA 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 4; Honor Roll 3; Scholar Athlete Award 1, 2, 3, 4; German National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Who's Who Among High School Sports 3, 4; Who's Who Among High School Students 4; State Qualifier Swimming 3, 4; All Conference Swimming 3, 4; Academic All Conference Award 1, 2, 3, 4.

Melissa Fisher-Girls Ensemble 2; Chamber Choir 3; Spring Musical 2, 4; Spring Musical Crew 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Outstanding Math Award 1, 2.

Meagan Flood-SADD 1; Debate Team 4; FBLA 4; Key Club 1; Tennis 1; VICA 2.

Kevin Franckowiak-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

Austen Fuchs-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Skills-USA VICA 3, 4; Tennis 4; Academic All-Conference 3, 4.

Daniel Fugazzotto-Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.

Alma Karen Garcia-SADD 2; BTI 3, 4; Challenge 4; Student Assistant 1, 2.

Kim Gargula-Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Queen 3.

Chris Gerber-Fall Play 3, 4; Winter Play 3, 4; Spring Musical 1, 2, 4; Thespians 3, 4; German Club 1, 2; Scholastic Bowl 2; Symphonic/Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jennifer Gilbert-Peer Listeners 2, 4; Soccer 4; Spanish Club 1; Chorus/Choir 2; Special Peer Helper 2, 4; Color Guard 2; London Trip 2.

Dan Godoy-National Honor Society 3, 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; High Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical Pit Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; String Orchestra 1, 2; Concert Choir 3, 4.

Jill Grobe-Basketball 1; Soccer 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Pep Club 2, 3; SADD 4.

Juana Guerrero-Soccer 4; SADD 4.

Edward Abante-Boys Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; **Cross Country Captain** 3, 4; **VICA** 2, 3, 4; **VICA Representative** 3, 4; **Basketball** 1, 2; **Volleyball** 2; **Indoor Track** 1, 3; **Outdoor Track** 1, 3; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Art Club** 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Homecoming Court** 4; **Prom Court** 3; **Math Team** 2, 3; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4.

Brooke Adams-Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Yearbook** 2; **National Honor Society** 3, 4.

Claudia Alcantar-French Club 2, 3, 4; **French National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Outstanding Performance/Effort in Mathematics Award** 1, 2.

Carly Anderson-Symphonic Band 1, 2, 3, 4; **Marching Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Pep Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Jazz Band** 3, 4; **German Club** 1, 2, 4; **German National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4.

Javier Antonino-Cross Country 1, 2; **Basketball** 1; **Track** 1, 2; **Indoor Track** 1, 2; **Swimming** 2, 3, 4; **Diving** 2, 3, 4; **Volleyball** 4.

Jamie Arnold-Volleyball 1.

Reema Bajaj-Girls' Tennis 4; **Debate** 4; **Spanish Tutoring** 4; **National Honor Society** 4.

Dan Bajor-Soccer 1; **Track** 1, 2, 3, 4; **VICA** 1; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Fall Play Crew** 2; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4.

John Baker-Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; **Technology Crew** 3, 4; **Fall Play Crew** 4; **Winter Play Crew** 3, 4; **Spring Musical Crew** 3, 4.

Jessica Banwart-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; **Pep Club** 3, 4; **Homecoming Committee** 3, 4; **International Club** 4; **Soccer Captain** 3, 4; **Prom Committee** 3.

Matt Baumrucker-Hockey 1, 3, 4; **Golf** 1, 2, 3, 4; **All Conference Golf** 2, 3, 4; **All Star Hockey** 1, 3, 4; **Boys Golf Player of the Year** 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Golf All Area Team** 3, 4.

Marc Berry-Beginning Choir 1; **Tennis** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Math Team** 3, 4; **Wildcat Chronicle** 2, 3, 4; **Wildcat Chronicle Sports Editor** 4.

Brad Bolton-Football 1, 2, 3; **Basketball** 1; **Baseball** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 3, 4.

Derek Boorsma-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; **Wrestling** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Indoor Track** 2.

Jennifer Boyd-Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; **Track** 1, 2, 3, 4; **High Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Excellence in Math Award** 1, 2, 3; **French Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Tutoring** 4.

Pam Boyle-Dance Production 2, 3, 4; **Track** 2; **Choir** 2; **Poms** 4; **Pep Club** 4; **Prom Court** 3; **Powder Puff** 3, 4.

Rebekah Boyd-SADD 1, 2, 4; **President of SADD** 4; **Prom Committee** 3; **Excellence in Math Award** 1; **Honor Roll** 3, 4.

Elizabeth Brouwer-Basketball 1, 2; **Volleyball** 1; **Softball** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Powder Puff** 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Challenge** 4.

Hillary Brown-Hockey 1; **Diving** 2, 3; **Indoor Track** 2, 3, 4; **Outdoor Track** 2, 3, 4; **German Club** 3, 4; **Pep Club** 2; **Who's Who Among American High School Students** 3, 4; **National Honor Society** 3, 4.

Mike Brown-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; **Baseball** 1, 2; **Guys Ensemble** 1; **The Squad** 2, 3, 4; **Powder Puff Coach** 3, 4; **Big Boy Basketball** 4; **High Honor Roll** 1; **Honor Roll** 2; **Academic All Conference** 4.

Nick Buscemi-Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; **Soccer** 1, 2; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Lisa Calabrese-High Honor Roll 1, 2; **Honor Roll** 3, 4; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **SADD** 2; **Spanish Club** 1, 2; **Student Council** 2, 3; **Junior Class Treasurer** 3; **Fall Play Crew** 1, 2; **Winter Play Crew** 1, 2; **Dance Production Crew** 1; **Challenge Staff** 2.

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Joe Caniano-Golf 1, 2, 3, 4; **Track** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Math Team** 2, 3, 4; **Scholastic Bowl** 3, 4; **Student Council** 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Squad Member/Creator** 2, 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Exchange Student to Spain** 3; **Variety Show** 3, 4; **International Club** 4.

Linnea Caputi-Volleyball 1, 2; **Basketball** 1, 2; **Track and Field** 1, 2, 3; **Poms** 3, 4; **Pep Club** 3, 4.

Nick Carter-Basketball 1, 2; **Baseball** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Math Team** 4; **High Honor Roll** 3; **Squad Member** 3, 4; **Master of the Grill** 4.

Heather Christiansen-Challenge 1; **Softball** 1; **Powder Puff football** 3, 4; **Soccer Cheerleader** 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Fashion Show** 3, 4.

Fabiola Correa-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; **SADD** 2; **French Club** 2.

Vanessa Cortez-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; **Soccer Manager** 4; **Choir** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Tennis** 2, 3.

Tiffany Cunnally-Horticulture Club 3, 4; **Wellness Committee** 4.

Elizabeth Czernik-Horticulture Club 3, 4; **Key Club** 3; **VICA** 4; **Vice**

President Horticulture Club 4.

Erika Dauber-German Club 1.

Danielle Davis-Volleyball 1; **Volleyball Manager** 2; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Outstanding Performance in Mathematics** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Augustus Detrick-Football 1, 2; **Wrestling** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Baseball** 1, 2.

Elizabeth Deutsch-Orchestra 2, 3, 4; **German Club** 1, 2, 3; **Student Council** 1; **Pep Club** 1; **Thespians** 2, 3, 4; **Musical** 1, 2; **Literary Magazine** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Dan Dieckmann-Track and Field 3, 4; **Cross Country** 4.

Erica Dilanjan-Fall Play 2, 3, 4.

Corinne Drake-Basketball 1, 2; **Volleyball** 1; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **SADD** 4; **FBLA** 4.

Heather Edminson-Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4; **Concert Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Color Guard** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Diving** 2; **Soccer Cheerleading** 3, 4; **Wrestling Manager** 4; **Wrestling** 4; **Soccer** 2, 3, 4.

Paul Elson-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; **Football Captain** 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **National Honor Society** 3, 4.

Edgar Escobedo-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; **Track** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kurt Fenner-Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; **German Club** 1, 2; **FBLA** 4; **High Honor Roll** 1, 2, 4; **Honor Roll** 3; **Scholar Athlete Award** 1, 2, 3, 4; **German National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **Who's Who Among High School Sports** 3, 4; **Who's Who Among High School Students** 4; **State Qualifier Swimming** 3, 4; **All Conference Swimming** 3, 4; **Academic All Conference Award** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Melissa Fisher-Girls Ensemble 2; **Chamber Choir** 3; **Spring Musical** 2, 4; **Spring Musical Crew** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Outstanding Math Award** 1, 2.

Meagan Flood-SADD 1; **Debate Team** 4; **FBLA** 4; **Key Club** 1; **Tennis** 1; **VICA** 2.

Kevin Franckowiak-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; **Basketball** 1, 2, 3; **Baseball** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Austen Fuchs-Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; **Track** 3; **Skills-USA VICA** 3, 4; **Tennis** 4; **Academic All-Conference** 3, 4.

Daniel Fugazzotto-Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4.

Alma Karen Garcia-SADD 2; **BTI** 3, 4; **Challenge** 4; **Student Assistant** 1, 2.

Kim Gargula-Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field 1, 2, 3, 4; **Prom Queen** 3.

Chris Gerber-Fall Play 3, 4; **Winter Play** 3, 4; **Spring Musical** 1, 2, 4; **Thespians** 3, 4; **German Club** 1, 2; **Scholastic Bowl** 2; **Symphonic/Concert Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Marching Band** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jennifer Gilbert-Peer Listeners 2, 4; **Soccer** 4; **Spanish Club** 1; **Chorus/Choir** 2; **Special Peer Helper** 2, 4; **Color Guard** 2; **London Trip** 2.

Dan Godoy-National Honor Society 3, 4; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **High Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Spring Musical Pit Orchestra** 1, 2, 3, 4; **String Orchestra** 1, 2; **Concert Choir** 3, 4.

Jill Grobe-Basketball 1; **Soccer** 1, 2, 3; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Prom Committee** 3; **Pep Club** 2, 3; **SADD** 4.

Juana Guerrero-Soccer 4; **SADD** 4.

Nelly Guerrero-Tennis 2, 3, 4; **French Club** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 4; **Exchange Student** 2; **Chorus Choir** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Vice President** 3; **Key Club** 4; **French Exchange Student** 1, 3; **Fall Play Crew** 2, 3; **Musical Crew** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Vanessa Guzman-Technology Center of DuPage 3, 4; **French Club** 1, 2.

Kristi Hall-Volleyball 1; **Soccer** 2; **Dance Production** 3, 4.

Andy Hein-Basketball 1, 2, 3; **Volleyball** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Student Council** 4; **Inter Club** 4; **Marching & Concert Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Nat. Honor Society** 3, 4.

Matt Hofer-Literary Magazine 1, 2, 3, 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Adriana Humphries-Varsity Soccer Cheerleader 3; **Varsity Soccer Cheerleading Co-Captain** 4.

William Inch-Fall Play 1; **Winter Play** 1; **Spring Musical** 1; **Marching/Pep Band** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Boy Scouts** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Cross Country** 3, 4; **Indoor and Outdoor Track** 3, 4; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **French Foreign Exchange** 3; **Historian of the Band** 2, 3; **President of the Band** 4.

Matthew Infelise-Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; **Track** 1; **Spring Musical** 4.

Timothy Jaffe-Football 1, 2, 3, 4; **Wrestling** 1, 2, 3; **Peer Helping** 4.

Chonelle Jefferson-Spring Musical 1, 2.

Darcie Jones-Color Guard 1, 2, 3; **Orchestra** 3, 4; **Choir** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Band** 4; **Chamber Choir** 3, 4; **Forensics** 1, 2, 3; **Thespians** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Girls' Ensemble** 2, 3, 4; **Girls' Ensemble Student Leader** 4.

Mary-Megan Kalvig-Spanish Club 1, 2, 3, 4; **Lit. Magazine** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Scholastic Bowl** 1; **Thespians** 2, 3, 4; **Lit. Mag. President** 4; **Lit. Mag. Secretary** 2, 3; **Spanish National Honor Society** 2, 3, 4; **High Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4.

Kathryn Kammes-German Club 1, 2, 3, 4; **Key Club** 3; **Horticulture Club** 4; **TV Show** 4; **Winter Play Cast/Crew** 1, 4; **Fall Play Cast/Crew** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Musical Cast/Crew** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Thespians** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Thespians President** 3; **Forensics** 2, 3, 4; **Forensics Secretary** 3; **Forensics President** 4; **German Club President** 2; **National Honor Society** 3, 4; **Peer Tutor** 4; **German Exchange Student** 4; **Honor Roll** 1, 2, 3, 4; **Director of One Acts** 4.

Cheerleading 2, Peer Helping 4, Pep Club 2
Gianna Pignoni-Poms 234, Poms Captain 4, Pep Club 34, Dance Production 234, Soccer 2, Diving 12, Powder Puff 34
Jackie Prena-Volleyball 12, Play Crew 12, One-acts 1, Winter Play 1, Soccer 234, Soccer Captain 34, All-Conference 34, All-Sectional 134, National Honor Society 34
Heather Prochnow-Swimming 1234, Swim Captain 4, Academic All-Conference 1234, Swimming All State Team 1234, Track 1234, Student Council 234, SADD 12, High Honor Roll 1234, National Honor Society 34, Spanish National Honor Society 234, Excellence in Mathematics Award 12
Jeff Raun-French Foreign Exchange Host 1, Indoor Track and Field 1, Outdoor Track and Field 1, Yearbook 1, Football 12, French Foreign Exchange Student 2, Student Council Representative 34, Student Council Executive Board Vice President 4, Peer Helping 4, Prom Court 3, SQUAD 4, Literary Magazine 24, Winter Play 34, Fall Play 34, Thespians 34, Mr. Wildcat Competitor 4, Spring Musical 4
Janette Reveles-Soccer 234
Margot Reges-Band 1234, Pep Band 1234, Jazz Band 1234, Tech Crew 1234, Literary Magazine 234, Forensics 234, Scholastic Bowl 1, Spanish Club 2, Thespians 234, National Honor Society 34, Honor Roll 1234
Mandra Rincon-Student Assistant 24, Peer Helper 4
William Rocha-Football 1234, Swimming 1234, Vice President of Student Council 2, Baseball 2, Track 1, Peer Helpers 34, Spanish National Honor Society 34, High Honor Roll 1234
Ricardo Rodriguez-Wrestling 234, Blue Ribbon in Mathematics 1, Football 234
Angela Rojas-Cheerleading 234, Cheerleading Captain 4, Pep Club 234, Pep Club Vice President 4, Dance Production, Treasurer 34, SADD 1, Powder Puff 34, SQUAD 4
Wilson Rovtar-Poms 234, Poms Captain 34, Dance Production 34, Vice President of Dance Production 34, National Honor Society 34, Pep Club 34, Math Team 23, Exchange Student to Spain 3, Host to Exchange Student 3, Powder Puff 3, Honor Roll 1234
Katherine Ryan-Art Club 4
Nivier Saucedo-Soccer 1, Basketball 1, Track 1234, Football 234, VICA 34, Art Club 4, SADD 4, French Club 234, Vice President of VICA 4, Committee Chairperson of Art Club 4, Variety Show 4, Big Boy Basketball 3
Jason Schadeberg-VICA 4
Kevin Schaefer-TCD 34
Laura Schaefer-Softball 12, VICA 23, Historian of VICA 3, SADD 4, National Honor Society 34, Choir 3, Powder Puff 3, Honor Roll 1234, Blue Ribbon Award for Math 3, Prom Committee 3, 1st Place in State for Interior Design/VICA 2
Mari Schmidt-Basketball 1, Volleyball 1, Soccer 1234, VICA 234, Art Club 234
Raig Schuda-Soccer 1234, Soccer Captain 4, Soccer All-Conference 4, Math Team 4, International Club 4, Peer Helping 34, Variety Show 4, Homecoming Court Candidate 4, SQUAD 34, Student Council 4
Adam Selcke-Soccer 1234, Indoor/Outdoor Track 123, Skills-USA VICA, National Honor Society 34
Luzanne Smith-Softball 1234, Choir 1234, Student Council 2, Vice President of Choir Cabinet 4, Wildcat Chronicle 4, Girl's Ensemble 34, Honor Roll 234
Glenn Smothers-Soccer 1234, Technology Crew 234, Fall Play Crew 1234, Winter Play Crew 1234, Spring Musical Crew 234, Drama Club 12, Spanish Club 12, Yearbook 2, Excellence in Mathematics Award 12, High Honor Roll 12, Honor Roll 4, National Honor Society 34, Spanish Honor Society 34
Maisy Sotelo-Choir 1, Debate Team 4
Brad Spata-Scholastic Bowl 1234, VICA 234, National Honor Society 34, Spanish National Honor Society 34
Kathalie Spelman-Volleyball 14
Manda Stone-Poms 234, Poms Captain 34, Dance Production 234, National Honor Society 34, Musical 1, Pep Club 34, Powder Puff 34, Honor Roll 1234
Melissa Strock-Cross Country 12, Golf 34, Golf Captain 4, Basketball 1234, Basketball Captain 1234, Track 2
Sean Suwalski-Wrestling 1
Annifer Taylor-Student Council 123, SADD 4, National Honor Society 34, Powder Puff 34, Prom Committee 3, Honor Roll 1234, European History 4
David Tena-SADD 1, TATU 23, Horticulture 3
Sa Thomas-Volleyball 1234, Basketball 1234, Soccer 12, International Club 34, SADD 4, National Honor Society 34, Honor Roll 34

James Thrasher-Football 1234, Track 234, Honor Roll 234, High Honor Roll 1
Aaron Troy-Soccer 1, Choir 1234, Choir President 4, Thespians 234, Thespian Treasurer 4, Spanish National Honor Society 34, Winter Play 1, Spring Musical 234, Homecoming Court Candidate 4, IMEA All-District Choir 34, IMEA Solo/Ensemble Gold Medal 2, Chamber Choir 234
Copper Tuma-Thespians 1234, Thespian Vice President 34, Forensics 1234, Student Council 3, Chamber Choir 2, Girls Ensemble 4, VICA 4, National Honor Society 34, French National Honor Society 234, WE-GO Through the Tube TV Show 4, Concert Choir Secretary 4, Spring Musical Cast/Crew 1234, Fall Play Cast/Crew 134, One Acts 14, One Acts Director 4, Honor Roll 1234, Wildcat Chronicle 2, Variety Show 34
Theresa Uy-Soccer 1234, Spanish Honor Society 234, EP 2, Variety Show 4, Honor Roll 1, VICA 4, IDEA Contest 1
Gilda Valenzuela-Natural Talent Dance Team 1, Multi Cultural Club 1, Cheerleading (Soccer/Wrestling) 3, Orchestra 12
Lilia Vazquez-French 123
Harold Visser-Cross Country 124, Indoor Track 12, Outdoor Track 12, German Exchange Student 3, Honor Roll 1234, Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Receiver, Cross Country Team Captain 4, All Conference Cross-Country 4
Julie Volk-Chorus/Choir 1234, Choir Cabinet-Librarian 4, Chamber Choir 34, Girl's Ensemble 34, Girl's Ensemble-Section Leader 34, Girls Ensemble-Student Leader 4, Thespians 1234, Thespian Secretary 4, Forensics 234, Forensics-Co-Captain 4, Forensics-PIR 3, Fall Play Cast 13, Fall Play Crew 1234, Winter Play Crew 1234, Spring Musical Cast 1234, Spring Musical Crew 1234, Scholastic Bowl 1234, SADD 12, National Honors Society 34, Art Club 24, Variety Show 34, Fox Valley Honors Choir 234, High Honor Roll 1234, Perfect Attendance 1234, Early Morning Seminary 1234, Spanish National Honor Society 23, Solo/Ensemble Competition 12, Blue Ribbon of Excellence in Math 123, IMSA Choral Symposium 1234
Douglas Walker-National Honor Society 34, High Honor Roll 1234, Soccer 123, Tennis 34, Jazz Band 4
Jacki Walters-Poms 2 Golf 34, Golf Captain 4, Peer Helping 34, National Honor Society 34
Cindy Warner-Basketball 123, Softball 123, Pep Club 1, Skill-USA VICA 4
Matt Weber-Basketball 1234, Volleyball 12, Track 1234, Honor Roll 234, High Honor Role 1, Football 1, Swimming 2
Julie Wiechert-Volleyball 1234, Volleyball Captain 4, SADD 4, Prom Committee 3, Basketball 1, Powder Puff 34, National Honor Society 34, German National Honor Society 34, High Honor Roll 1234, Foreign Language Peer Tutor 3
Laura Wilken-Swimming 1234, Track 1234, Track Captain 34, Basketball Manager 1, Student Council 1234, Student Council Vice President 1, Student Council Clerk 2, SADD 2, SADD Secretary 2, Spanish Club 234, Spanish Club President 34, Key Club 4
Matt Wilson-Basketball 1234, Track 1234, VICA 234
Thomas Wojcicki-Soccer 1234, Indoor/Outdoor Track 1234, Concert Choir 234, Peer Helpers 234, Guys' Ensemble 34, T.A.T.V. Program 23, DARE Role model 23, Spanish National Honor Society 34, National Honor Society 34, Literary Magazine 2, Math Team 34, Variety Show- Temptations 34, Student Council-Honorary Member 4, International club 4, October Student of the Month 4, Academic All-Conference 234, Scholar Athlete 234, High Honor Roll 1234, Spanish Exchange Student 3
Kyle Wolfe-Soccer 234, Ice Hockey 1234
Jill Wolter-President of International Club 3, Student Council Treasurer 2, Student Council Representative 3, Spanish National Honor Society 34, National Honor Society 34, Figure Skating 1234, High Honor Roll 1234
Jason Woodbury-Soccer 1234, Tennis 1234, Spanish National Honor Society 234, National Honor Society 34, Spanish Exchange Student 3, Yearbook Editor 4, Yearbook Staff 234
Jason York-Skill USA-VICA, Costa Rica Exchange Host 2, High Honor Role 1234, Costa Rica Exchange Traveler 2, Spanish Honor Society 234
Meghan Young-Basketball 1234, Track 12, Cross Country 12, International Club 34, Vice President of International Club 34, Spanish Club 2, National Honor Society 34, Spanish National Honor Society 234, Co-captain of Basketball 24, Academic All-Conference 1234, Scholar Athlete 1234, High Honor Roll 1234, Powder Puff 34, Government Rule Committee Member 4
Kristine Zeffield-Softball Manager 2, Yearbook Staff 2, Soccer Cheerleader 3





CLASS OF

2002

Best Dancer: Joey Park/Aimee Paran
Best Dressed: Jon Ortiz/Stephanie Ly
Best Hair: Jeff Raun/Zoe Churan
Best Eyes: Jason Woodbury & Kevin Mestek(tie)/Casey Connolly
Best Laugh: Matt Infelise & Joe Caniano(tie)/Christina Wilbur
Best Looking: Nick Buscemi/Kim Burkes
Best Musician: Brandon Becker/Carly Anderson
Best Singer: Aaron Troy/Julie Volk
Best Personality: Joey Park/Carla Marrero
Best Person to Copy Homework From: Ben Keller/Danielle Davis
Best Smile: Justin LaPrall/Carla Marrero
Biggest Appetite: Tyler Belding/Jessica Banwart
Biggest Flirt: Jim Smolucha/Amanda Stone
Class Clown: Matt Boes/Kristina Shilling
Cutest Voice: Craig Schuda/Shannon Battersby
Friendliest: Brad Shelley/Kim Gargula
Loudest: Chris Norman/Nicole Patel
Life of the Party: Lon Beutke/Tarah Sperando
Most Outspoken: Colin York/Nicole Patel

Senior Superlatives

Most Likely To:

Become Famous: Tony Palombi/Hilary Blanchard
Be a Game Show Host: Anthony Delegge
Be Late For Their Own Funeral: Marc Berry/Jenny Payton
Be On a Magazine Cover: Andy Hein/Kim Burkes
Be Married With 8 Kids: Matt Trygar/Corinne Drake
Be a Millionaire: Derek Ekstrom/Jaclyn Prena
Be an MTV VJ: Mike Tawney/Angie Rojas
Become President: Geoff Palka/Courtney Dorn
Become a Professional Athlete: Jim O'Hara/Meghan Young
Be on SNL: Tyler Belding/Martha Mueller
Be on Springer: Tim Jaffe/Heather Edminson
Travel the World: Zack Brantley/Michelle Cosco
Teach At WEGO: Anthony Delegge/Laura Wilken
Win Nobel Peace Prize: Mark Hopkins/Sarah Bass
Win an Oscar: Steve Knox/Copper Tuma

Most School Spirit: Kael Rewers/Kristina Shilling
Most Trendy: Jon Ortiz/Pamela Boyle
Most Understanding: Sergio Martinez/Suzanne Smith
Most Unique: Doug Walker/Copper Tuma
Most Changed: Jamie Nadolny/Ryan Virnich
Most Clumsy: Sean McTighe/Bridget McPike
Most Confident: Nick Buscemi/Linne Caputi
Most Creative: Dan Bajor/Katie Kammer
Most Daring: Jesse Fink/Amanda Nelson
Most Defiant: Josh Aramburu/Arlene Smothers
Most Easy-Going: Jon Lim/Alice Hultquist
Most Gullible: Brad Bolton/Gianna Pignon
Most Helpful: Tony Ciolino/Stella Peduzzi
Most Individualistic: Harley Gardner/Copper Tuma
Most Intelligent: Geoff Palka/Sarah Bass
Most Mysterious: Cody Melbourne/Amanda Meiborg
Most Organized: Paul Elson/Jamie Nadolny
Loudest: Chris Norman/Nicole Patel



Jimmy Smolucha, known as the biggest flirt, plays his violin.



Ed Abante is the most influential individual of the senior class.



Laura Mendez, Juana Guerrero, Karen Garcia, and Zayra Pedraza have fun on their free time.



Jeff Raun sports his unique curly hairdo.



Crystal Kirschke and Allison Rovtar hang out with future millionaire Jaclyn Prena.



Truc Pham, Darahlee DeLeon, Nisha Patel, and Kimpha Chau take a break from studying to look back on their four years of high school.



Natalie Spelman and Amanda Nelson get into some school spirit.



Heather Prochnow talks to her easy going friend Alice Hultquist.



James O'Hara shows why he is most likely to become a professional athlete.



Jennifer Taylor and Jill Grobe hang out after school.



A group of senior guys try to show that they have better dance moves than the cheerleaders.



Jennifer Bieniasz does homework with the most daring person of the senior class, Jesse Fink.

SENIOR MEMORIES



Elizabeth Brouwer

Dear Elizabeth,

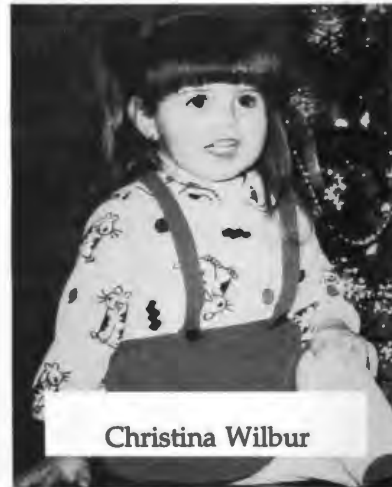
We thank our good Lord every day for you. You are a treasure, a precious jewel and a blessing from above. Good luck in the years ahead and may God bless you always.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

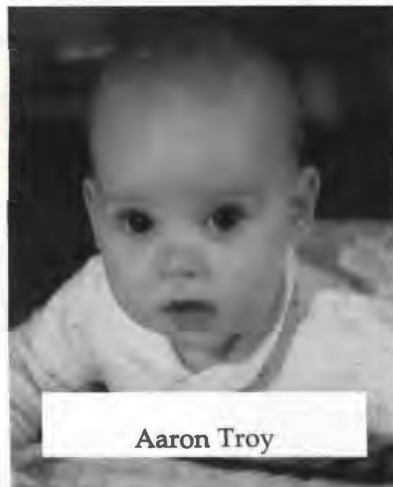
Christina,

Though to you it took a lifetime to become so confident and tall, we feel as if a moment passed since you were very small. We've watched with joy and wonder all the accomplishments you've had, and we want to let you know...you have a very proud Mom and Dad.

With butterfly kisses, Spread your wings and fly! We love you!!!



Christina Wilbur



Aaron Troy

Dear Aaron,

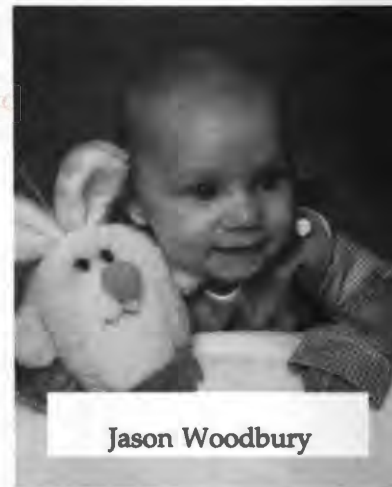
You've filled our lives with joy and pride as we've watched you grow into a fine young man. Keep putting your best efforts into everything you do and be the best you can be.

*We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Kevin*

Dear Jason,

We have watched you grow from a baby to a fine, independent, and responsible young man. You have reached some milestones in your life, and have many more ahead of you. We know you will make good choices with your life. You have always made us very proud. We love you with all of our hearts! May your successes have no bounds!

*Love,
Dad and Mom*



Jason Woodbury



Karen Garcia

Querida Karen,

Esperamos que en tu vida todo te salga bien y que tengas el mejor éxito en tu carrera que elijas.

*Te quiere,
Mama, Papa, Karina, y
Kristina*

Ric,

Funny, charming, warm, creative, crazy, talented... are just a few words to describe you. Thank you for letting us enjoy and appreciate your growing from this sweet little boy to a fine young man. Keep your ability to laugh and find humor every day for it is the spice of life. Keep your dreams alive for they will be the essence of your life. We love who you are very much.

Your family



Ric Miner



Erin Kirby

Dear Erin,

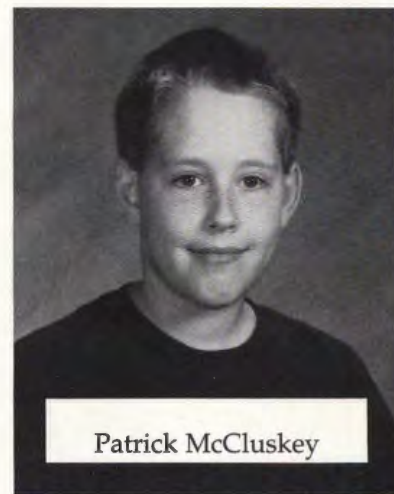
You have grown to be a beautiful young lady, and may your days in college and beyond be better.

*Love you always,
Mom and Dad*

Pat,

As you take life's next step, know that we love you and are proud of who you've become.

*Congratulations,
Mom and Val*



Patrick McCluskey



Janette Reveles

Janette,

The years of hard studying and dedication have now paid off. We know that you will achieve all of your goals in the future and we are very proud of you. Continue to prosper, but above all we wish you happiness. Congratulations!

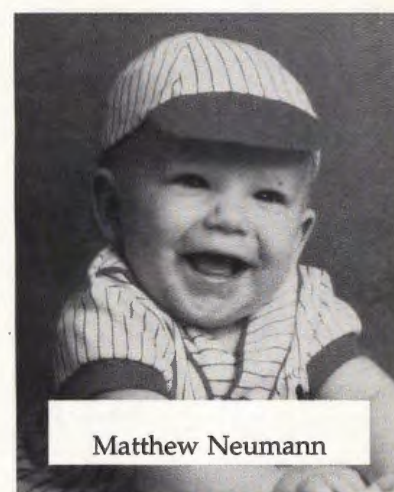
Your family

Matt,

We are so blessed to have you for a son. We admire your courage and determination to meet life's challenges. These qualities, along with your kindness and intelligence, will serve you well.

You will always have our love and support,

Mom and Dad



Matthew Neumann



Guadalupe Montalvo

Lupe,

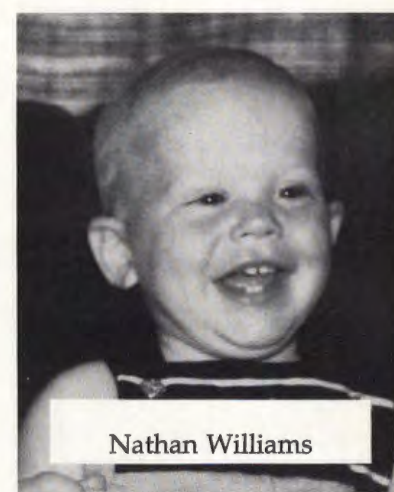
One door closes and another opens. We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. You made the best of your high school years, and no doubt you will continue this as you journey through college. Keep up the good work and wonderful things will happen for you. You truly are a great daughter! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Juana, and Jose

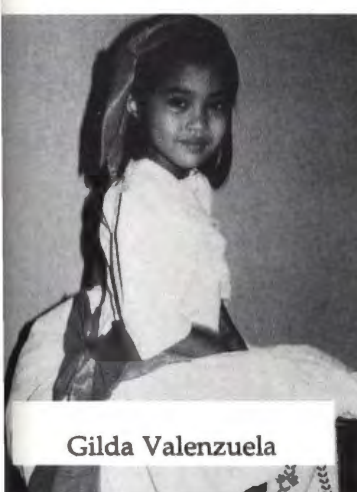
Dear Nathan,

Watching you grow into the amazing young man you've become has been one of the greatest privileges we've had. We pray the Lord will bless you, enlarge your territory, that His hand will be with you, and keep you from evil (1Chr. 4:9-10).

*We love you so much,
Mom and Dad*



Nathan Williams



Gilda Valenzuela

Dear Gilda Grace,

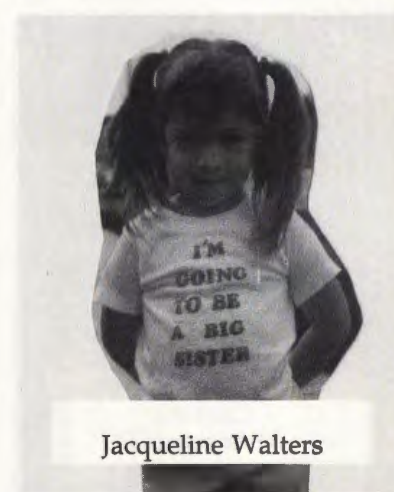
The "Grace" in your name reminds us of God's love demonstrated in the healing of your bone tumor. This photo was taken the day the cast was removed from your right leg. We thank God for a gift such as you. We place you in His loving hands. May you Love Him and Live for Him.

*Love,
Dad and Mom*

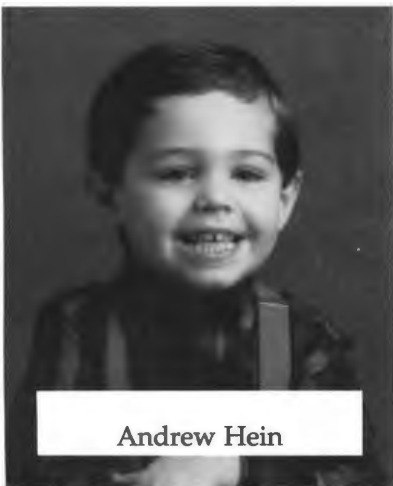
Our first-born Jacki,

The future... what does it hold? Many challenges, excitement, independence, and our love.

*Love you "Always-Always!"
Dad, Mom, Michele, and
Ditto*



Jacqueline Walters



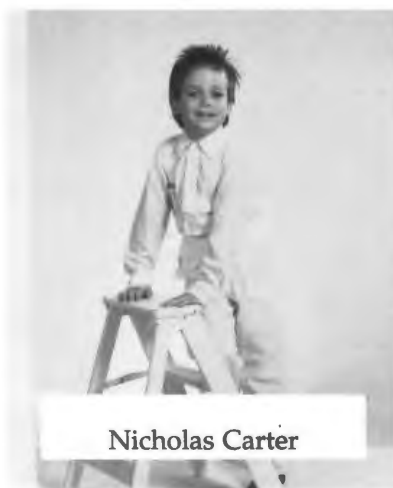
Andrew Hein

Andy,

You have become a remarkable young man with many talents. We are so proud of you and your many achievements! Keep your goals in front of you, your troubles behind you, your family and friends close to you, and your values always in your heart. Continue on the path you have set and you will accomplish much. We are always there to support and love you. Enjoy California, but remember, home is where your heart is.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Caroline



Nicholas Carter

Dear Nick,

You've taken another "step" in the journey of life. It has been a joy to watch you grow! Your determination and enthusiasm will help you reach your goals and dreams. I'm very proud of you!

With much love,

Mom



Candice Yanke

Candice,

Wow! The years have unfolded a beautiful and compassionate young woman. Someone who is not afraid to take that extra step or go that extra mile. You did it honey! We are all very proud of you. We love ya!

Dad, Mom, Ken, Carrie,
Phil, Mark, and Ashley



Caterina
Marcantonio

Caterina,

Look out world. Here comes the Princess! We're proud of you Catie.

Love,

Mom and Joe

Dear Julie,

Wow! Class of 2002! We are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We wish you much success in college and the rest of your life. Congratulations!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Jennifer, and
Eric



Julie Wiechert

Samantha,

Congratulations! We're proud of you. Hope all your days are bright and all your dreams come true.

Mom and Dad



Samantha Fisher

Dear Stephanie,

You have always colored our world! We are very proud of you and the woman you have become. With your creativity, you will succeed in whatever you do. Enjoy life! We love you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Tracy, C.J.,
and Sarah

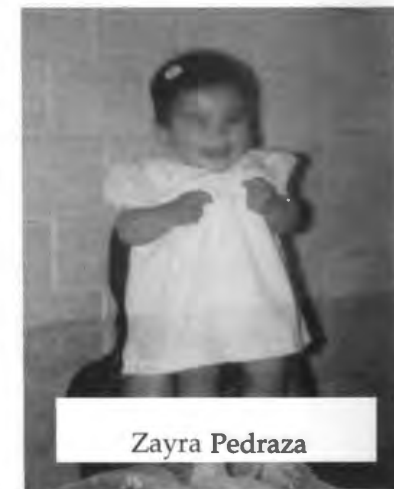


Stephanie Opel

Zayra,

Eres la perla mas valiosa en nuestras vidas, con tus triunfos cada dia nos llenas de alegria, hoy que terminar tu 12 grado te felicitamos y te bendecimos como el dia que llegaste a nuestros brazos. Te queremos mucho.

Tu papi, tu mami, y tu hermano



Zayra Pedraza



Vanessa Guillen

Dear Vanessa,

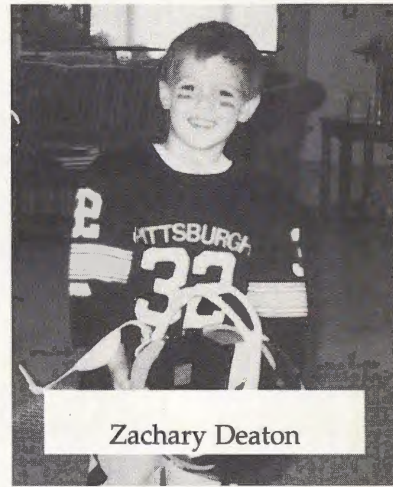
We are blessed to have a wonderful daughter. We wish you the best in college and beyond. Congrats!

*Love,
Mom, Dad, sisters, and
brother*

Dear Zach,

Football was not your game, but what a golfer you became! We are very proud of your accomplishments. Reach for the stars... the future is yours. Good luck.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Zachary Deaton



Shannon Hogan

Shannon,

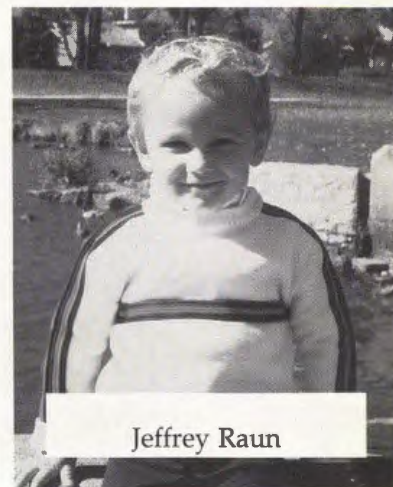
You have made us very proud parents of the young woman you have become. May all of your dreams and aspirations become reality for you. You'll always be our angel.

*We love you,
Mom and Dad*

Jeff,

You are as beautiful today as you were then. We love you and are very proud of you. Onward and upward!

*Love,
Dad and Karen*



Jeffrey Raun



Kevin Loewe

Kevin,

We are very proud of you. You are a wonderful person and we know good things will happen for you. Remember to live life and enjoy your journey. We love you very much and you will forever be in our hearts.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Rebekah,

You are a caring, compassionate friend and daughter. We are so proud of what you have already accomplished and what you will accomplish in the future. We love you and will help to make all of your dreams come true.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Rebekah Boyd



Tiana Juarez

Tiana,

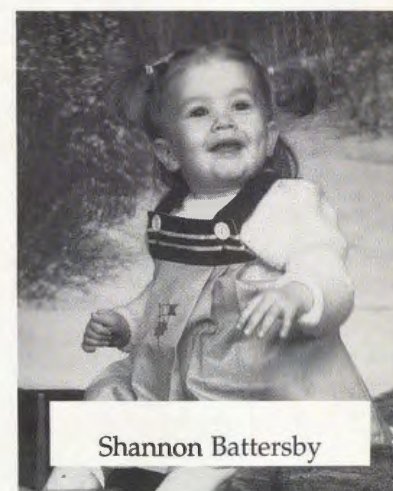
You were a blessing then, you are a blessing now. You are so beautiful and intelligent and we are so proud of you and your accomplishments in life and whatever you choose to do in your future. Always know we love you and are proud of you. We love you!!!

*Dad, Mom, Ariela, and
Ricardo*

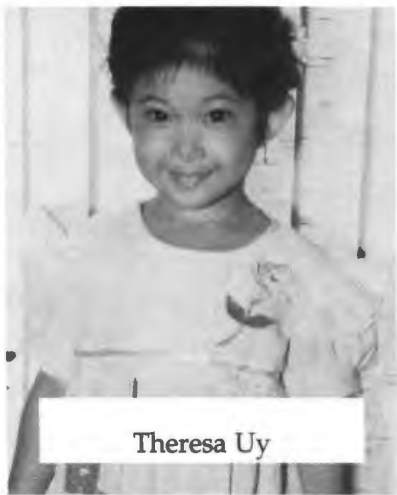
Shannon,

Daddy's little punkin has blossomed into a young woman. You have walked some of the stepping stones of life and there will be many more you will need to conquer. It's a big world out there, go for the golden ring! I'm proud of you and will always be there for you.

*Love,
Dad*



Shannon Battersby



Theresa Uy

Theresa,

Our pride and joy. You bring sunshine to all of us. It's time to choose your path, and we know you will choose the right one. Remember that we will always be there to cheer you on. Aim high and stand proud.

*We love you and
Congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Marlene, and
Rhea*

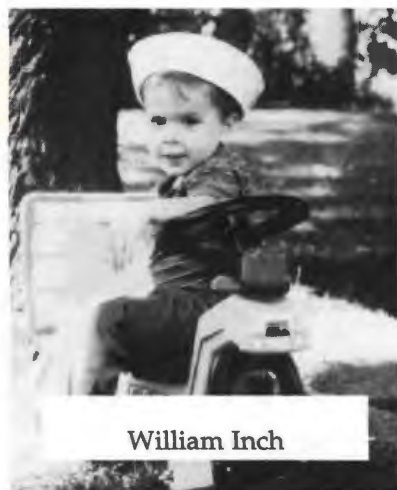
Dear Pammy,

You are a hard worker and a loving daughter. I know that God will continue to bless you in everything you do.

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelly, Davey, and
Cassius*



Pamela Boyle



William Inch

Dear Billy,

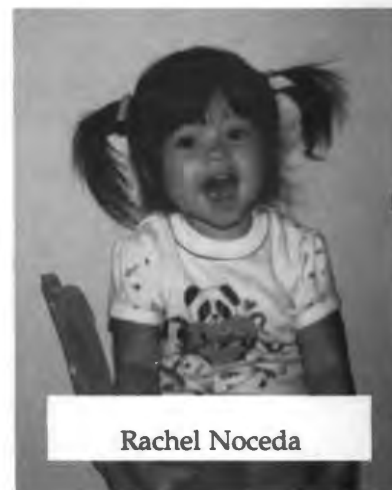
You are a wonderful son and amazing to watch in all of your endeavors. It has been fun and challenging to see you grow up. Congratulations on all your successes! We love you and pray God's blessing on your life!

*Love,
Dad, Mom, Jessica, and
Bethany*

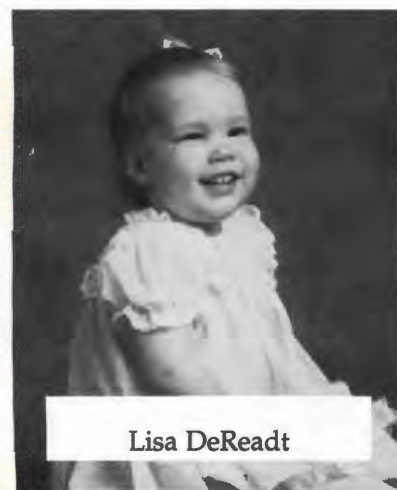
Rachel,

We have loved watching you grow into a young woman. We are so proud of you and the person that you have become. Thanks for all the happiness you have given us. You will always have our love and support.

Mom, Dad, and Rubencito



Rachel Noceda



Lisa DeReadt

Dear Lisa,

You have made us so proud. With your love, hugs, and caring ways. We see nothing but great opportunities in your future. Keep up the great work!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

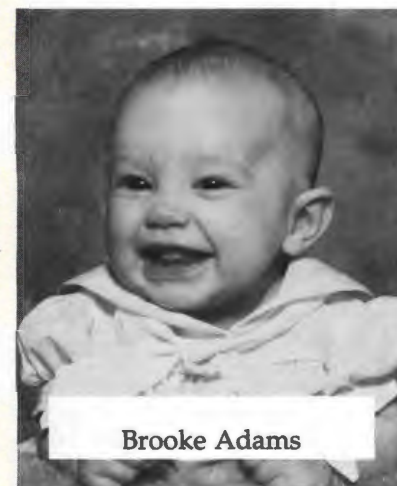
Dear Heather,

You have worked very hard and we are so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in whatever path you choose.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Heather Christiansen



Brooke Adams

Brooke,

Congratulations on your achievements in high school. You've grown from an adorable baby girl into a wonderful young lady that we are very proud of.

*Love,
Mom, Dad, and Bryan*

Meghan,

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder, May you feel the heat but never lose your thunder. May you never take one single breath for granted, God forbid love ever leave you empty handed. Give faith a fighting chance, And if you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



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Meghan Young

Credit Given When Due to the Class of 2002



Newly tasseled Lauren Migliorato accepts her award.

Awards for academic excellence, scholarships, and more were handed out to select members of the senior class on Thursday, May 30th. Senior Honors Night rewarded students whose achievements bettered the school. Some of the achievements included National Honor Society awards, departmental awards, perfect attendance certificates, Prairie State Achievement

awards, and President's Education Awards. Illinois State Scholars and a slew of scholarship winners were also recognized.

The top students in each graduating class receive the titles of Valedictorian and Salutatorian, but Senior Honors Night also recognizes those who made their mark in more than just class rank.

-Katy Kostal



Steve Knox is helped out by Junior Nick Bernard prior to the awards ceremony.



Miss Lisa Smith, John Skala, Lynn Mielke, Susan Lincoln, Margaret Schwartz, Sarah Russian, Mr. Ronald Benner, Monaca Thomas, Brittany Brown, Amanda Morrison, Beth Kipp, Rebeca Duran, Liz Valdez, Kristin Koltz and Pablo Herrera sing during ceremony.



Ms. Anne Branch directs the school's Orchestra who provided some musical entertainment at the ceremony. Just like at Commencement, the graduating seniors also played for the ceremony.



Christina Shilling and Nicole Patel reminisce about their high school careers.



Brandon Becker, Arianna Cortez, Courtney Dorn and other graduates look ahead to the future.



Nicole Patel, one of the twelve Valedictorians, receives an award during the ceremony.

What a record!
Julie Volk was awarded with the honor for Perfect Attendance for 4 Years of High School. She hasn't missed a day of school since 4th grade!

Way to Go!

"It was really weird. I remember coming in as a freshman and never thinking that we would end up here getting recognized for different things. There are so many awards I didn't know about. They make me wish I did more."

-Erin Kirby ('02)

A WALK TO

With "Pomp and Circumstance" echoing in the background and four years of memories flying through their heads, the class of 2002 confidently walked away from Community High School.

Commencement was held Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Psychology and government teacher Steve Arnold spoke to the graduates about his experiences as a teacher and focused on the September 11th attacks. In true Mr. Arnold fashion, he related an interesting anecdote about what happened to him that very morning at the high school. Mr. Arnold is retiring along with the class of 2002.

During the ceremony, the academically skilled received recognition for their four years of hard work. Valedictorians included Edward Abante, Sarah Bass, Anthony DeLegge, E. Daniel Godoy, Matthew Hofer, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Ben Keller, Patrick McCluskey, Amanda Meiborg, Aimee Paran, Nicole Patel, and Steven VanderNaalt. Julie Volk was named Salutatorian.

Graduation saw the farewell of another monumental figure from the staff at Community High School. Dr. Alan Jones presided over his final diploma ceremony. He sent his last class of graduates out into the world, giving each an encouraging smile and a firm handshake.

As the senior gifts, the senior class gave financial assistance to improve the landscaping around the school. They also gave the school a large stone engraved with "West Chicago: Home of The Wildcats" in front of Entrance C.

In the blink of an eye, four years that shaped these graduates seemed to have passed by. While the journey has only begun, they'll always have the pictures to remind them.

-Katy Kostal



The class of 2002 had a total of twelve student who achieved a 4.0 for their entire high school career. Valedictorians included Edward Abante, Sarah Bass, Anthony DeLegge, E. Daniel Godoy, Matthew Hofer, Mary-Megan Kalvig, Ben Keller, Patrick McCluskey, Amanda Meiborg, Aimee Paran, Nicole Patel, and Steven VanderNaalt. The lone Salutatorian was Julie Volk.

~ LIFE LESSONS ~

"Live everyday like it's the last day of summer."

-Kurt Fenner

"Though the flame of success may sometimes cease to shine, the coal can never burn out."

-Joe Caniano

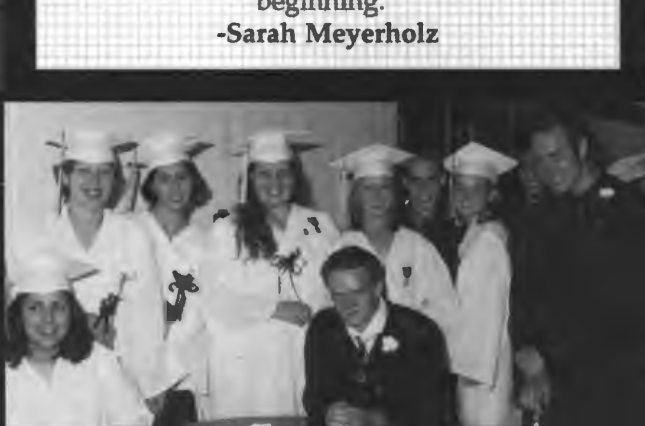
"If you want to have something you have never had in your life, you should be willing to do something you have never done in your life."

-Jamie Nadolny



"It's the perfect ending. No, it's the perfect beginning."

-Sarah Meyerholz





REMEMBER



Mike Masschelin and Craig Schuda celebrate their graduation.

"I'd rather attempt something great and fail,
than attempt nothing and succeed."

-Valedictorian Ben Keller

"Wherever you go, there you are."

-Brandon Becker

"I find the harder I work the more luck I seem
to have."

-William Rocha

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

-Pam Boyle



Rachel Noceda and Carly Anderson perform for West Chicago for the last time.



Mr. Arroyo shares a final smile with a new graduate.



Kristina Hagen is too excited to look Mr. Arroyo in the eye.



Jamie Nadolny, Senior Class President, delivers her speech.



Mr. Arnold speaks with personality to graduates and families.

"We learn more from experience than from studying, but we study to prepare ourselves for the experience we must learn from."

-Samantha Fisher



Egan Brandstedter accepts her diploma from Dr. Jones.



The hats fly again! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2002!

And The Memory.....

We were here, and we will always remember.

The halls were silent. Time stood still. For one day, anything and everything seemed possible. Nightmares turned into reality. The most powerful nation in the world suddenly seemed to be the most vulnerable. On September 11th, 2001, national security was undermined by the attacks carried out on our country. The instant reactions of fear, anger, and shock have ebbed. Now, months later, we all have something to say.

The title of "America's New War" was given to the onslaught of American troops in Afghanistan. The media ran away with the stereotypical views of terrorists, and we were exposed to a new form of hate - hate for

our nation from other nations. Sickeningly, once time took away the shock and left us with questions and rage, hate for those who "looked the part" of our attackers became rampant. Our awareness was heightened, our patriotism blurred with nationalism.

The variety of emotions that the people of the United States began to feel ended our ignorance of the outside world. War demonstrations, anti-war demonstrations, memorials, and all sorts of tributes followed that fateful Tuesday. Candlelight vigils, prayer services, and television documentaries constantly reminded those of us who hadn't lost anyone of the sadness of those who had. Suddenly, "The Star Spangled Banner" became everyone's favorite song and American flags were everywhere except stores.

The scars of September 11th are healing, and the process has been slow. The first major strike against the United States of our generation was not taken lightly by anyone, and the images of fire and falling debris are etched into our memories. Though we may say we've forgotten, we really haven't. We can't. This sort of event will never be forgotten. We saw it happen. We heard the reports. We were here, and we will always remember.

-Katy Kostal

"I don't feel safe now because this has made me realize it could happen close to home and that there is no reason that it won't happen again. There is no way of knowing."
-Jennifer Baker ('04)

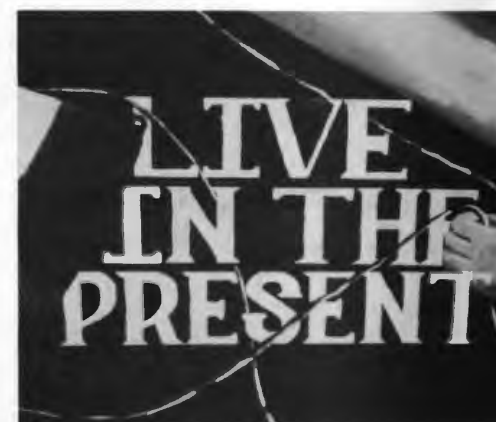
"I have a much greater respect for all of our firefighters and those put their lives on the line for us everyday. I feel more alert now. I think that it was a horrific event that should have never taken place. Every time I think about it I get chills because so many innocent people died that day. I think I will always be a different person because of the catastrophe. Everyone was affected in one way or another, and I think that I have definitely changed for the better!"
-Michelle Ott ('02)



"I feel bad for what has happened to many of the people and their families, but I feel, as a nation, we can overcome anything together."
-Kori Flagg ('03)

"This has been a year unlike any in your lifetime or mine. It has been a year that will never be forgotten, not even by those who will live generations beyond you. Sometimes we don't always have the opportunity to choose our legacies. The legacies of the class of 2002 will not involve the kinds of things imagined last summer. There is but one legacy for your class. Your class will never escape the events of September 11th, and with 9/11 has come special problems, concerns, challenges and above all the need, greater than ever before, to understand and accept change. Events sometimes have the effect of words unwritten. 9/11 was such an event...There is in effect a great deal of language associated with 9/11, a great variety of messages. Perhaps the most fundamental messages is . . . that profound change is in order."

-Excerpt from the Commencement speech given 6-2-02 by Mr. Steve Arnold





The September 28th Varsity home football game against West Aurora allowed the entire school to gather for Homecoming. The school also united for a special performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the marching band, accompanied by the spectators in the stands. Before the game began red, white, and blue pieces of paper were strategically passed throughout the stands to symbolize the American flag.



Friday, September 14th was National Day of Remembrance. A message was sent out across the nation for every one to light a candle on doorsteps at 7:00 pm for the victims of this tragedy. Many Americans participated around the country, along with many students at West Chicago.



Erin Kirby ('02) displays her patriotism by pinning an American flag to her backpack. Many students chose this method to show that they were aware of what that design symbolized. Many people rushed to all kinds of stores to purchase flags after September 11th. Soon a person could see a flag everywhere, but couldn't buy one.



Dan Deutsch ('03) is just one of many students who showed patriotism by wearing anything red, white, and blue.

...Remains

Senior Extras



Cuit Beltran



Emilia Gerleve



Jonathan Hunt



Shyerlje
Kashtanjeva



Robin Mildebrath



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End of Days



There's No Place Like Home (for the summer)

As last minute final exams finished and seniors wrapped up their work on the new mural, students at Community High School pressed rewind on the movie that was this year and relived moments they will remember forever.

Freshmen relived the first exciting moments entering the school. Sophomores felt the agonizing feeling of sitting in the driver's ed car for the first time. Juniors felt the relief of finally handing in that junior research paper. And seniors relived the chanting, yelling, and pounding during the Homecoming assembly as they were given the Spirit Stick.

But all of us also relived the sadness which will mark this year forever. September 11th changed all our lives in many ways, from security at school and other public places, to how safe we felt in our own homes.

Even though the terror was real, we lived through it. We lived through the triumphs and tribulations that made up 2002, that made up our movie. And, as we arrive at the credits, we should all look back and learn from the past year. All good movies have a moral, a lesson to be learned, and our script could possibly have the most true-to-life lessons of all.

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